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If you are new to AAUW or to our electronic version of our Messenger newsletter, WELCOME! Whether you print it out or read it online, we trust you will learn to love it! Be sure to try clicking on the "In This Issue" links in the left column and other "click here" to follow links for more info.

September Branch Meeting

Saturday, September 28, 2013

11:30 AM

Speaker: Margaret Spring

We are honored to be able to present Margaret Spring as our kick-off speaker for our 2013-14 year. Ms. Spring came to the Aquarium in April as Vice President of Conservation and Science. Her previous position was Pincipal Deputy Under Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere and Chief of Staff of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. In past positions she has played an important role in advising members of Congress on ocean issues and development of key ocean legislation. In her position with the Aquarium, she is involved with research programs involving sea otters, great white sharks, Pacific bluefin tuna and other species, as well as its Seafood Watch programs and ocean policy outreach efforts.

BOOK GROUPS

Morning Books

Mon, Sept 16, 10 AM

My Beloved World

by Sonia Sotomayor

Leader: Margaret Smith

Mon, Oct 21, 10 AM

The Expats

by Chris Pavone

Leader: Miriam Lilley

Afternoon Books

Tues, Sept 10, 2 PM

Before I Go to Sleep

by J. S. Watson

Host: Ann Wilson

RSVP: awilsonpb@gmail.com

Tues, Oct 8, 2 PM

State of Wonder

by Ann Patchett

Host: Elie Skinner

RSVP: patnelie@sbcglobal.net

Evening Books

Place: Rancho Canada Golf Club / Fiesta Room
4880 Carmel Valley Road
Carmel, CA

Price: \$30 per person for a buffet luncheon including 6 salads, 2 entrees and dessert.

Deadline: In compliance with Rancho Canada's banquet policy, it is imperative that we have a guest count no later than **September 16, 2013**. Please honor this request to ensure your reservation and to ensure a good working relationship with the facility.

Send your check made payable to AAUW-MPB, to Ann Wilson, 2852 Forest Lodge Rd, Pebble Beach, CA 93953.

October Branch Meeting

Saturday, October 19, 2013
11: 30 AM

Place: Crazy Horse Restaurant/Safari Club
1425 Munras Ave., Monterey, CA

Price: \$18 per person / includes salad bar, ice cream, and beverage

Speakers: Caroline T. Haskell and Ann Todd Jealous

Fellow member and CSUMB representative, Caroline Haskell along with her co-author Ann Todd Jealous will be discussing their new book, *Combined Destinies: Whites Sharing Grief about Racism*. Published earlier this year, the book is a courageous anthology of stories that invites readers into a process of self-examination, looking at how white Americans have been hurt by the very ideology that their ancestors created. Infused with compassion and insight, this book is based on the premise that for positive and lasting change to occur, it is necessary to open hearts as well as minds. Ann Todd Jealous is a community and family therapist with

Tues, Sept 17, 7 PM

Wild

by Cheryl Strayed

Hostess: Kathleen Wall

Leader: Pat Fletcher

Tues, Oct 15, 7 PM

Eighty Days: Nellie Bly and Elizabeth Bisland's Race Around the World

by Matthew Goodman

Hostess: Jacqi Davis

Leader: Marge Simmons

long history of supporting civil rights. Caroline Haskell is a board-certified and licensed clinical social worker and the founding director of the Personal Growth and Counseling Center. She also oversees all of the Health and Wellness Services at CSUMB.

Send your check made payable to AAUW-MPB to Carolyn Smith, PO Box 958, Pebble Beach, CA 93953

Deadline: Checks must be received on or before October 15th.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's September. The sun should be out, you can cross Ocean Ave. without hitting a tourist and the Peninsula is ours again. The Branch is offering you a variety of activities and opportunities to get involved, hear some great speakers, meet the girls we sent to Tech Trek at Stanford, attend a meeting, participate in an interest group, make some new friends, see old friends and practice your leadership skills.

Experience in the workplace, working on committees, organizing and participating in fund raisers and serving on boards have all helped to make our Branch members leaders. AAUW members are typically mission-oriented, creative, inclusive, people-oriented, and act as role models in the community. A few go on to elective office. I am delighted that Monterey Branch member, Alana Myles is running for school board for MPUSD, District 2. We need more of our members to step up as leaders in the community and in our Branch.

We want you to enjoy Branch activities, fund raisers, and programs, but please remember someone has to plan them. Your program committee: Ann Wilson, Carolyn Smith, Pat Cateh and LeVerna Whitmill have worked

The new AAUW-MPB website

Have you checked out our new website yet? The website address is <http://mpb-ca.aauw.net/>

We suggest you include the new website in your Bookmarks listings for quick and easy access. Take a tour of the new website and enjoy! Please note that the old website address will not take you to the new site.

