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# MONTEREY PENINSULA MESSENGER

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## Financial Transitions —

**This Is the Interactive Meeting for Which You Have Been Waiting**

**with**

**Eunice Somerset AAMS**

Ms. Somerset is an investment representative with Edward Jones. Besides her active role as presenter and income advisor, Eunice and her husband have been involved with Junior Achievement programs in San Benito County.

**Date:** January 27, 2007 at 12:00 noon.

**Potluck:** Please bring a 6-person dish and \$5 for the kitty.  
Soft drinks will be provided. A-Q bring Salad and R-Z Dessert.

**Place:** Pebble Beach Community Room, located by the PB Fire Station at Lopez and Forest Lake

**RSVP:** Brenda Anderson 333-1980 [dbantiques@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dbantiques@sbcglobal.net)  
or Cathy Rossing 372-8858 [little54cat@aol.com](mailto:little54cat@aol.com)

Inform the gate that you are coming to an AAUW event at the Community Room. We will notify the security office about our event.

PS: Anyone who wishes to bring softly used books to donate to our branch is welcome to do so.

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## WOMEN'S ART AND 20th CENTURY POLITICS

**with**

**Dr. Phyllis Peet**

Dr. Peet, art historian and director of Women's Studies at Monterey Peninsula College, will discuss "The Impact of Women's Politics on Women's Art in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century." Dr. Peet earned her Ph.D. in Art History at UCLA. One of her primary interests is the interface between women's art and the changing women's role in society in the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Her presentation will feature a video program on women artists' works and comment on their contributions to the women's movement.

**Date:** February 20, 2007 at 7:00 PM

**Place:** Karas Room, Monterey Peninsula College library

Prior to the talk, AAUW members and guests are invited to a wine and cheese reception featuring the works of AAUW women artists and their artist friends. (See article on page 2 for additional information on artist participation.) The reception will begin at 7:00 PM in the Karas Room of the MPC library. Dr. Peet's presentation will begin at 7:30 PM.

For additional information contact Ruthann Donahue (373-4197 or [ruthann@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ruthann@sbcglobal.net)).

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*The American Association of University Women promotes equity for all women and girls, lifelong education, and positive societal change.*

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*The AAUW Educational Foundation provides funds to advance education, research, and self-development for women and to foster equity and positive societal change.*

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*The AAUW's Legal Advocacy Fund provides funding and a support system for women seeking judicial redress for sex discrimination.*

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*In principle and practice, AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin or disability.*

## PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

For 125 years university-educated women have contributed their time, energy, and money to AAUW. In return they have received friendship, intellectual stimulation and knowledge that they are involved with furthering the status of women in many areas.

This was so apparent when the members of the four local branches came together on Nov. 11 in Castroville to celebrate. Among the faces of AAUW who inspired us was Yali Dai, an Educational Foundation Fellow from China who is a Master's candidate at the Monterey Institute for International Studies. Hopefully, she will be the speaker at our May brunch. The young teens who participated in Tech Trek last summer at Stanford University related their experiences. The founder and organizer of this wonderful AAUW sponsored science and math camp talked about how an AAUW Projects and Research Grant and branch support had started the whole concept.

Members of branches mingled. Friendships were made and renewed. This is what AAUW is all about. Here's to a new year full of renewed energy and fellowship.

*Susan Murphy*

### January Board Meeting

Due to the unavailability of the library we will hold our Jan. 11th Board meeting at 4 P.M. at the Murphy's, 3278 Camino del Monte, Carmel Woods. Call or email Susan if you have agenda items or need directions.

Looking forward to seeing everyone.

*Susan*

### AAUW Women Artists Reception

AAUW is inviting all members who are professional or recreational artists to bring a sample of their works to the **February 20, 2007**, AAUW meeting. The meeting will feature a wine and cheese reception followed by a talk by Dr. Phyllis Peet on women artists and their political impact in the 20th century. Please contact Ruthann Donahue (373-4197 or [ruthann@sbccglobal.net](mailto:ruthann@sbccglobal.net)) if you would like to participate in this event.

