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SALINAS AND MONTEREY BRANCHES JOINT MEETING

When: Sunday, March 20th, 2:00 to 5:00

Where: Best Western Beach Resort Monterey, 2600 Sand Dunes Drive, Monterey, 800 605-7650

What: Assorted Finger Sandwiches & Pinwheels, Assorted Bite-Size Desserts, Assorted Herbal Teas, No Host Wine Bar

Annual joint meeting with our Salinas friends with whom we traditionally celebrate Women's History Month

Friends Making Friends event so invite someone you think would enjoy joining AAUW
Scholarship Fund Raising

“The Challenges to Women in Criminal Law”

Who: Juliet Peck, Partner in the Law Offices of Lawrence & Peck, is our guest speaker.

Ms. Peck plans to briefly present a historical perspective regarding female attorneys who defend clients facing criminal charges. Does gender interfere with career choices our young women would like to make? Does gender get in the way of perceived effectiveness as juries deliberate the guilt or innocence of criminals defended by a female attorney? Ms. Peck's recollections, as the public defender for several Monterey County high publicity cases, of how things are often done in our male dominated Criminal Law proceedings will be most interesting. A case in point was the 1996 horrific murder finally brought to trial in 2005. Public Defender Peck's thorough investigation and vigorous defense tactics were truly fascinating. Most Expensive Monterey County Case Brought to Trial, ever? Yes. Defendant's Guilt? Not.

RSVP: Please mail **\$25 check** made out to AAUW-MPB by **March 10th** to Joan Kiliany, #5 La Playa Avenue, Monterey, CA 93940, 644-9344

April Meeting is at Doc Ricketts Lab

From reading Cannery Row and Sweet Thursday, using Pacific Tides as a reference or more recently reading excerpts from The Death and Life of Monterey Bay in the Herald, you are familiar with the legends surrounding Doc Ricketts. On **April 14th at 10am** you have a rare chance to tour the lab and hear the stories. All you need to do is RSVP to Susan Murphy murphfam@redshift.com or 622-9289 by April ninth and meet us in front of the lab on Cannery row just down from the Aquarium a few minutes before 10. The tour should take about two hours and you might want to have lunch with other AAUW members. Space is limited so reserve early.

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AAUW's Mission

Advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research.



AAUW's Value Promise

By joining AAUW, we belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women have a fair chance.



PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

“AAUW Action Alert” is a message that often appears in our list of emails. How many times do you delete it before you even read it? Every day, we receive emails from organizations we support urging us to act quickly on one issue or another. The messages ask us to do something: to write to a member of the U.S. Congress, or send a check to support a cause or write a letter to the editor. We’re overwhelmed by these appeals and we’re cynical that our actions won’t count.

Let’s slow down and examine the messages that appeal to us for help. For example, recently we received an email from the AAUW Public Policy and Communications Team about a new program called “AAUW Voices Project.” Members of the Voices Project are media first responders who will be provided with resources and training aimed at targeting their writing skills for op-eds, letters to the editor and other media outreach. The goal is simple: to have AAUW voices published throughout the nation to educate the public, spark debate and bring about positive change.

What a great opportunity! If you are interested in getting involved, but have deleted this particular email, you can fill out the short AAUW Voices Project application and be on your way to having your voice heard. Your application should be sent to Samuel Lehman, AAUW grassroots advocacy coordinator, or faxed to 202 466-7637 (attn: Samuel Lehman).

We serve ourselves well by looking back at women’s history to see how far we’ve

come. Indeed, the passage of the Nineteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution in 1920 was accomplished by women insisting on having their voices heard. Here in California, it was the voices of women that paved the way for our state to grant women the right to vote in 1911, a full ten years before the federal legislation was approved. This year, our state marks the 100th anniversary of California women winning the right to vote. Back then, email didn’t even exist! Think what we could accomplish today with the many electronic tools available to us?

This year also marks the 90th anniversary of California AAUW. Through AAUW we have a strong voice both in Washington and in Sacramento. Please, let’s not be so quick to delete the emails that urge AAUW action. We can honor those women who came before us and who worked so diligently in the areas of education and gender equity to get us where we are today. We can do that by continuing their work, by getting involved and by having our voices heard. In today’s media-savvy culture, solid action often begins with an AAUW Action Alert in your messages mailbox. Delete it? Yes or no? Be sure that’s what you really want to do.

