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November Branch Meeting

“Treasures from the Basement”

The Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History will host AAUW for a special preview of the Museum’s current exhibit, “Treasures from the Basement.” Program presenters are: Lori Mannel, Museum Director; Mark Walker, current Museum Curator; and Vern Yadon, Museum Director/Curator Emeritus. They will tell their favorite stories and highlight some of their favorite treasures and rarely seen artifacts that have been carefully stored in the Museum’s Basement.

Date: Thursday, November 12, 2009

Time: 7:00 to 8:30 PM

Place: Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History, 165 Forest Avenue

Cost: Free and open to AAUW and Museum members and the public.

Museum: Established in 1883 by the Chautauqua Literary and Scientific Circle. The Collection contains 31,000 artifacts, including Aves (birds), Lepidoptera (butterflies), anthropology, art and mineralogy.

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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

First of all, I want to thank all those of you who have stepped to the plate and helped with the programming, membership and other activities of our branch: Susan Murphy and Sally Hekkers for their diligence maintaining and building our membership; Susan for hosting the new member event; Sally for arranging our November program; Pat Gotch for putting together the outstanding September luncheon and program, along with our October Pac Rep event; Judy Sloan for arranging our January program; Ruthann Donahue for all her hard work on local scholarships, and for organizing our upcoming March program; Joann Branson for coordinating with Macy's on the LAF fundraiser and securing a respected jurist for our April meeting; Jan Smyth for her long-time chairing of Romancing as well as Karen Snow's incomparable years as the Couples Gourmet organization.

Others doing the heavy lifting for our branch members' enjoyment include our book group coordinators: formerly Carolyn Bazzani, and now Carolyn Smith for the afternoon group, and Kathleen Wall for our evening group. And kudos to Ann Donaldson for her outstanding work in this and all the other newsletters she has done, along with the new interest group, Bridge, which she started. And thank you Kathleen Stacey, for chairing Great Decisions.

Then there are your joint secretaries, Joan Kiliany and Pat Dege who keep you informed about upcoming events, as well as recording the board meetings minutes. Last, but certainly not least, I want to mention our Treasurer, Judy Ritchie, who has been inputting our membership information on-line, as well as keeping our finances in order and us in the black!

A special mention is due to our Tech Trek coordinators for last year, Suzanne Taunt and Phyllis Mosher. You all enjoyed the letter from our student attendee, and it is due to their diligence that we secured such an outstanding young woman. Phyllis is again managing this program for us.

All of these members and many more, have helped to run this organization for the rest of you. I hope when you are asked to help out, even if it is only to work at the election polling place we staff, or organizing a program for Romancing, or any one of a number of other happenings, you will remember that this organization is for all of you—and that you will say “yes” to helping out! The board can't do it alone.

If you have an opportunity, also check out the national website, and notice the discounts and benefits that accrue to you as a member of the national AAUW.

Happy and healthy and peaceful holidays to all of you and yours!!!

Sharyn



BOARD MEETING

Nov. 5, 3 PM

Monterey City Library

(no Dec Board Meeting)

INTEREST GROUPS

AFTERNOON BOOK GROUP

Coordinator: Carolyn Bazzani
(bgoodcarolyn@gmail.com)

Nov 10, at 2:00 PM

In the Kitchen, by Monica Ali
At the home of Carolyn Smith
RSVP: stacaro@aol.com

Dec 8, at 2:00 PM

The Help, by Kathryn Stockett
At the home of Jan Smyth
RSVP: janzeek@hotmail.com



EVENING BOOK GROUP

Coordinator: Kathleen Wall
(wallplus@aol.com)

Nov 19, at 7:00 PM

The Girl in Rose, Hayden's Last Love, by Peter Hobday
Hostess: Sharyn Siebert, 622-0425
Leader: Christy Yarr

Dec 17, 6:00 PM, Holiday party dinner
Book: *The Good Earth*, by Pearl S. Buck — for fun only,
no formal discussion.
To join us, call Kathleen Wall, 333-9635

GREAT DECISIONS 2010

(see page 5)

ROMANCING THE COAST

Coordinator: Jan Smyth
(janzeek@hotmail.com)

Friday, Dec 11, at 11:30 AM

We will meet for lunch at the **Trailside Cafe and Coffee House**, 550 Wave Street (down some stairs) at 11:30. They will give us individual checks, but don't take credit cards, so bring enough cash to cover. There is a parking lot next to the cafe.