### Women's Film Festival — Mark Your Calendar

The 12th Annual Monterey County Women's Multicultural Conference on **March 3, 2007**, will feature a Film Festival By and About Women. This free conference will be held at Monterey Peninsula College. AAUW will staff an information table at the exhibition that opens at 10:00 AM. This is an excellent membership opportunity to reach out to many local women. If you would like to volunteer at the table, contact Ruthann Donahue.

The program will start at 11:00 AM with a keynote address by Dr. Shelley Stamp, author of *Movie-Struck Girls: Women and Motion Picture Culture After the Nickelodeon*. In the afternoon, the film festival will present short independent films produced and directed by local women. For further information contact MPC Women's Programs at 646-4276 or [womensprograms@mpc.edu](mailto:womensprograms@mpc.edu)



# INTEREST GROUPS

## Romancing the Coast

Coordinator: Jan Smyth

Friday, Jan. 26, 2007 at 10:00 AM for the new exhibit at the Steinbeck Museum. (see page 5)

Lunch at the Steinbeck House at 11:30 AM.

RSVP: Sally Hekkers, 455-2852

or [swhekkers@sbcglobal.net](mailto:swhekkers@sbcglobal.net) for lunch reservations no later than Jan. 23.

Friday, Feb. 23 at 11:00 AM at Clementine's  
Cost: \$15

Dorothy McNett of TV fame will be the host chef. She will provide us with cooking tips and a light luncheon fare. Meet at Clementine's, located near Tarp's in the Stone Creek Shopping Center on Highway 68 at the junction of Canyon Del Rey.

RSVP: Cathy Rossing, 372-8858 (limited to 10)

## Playreading

Coordinator: Sheryl Mueller

January 9, 2007, 7:00 PM at Sheryl Mueller's home.

We will read, *Tesla's Letters* by Jeffrey Stanley.

RSVP: [shyomu34@hotmail.com](mailto:shyomu34@hotmail.com)

February 13, 2007, 7:00 PM at Sheryl Mueller's home, *Amy's View* by David Hare. See above for RSVP.

## Financial Literacy Task Force

Coordinator: Cathy Rossing

The MPB Financial Literacy Interest Group will meet Jan. 18, at 2:00PM at CSUMB Counseling Center. RSVP Cathy Rossing for directions and carpooling.

## Couples Gourmet

Coordinator: Karen Snow

The schedule is set for the remainder of this year, but you may call Karen to be put on the substitute list. You may decide to join for next year!

## Afternoon Book Group

Coordinator: Carolyn Bazzani

Tuesday, January 9, 2007, 2:30 p.m.

*Water for Elephants*, Sara Gruen

(available in hardback only)

at the home of Elie Skinner

RSVP: [patnelie@sbcglobal.net](mailto:patnelie@sbcglobal.net)

Tuesday, Feb. 13, 2007, 2:30 p.m.

*In the Company of the Courtesan*, Sarah Dunant

at the home of Gail Dryden

RSVP: [gdryden@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gdryden@sbcglobal.net)

## Evening Book Group

Coordinator: Kathleen Wall

January 18, 2007, 7:00 PM

*In My Mother's House* by Kim Chernin

Hostess: Christa Rutsche

3203 Golden Oaks Lane

Monterey; 372-7688

Leader: Christy Yarr.

Feb. 15, 2007, 7:00 PM

*Pearl of the Antilles* by Andrea Herrera

Hostess: Kathleen Wall

1133 Patterson Lane,

Pacific Grove; 333-9635

Leader: Rosemary Ullman

## Pen Power for Women

Coordinator: Helen McCaig

Pen Power for Women is cancelled until further notice, due to lack of participation.

## Are You Interested???

Anyone who wishes to participate in any of the interest groups may call or email the coordinator to be included in the interest group's email updates. Please update your email address or you may be out of the loop!