Susan Murphy
Sally Hekkers
Co-Presidents

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BOARD MEETINGS

Mar 3 & Apr 7, 3 p.m.
Monterey City Library

INTEREST GROUPS

AFTERNOON BOOK GROUP

Coordinator: Carolyn Smith
(stacaro@aol.com)

Tuesday, Mar 8, at 2 PM
Book: *The Tinkers*, by Paul Harding
At the home of Kathleen Stacey
RSVP: yecats123@comcast.net

Tuesday, Apr 12, at 2 PM
Book: *Little Bee*, by Chris Cleave
At the home of Cathy Rossing
RSVP: little54cat@aol.com

EVENING BOOK GROUP

Coordinator: Kathleen Wall
(wallplus@aol.com)

Mar 17, at 7:00 PM
Book: *The Madonnas of Leningrad*, by Debra Dean
Hostess: Jacqui Davis, 625-1058
Leader: Rose Mary Ullman

Apr 21, at 7:00 PM
Book: *Little Bee*, by Chris Cleave
Hostess: Christa Rutsche, 372-7688
Leader: Mez Benton

MORNING BOOK GROUP

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ROMANCING THE COAST

Coordinator: Jan Smyth
(janzeek@hotmail.com)

To sign up for e-mail announcements or more information, contact janzeek@hotmail.com, (373-0882)

Explore *Orientations*,

March 25, at 10:30 a.m.

Romancers will meet at 10:30 at *Orientations*, The beautiful Asian art store at 700 Camino El Estero. We will be welcomed and served coffee, tea and pastries, then taken on a tour of the building and grounds. Fee is \$10 and must be reserved by sending a check to Rose Mary Ullman by March 22. If you have questions, contact Rose Mary, artleo@comcast.net.

Note: Due to the morning snack, a group lunch is not planned, but Ambrosia, an Indian buffet (quite good and \$9.95), is a short distance away, so if any want, they could go there following the tour.

April 29, at 10:30 a.m. at the Steinbeck Center

Local history and fun are in store for everyone, on the Romancing the Coast tour of the Steinbeck Center in Salinas. A tour with archivist Herb Behrens has been arranged. Perfect Spring weather can be expected. Our group can car pool as desired, (more information sent to attendees at a later time) tour the Center, then enjoy lunch at the Steinbeck House.

This is a special opportunity, so sign up soon. For more information contact Catherine Coleman by April 26. Email awaitingword@gmail.com or call 510.928.9714.

MEMBERSHIP

The Membership Committee is happy to announce that our branch has three new members. They are Ruth Ann Flowers, Ellen Burton, and Pat Fletcher. Please give them a warm welcome when you see them at upcoming events. We now have 92 members.

New Members:

Pat Fletcher
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Karen Snow and I are inviting prospective members to join us at our general meetings. Let us know if you would like to shepherd a potential member at an upcoming event. In addition, please let us know if you have any changes in address, phone number, or e-mail. We need to keep track of these changes for the directory.

Directory Changes:

Change mailing address for:

Ellie White
2634 Saklan Indian Drive
Walnut Creek, CA 94595

Judy Cunningham
626-8845

Karen Snow
375-5220

MORNING BOOK GROUP

The Morning Book Group is official! A handful of enthusiastic readers have formed the Morning Book Group, which will meet the third Monday of each month. We will read both fiction and nonfiction.

The next two meetings will be March 21 and April 18. We meet at 10 a.m., at The Works (previously Book Works), 557 Lighthouse Ave., Pacific Grove. As our membership grows, we'll need to come up with an alternative location.

For book titles and further information about signing up, contact Susan Murphy, 622-9289, murphfam@redshift.com, or Sally Hekkers, 455-2852, swhekkers@sbcglobal.net.



Donations from our branch members will allow us to send a girl to Camp Currie in July. We will also be sending a second camper - this is made possible by a generous donation from P.E.O. Chapter HT of Pacific Grove. Do take 8 minutes of your time today to watch a delightful video portraying the joy of the girls' Tech Trek experiences: www.aauw-techtrek.org then click on Tech Trek! Science & Math Camp for Girls. Then (at the top) click on STANFORD.

Phyllis Mosher
AAUW-MPB Tech Trek Coordinator.

TO: AAUW State and Branch Communicators

FROM: Katie Broendel, AAUW's Acting Senior Media Relations & Marketing Associate

RE: Press Release Regarding AAUW's Top-Rating on GreatNonprofits.org



AAUW Recognized as Top Nonprofit for Education, Women's Empowerment

WASHINGTON – The American Association of University Women (AAUW) has been named a top-rated nonprofit in two categories through GreatNonprofits' reviews of charitable organizations. AAUW is listed as a top women's empowerment organization and a top education organization.

GreatNonprofits, which is itself a nonprofit organization, provides an online forum for user reviews of nonprofits. The reviews by AAUW members and others who have benefited from AAUW's research, publications, fellowships and grants, and leadership programs led to AAUW's inclusion as a top nonprofit in the areas of education and women's empowerment.

"AAUW is honored to have received this high rating from such a distinguished organization," said AAUW Executive Director Linda D. Hallman, CAE. "The rating is a fantastic validation of our organization's strong mission, values, and financial transparency."

In their reviews, supporters of AAUW shared some of their individual accomplishments and AAUW's important role in their lives. These stories, featured on the GreatNonprofits.org website, highlight examples of AAUW's work to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

GreatNonprofits was started in 2007 as a site to provide reviews and ratings of U.S. nonprofits. Users can rate more than 1.2 million nonprofits through the site and partner sites.

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(Did you know?)

