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BOOK GROUPS

Morning Books

Mon, Nov 17, 10 AM

A Trip to Echo Springs

by Olivia Laing

Leader: Sally Hekkers

Mon, Dec 15

Holiday Lunch at Fandango

Afternoon Books

Tues, Nov 11, 2 PM

All the Light we Cannot See

by Anthony Doerr

Host: Sally Hekkers

RSVP: swhekkers@sbcglobal.net

Tea Party at the Museum

*The pleasure of your company
is requested at High Tea
with Dr. Charlotte Eyerman,
Executive Director
of the Monterey Museum of Art.*

Surrounded by iconic California Masterpieces, you'll enjoy a sumptuous tea in the gracious Drawing Room and adjoining patio. As the museum celebrates its 55th Anniversary, Dr. Eyerman will discuss "A Vibrant Monterey Museum of Art: Past, Present, and Future".

After our tea party, you are welcome explore the galleries as guests of the museum.

Who: Please consider inviting a friend to tea so they can get a taste of AAUW.

When: Saturday, November 15, 12:30pm - 2:30pm

Where: Monterey Museum of Art - La Mirada
720 Via Mirada

Monterey, CA 93940

Attire: Casually Elegant Afternoon apparel. Hats Encouraged.

Tues, Dec 9, 2 PM

One Hundred Years of Solitude

by Gabrielle Zevin

Host: Kathleen Stacey

RSVP: yecats123@comcast.net

Evening Books

Tues, Nov 18, 7 PM

Invention of Wings

by Sue Monk Kidd

Hostess: Christy Yarr

Leader: Jacqi Davis

Tues, Dec 16, 6 PM

The Absolute Diary of a Part Time Indian

by Sherman Alexie

Holiday dinner, restaurant TBA

Informal discussion

Cost: \$30 (Non-refundable) Check payable to: AAUW-MBP

RSVP: Payment must be received by November 10th

Mail to: Mary Conway

22 Cramden Drive

Monterey, Ca. 93940

Parking: On site with additional parking in the MPC parking lot A (Farmers Market lot) across from the museum.



Holiday Gala

the Park Lane
200 Glenwood Circle
Monterey

Come all and enjoy a convivial evening with your AAUW friends at our festive Holiday Gala in the Vista room at the Park Lane.

Date: Sunday, December 14, from 4 to 7 PM

What to bring? Your spouse and other guests

Initials A through H . . . Please bring an Appetizer.

Initials I through Z . . . Please bring a Dessert.

AAUW will provide drinks.

Cost: \$10.00 per person

Directory

By now all of you should have gotten a copy of this year's directory. In the booklet is the password to our password-protected online directory on our website

<http://mpbca.aauw.net> where all of our members' contact information will be readily accessible. This format will allow us to easily add new

members' addresses, etc. Now we have both directories with some time to get used to the online format. That also might need some tweaking, but is a start. In the spirit of conservation, maybe, at a future date, we can consider moving strictly to an online directory since so much of our information is already on the website. We can continue to print a roster for those with no computer access.

NOTE: 5 additions to the directory

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Rose Mary Ullmann's email is
rmuartleo@att.net

Dear Members: Note that all future meeting dates are in the front of your directories. Upcoming meetings should be quite interesting and

PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Despite what poets may say, fall is a season of beginnings including a new year of AAUW programs, and what a kick off: Ranger Roxanne mesmerizing us with details about Julia Morgan and Tech Trek participants inspiring us with their experiences at Stanford! November promises to be an unforgettable event with an elegant Tea at La Mirada featuring Charlotte Eyerman, Executive Director, as speaker. Thank you to Fatima, Mary, Kathleen W, Nancy E, and Marilyn who worked to make these programs possible.

One of the most rewarding things, for us, as members of AAUW, is to hear the impact our organization has on the lives of our scholarship recipients and Tech Trek participants. AAUW was founded in an effort to assist other women in getting an education, and over its 130 year history, the group has lived up to its original mission. This kind of result doesn't just happen. It involves grant writing, contacting schools, interviewing students, reading applications, fundraising such as our October meeting, and working the polls. Pat Fletcher, Marilyn Erickson and Tama Olver take the lead on this, but many of you support them on their committees.

Thanks to all of you who volunteer your time and energy so that we can have meaningful programs, provide scholarships, and help young girls see the greater world at Tech Trek. If any of you are interested in helping, please let us know.

Miriam and Sharyn

informative, so please mark your calendars for these events.

Sharyn

The AAUW-MPB Website

<http://mpbca.aauw.net/>

Did you know?

As a benefit of your AAUW membership, you can give a recent college graduate a free, one year AAUW membership within 2 years of graduation at no cost to you or them.

