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## NATIONAL WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH HONORING AAUW MONTEREY PENINSULA BRANCH

### ASILOMAR CONFERENCE GROUNDS

MARCH 27, 2010

Members of The Monterey Peninsula Branch of the American Association of University Women will be honored guests at a National Women's History Month celebration in partnership with Asilomar State Park and Conference Center on March 27, 2010 at 10:30 AM in the Grace H. Dodge Chapel on the Asilomar Conference Grounds.

AAUW will address **"Building the Future of Women through Education."**

Featured speaker, Ruth Coleman, Director of California State Parks, will give the keynote address, **"Building the Future for California State Parks"**.

Betty VanMeter and Mez Benton, long-time AAUW members and developers of local scholarship programs will be honored for their on-going contributions to women's education. In addition, some of our scholarship winners will be present and will be featured in the event program.

An optional luncheon (\$15) in the Seascape Room will follow the program. The event is free and open to the public.

Ruth Coleman was appointed Chief Deputy for California State Parks in January 2002, after serving as Deputy Director for Legislation. Previously, Ms. Coleman was Legislative Director for State Senator Mike Thompson, coordinating his legislative agenda and providing staff leadership on major environmental legislation such as a park bond, salmon and steelhead restoration, and the protection of the Headwaters Forest. Ms. Coleman received her Master in Public Administration from Harvard University, and a B.A. in Economics from Occidental College.

(Registration form on page 7, **deadline March 18**)



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**AAUW's Mission**  
*Advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research..*

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**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..*

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## PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

Dear Fellow AAUW Members,

A huge KUDOS goes to Judy Sloan, who worked so diligently to put together one of the best attended meetings in which I ever had the pleasure to participate, the La Mirada talk! Judy negotiated very hard and successfully on our behalf, and kept the price reasonable, while maintaining the very high bar we have set for our programs. THANKS A BUNCH!

Our community coffees are coming up in March. This is an opportunity to get to know your fellow members in a more personal setting. Perhaps you can even talk about car-pooling to events.

And certainly plan to attend our March meeting at Asilomar, where our very own Betty Van Meter and Mez Benton will be honored. This should be a truly remarkable Women's History Month program, featuring the Director of California State Parks.

I would like to point out that our Annual Meeting, at which we elect officers for the next 2 years, will be held on Saturday, April 24th. I hope that you all plan to be present, especially since our speaker Blanca Zarazua is such an outstanding individual. Last year's salad and dessert luncheon was a very successful format, which we are repeating.

I hope to share all of these forthcoming events with my AAUW friends!

*Sharyn*

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

AAUW-Monterey Peninsula Branch is pleased to welcome three new members to our chapter. **Joyce Crosetti, Betty A. Sproule** and **Ellie White** have recently joined us. We hope they enjoy our general membership meetings and take time to explore our special interest groups. Please make them feel at home with us and be sure and add Joyce, Betty and Ellie to your Membership Directory.

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AAUW Members, please remember to notify us of any changes in your address, phone number or email address. Please contact **Sally Hekkers**, Membership Co-chair, [swhekkers@sbcglobal.net](mailto:swhekkers@sbcglobal.net), so we can note the changes in our Master Directory and pass them along to our membership.

## BOARD MEETINGS

Mar. 4, Apr. 1, 3 PM

Monterey City Library

# INTEREST GROUPS

## AFTERNOON BOOK GROUP

Coordinator: Carolyn Smith  
([stacaro@aol.com](mailto:stacaro@aol.com))

Tuesday, March 9, at 2 PM  
Book: *Catcher in the Rye*, by J. D. Salinger  
At the home of Elie Skinner  
RSVP: [patnelie@sbcglobal.net](mailto:patnelie@sbcglobal.net)

Tuesday, April 13, at 2 PM  
Book: *Cutting for Stone*, by Abraham Verghese  
At the home of Cathy Rossing  
RSVP: [little54cat@aol.com](mailto:little54cat@aol.com)



## EVENING BOOK GROUP

Coordinator: Kathleen Wall  
([wallplus@aol.com](mailto:wallplus@aol.com))

March 18, at 7:00 PM  
Book: *The Woman Behind the New Deal, the Life of Frances Perkins*, by Kirstin Downey  
Hostess: Mary Conway, 372-7994  
Leader: Barbara Scheele

