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May Branch Meeting

“MONEY MATTERS—Protecting Yours in This Economy”

Speaker: Renee Snow, PhD CFP

Date: May 12, 2010

Time: 11:00 AM

Place: Café Stravaganza, the Crossroads, Carmel

The menu will feature 2 appetizers, 3 types of salad (including their famous Apple Gorgonzola mixture), and 3 varieties of pizza, and iced tea – all served family style to keep the cost down.

Cost: \$23, non-refundable, due no later than **May 7**. (See reservation form Page 7.)

We can meet and mingle until the 11:30 time for the talk. There is already quite a demand for places at this meeting, so reservations will be on a 1st come/1st served basis. Remember that we are also hosting the Monterey Peninsula Newcomers Club for this one.

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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

Dear Fellow Monterey Peninsula Branch members,

In this, my last president's message to you, I want to express my appreciation to all who worked so diligently during my term: board members, committee members, interest group leaders, election workers, and all others who have supported our branch in myriad ways. Kudos and thanks to you all!

Today (March 27) I had the pleasure of attending the 14th annual Women's History event at Asilomar, so wonderfully organized by Ruthann Donahue. A big thank you, Ruthann! How gratifying to have an occasion that honored our local scholarship program. This event was one of which we can be very proud. Our keynote speaker was Director of California State Parks, Ruth Coleman, whose address spoke to the future of the park system, and their benefits to all. She also addressed current budgetary constraints, and some of the programs which are in place to surmount these difficulties.

Our two individual honorees are long-time members, Mez Benton and Betty Van Meter! To quote from the program notes:

Betty Van Meter – "Scholarship assistance to young women enhances career opportunities and improves the education and welfare of their families and their communities. AAUW goals are to improve all aspects of women's lives." As a member of our Scholarship committee for 15 years, and its chair from 1999-2005, Betty streamlined the selection process; successfully applied for many grants; and spearheaded the designation of the fund as a non-profit tax-deductible entity. Many thanks Betty for all you have done for us.

Mez Benton – "the driving force behind many AAUW community initiatives on the Monterey Peninsula." For many years Mez served as our Public Policy director, and for the past 18 years also was Administrative Director for the Sylvia Panetta Scholarships at MPC. Mez epitomizes the title "Community Activist!"

In recognition of their exemplary service, Assemblyman Bill Monning presented certificates of recognition to each of them.

I have truly been honored to serve as branch president the past 2 years. We shared wonderful times and achieved success in so many of our goals. Thanks to all of you.

Sharyn

Thank you, Sharyn, for your dedication and hard work these past two years. Most of us do not know the vast number of details, large and small, that fall on the President. You are an inspiration and we are appreciative.

BOARD MEETING

May 6, 3 PM

Monterey City Library

INTEREST GROUPS

AFTERNOON BOOK GROUP

Coordinator: Carolyn Smith
(stacaro@aol.com)

Tuesday, May 11, at 2 PM
Book: *The Piano Teacher*, by Janice Y. K. Lee
At the home of Betty Van Meter
RSVP: bjvanmeter@comcast.net

Tuesday, June 8, at 2 PM
Book: *Day After Night*, by Anita Diamant
At the home of Kathleen Stacy
RSVP: yecats123@comcast.net

Tuesday, July 13, at 12 Noon
Book: *Star of the Sea*, by Joseph O'Connor
At the home of Judy Cunningham
RSVP: jrc2900@msn.com

Tuesday, August 10, at 2 PM
Book: *Great Expectations*, by Charles Dickens
At the home of Ann Wilson
RSVP: awilsonpb@gmail.com

EVENING BOOK GROUP

Coordinator: Kathleen Wall
(wallplus@aol.com)

May 20, at 7:00 PM
Book: *Shakespeare, the World as Stage*, by Bill Bryson
Hostess: Rosemary Ullman, 626-3710
Leader: Mary Conway

June 17, 6:00 PM Pot Luck and planning for next year
Book: *Of Human Bondage*, by Somerset Maugham
(for fun only, no formal discussion)
Hostess: Mez Benton, 372-3469

ROMANCING THE COAST

Coordinator: Jan Smyth
(janzeek@hotmail.com)

May 21, 10 a.m.

Ron Dias, Disney animation artist, will meet with us at 10 a.m. and show and discuss his work. We'll continue on to lunch following his presentation. Contact Phyllis Mosher to reserve a spot or for more information pebbleparadise@gmail.com.

COUPLES GOURMET

New Coordinator: Sharyn Siebert
(sharynsiebert@comcast.net)

All members, substitutes, and prospective members are invited to our yearly planning party at the home of Natalie and John Hungerford, on **Saturday, June 5**, at 5 PM. The theme will be Polynesian. We hope to barbeque a wild boar! Please bring a hearty appetizer, a bottle to share, and ideas for the four dinners set for our next rotation. For existing members — please bring your dues envelopes and checks, or let Sharyn know any changes before she works on the spread sheet. For further information, please call Sharyn at 622-0425 or email her. New members are especially encouraged to come to the party and check us out as to joining up with this great group of people.