After lunch we will visit **The Monterey Peninsula Art Foundation Gallery** (a cooperative gallery run by local artists) which is just a short walk on the trail at **425 Cannery Row**, and the **Dick Crispo Gallery** right next door. After that we will be on our own to further explore other Cannery Row sites if we wish. Please email reservations to christyyarr@comcast.net or phone 657-4197 by December 10th.

ATTN: COUPLES GOURMET MEMBERS

Please add Lois and Tom Deupree to your substitute list. They live at 3337 Michael Drive in Marina, phone 998-3601.

Email: loisdeupree@sbcglobal.net

Thanks, Karen Snow

BRIDGE GROUP

Coordinator: Ann Donaldson
(ann@wjdonaldson.com)

This interest group has folded due to lack of members. (Call me if you want to play bridge some time! —Ann)

PUBLIC POLICY

Take Action!

The **Healthy Families Act (H.R.2460/S. 1152)** would provide full-time employees with seven paid sick days a year to be used for their own medical needs or to tend to the medical needs of a family member. It would also allow workers to use paid sick time to recover from or seek assistance related to an incidence of domestic violence, stalking, or sexual assault. Part-time employees would receive a pro-rated share of paid sick days.

Paid sick days are a public issue. In these tough economic times, however, the decision to stay at home without pay is a very difficult one. Without the enactment of the Healthy Families Act, it is also a decision that too many American workers may be forced to make.

Take Action! Urge your representative to co-sponsor the **Healthy Families Act** to ensure American workers will be able to care for themselves and their families during times of illness. If your representative has already signed on as a co-sponsor, do send him/her a message of thanks.

Shirley Jaster
Public Policy Chair



MEMBERSHIP NOTES

Susan Murphy hosted a New Member Coffee and Dessert at her Carmel home in late September. New members who attended were: **Lois Deupree**, 384-3337; **Fatima Dias**, 649-1911; **Kay Morris**, 250-7670; **Gene Paine**, 644-0448; **Pamela Troia**, 333-0473; and **Judy Zhu**, 324-0222. On-going AAUW members discussed our programs and special interest groups and encouraged our new members to become involved.

New members **Iris Brewster Cusimano**, 393-0455, and **Susan Stellar Marsh**, 624-8774, were unable to attend the event. We welcome our new members to AAUW!

If you have friends or acquaintances interested in joining AAUW, please contact Membership Vice Presidents Susan Murphy, 622-9289, or Sally Hekkers, 455-2852. We'll send them a membership application and the Messenger newsletter and we'll be happy to answer any questions they may have about AAUW.

Dear AAUW Friends,

On Sept. 4th I moved to Sacramento. My new address is 204 Selby Ranch Road #1, Sacramento, CA 95864 Phone # 916-978-0794. I am looking forward to being closer to my son's family, especially my 2-year-old granddaughter.

AAUW has been a blessing in my life and I will miss you all.

Now is a time for a new chapter; exciting but also scary.

Keep in touch,
Mary Ann

magrant33@comcast.net

(Note: We will miss you too, Mary Ann. You have been a loyal member and friend.)

Community Events

We would like to thank **Sheryl Mueller** for keeping us up-to-date on Community Events for the past several years. From now on, please refer to the "Go" section in the Herald on Thursdays for this information. If there is an event you think would be of particular interest to our membership, send information to the newsletter editor by the date on page 8 of this publication.



GREAT DECISIONS 2010

The briefing books for Great Decisions are now published, if we order before October 30th we get a 20% discount. SO - please let me know, as soon as possible, if you wish to be part of our group. Participation is limited due to space. This year it will be in member's houses. The first meeting will be in January.

The 2010 topics are: SPECIAL ENVOYS; KENYA; GLOBAL CRIME; USA & CHINA - SECURITY RELATIONS; GLOBAL FINANCIAL CRISIS; RUSSIA & ITS NEIGHBORS; THE PERSIAN GULF; PEACEBUILDING AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION.

The Foreign Policy Association organizes "Great Decisions" to encourage citizens to be aware of the world around them. The importance of Education in a Democracy.

Our meetings in the last two years have stimulated much discussion on a variety of important world issues. We also enjoyed our meetings with fellow AAUW members.

Please call, or email, me with any questions.