April 15, 7:00 PM  
Book: *The Lazarus Project*, by Aleksander Hemon  
Hostess: Christa Reutsche, 372-7688  
Leader: Rosemary Ullman

## ROMANCING THE COAST

Coordinator: Jan Smyth  
([janzeek@hotmail.com](mailto:janzeek@hotmail.com))

**March 19** Join us for a tour of an exhibit of photographs and drawings by Jeffrey Becom and Richard Perry, "In the Footsteps of Father Serra: 1750-1758". Jeffrey Becom and curator Julianne Burton-Carvajal will be our guides. We will meet at the Carmel Mission Gift Shop at 10:30. There is an entry fee \$6.50 or \$4 for seniors.

Lunch at noon will be at the Demetra Café, S E corner of Ocean & Lincoln in Carmel. Make your reservations with Sandy Grimmer.  
[smcdgrim@aol.com](mailto:smcdgrim@aol.com)

### Friday, April 23

Hastings Natural History Reserve

Hastings Natural History Reserve was established in 1937 as a field station of the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology of UC Berkeley for advanced research and teaching in field biology. Not many people have heard of this remote Santa Lucia range valley and ridge research and teaching facility so we will be able to share our info with others. Dr. Mark R. Stronmberg is the Resident Reserve Director and he will introduce us to the fascinating world of the upper Carmel Valley.

Carpools will be arranged through Cathy Rossing: 372-8858  
After the event, lunch at Billy Lee's Volcano Grill in Carmel Valley Village--you'll love their sanddab soft tacos!  
Gathering place ( to be determined ) will be at mouth of valley at 10 AM.

Come learn about grasses, animals and field stations and enjoy the Romancers' company.

## PUBLIC POLICY

April 20th is Equal Pay Day -- the symbolic day when women's wages catch up to men's wages from the year before. This would be an excellent time to contact our Senators about passage of the Paycheck Fairness Act [S. 182]. This act would provide more effective remedies to victims of discrimination in the payment of wages on the basis of sex, etc. The act has passed the House and is now on the Senate Legislative Calendar, although, as of February 10, 2010, no specific date had been set for consideration.

To contact our Senators, e-mail

- 1) Barbara Boxer: [www.boxer.senate.gov](http://www.boxer.senate.gov)

(Go first to "contact", then to "Legislation and Policy Comments". Select "women's issues" and send message.)

- 2) Diane Feinstein: [www.feinstein.senate.gov](http://www.feinstein.senate.gov)

(Go either to "Contact Diane" or to "E-mail Me". Select "Civil Liberties/Rights" and send message.)

Marcia McCleary

Public Policy



Do you . . . . .

**need a ride?**

**want to carpool? (i.e. "go green!")**

Joan Kiliany has offered to coordinate drivers and riders for AAUW meetings. So do not stay home because you lack a ride, don't like to drive at night, get lost too easily, or just do not want to go alone! Also, if you have extra seats in your car and do not know who needs a ride, call Joan. She would love to get you together.

644-9344 or [joankiliany@comcast.net](mailto:joankiliany@comcast.net)

## Coffee and Conversations

Come and meet old friends, get acquainted with new members and give us ideas for next year's programs. The board is hosting two coffee afternoons. The first on Friday, March 12th at 1:30 at Sharyn Siebert's for Carmel and Pebble Beach members, but anyone can attend. RSVP to Sharyn 622-0425. Her historic home is on 12th between Mission and San Carlos in Carmel.

The second coffee is Saturday, March 13th at 2:00 at Shirley Jaster's, 22 Via Buena Vista, Monterey, for Pacific Grove, Monterey and "outlying" members. Please RSVP to Shirley at 641-9337. She can give you directions to her lovely home.

Anyone is welcome to attend either coffee and bring a prospective member. Thanks to both the hostesses and to board members who will bring treats to share. We are looking forward to seeing all of you and getting input for next year.

## April Election

Our Branch's general meeting and election will be held at the April 24th LAF potluck luncheon. The nominating committee, Joan Kiliany, Pat Gotch and Susan Murphy, wish to thank everyone for their support and present the 2010 - 2011 slate of officers.

**Co-presidents** - Sally Hekkers, Susan Murphy

**Co-membership vice presidents** - Judy Cunningham, Karen Snow

**Treasurer** - Margaret Smith

**Co-secretaries** - Pat Dege, Marcia McCleary

Members may also nominate candidates from the floor with the nominee's permission.

