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September Branch Meeting



Tarpy's Roadhouse

September 13th, 12:00 Noon

(note early sign-up date, Sept 5)

Speaker: Roxann Jacobus, Retired State Park Ranger

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Topic: Julia Morgan, The First Female Architect Selected for *the Gold Medal*

The turn of the 20th century was an exciting era for women. Among the new opportunities in California included a woman's right to vote and women successfully entering into the professional fields of medicine, law, and architecture, once considered a gentlemen's profession.

Julia Morgan (1872-1957) was among the first women to start her own architectural practice in San Francisco in 1904. Today, she is celebrated as a trailblazer and distinguished woman architect in California. Her most well-known work is Hearst Castle for client William Randolph Hearst.

In 2014, Miss Morgan was posthumously awarded the Gold Medal, the United States' highest architectural commendation. She is the first female architect selected for this honor since it was first bestowed in 1907.

Roxann Jacobus, retired State Park Ranger, will be our guest speaker September 13 at Tarp's Roadhouse. She has studied the work of Julia Morgan, learning not only the structural aspects of Morgan's buildings, but the human lives that occupied the structures. Roxann will speak on the life and work of architect Julia Morgan.

Details for Signing Up

Send \$30 (inclusive of tax and tip) non-refundable check made out to AAUW-MPB by **September 5th** with your menu choice to:

Mary Conway
22 Cramden Drive
Monterey, Ca. 93940

Note your menu choice (One of the following)

- Tarp's Cobb Salad: with Grilled chicken Breast, Avocado and Smoked Bacon in a Gorgonzola Vinaigrette
- Chili Crusted Chicken Breast: with Apricot BQ Sauce, Gruyere Scalloped Potatoes and Green Beans
- Vegetarian Entrée Option: House Made Vegan Acorn Squash and Chickpea "Gnocchi" with Roasted Mushrooms, Summer Squash, Blistered Tomatoes and Faux Parmesan

BOOK GROUPS

Morning Books

Mon, Sept 15, 10 AM

Gift of Rain

by Tan Twan Eng

Leader: Christy Yarr

Mon, Oct 20, 10 AM

Under the Wide and Starry Sky

by Nancy Huron

Leader: Valda Fletcher

Afternoon Books

Tues, Sept 9, 2 PM

Any Donna Leon book

Host: Ann Wilson

RSVP: awilsonpb@gmail.com

Tues, Oct 14, 2 PM

One Hundred Years of Solitude

by Gabriel Garcia Marquez

Host: Betty Van Meter

RSVP: bjvanmeter@comcast.net

techtrek!
science & math camp for girls



Selena and Kiana

OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING and TECH TREK FUNDRAISER SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2014

The AAUW Monterey Peninsula General Meeting for October:

- Sunday, October 19, 2014, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.
- Home of Nancy Edwards, 368 Calle De Los Amigos, Pacific Grove, CA.
- Call for directions: (831) 375-0093 or [click here](#) for map.
- Fundraiser for the Tech Trek Program
- \$5 per person
- Donations are tax-deductible
- Bring an appetizer and a bottle of wine or other desired beverage

The Tech Trek Program is one of our projects, sending two girls to Stanford University every summer to attend the Marie Curie Summer Camp for Math and Science. This year we sent Selena Herrera Rodriguez from Walter Colton Middle School, and Kiana Sorenson from Pacific Grove Middle School.

Kiana and Selena will be at the meeting to speak about their experience at Stanford.

Evening Books

Tues, Sept 16, 7 PM

The Light Between Oceans

by M. L. Stedman

Hostess: Jacqui Davis

Leader: Pat Fletcher

Tues, Oct 21, 7 PM

Orphan Train

by Christina Baker Kline

Hostess: Miriam Lilley

Leader: Marge Simmons

Each scholarship is \$900 and is mostly paid for by our AAUW Monterey Peninsula Chapter, with the families contributing \$50 toward the week. We need to raise \$1700 each year to cover the scholarships. This is where YOU come in. At this fundraiser, we hope you will contribute financially toward this program. Make checks payable to AAUW CA/Special Projects Fund. If you cannot attend this event, and want to contribute, please send your checks to Marilyn Erickson at 25351 Boots Rd. #6, Monterey, CA 93940.

Marilyn Erickson
Tech Trek Coordinator

PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Dear AAUW-MPB friends,

Welcome to the 2014-2015 AAUW-MPB season of exciting happenings! While you have been vacationing, your new board and committees have been working hard to make this year informative and entertaining for all of you. We have three new interest groups: Bridge chaired by Ann Donaldson, Restaurant Review led by Rosemary Ullman, and Meet Me at the Movies led by LaVerne Whitmill.

Miriam and I look forward to seeing you at the upcoming general membership meetings. Reservation information is in the newsletter, so please send in your check and menu selection. Also, if you have an idea for a meeting or know of a speaker you would like to hear, feel free to let us know. Remember: this is your group.

Since this is an election year, we encourage you to log on to the AAUW-CA.org website to check out AAUW's stance on the issues. If you haven't availed yourself of all the information about AAUW, its mission and activities at the various levels, take a moment to check out our websites-local, state, and national. The data gleaned will make you proud to be a member of this organization, and its remarkable history and achievements since 1881!

See you soon,



Morning Books

Would you like to join the Morning Book Group? They meet the 3rd Monday of each month.

Call Margaret Smith
(831.373.3070)

or Susan Murphy (831.622.9289)

The AAUW-MPB Website

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

Sharyn & Miriam

OFFICERS

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PUBLIC POLICY

An executive order was signed by President Obama supporting the rights of employees of federal contractors. It is to protect contractor employees from retaliation for talking about their wages. He also signed an order that raises the minimum wage for federal contractor employees. This covers only about a quarter of the workforce. The congress left town for vacation and campaigning for 5 weeks with key projects incomplete, including the border security crisis and a solution to long term highway funding. Let your representatives know how you feel about such small accomplishments.

