

# MONTEREY PENINSULA MESSENGER

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#### **AAUW JANUARY GENERAL MEETING**

Don't Miss Our History — and Monterey's Leading Historian!

Monterey Library archivist and historian Dennis Copeland will speak at our **January 22** General Meeting! Join the fun at **7 p.m.** at **the Monterey Library's Community Room**.

Mr. Copeland will speak about Women Volunteers in the Making of the Peninsula — that's AAUW! We have personal knowledge of the terrific abilities of this speaker, since Nancy Iversen, Judy Cunningham and President Susan Murphy spent a good deal of time with him this summer, reviewing old AAUW minutes and records before contributing them for permanent library archiving.

This event will be public, so come early for a good seat. Let us know if you would like a ride!

Catherine Conway Coleman (510) 928-9714

#### **AAUW FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING**

"KNOWLEDGE IS POWER"

with Cardiologist Dr. Soteria Karahalios Saturday, February 2, 2007 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon Community Hospital Conference Room

Dr. Karahalios will discuss women's heart health and CHOMP's new cardiology unit. Come and bring your questions. She will meet with us after the lecture to answer questions and do a heart risk survey.

Marge Simmons (831) 622-9640



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

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

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

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

# 2007 – Looking Back

Thanks to all of you we have had a very good year. Our membership is up. We have lots of active interest groups going. We have heard excellent speakers, enjoyed fellowship and funded scholarships and contributed \$1,500 to the Educational Foundation. Our members have worked hard at fund raising, participating in staffing election poll stations, donating time and goods to our garage sale, and wrapping gifts at Del Monte Center. Special thanks to all who serve on the Board and are involved with planning, paper work, brainstorming, phone calls and all the nitty-gritty "stuff" that goes into running any viable organization.

#### 2008 - Looking Ahead

We now have neighborhood coordinators who will organize gatherings in the new year. They will also call members who don't have email when we have all-points reminders. If you didn't get your directory you should be able to pick up your directory from your coordinator.

Monterey — Kathleen Stacy
P.G.— Janis Praise
Carmel — Mary Ann Grant
Pebble Beach — Sharon Hoffman
Salinas and surrounding area —
Nancy Iversen.

Our by-laws state that terms of elected officers are two years. We will be forming a nominating committee in early February. We will need a new president or co-presidents, secretaries, membership vice-presidents, and a treasurer for 2008 -2009. Please volunteer or say yes when we call. Remember someone has to do the planning and deal with details or else the branch will collapse. The friends you make and the feeling of accomplishment

make the time commitment worthwhile, and with everyone pitching in we can continue to have great programs and interest groups for everyone to enjoy.

Susan

#### **NEIGHBORHOOD GROUPS**



It was decided at a recent board meeting to bring back the neighborhood member meetings to take place in several locations throughout our membership area. The purpose of this will be to network among other members to establish friendships, car pools, and the pleasure of getting to know new acquaintances. Our membership now stands at 92. We are encouraging everyone to bring a prospective member so please canvas your neighbors, co-workers, church affiliates, club organizations, etc. Further information will be forthcoming as to dates and times.

Sharyn Siebert Karen Snow Co-chm. membership



## **INTEREST GROUPS**

#### **Afternoon Book Group**

Coordinator: Carolyn Bazzani (bgoodcarolyn@msn.com)

Tuesday, Jan 8, 2008, 2:00 p.m. Loving Frank, Nancy Horan at the home of Jan Smyth RSVP: janzeek@hotmail.com

Tuesday, Feb 12, 2008, 2:00 p.m. <u>Anna Karenina</u>, Leo Tolstoy at the home of Beth Crittenden RSVP: 626-8339

Tuesday, Mar 11, 2008, 2:00 p.m. <u>Fahrenheit 451</u>, Ray Bradbury at the home of Cathy Rossing RSVP: <u>little54cat@aol.com</u>

#### **Evening Book Group**

Coordinator: Kathleen Wall (wallplus@aol.com)

Jan 17, 2008, 7:00 PM <u>The Farmworker's Daughter</u>, by Rose Castillo Guilbault

Leader: Rose Mary Ullman Hostess: Jacqui Davis, 625-1058

Feb 21, 2008

The Great Gatsby, by F. Scott Fitzgerald

Leader: Mary Ann Grant

Hostess: Marge Simmons, 622-9640

Mar 20, 2008, 7:00 PM

Under the Banner of Heaven, by Jon Krakauer

Leader: Marge Simmons

Hostess: Christy Yarr, 657-4197



#### **New Book Group**

Coordinator: Jeanne Krener (jeanne.krener@yahoo.com)