New Member Bio

DONNA FOOTE

From forest and snow to fog and sand! I just moved from Grass Valley and this marine climate takes some getting used to! I am basically a mountain girl but did have a 20 year career as a high school English teacher. My three children enjoy professional careers so I fly a lot to visit two of them (one lives here). I enjoy classical music, reading, hiking,



tech trek!
science & math camp for girls

TECH TREK FUNDRAISER RAISED \$722.00

The Tech Trek Fundraiser was held on Sunday, November 19 from 2-4 p.m. at the home of Nancy Edwards in Pacific Grove. 31 people came to hear our Tech Trek Scholarship winners, Kiana Sorenson and Selena Herrera Rodriguez, talk about their week at Stanford University which hosted the AAUW Science and Math Camp for 7th grade girls. Our members generously donated \$722.00 at this event.

Kiana Sorenson is now an 8th grader at Pacific Grove Middle School. She wants to become an architect, but her exposure to some crime solving/blood typing techniques at Tech Trek has raised her interest in some other career options. Selena Herrera, now an 8th grader at Walter Colton Middle School, wants to be an engineer, and her core classes at Tech Trek were in physics. Her exposure to new experiments and to successful women teachers from business and industry has opened up a new world for her. Selena, in her thank you note to us said, "I really enjoyed the experience of staying in a dorm with a roommate and learning many things like Newton's three laws of motion. We made many things like a car out of a mouse trap and a roller coaster out of tubes. I especially enjoyed watching the stars with telescopes. Tech-Trek was really fun and a wonderful experience!"

We send 2 girls from the Monterey Peninsula each year, with each scholarship worth \$900. We are half way to reaching our goal of \$1800 per year. If anyone still wants to contribute, please make out your check to AAUW-CA Special Projects Fund, and send to Marilyn Erickson, Tech Trek Coordinator, 25351 Boots Rd., #6, Monterey, CA 93940. Also, if any member wants to work on the Tech Trek Committee, please call Marilyn at 650-787-8546, or email at marilynmonterey@gmail.com.

Thank you.

Marilyn Erickson
Tech Trek Coordinator

quilting and long walks on the beach.

Donna has recently agreed to be our Co-Recording Secretary. Welcome!

New Member Bio

KATHY POULSON

Kathy and her husband Gordon have just moved to Pebble Beach from Palo Alto. After years of teaching kindergarten, Kathy retired from teaching in June. She also taught Early Childhood Education for UC Santa Cruz Extension. They have two sons; one a University Professor and the other is currently in Japan traveling with Cirque du Soleil. They have 4 delightful grandchildren ages 3, 7, 10 and 12. Kathy continues to be interested in education, giving back to the community, reading, walking the beach, gardening and looks forward to being part of the Monterey Community, enjoying living by the ocean, and slowing down from the busy pace of the Silicon Valley.

New Member Bio

DARCIE HENNING

Born in Montana, I moved to Eureka, CA, at age 4. I worked for the Veterans Healthcare Administration at Ft. Ord, then

PUBLIC POLICY

Early this month 5th Circuit of U.S. Court of Appeals temporarily reversed U.S. District Court decision that struck down as unconstitutional 2 provisions of the Texas Anti Abortion bills. The result is 13 more clinics to close leaving Texas with only a few abortion providers in Dallas and big cities but no providers in the Rio Grand Valley or W. Texas. Texas AAUW opposed H.B. (House Bill) 2 and delivered signatures against the bill to the Texas legislature.

California new law defines sexual assent as affirmation, conscious and voluntary agreement to engage in sexual activity.

AAUW of N. Carolina had a victory as they were opposed to a new voting law that was struck down involving voting restrictions.

Washington D.C. city government began offering employees up to 8 weeks of paid leave for adoption of a child or family member with serious health issue. U.S. is the only developed nation that doesn't guarantee maternal leave nationwide.

Lucy Campen
Public Policy Chair

Local Scholarship Update

Late spring and summer were a very busy time for the Local Scholarship program! Let me tell you about the amazing young women who were the recipients of our 5 CSUMB scholarships, each worth \$2,000.

Lauren Sommers has a dual major of Environmental Technology and Policy AND math. Her goal is a PhD in Applied Math and to study ocean physical changes as a result of climate change.

moved to Berkeley six years ago with a VHA promotion. I recently returned to Monterey to work with the California Dept. of State Hospitals at the Salinas Valley Psychiatric Program as a mental health clinician. I also work with CSUMB graduate interns in the VNA Hospice program.

I was introduced to AAUW by my mother, a long-term member in Redding.

My interests are reading, wine tasting, playing music, and activities in the great outdoors. For now, I am living on a ranch, with my 34-year-old horse in the pasture. I am happy to be back on the Peninsula, reconnecting with old friends and making new ones.

Darcie Henning, LCSW

Join us for Bridge!



WHEN: 2nd Monday of each month

WHERE: Members' homes

TIME: 1:00 PM to 3:30 PM

Next time to play:

Date: Monday, Nov 10, 2014

Valerie Guardiola has already been very active in our local community. Her goal is to teach High School History and infuse students with her same passion to get involved.