Kathleen Stacey, yecats123@aol.com or ph 649-4602

SAVE THE DATES

JANUARY

Title: "From Idea to Installation: The Museum Exhibition Process"

Speaker: Marcelle Polenik, Chief Curator at the Monterey Museum of Art

Date: Wed, Jan 27

Time: 2:00 PM presentation, with catered tea to follow

Place: Monterey Museum of Art at La Mirada

February 20 Interbranch Meeting/Luncheon
Time TBA Seascape Resort, Aptos, CA
Speaker: Local Author, Laurie King

March 27 Women's History Month
10:30 AM "Building Women's Leadership Through Education"
Asilomar Conference Grounds
Speaker and Luncheon

April 24 LAF: Speaker Judge Albert Maldonado
11:30 AM Pebble Beach Community Room
Pot Luck Luncheon

May 16 Money Matters: Protecting Yours in This
11:30 AM Economy. Speaker: Renee Snow PhD, CFP
Café Stravaganza, The Crossroads, Carmel

Macy's Holiday Shopping

Get a **QUICK START** on your **Holiday Shopping** by buying a **\$10.00** ticket from an AAUW Board Member for Macy's Community Shopping Day on November 14. The ticket will give you a 20% discount on most purchases made on the 14th. All proceeds from the tickets that AAUW, a non-profit organization, sells will be returned to the local AAUW chapter. This is a very profitable endeavor for the buyer as well as the seller!!! It is a major fund raiser for LAF which provides financial and moral support for workplace and campus sex discrimination cases. For further information, email me, Joann Branson at drjoamb@aol.com.



Holiday Gala

Sunday, December 13, 2009, 2:00 – 4:00 PM

*At the home of Melanie Shebalin
10600 Saddle Road, Monterey*

(directions below)

*Bring your spouse, guest, and/or prospective new members and join
us for an informal Sunday afternoon visit with our members.*

Bring your own choice of drinks and an appetizer or dessert to share.

Last names A-M bring a dessert

Last names N-Z bring an appetizer

RSVP: Melanie Shebalin, by Dec. 8, please.

333-9362 or melanie.shebalin@sbcglobal.net



Directions to Saddle Road: Off of Hwy 68 take Boots Road.

Road forks at about .6 mile □ bear left toward Bay Ridge.

Keep going uphill for about ¾ mile where Boots ends.

Turn right onto Saddle Road where you will see the radio tower straight ahead.

Beware the 2 speed bumps at the 1st house!

We are the 4th driveway *past* the tower.

There is a flight of stairs to the front entrance of our house. If this will be a problem for you, please call and we will arrange for you to come to the back door □ it's a flat walk from there!

Look forward to seeing you, Melanie

In Memorial

Helen McCaig

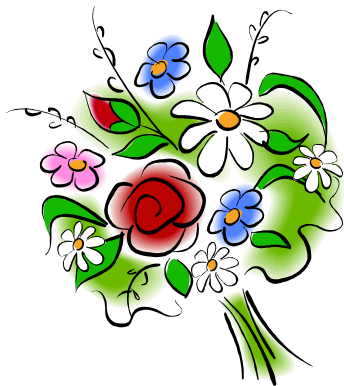
December 8, 1909 — September 23, 2009

Helen was an honorary life member of AAUW. She was a teacher. She taught both high school and college, here in the US and in Germany. She was active in her church and in many civic organizations. With a grant from AAUW, she researched and wrote "Women in the Justice System." For 28 years she led our local AAUW Pen Power for Women, a group who wrote letters to legislators supporting peace and justice issues.

Helen received many honors and among them was Outstanding Woman of Monterey County and Outstanding Volunteer from AAUW and from Volunteers of America. The home for inmate mothers and their babies in Salinas was named after her.

Among Helen's many travels was a trip to Nairobi in 1985 with AAUW to the UN Forum there. She also made a Peace Causeway with Church Women United to the Caribbean to promote the empowerment of women.

In addition to her hard work over many years, we will miss her warm smile and lively wit. The poem in the adjacent column was on the program at her memorial service.



Anyway

By

Teresa of Calcutta

*People are often unreasonable, illogical,
and self-centered;
Forgive them anyway.*

*If you are kind, people may accuse you
of selfish ulterior motives;
Be kind anyway.*

*If you are successful, you will win some
false friends and some true enemies;
Succeed anyway.*

*If you are honest and frank,
people may cheat you;
Be honest and frank anyway.*

*What you spend years building,
someone could destroy overnight;
Build anyway.*

*If you find serenity and happiness,
they may be jealous;
Be happy anyway.*

*The good you do today,
people will often forget tomorrow;
Do good anyway.*

*Give the world the best you have,
and it may never be enough;
Give the world the best you've got anyway.*

*You see, in the final analysis,
it is between you and God
It was never between you and them anyway.*

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