January 16: <u>Jane Austen Book Club</u>, by Karen Joy Fowler

February 20: *Triangle*, by Katharine Weber

March 19: <u>The Worst Hard Time</u>, by Timothy Egan

Interested participants should contact Jeanne Krener at jeanne.krener@yahoo.com

#### Romancing the Coast

Coordinator: Jan Smyth (janzeek@hotmail.com)

Jan 25, 11 AM: "Lunch and Learn" at Clementine's Kitchen Contact: Cathy Rossing by Jan 21 372-8858, little54cat@aol.com

Feb 22: Point Pinos Lighthouse in PG 10:30 Tour 11:45 Lunch at PG Golf Links Restaurant

Contact Christy Yarr by Feb 20 657-4197, <a href="mailto:christyyarr@comcast.net">christyyarr@comcast.net</a>

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#### **Great Decisions Group**

Coordinator: Kathleen Stacey (<u>yecats123@aol.com</u>)

Kathleen Stacey has organized a "Great Decisions" group to start Thursday afternoon, January 17. Please call her at 649-4602 or E-mail her at <a href="mailto:yecats123@aol.com">yecats123@aol.com</a> for information or to sign up if there is still room in the group. The book that the group uses cost \$20.

#### Monterey Peninsula Messenger



# Women's Enrollment in Science, Technology, Education, and Math Fields Increases

Technology-based universities are experiencing a surge of female enrollment rates, according to a recent article from *Inside Higher Ed.* Universities at all levels are experiencing this increase, including Massachusetts Institute of Technology, California Institute of Technology, and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. Many of the institutions attribute the change to marketing differences. MIT, for example, changed their handbook to have a woman on the cover, and they hired women to make calls to prospective students. Their enrollment rate of women increased from 19 to 26 percent. Worcester Polytechnic Institute in Massachusetts saw a similar increase, from 18 to 26 percent, after hiring Kristen Tichenor as the Vice President of Enrollment Management. They have lead several initiatives to help women and girls in STEM fields, including hosting a two-week program to bring seventh- and eighthgrade girls to campus and introduce them to engineering and technology fields.

These college trends show important steps toward gender equity. AAUW supports promoting and strengthening science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education, especially for girls and other underrepresented populations in the fields.

Additionally, George W. Bush recently signed the America Creating Opportunities to Meaningfully Promote Excellence in Technology, Education, and Science (COMPETES) ACT (H.R. 2272). The conference agreement legislation, which melds the Senate's America COMPETES Act (S.761) and the House's 21st Century Competitiveness Act (H.R. 2272), will establish specialty schools for math and science, expand programs to strengthen teachers' math and science teaching skills, and will prepare thousands of new science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) teachers. As reported in the August 3 edition of Washington Update, the bill also establishes a program to provide mentors for women and underrepresented minorities interested in careers in STEM fields and requires that the

Summer Institutes under the Department of Energy provide training to teachers, especially teachers from groups underrepresented in STEM fields.

AAUW supports promoting and strengthening sicence, technology, engineering, and mathematics education and believes it will help address the shortage of highly qualified math and science teachers and improve opportunities for women in STEM fields.

--- Mez Benton, Public Policy Chair



#### **Directory Corrections**

Please update your directory with the following changes and additions.

Nancy Flautt and Jeanne Minnis are no longer members.

Name corrections: Pat Little-Auguston

Michele Tubman (not Wendy)

#### Please add:

Janet Mooers 2744 Pradera Road Carmel, CA 93923 626-0925

Sharon Hallgrimson 1204 Miles Avenue Pacific Grove, CA 93950 324-0484 sharonlee311@comcast.net

#### Phone changes:

Cathy Rossing 372-8858

Paula Higgins 625-9218

#### Email changes:

Cathy Rossing little54cat@aol.com

Kathleen Wall wallplus@aol.com

### **Community Events**

#### **Year-round Activities**

Tuesdays Old Monterey Market Place, Alvarado Street, 4 – 7 pm

Thursdays Year-round Farmer's Market, MPC lower parking lot, 2 – 6 pm

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

Historic Garden League Tours, reservations required, 649-3364

Monterey State Historic Park, tours of many of the buildings, for information call 649-7118

Colton Hall, site of California's Constitutional Convention, 10 – 4, closed only on major holidays

Robinson Jeffer's Tor House, make reservations by calling 624-1813



#### **Board Meetings**

Jan 10, 3:00 PM Susan Murphy's home

Feb 7, 3:00 PM

Monterey Public Library
Solarium

The January board meeting will be at Susan Murphy's at 3:00, Thursday, Jan. 10 as the library was not available. The rest of meetings this year are in the solarium at the Monterey Library at 3:00. Feb 7, March 6, April 3, and May 1. We need lots of input and ideas so please come if you can.