The Hungerford's address is 37 E Garzas Road, Carmel Valley.

RSVP: (408) 203-1901

or nhungerford@allstate.com





PUBLIC POLICY

TAKE ACTION!

The Paycheck Fairness Act (S182/HR12) is a much needed update of the 45 year old Equal Pay Act. It would close loopholes and strengthen means to prevent pay discrimination. Together with the Lily Ledbetter Fair Pay Act these bills can help to achieve a climate where wage discrimination is not tolerated and gives the administration the enforcement tools to make real progress to enforce pay equity. Today women are paid 77cents on the dollar paid to male counterparts. Equal pay is a matter of simple justice. Urge your Senators to support the Paycheck Fairness Act.

Shirley Jaster

Public Policy



BOARD POTLUCK

There will be a new/old board potluck on Thursday, June 3rd at 5 p.m., at Susan Murphy's, 3278 Camino del Monte, Carmel Woods. Bring a dish to share and call Susan at 622-9289 to RSVP. A heartfelt thank you to all the women who agreed to serve for the 2010-2011 year. Please bring questions, experience notebooks and good advice to the meeting.

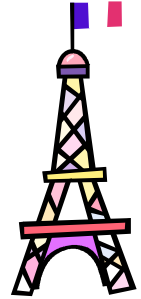
2010/2011 Monterey Peninsula AAUW Board:

Co- Presidents: Sally Hekkers, Susan Murphy
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 Treasurer: Margaret Smith
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Monterey Inter-Branch Council

Art from the Musee D'Orsay in Paris

the Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco



Where: De Yong Museum in San Francisco

When: Saturday, July 24, 2010

Cost: \$16

This is the only place in the United States that this exhibit is being shown, while the Parisian museum is being renovated. Some of us have seen this collection in Paris and what a treat it will be for those who attend! This is an IBC event, so we will be joined by members from the Salinas, Santa Cruz, and Watsonville branches. We will all meet outside the de Yong Museum at **11:30 AM**.

Questions and car pools: Call Sharyn Siebert, 622-0425

Reservation Deadline: June 16 We have 50 tickets reserved for us, the Monterey IBC, so it will be 1st come, 1st served until we reach that total.

(Please see reservation form on Page 7.)

Mark your calendars now!


AAUW Potluck Picnic

Sunday, August 29, 2010
12:00-2:00 PM

Invite your friends and family to our annual picnic. Please bring a dish of your choice to share, your own plates and utensils (in the spirit of "green"), and any books you may want to donate to our Annual Book Sale.

Non-alcoholic drinks will be provided, but you may bring your own wine or beer.

Contact: Any questions? Contact Pat Gotch at 375-9865 or patgotch@yahoo.com





Two of our past scholarship winners were escorts for Mez Benton and Betty Van Meter, as State Assemblyman Bill Monning presented Mez and Betty with certificates of recognition. From left, Andrea Cortes received a scholarship in 2009 and will graduate from CSUMB in May, Mez Benton, Betty Van Meter, and Piper Magallanes, a 2002 scholarship recipient who is currently a practicing accountant in Carmel.

Membership Notes and 2010-2011 Dues Reminder

* Good news! AAUW membership dues for 2010-2011 will remain at \$81 (\$49 national, \$16 state, and \$16 local branch). \$43 of national dues is tax-deductible. Membership renewal envelopes will be mailed to our members in May. We ask that you please renew your membership by June 15.

* Many thanks to our March coffee hostesses — Sharyn Siebert and Susan Murphy. They graciously opened their homes so we could gather to discuss AAUW's mission, goals and programs.

* If you have friends or acquaintances who want to become AAUW members, please contact Membership Vice Presidents Sally Hekkers, 455-2852, or Susan Murphy, 622-9289. We'll be glad to send them the Messenger newsletter and answer any questions they may have about AAUW.

* Please remember to send any corrections to your AAUW Directory listing to Sally Hekkers, swhekkers@sbcglobal.net.



May Reservation Form

“MONEY MATTERS-Protecting yours in this economy”

Name _____ Phone _____

Enclosed find check for \$ _____ for _____ person(s) at \$23 each

Make checks payable to AAUW-MPB

Send check to Pat Gotch, 1114 Kenet Pl, Pacific Grove, CA 93950

Reservation deadline: Friday, May 7th

Reservations are not refundable after May 7.

July 24th IBC Musee Reservation Form

“ART FROM THE MUSEE D’ORSAY IN PARIS”

Name _____ Phone _____

Enclosed find check for \$ _____ for _____ person(s) at \$16 each

Make checks payable to Monterey Bay IBC

Send check to Jane Amaral, 409 Larkin Vly. Rd., Watsonville, CA 95076

Reservation deadline: Wednesday, June 16

Reservations are not refundable after June 16.

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