BOARD MEETINGS

September 5

October 3

4:00 PM

Monterey City Library

OFFICERS

President: Susan Murphy

Finance VP: Nancy Soule

Membership VPs:
Miriam Lilley
Sharyn Siebert

Secretary:
Fatima Dias

**Branch Membership &
Information:**
324-0636 or
622-0425

hard to put together a year of lectures, luncheons, and a Holiday Party. Marilyn Erickson got our two seventh graders off to camp, Pat Fletcher and her committee gave out scholarships. Nancy Soule and Judy Ritchie are working to solve an IRS problem. Carol Young and Betty Sproule are organizing Romancing the Coast adventures and Kathleen Wall, Susan Kingsley, Carolyn Smith and Carolyn Bazzani keep the book groups running, Sharyn Siebert, Miriam Lilley and Nancy Soule collected and processed your dues this summer, and of course you are reading this newsletter because of Ann Donaldson's hard work. Please remember, we all eventually burn out. If you haven't stepped up to a leadership position in our Branch, please think seriously about doing so. The nominating committee will meet in January.

I hope to see you all in September at my home to meet the Tech Trek campers, at the general meeting or at an interest group.

Susan Murphy

PUBLIC POLICY

You are urged to talk to your Congressional representatives during the August Recess and tell them your views on issues. The House needs to support the immigration reform bill. It is good for women as well as education, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education.

Recently AAUW in Washington participated in National Day of Action to raise the minimum wage which hasn't been increased since 2009.

3 women congresswomen are asking the GAO (Government Office of Accounting) to investigate whether the Federal government has made progress in removing gender bias in STEM fields.

Lucy Campen
Public Policy Chair

ROMANCING THE COAST

PLANNING MEETING

Friday, September 13, 3 PM
Tea and Treats
Carol's house: 905 Ruth Court, Pacific Grove

(for those without GPS, Ruth Ct is between Maple and Marino Pines off of Cedar St.)

Bring your ideas for outings so we can plan a great season.

Please **RSVP** to carolznewz@ao.com or call her at 372-0120. If you are unable to attend, email your ideas to Carol.

ART IN THE ADOBES

Saturday, September 14

Tickets are \$25 or \$20 for seniors or if purchased before Sept 1. We will meet at **10:30 AM** in the garden next to the Monterey Museum of Art on Pacific St.

The walking tour includes Lara Soto Adobe, Casa Gutierrez, Stevenson House, Casa Amesti, Larkin House and others.

There are two lectures and your ticket gives admission to the Monterey Museum of Art and La Mirada as well as Museum of Monterey.

We can remain together as a group, have lunch and then those who wish to may continue touring on their own until 5pm.

Please email carolznewz@aol.com to confirm your attendance and also to give your suggestions for a lunch venue. I can buy tickets for you or you can go

online. Please let me know your preferences. Let's Meet

this to 20.

FINALLY, A BIG THANKS TO JAN for her leadership and for her help in getting us started this year. I am looking forward to lots of fun adventures and welcome all the suggestions and help I can get.

Carol Young

Meet our MPC Local Scholarship Winners



Three outstanding and deserving young women graduating from MPC and going on to four year schools were awarded our AAUW \$1,500 scholarships during an award ceremony in May at MPC. We had an interesting and diverse set of candidates for our awards. Hear a little more about our awardees:

Shannon Barbour has a 4.0 GPA and will pursue her B.S. in Biochemistry at UC Santa Cruz in the fall. Following a very unusual and difficult childhood, she found her passion and has been successfully moving toward accomplishing her goals ever since. She plans to get a PhD in biochemistry and work as a researcher. Given her amazing attitude and drive, we believe she will be successful in her plans.

Adriana Jara Munoz was light up with excitement

when she talks about her next school - Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. She is a 22 year-old from Seaside with a 3.2 average. She is the oldest of three girls in her family and is forging new ground by setting expectations of girls getting a college education. Her goal is to teach young children and to strengthen the Latino community. She has held leadership roles in two Latino groups while at MPC and we think Adriana will just continue to blossom!

Kaitlin Sandoval is a 20 year old from Soledad with a 3.7 GPA and she is transferring to Cal State Fullerton to complete her Graphic Design degree. She works as an intern at the Pacific Grove Art Center and designs flyers for their programs. Her professor was impressed by her strong sense of artistic design and we were impressed by her passion and determination.