## PUBLIC POLICY

### This Is New??

Accountability is a very familiar theme in our public schools, K-12. It has been cussed and discussed for a period of approximately thirty years, nearly to adnauseam. That is not to say that AAUW has opposed establishing learning goals and standards. On the contrary. The Association supports them. However, it's a bit astonishing to find that developing a set of student learning measures is, seemingly, a very new concept in higher education.

On Nov. 29, the Department of Education held a forum for 60 college officials, accrediters, and business leaders to discuss the recommendations of the commission that Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings appointed to examine the current state and the future of American higher education. The participants agreed that colleges should use and report common measures of what, and how successfully, their students learn. Those in attendance also offered their suggestions as to how institutions might develop a set of student learning measures that might be comparable from one institution to another possibly through the accrediting process.

Do we have a "disconnect" here?

... Mez Benton

Co-Chair, Public Policy



## Recipients of California Endowments

Each year the endowments established by California branches in honor of our state presidents, branches or branch members who have made great contributions to the Educational Foundation, fund women with very worthwhile projects.

One of the women receiving funding is Stacey L. VanDahm. She is funded from the Susan Bordner American Fellowship for the 2006-07 award year. Her PhD is in Comparative Literature and she is at UC Santa Barbara. Her project is "Outside in America: Soviet and Cuban Exile - Narration of Belonging in the United States during the Cold War."

Rita S. Mehta is also an American fellow with funds from the Karen Manelis American Endowment. Rita is doing Postdoctoral research at the UC Davis this year on "The Evolution of Novel Feeding Behaviors in Moray Eels."

A third American fellow, Laurie E. Pearce, is funded from the Kryss Wulff endowment. Laurie is also a Postdoctoral fellow looking at the Hellenistic Cuneiform Archives and Names: A Digital Who's Who of Hellenistic Babylonia.

Sue Cochran's Research and Development endowment funded Patricia A. Marzec for a career development grant in 2004-05. After seven years as a street outreach worker assisting homeless individuals, she became aware of the power of art. She hopes to reduce the negative impact of prejudices and sexism by encouraging individuals to find their own voice and sense of identity through the creative therapeutic process.

Chandra M. Alexandre has a community action grant funded by the Gloria Weston endowment. This is a two year grant targeting nine-to-fifteen year old girls and seeks to instill community spirit, promote self-empowerment, develop leadership, and infuse awareness in their lives.

California, of course, has many more endowments named for our state presidents as well as those named for branches and members than any other state or region. Each of them helps fund women we can all be proud of helping.

Jordi Gordon, EF representative for North Coast & Golden Gate districts

## Steinbeck Museum's New Exhibit

Romancing the Coast will tour the Steinbeck Museum's new exhibit at 10 a.m. on Friday, January 26, 2007. Then, we'll meet for lunch at the Steinbeck House at 11:30 a.m. Please call Sally Hekkers, 455-2852, or email her at [swhekkers@sbcglobal.net](mailto:swhekkers@sbcglobal.net) to make your lunch reservation no later than January 23rd.

The exhibit, "**What's Going On? California and the Vietnam Era,**" provides a timely examination of the impact of the Vietnam War on California life and culture. As the epicenter of the war's home front, California became a hotbed of social and political movements that spread across the country. Home to numerous defense contractors and military training centers, the state was the also the primary portal for both returning soldiers and southeast Asian immigrants following the fall of Saigon. The exhibition includes historical artifacts, photographs and documents interwoven with oral histories.

## Financial Literacy and CSUMB Counseling Center Sponsor Brown Bag Lunches

The MPB Financial Literacy Interest Group will co-sponsor with CSUMB Counseling Center a series of 3 brown bag lunches on financial literacy for university students.

Sessions will be held in February, March and April at noontime at the Counseling Center.

Various topics to be included are overall finance picture and identity theft plus the last topic to be decided. Further information will be forthcoming.