Carla Romero wishes to become a Social Worker in her East Salinas Community. She is currently completing two internships to help her determine her specific area of interest.

Mariela Morales plans to be an elementary school teacher. She holds leadership roles in several community service organizations, likes to break barriers and wants to be a role model for her three younger siblings.

Karina Navarro also wants to be an elementary school teacher. She fought through bullying in middle school and graduated from high school with a 4.04 GPA. She hopes to attend the Stanford Teacher Education Program.

Our three recipients from MPC were also stellar young women:

Krista Towle is studying nursing and plans to be a clinical nurse specialist/nurse practitioner. She is enrolled in the CSUMB nursing program concurrently and expects to graduate in Spring 2015.

Gabriela Sanchez will be attending UC Riverside to study Economics with a goal of being an analyst in Monterey County with a focus on improving school funding. She is 'addicted to problem solving.'

Jennifer Riccobono is also completing her nursing program while raising a family and working. She has a special interest in creating public programs in support of women and children.

Be proud that our organization is able to support these strong women as they work so hard to complete their degrees and improve our community!

Thanks SO MUCH to all who helped with the selection process: Lucy Campen, Kay Morris, Mary Conway, Betty Van Meter and Susan Murphy. A special thanks to the Local Scholarship Committee who also helped with this as well as other projects: Judy Ritchie, Jane Cross and Jeanne Krener. We are welcoming Kay Morris to this committee as Jeanne steps down to work on other projects.

Fundraising has started for our next scholarship cycle. Thanks to Tama Olver, Jack Olver, Mary Conway, Betty Sproule, Kathleen Stacey, Miriam Lilley, Kathleen Wall, Caroline Haskell, Laverne Whitmill, Christy Yarr, Kathleen

Time: 1:00 PM

Place: Karen Snow's home

1141 Mestres Dr,

Pebble Beach

RSVP: Karen at 831.375.5220 or karensnowpb@aol.com by Nov 5.

Questions: ann@wjdonaldson.com

or 831.372.4251

Fischer and Susan Murphy, who worked the June election and raised \$965.

Thanks to those who donated through our membership drive, raising over \$2,000. We await results of our four grant proposals. Even if we receive all of those, we will still be \$1,100 short of growing the program by one more scholarship this year. Donations to the program are tax deductible. Checks may be made out to 'AAUW/MPB Local Scholarships' and sent to our treasurer Judy Ritchie, 4098 Pine Meadows Way, Pebble Beach, CA 93953.

Pat Fletcher, Local Scholarship Director



A GIFT FROM THE PEOPLE
TO THE PEOPLE

California State Parks commemorates the 1864 establishment of the first state park in the nation. President Abraham Lincoln signed a bill granting 39,000 acres of Yosemite Valley and the Mariposa Big Tree grove to the state of California. This historic legislation was the beginning of not only the California State Park System but the national park idea we know today.

Check website for events. www.150.parks.ca.gov

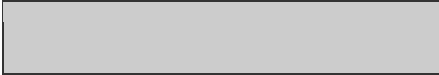
Great Decisions 2015

Great Decisions is a 9 week discussion group that meets weekly, usually Thursdays from 2 to 3:30, starting January 8. The group uses a book that focuses on current controversial issues published by the Foreign Policy Association as a guide, and members take turns presenting the topics. The meetings produce some lively debate and are always interesting and informative. Next year's line-up includes: Russia and the Near Abroad, Privacy in the Digital Age, Sectarianism in the Middle East, India Changes Course, US Policy toward Africa, Syria's Refugee Crisis, Human Trafficking in the 21st Century, Brazil's Metamorphosis. The books cost \$22 and must be ordered by November 5, so if you are interested in participating, please contact Judy Riley at 484-9226, or rileyfarm@aol.com, and she will put you on the mailing list. Send checks for book, made out to Miriam Lilley to Miriam Lilley, 184 Lighthouse Ave. Pacific Grove, CA, 93950. We need at least ten participants.

Dr. Claudia Luhrs

Naval Postgraduate School

We want to pass on the article about one of our new members, Dr. Claudia Luhrs who joined our branch in the spring. The article was written by NPS Lead Staff Writer



Kenneth A Stewart. Claudia has done some remarkable research at the Naval Postgraduate School in her field of mechanical and aerospace engineering. We think you will enjoy reading this recent article published about her work. Click on the link below. Claudia will be one of our speakers at the Interbranch Council Meeting in February.

<http://www.nps.edu/About/News/Major-Breakthrough-in-Carbon-Material-Could-Have-Broad-DOD-Applications.html>

Jan-Feb Messenger

Send articles for the Jan-Feb newsletter to
Ann Donaldson at ann@wjdonaldson.com by
December 15.