#### **Excellent November Speaker**

At the November general meeting, members heard a fascinating lecture on the works of John Steinbeck by Dr. Susan Shillinglaw, Professor of English at San Jose State University and Scholar in Residence at the National Steinbeck Center in Salinas.

In approximately one hour, Dr. Shillinglaw introduced the audience to Steinbeck's technique of writing novels in layers. Her presentation, supported by numerous slides, brought to life his novels and their settings. Writing in layers, Steinbeck gives the reader a sense of people, their hopes and dreams, their relationships with others, their times, and the places where they lived. Interconnectedness was emphasized on many levels. A clear theme that emerged from the presentation was Steinbeck's love for the Monterey Peninsula and the Salinas Valley.

As the hour came to a close, an active question and answer session followed for quite some time. It was as if the audience didn't want to see the event end. Afterward, many members expressed appreciation for the event and a desire for more like it, as well as thanking Dr. Shillinglaw for sharing her knowledge with us.

Once again, thank you Dr. Shillinglaw for a wonderful evening!

Judy Cunningham

#### House/cat sitter needed.

May 11- August 9

Interested in a change of scenery? Know someone who would like to get out of the inland heat? Live for free in this beautiful Carmel Valley home.

Contact Eva Lindberg emlindberg@sbcglobal.net or 626-9246

#### **Romancing The Coast**

Dorothy Mc Nett's cooking demonstrations are so popular, we're returning there in January. Be sure to send your reservation and check to Cathy Rossing early as space is limited. Read on:

January 25

Rejuvenate your culinary skills with a Lunch and Learn session in the New Year at Clementines Kitchen.

Stone Creek Shopping Center
On Highway 68 between Tarpy's and Canyon del Rey



#### 11 AM to 1 PM

Fare for Valentine's Day and Easter, too!

Send \$20 for sharing the food that Dorothy Mc Nett prepares and serves, to Cathy Rossing by Jan. 21. Wine by the glass is available at additional cost. Recipes will also be shared. For questions or reservation contact Cathy Rossing, 372-8858, <a href="little54cat@aol.com">little54cat@aol.com</a>.

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**February 22** Docent led tour of the **Point Pinos Lighthouse** in PG. A donation of \$5 per person will be paid at the door. Then we'll cross the street for lunch at the **Pacific Grove Golf Links Restaurant**. The restaurant has a great view and is managed by the owner of The Red House, known for soups, sandwiches and special treats!

**Tour:** 10:30 If you've recently toured the Lighthouse but want to join us for lunch, that is fine too.

**Lunch: 11:45** Contact Christy Yarr, 657-4197, <a href="mailto:christyyarr@comcast.net">christyyarr@comcast.net</a> by February 20<sup>th</sup> to reserve space for the

tour and/or lunch.

# Lunch with Salinas Branch AAUW Women's History Month

Date: March 15

Time: 11:00 AM

Place: Laguna Seca Golf Club House

Cost: \$20.00, all-inclusive!

Save the date for this fun time with our Salinas sisters.

#### **LAF Luncheon**

The AAUW-CA LAF committee is so pleased to present a successful LAF litigant, Michael Burch, as the speaker for our first annual LAF luncheon in Northern California. Mr. Burch was the Women's Wrestling team coach at UC Davis until he was fired by the university. With the help of the LAF he sued the Regents of the University of California for retaliation in violation of Title IX. Earlier this year he reached a settlement that includes a payment of \$750,000.

Our branch LAF chair Sandy Grimmer will be glad to assist in forming a carpool to this event. <a href="mailto:smcdgrim@aol.com">smcdgrim@aol.com</a> or 375-9275

You are cordially invited to a

# **Egal Advocacy Function**Luncheon

Sponsored by the AAUW-CA LAF Committee

Come hear Coach Michael Burch share his compelling story of his fight for the women wrestlers at the University of California, Davis.

11 AM to 2 PM
Saturday, February 2, 2008
Capitol Plaza Holiday Inn
300 J Street
Sacramento

\$30 per person

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