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research. Since 1881, AAUW has been one of the nation's leading voices promoting education and equity for women and girls. AAUW has a nationwide network of more than 100,000 members and donors, 1,000 branches, and 500 college/university institutional partners. Since AAUW's founding 130 years ago, members have examined and taken positions on the fundamental issues of the day — educational, social, economic, and political. AAUW's commitment to educational equity is reflected in its public policy advocacy, community programs, leadership development, conventions and conferences, national partnerships, and international connections.

Our neighbor branches invite us to their special events.

**AAUW MORGAN HILL 28th ANNUAL
WILDFLOWER RUN**

Sunday, April 10, 2011



**Not going to convention?
Come run with us!**

Fundraiser for AAUW Funds, Tech Trek
and local scholarships
10K Run, 5K Walk and Run,
2K Run for children 12 and under
Group rate for 10+
Live Oak High School in Morgan Hill.
Free Jamba Juice Smoothies, T-shirts,
medals and goodie bags for all
Details and registration at
www.aauw-morganhill.org
Register online at www.active.com.
Contact Wendy, 408-778-3924,
for group rate registration

American Association of University Women Watsonville presents:

100th Anniversary Celebration

International Women's Day 2011

WOMEN TAKE CARE OF THE WORLD

WHEN WILL THE WORLD TAKE CARE OF ITS WOMEN?

Tuesday, 03/08/2011
12:00—2:00 pm
YWCA
340 E Beach St
Watsonville

Featuring:

Jane Roberts,
author and co-founder of
34 Million Friends of the United Nations Population Fund,
will speak on the centrality of gender equality in access to health,
education and human rights. She will emphasize reproductive
health as it relates to women's empowerment world-
wide. (www.34millionfriends.org)

Jane and 34 Million Friends are featured in Chapter 8 of the award-winning book *Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide*. Roberts' awards include: Women of the Year from MS Magazine, Special Recognition from the American Public Health Association, 21 Leaders of the 21st Century for Women's eNews, and a 2005 Nobel Peace Prize nomination.

Stephanie McMurtrie, MHS
Regional Program Manager for Planned Parenthood Mar Monte,
will speak on domestic policies and directions in reproductive
health while providing an analysis of local needs and the
programs Planned Parenthood is implementing to
meet them. (www.plannedparenthood.org/mar-monte)

Includes:
Rising International Craft Fair
Gift-Basket Raffles

Stephanie received her graduate degree from the Johns Hopkins University in international family planning. Previously she has worked at the Bixby Center for Global Reproductive Health at UCSF and the Bill and Melinda Gates Institute for Population and Reproductive Health.

Tickets: \$15 includes lunch, pay cash at the door
Reservations due by 3/05 at:
jenniferkeiderling@yahoo.com or call 831-722-1798
Reserve early, space is limited.

Event Sponsors: AAUW, Planned Parenthood Mar Monte, Rising International, Santa Cruz County Commission on Women, Women Lawyers of Monterey and Santa Cruz Counties, YWCA and 34 Million Friends

To add your organization's name here contact dderickson@rocketmail.com

More opportunities to celebrate Women's History Month

Presented by the League of Women Voters
of the Monterey Peninsula

WINNING THE VOTE: A talk Celebrating the California Woman Suffrage Centennial by Robert P.J. Cooney, Jr.

Wednesday, March 9, 2011

at the Unitarian-Universalist Church
490 Aguajito Road, Carmel, CA 93923

Noon—Lunch - \$20 per person

Reservations - call 375-8301 or email GLFisher@redshift.com

12:30 Lecture is FREE and does not require a reservation.

Speaker Robert P.J. Cooney, Jr. is an award-winning editor and writer who has studied the historic drive to win the vote by American women for nearly two decades. He is the author of the landmark history, "Winning the Vote: The Triumph of the American Woman Suffrage Movement" full of facts and images documenting women's early political achievements.

Recipient of a research grant from The Schlesinger Library on the History of Women in America at Harvard, he served as a consultant on several suffrage-related projects including the PBS documentary, "One Woman, One Vote."

Mr. Cooney lives in Santa Cruz and serves on the board of the National Women's History Project.

Please join The Women's International Perspective (The WIP) for our

International Women's Day Celebration

"Moving from Outrage to Courage"



Monterey Institute of International Studies (MIIS)

Informational Fair | Inspirational Speakers | International Food

Saturday, March 5 • 4:00 pm

keynote speaker **Anne Firth Murray**

founding president of The Global Fund for Women and author of
From Outrage to Courage: Women Taking Action for Health and Justice

Giulia McPherson
Advocacy Alliances Manager
for CARE USA

Esther Peralez-Dieckmann
Santa Clara County Office
of Women's Policy

Followed by The WIP's Anniversary Reception
at the Monterey Museum of Art at 7:00 pm.

General admission is \$15. Students with valid I.D. is \$5. Tickets for The WIP's Anniversary Reception are \$35. Space is limited. Visit www.thewip.eventbrite.com for more information and to purchase tickets or call 831-644-0116. Anne Firth Murray's books will be for sale before and after the program.



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