A group of bipartisan senators introduced legislation to address Sexual Violence on campus. As of August first, AAUW had not fully endorsed the bill introduced by Senators Kristen Gillibrand (D-NY) and Claire Mc Caskill (D-Mo). AAUW will be working to iron out details to make sure they make real changes in college culture. Senator Barbara Boxer (D-CA) and Rep. Susan Davis (D-Ca) introduced an AAUW supported bill which would establish survivor advocates on all campuses. This fall schools are required to make a good faith effort toward compliance of previous laws.

Lucy Campen
Public Policy Chair

**Honoring Sylvia Panetta
and the Panetta Scholarship**

MEMBERSHIP

We would like to welcome our newest members to AAUW/MPB. Please include their contact information in your 2013-2014 directory.

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Please direct any perspective new members, or questions about membership to membership co-chairs, Pat Gotch or Nancy Edwards.

Great Decisions 2015

Great Decisions is a 9 week class that meets weekly, starting **Thursday, January 9** from 2 to 3:30. The class 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. Cost of the book is



The event pictured here took place at the Panetta Institute on the campus of CSUMB. Those pictured include: (standing left to right) Kaz Matsuyama of the JAACL, Sharyn Siebert of AAUW, and Dennis Mar of LWV; (seated) Sylvia Panetta of the Panetta Institute and Mez Benton who was involved with both the League of Women Voters and AAUW-Monterey Peninsula Branch.

In 1993, in honor of Sylvia Panetta's lifetime commitment to education and her tremendous volunteerism in this area, our AAUW branch, the local chapter of League of Women Voters and the County Commission on the Status of Women came together to establish a scholarship in her name at MPC. Our branch provided much of the continuing leadership for this grant, as our own Mez Benton coordinated this program for many years.

This particular scholarship was geared toward showing both the diversity of our county population and after its initial support, garnered support from: the Japanese American Citizens' League, the Italian Heritage Society, the Filipino Community Organization, and the NAACP. Subsequently to the establishment of the Panetta Scholarship, our AAUW branch organized our Local Scholarship fund, incorporated in 2002 by Betty Van Meter.

This event commemorated the 2011 end of these organizations' participation in the scholarship, and a commemorative booklet was given to Mrs. Panetta for her archives. Our copy will be with our archives in the CA room of the Monterey Library.

August Picnic

\$20 which is due by **October 30**. The meetings produce some lively debate and are always interesting and informative. This year Judy Riley and Rosemary Ullman have agreed to co-chair. If you are interested in participating or would like more information, please contact **Judy Riley** at 831-484-9226, rileyfarm@aol.com, and she will put you on the mailing list. Please send your check for the book to: **Miriam Lilley**, 184 Lighthouse Ave, Pacific Grove 93950.



The AAUW picnic was a great success for members and spouses alike. We welcomed some new faces, planned upcoming get-togethers and enjoyed a fabulous potluck buffet. Thank you to all of you who came and we hope to see more of you next year. A big shout out to those folks who helped break down at the end!

NEW STUDY GROUP

Exploring Local Restaurants

Planning meeting:

Sept. 18, 2014 at 5 PM
Carmel Mission Inn
3665 Rio Road, Carmel

Call Rose Mary Ullmann at 831.626.3710 if you would like to come.



SAVE THE DATE

Save the Date for the November Meeting, A Tea Party at the Monterey Museum of Art La Mirada. It will be **November 15** at 12:30 pm with Charlotte Eyerman, Executive Director of the Monterey Museum of Art, as the speaker. Turf Club Catering from Salinas will cater this special event. Special Hat Party before the Tea Party planned. Be looking for that special hat or plan to come to the Hat Party to make one to wear to the tea.

Bridge, anyone?



Date: Thursday, Sept 11



Time: 1:00 PM

Place: Ann Donaldson's home
115 Seafoam Ave
Monterey

Come play a little party bridge and we'll discuss if this is a good day and time to meet monthly.

RSVP: ann@wjdonaldson.com
or 831.372.4251

SAVE THE DATE

Our fun Holiday Party will again be at the lovely Park Lane on Sunday, **December 14**, 4-7 PM.



Impact Monterey County, Your Community, Your Voice

Impact Monterey County, a collaborative of businesses, non-profits, etc. is requesting interested parties to take their survey of what is important to their constituents. We have shown a link below for you to find out more about this effort.

[Impact Monterey info and survey](#) (click it)

LET'S GO TO THE MOVIES

There's been an expressed interest in a movie group viewing followed by comments (of course), small bites, and selection of other films.

The films - "My Old Lady" (Maggie Smith), "The Judge" (Robert Downey Jr.) and "Finding Family" (Deepika Padukony) are scheduled for showing in September.

Time and date haven't been posted.

As Academy awards draw closer there will be more film choices - "Bill Murray" "The Homesman" and "Foxcatcher" are rated contenders. **The year will be capped with an Academy Evening Party.**

The hardest arithmetic to master is that which enables us to count our blessings.



Nov-Dec Messenger

Your time preferences 11-1-3 (before or after lunch) and day M-F are needed.

The Osio, Del Monte and Lighthouse theaters vary viewing time. To give your time frames please e-mail lavwhit@comcast.net or phone 626-4866 soon.

Tentative date for September's film (noted above) will be Thursday September 18. You will be e-mailed as soon as times are announced, if you have let me know you are interested.

Look forward to pleasant times.

Thanks,
Laverne Whitmill



Send articles for the Nov-Dec newsletter to
Ann Donaldson at ann@wjdonaldson.com by
October 15.