A very big THANKS to Jane Cross and Mary Conway who helped with the selection process.

Pat Fletcher
AAUW/MPB Local Scholarship Director

Helping the Local Scholarship program for 2013-2014

We have seen the needs of the students grow dramatically over the last few years. The cost of tuition and fees at CSUMB has risen 81% in the last 6 years. We hear stories of students having a garage sale to raise the funds needed for gas to get to class. Many have absolutely no funding available from their families; indeed some need to contribute to the household income as well. Students often juggle more than one job with their full load of classes and other commitments as well.

We continue to look for ways to raise funds that are efficient and effective:

- We have submitted three grant applications to help fund our next set of awards.
- We appreciate your support as precinct workers at any

elections this year as each election raises \$850.

- We will continue to collect broken/unused/orphaned gold or silver items and use the sales proceeds for Local Scholarships. See the flyer included in this newsletter or contact Pat Fletcher at 324-4118 or pfletcher_ca@yahoo.com for further information.

- We still have an offer to match any funds, up to a cumulative total of \$1,500, for donations received by Dec 31, 2013. **Send checks** made out to 'AAUW-MPB Local Scholarships' directly to Judy Ritchey, the LS treasurer, at 4098 Pine Meadows Way, Pebble Beach, CA 93953.

Thanks for your continued support!



Encourage Shining Futures



•Donate your broken/unused/orphaned gold or silver jewelry or other gold/silver items.

•A reputable local business will evaluate and buy items for scrap or resale. Gold and silver prices are sky high!!



•Proceeds will benefit AAUW/MPB Local Scholarships. Help local university students complete their education and realize their goals.



Items not purchased will be donated to Church Mouse Thrift Shop, 204 17th St, Pacific Grove. Our group received a grant earlier in the year from the funds raised by this store; please frequent this shop and mention you are from AAUW.



HOW TO DONATE

•Put your items in a zip lock bag with the information below and 'AAUW-MPB' on a piece of paper inside the bag. Tag larger items with same info.

•Keep an itemized list of what you donated.

•Contact Pat Fletcher at pfletcher_ca@yahoo.com or 831-324-4118 and we will figure out the best way to transfer the items.

•A receipt will be sent for donations larger than \$50.

•Questions? Pat Fletcher 324-4118 (pfletcher_ca@yahoo.com)

Name _____ Phone # _____

Address _____

Email _____ Receipt via email OK? _____

**MEET OUR TECH TREK GIRLS
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2013
2:00 - 4:00 PM
SUSAN MURPHY'S HOME
3278 Camino del Monte, Carmel
(Carmel Woods)**



Jordi Modisette

Sarah Bitters

All AAUW members and their families are invited to a Wine and Cheese and Desserts gathering to meet our two Tech Trek Scholarship winners at Susan Murphy's home in Carmel on Sunday, September 22, 2013, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. ([Click here for directions](#)) Sarah Bitters and Jordi Modisette, both students at Pacific Grove Middle School, will be there to tell us all about their week at Stanford University attending the AAUW Tech Trek Science and Math Camp. This Camp Marie Curie, July 7-13, was packed full of interesting topics such as a presentation by a structural engineer working on the Webb Space Telescope, a presentation by a Pixar animator on the making of a movie, a chemistry experiment in a campus chem lab, and a full afternoon of robotics.

Each girl chose among Science, Technology, Engineering or Mathematics for their Core classes. Sarah chose Math. In her letter thanking us for this experience she said, "My

Core 3D Math class has changed the way I think about my brain doing math. We play games on Nintendo D.S. to improve our brain power. I am so thankful for this Tech Trek experience, this is an amazing and truly wonderful camp. Hearing all the women speakers has inspired me to pursue the math and science fields even more."

Jordi chose Engineering for her core classes. She wrote in her letter to us, "Thank you so much for sending me to Tech Trek! I have learned about the Stanford Solar Car Project, concepts of structural engineering that I have used in various projects such as mouse-trap cars and spaghetti bridges, and a new way of thinking. I had new experiences such as having a spectacular roommate and I was able to make a lot of new friends. I owe you a huge thank you for this incredible experience and I think you should continue providing scholarships to other 7th and 8th grade girls so that they can have this magnificent experience."

We invite all members to this Wine and Cheese party and encourage any financial support you wish to give so that AAUW can continue to provide two scholarships, each worth \$900, to 7th grade girls from the Monterey Peninsula. Please R.S.V.P. to Marilyn Erickson at marilynmonterey@gmail.com or (650) 787-8546, or Susan Murphy at murphfam@redshift.com or 622-9289. I encourage any member who would like to be on the Tech Trek committee, to chose 2 girls for next year's camp, or to help with fundraising, to get in touch with me. It is a fun experience to interview and select these fine young women.