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**April Branch Meeting**  
**Annual Meeting and Election of Officers**

**BREAKING THROUGH BARRIERS:**  
**Financial, Cultural and Legal Challenges for Effective Representation**

**Speaker:** Blanca E. Zarazua, Attorney at Law, sponsored by LAF

**Date:** April 24, 2010

**Time:** 11:30 AM Potluck luncheon, A-M bring salad, N-Z dessert.

Drinks and table service provided.

**Place:** Pebble beach Community Room, 3101 Forest Lake Road, beside the Fire Station

**Reservations:** Pat Gotch, 375-9865

Our exciting April speaker, Blanca E. Zarazua, Attorney at Law, has had a truly multi-faceted career, beginning when she was a student working for the Peace Corps Headquarters in Washington. D.C. She is currently chair person for the Monterey County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. She has also served on the boards of the Big Sur Land Trust, the Hispanic Foundation of Silicon Valley, California America Water, Monterey Institute of International Studies, the Girl Scouts of America and Meals on Wheels.

Questions: Call Joann Branson, 375-8603 or 601-8727

**SAVE THIS IMPORTANT DATE**

**Date:** Wednesday, May 12 (note change of date)

**Time:** 11:00 AM

**Place:** Café Stravaganza, the Crossroads, Carmel

**Speaker:** Renee Snow, PhD, CFP

**Topic:** "MONEY MATTERS — Protecting Yours in This Economy"

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## MORGAN HILL AAUW 27<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL WILDFLOWER RUN



Fundraiser for AAUW Funds, Tech Trek  
and local scholarships

10K run, 5K fun walk and run,

2K run for children 12 and under

Special rate for families and groups of 10

Live Oak High School in Morgan Hill.

Free Jamba Juice Smoothies and T-shirts

Door prizes, displays and more.

Details and registration at

[www.aauw-morganhill.org](http://www.aauw-morganhill.org)

Register online at [www.active.com](http://www.active.com).

Contact Wendy, 408-778-3924,

for special rate registration.

**Come run with us!**

**We are invited to join the Salinas Branch AAUW - Women's History Month Celebration**

### **“Alma Spreckles: An Extraordinary Woman”**

**Where:** Hartnell College Studio Theatre, in Performing Arts Building

**Who:** The Legacy Players of The Western Stage, Hartnell College

**When:** Saturday, March 13, 2010 beginning at 11:30 a.m.

Box Lunch: Quiche Lorraine or Vegetarian Quiche, Broccoli Salad, Cookie, Iced Tea or Water.  
(Vegetarian Quiche available upon request.) The box lunch will be served in the Main Lobby of the Main Stage.

Your reservation is a check for **\$10.00** made payable to AAUW, Salinas Branch and mailed to:

Jane DiGirolamo, 665 Park St, Salinas, CA 93901-1352.

Reservation Deadline: Monday, March 8, 2010 A reservation made is a reservation paid.

For more information, call Jane at 424-7761 or e-mail at [janedi@earthlink.net](mailto:janedi@earthlink.net)

## March Luncheon Reservation Form

**National Women's History Month honoring AAUW-MPB - March 27, 2010**

### MENU

**Asilomar Salad Plate**

**Tritip with demi glace on egg noodles  
Seasonal Vegetables**

**or**

**Roasted Vegetables Wellington**

**Homemade Dessert of the Day**

**Coffee, tea, milk**

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

Enclosed find check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ persons at \$15.00 each

\_\_\_\_\_ Tritip demi glace \_\_\_\_\_ Roasted Vegetable Wellington

Send check payable to AAUW-MPB to Pat Gotch, 1114 Kenet Pl, Pacific Grove, CA 93950

Reservation deadline: March 18, 2010

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I wish to reserve disability access parking at Asilomar

### IN MEMORIAL

**Patricia Morgan McMillan**



Long-time member Pat McMillan passed away at her home on February 9. She received her BA from Penn State and her Masters Degree from Boston University. Pat was active in the community as well as AAUW. She enjoyed playing the piano for sing-alongs in skilled nursing facilities. Our condolences to her husband of 58 years, Drue McMillan. We will miss Pat's beautiful smile and sweet disposition.

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