Additionally, AAUW member Caroline Haskell of the Counseling Center will be coordinating a general overview of financial information for incoming students in August 2007. Members of the Financial Literacy Interest Group are planning to be part of this pilot event.

### Thank You, Carolyn!

Carolyn Smith edited our Nov/Dec newsletter and I am happy to report my broken arm is healing well.

Ann

## Community Events

Here is a list of things that happen all year round.

Tuesdays – Old Monterey Market Place, 4-7 PM now and 4-8 beginning in April.

Thursdays – Year round Farmer's Market at MPC, 2:30 – 6:00 PM.

Third Thursday Open House at Monterey Museum of Art, 5-7.

Historic Garden League Tours, call 649-3364 to make arrangements.

Monterey State Historic Park Building Tours, best days are Wed., Fri. and Sat. The gardens, Cooper Museum Store and Colton Hall are closed only on major holidays. The Presidio Museum is open Thurs. – Monday.

Robinson Jeffers Tor House and Hawk Tower tours, Fri. and Sat. Call 624-1813 for reservations.

AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am. Call 1-800-541-9091 for information. January/February.

"A Day of Romance in Old Monterey," Saturday closest to Valentine's Day. Call 647-6226 for ticket information.

The Amgen Tour of California will return in February. Watch the Herald and Coast Weekly for more information.

John Steinbeck's birthday is celebrated near the end of February.

If you want more information, pick up *Land and Sea* at the Visitor's Center on Camino El Estero in Monterey in late January.



Happy New Year!

*March* Monterey & Salinas Branches' Meeting**“BEYOND CANNERY ROW”***the history of some of our early women immigrants in Monterey***Speaker:** Dr. Carol Lynn McKibben – Author and Professor .

Dr. McKibben will talk about some of the women who helped form our early Monterey communities.

**Date:** March 10, 11:30—2:30 PM**Place:** Rancho Canada, Carmel Valley Road**Cost:** \$24.00

Dr. McKibben is an enthusiastic and stimulating speaker. A quote from the cover of her book “Beyond Cannery Row” :  
 “McKibben’s study of gender and gender roles shows that it was the women in this community who had the insight, the power, and the purpose to respond and even prosper amid changing economic conditions”

March is a long way away, but please plan to join us. \*\*See the RESERVATION FORM. The Deadline will be March 03, 2007.

Contact Kathleen Stacey at 649-4602 with your questions.


**Lunch Reservation Form****Saturday, March 10, 2007****Joint Monterey & Salinas Branches Meeting**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed find check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ person(s) at \$24.00 each

**Cost:** \$24.00. Send check to AAUW-MPB, P. O. Box 1786, Monterey, CA 93942-1786**Reservation deadline:** Saturday, March 3, 2007

Make checks payable to AAUW-MPB



Yes, I want to support the AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund. My tax-deductible contribution of

\$100     \$75     \$50     \$25     other

is to be used for the

Gloria Weston Campus Outreach Fund  
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Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Please credit \_\_\_\_\_ branch for my contribution.

Our branch will be collecting donations for the **Legal Advocacy Fund** at the January 27<sup>th</sup> meeting. Checks can be made out to

**AAUW Monterey Peninsula Branch LAF.**

Please use this form enclosed in the *Messenger* or pick up a form at the meeting. If you prefer, mail your donations with the form to

**Sharon Hoffman, 3071 El Toro Rd., Pebble Beach, CA 93953.** A donation to the Legal Advocacy Fund is tax deductible.

***About LAF***

*The AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund, a program of the AAUW Educational Foundation, provides funding, support, and technical assistance to individuals challenging sex discrimination in higher education and is the nation's largest legal fund focused solely on this issue. Through its recognition of campus programs and individuals and its public education efforts, LAF educates campuses and communities about continuing barriers faced by women and the legal rights, policies, and strategies that can help eradicate sex discrimination in higher education.*

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