Marilyn Erickson
Tech Trek Coordinator
(650)787-8546

Great Decisions 2013-2014

Great Decisions is a 9 week class that meets weekly, usually Thursdays from 2 to 3:30, starting the beginning of January.

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. If you are interested in participating or would like more information, please contact Miriam Lilley at 324-0636, or miriam@smlilley.net and I will put you on the mailing list.

MEMBERSHIP

Welcome to four new members: Morgan Kashata, Debbie Bellingham, Deborah Stern, and Suzanne Taunt. We are pleased that they chose to join AAUW.

Morgan Kashata, one of our scholarship recipients, is a student at CSUMB expecting to graduate in June 2014. P.O.Box 3711, Carmel, CA 93921; 831-601-2908; mkashata@gmail.com

Debbie Bellingham has been a life member since 1988 when she graduated from Tufts University School of Veterinary Medicine. She is currently the veterinarian for all military service animals. 28006 Mesa de Tierra Rd, Corral de Tierra, CA 93908; 831-277-0904; catdoc2@aol.com

Deborah Stern graduated from UC Davis with a degree in anthropology and a teaching credential. An avid photographer, tennis player, and mahjong player, Deborah is interested in joining one of our book clubs. 25710 Tierra Grande Dr, Carmel, CA 93923; 831-625-3848; deborahstern1@gmail.com

Suzanne Taunt attended Scripps College majoring in languages. Suzanne is particularly impressed by our Tech Trek program, having helped with the screening a few years ago. 25987 Rio Vista Dr., Carmel, CA 93923; 831-624-0900

Currently, we have 85 members. Thank you to all of you for making the dues process a smooth one. If you know of anyone who is interested in joining AAUW, please contact Sharon or Miriam

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TIDBITS

Jan Smyth and her husband Don Zeek have moved to Davis. Their new address is 1515 Shasta Drive #3101, Davis CA 95616 and their phone number is (530) 747-6056. Jan was a past president and a long time active member of our Branch. For many years she coordinated "Romancing the Coast". She was active in the afternoon book group, and Great Decisions. A strong supporter of Women's issues, she represented our Branch on several community Boards. We will miss her enthusiasm and wisdom.

Carol Young and Betty Sproule will take over "Romancing the Coast" so share your ideas with them.

Marilyn Erickson's husband, Jack, has written a well researched thriller called "13 Days in Milan". It is available as an E book at Amazon. They spent part of the summer in Italy exploring and getting ideas for the next book.

Linda T. Alepin, the dean's executive professor of leadership at Santa Clara University, accepted the AAUW Eleanor Roosevelt Fund Award at our National Convention in New Orleans. Alepin is the board chair and co-founder of Global Women's Leadership Network, a non-profit leadership development and community resource for global women leaders. GWLN provides women with a residential leadership program, coaching and membership is a global cooperative.

For Local History buffs the following upcoming events are a must. Both are a great way to explore our unique history and a way to share it with visiting friends, and family.

Art in the Adobes

This is the third year for this event which runs Sept. 13-15. Enjoy lectures, and exhibits of seldom seen paintings and sculptures relating to Monterey History and children's activities in historical settings. For more information call 241-5504 or watch the local papers.

Monterey History Fest

These events take place throughout Monterey on Oct. 12 and 13th. My pick is the Civil War reenactment at the lower Presidio (yes, you can get there without going through the gate). Go to the end of Pacific and turn left on Artillery. Explore the Presidio Museum while you are there. They also do van tours of the Presidio free on Saturday. Just call ahead 646-5640 to get a time and your name on the list.

Susan Murphy

GOURMET DINNERS

2013-2014

All information will be coming to participants shortly via e-mail.

The four chosen themes for this year are, in order: Northern Italian, Swiss (please confer with each other so that cheese is not included in every course!), Asian fusion (not plain Asian--check this out on-line), and finally, menus from the Hotel Del Monte (now NPS). More details on the final menus will be forthcoming later in the season, as research is taking longer than expected.

Those members planning to be regular participants have

status. Assignments have been made for each course.

There is also a long substitute list, and at least one sub is assigned to each theme. Hostesses, please try to arrange dates convenient to all at least 6 weeks in advance, as we all have very busy schedules.

Any questions, comments or concerns - please feel free to contact me: sharynsiebert@comcast.net

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Send articles for the Nov-Dec newsletter to

Ann Donaldson at ann@wjdonaldson.com by Oct 15.