

## AAUW MPB

### Monthly Branch Meetings



#### NOVEMBER

*"Curtain Call"*

at Pacific Repertory Theater, Carmel

November 7, 7:30 PM

Sorry, no more reservations, the house is sold out.

Contact: Pat Gotch 375-9865



#### DECEMBER

*Holiday Party*

Dec 14, 3:00-5:00 PM

1263 Sombria Lane, Pebble Beach

Contact: Marge Simmons, 622-9640

(See enclosed flyer)

#### JANUARY

*"DLI Past & Present"*

Speaker: Col. Sue Ann Sanduskey  
Commandant, Defense Language Institute

Jan 14 or 21, location TBA

(see page 5)



#### MARCH

Women's History Month

AAUW & City of Monterey, Co  
-sponsors

March 8, at Colton Hall

Speaker: Jim Conway

"Women in Monterey History"

#### FEBRUARY



Inter-branch Luncheon Meeting

Feb 21, 11:30-2:00 PM

at National Steinbeck Center, Salinas

Speaker: Steven Hoffman, President and CEO  
of National Steinbeck Center

#### MAY

Saturday, May 16

LAF is sponsoring this meeting.

Michael Terhost will speak to our branch about Title IX,  
the Equal Opportunity in Education Act.

Location TBA



#### APRIL

Wednesday, April 22, 7:00 PM

Sunset Center, Carmel

Speaker: Camille Kolles, Executive Director  
of the Bach Festival



## PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

First of all, I want to thank our two very successful Membership VPs, Sally Hekkers and Susan Murphy for all their hard work in keeping our membership numbers growing. And a special thanks to Susan and Alan Murphy for hosting our new/prospective member event at their home.

In these challenging economic times, we are especially grateful to our long-time member Sharon Maney for funding a student to represent our branch at this summer's Tech Trek camp at Stanford. Begun in 1998, this camp encourages the girls' exploration of science, math and technology. At a time when America is lagging behind in these fields, AAUW California is being pro-active in this arena. Nationally, AAUW has just been awarded a prestigious National Science Foundation grant "to study the causes and dynamics of low participation of women" in the STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) fields. This quote is from the announcement by our national association regarding this, our fourth grant from the NSF. What a feather in our cap!

Tech Trek recently published a survey of attendees from 1998-2001, "The Impact of Tech Trek camp". Most of them indicated that this program strongly influenced their choice of classes, and more importantly, it impacted their positive decisions to pursue careers in the STEM fields they once thought only meant for males. How appropriate for us to keep advocating in such a positive way for young women in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

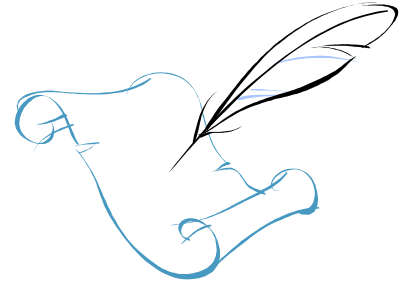
And I am sorry for those of you who missed our fabulous tour of Asilomar, one of two buildings designed by Julia Morgan that is on the National Register of Historic Places. She is the only woman architect with two designated buildings. Ranger Roxanne was most

informative and highly entertaining. If you have never visited the public structures there, I highly recommend doing so. Plaques on the walls help you in a self-guided tour of this unique place right in our backyard.

I look forward to future programs our hard-working board has organized for you. (Note: the upcoming events in this Messenger)

And I wish you peace and joy in the upcoming holiday season. I hope to see all of you at our holiday event!

*Sharayn*



### Board Meetings

Nov. 6, Dec. 4

3:00 PM

Monterey Public Library

**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..*

# INTEREST GROUPS

## AFTERNOON BOOK GROUP

Coordinator: Carolyn Bazzani  
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Tuesday, Nov 11, at 2:00 PM  
*Brideshead Revisited*, by Evelyn Waugh  
at the home of Betty VanMeter  
RSVP: [bjvanmeter@comcast.net](mailto:bjvanmeter@comcast.net)

Tuesday, Dec 9, at 2:00 PM  
*Hateship, Friendship, Courtship, Loveship, Marriage*,  
by Alice Munro  
at the home of Ann Wilson  
RSVP: [awilsonpb@gmail.com](mailto:awilsonpb@gmail.com)

Tuesday, Jan 13, at 2:00 PM  
*One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich*,  
by Alexander Solzhenitsyn  
at the home of Jeanne Krener  
RSVP: [jeanne.krener@yahoo.com](mailto:jeanne.krener@yahoo.com)



## EVENING BOOK GROUP

Coordinator: Kathleen Wall  
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Nov 20, at 7:00 PM  
*The Tortilla Curtain*, by T. Corraghessan Boyle  
Leader: Christa Rutsche  
Hostess: Marge Simmons, Carmel, 622-9640

Dec 18  
Dinner: Restaurant, TBA  
Book: (For fun only) *Condolezza Rice, An American Life*, by Liesabeth Bumiller

Jan 15, at 7:00 PM  
*How doctors Think*, by Jerome Groopman  
Leader: Mary Ann Grant  
Hostess: Christy Yarr, 615 Sinex, PG, 657-4197

## ROMANCING THE COAST

Coordinator: Jan Smyth  
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Friday, Nov 14, at 10 AM  
Presidio Museum  
Lunch at Mucky Duck  
RSVP: [murphfam@redshift.com](mailto:murphfam@redshift.com)

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## BRIDGE GROUP (NEW)

Coordinator: Ann Donaldson  
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Interested in playing bridge with your fellow AAUW members? Your newsletter editor has agreed to coordinate one. Please email or telephone the following information:

- Afternoon only
- Evening only
- Either afternoon or evening

Please let me know by the end of November and I will try to set something up for January.  
Ann Donaldson, 372-4251



## PUBLIC POLICY

### Baby Boomers Decreased Investment in Retirement Savings

According to the [Wall Street Journal](#), AARP recently conducted a survey that found that one in five baby boomers have reigned in their investments in retirement accounts. Currently, over 60 percent of private sector workers have 401(K) investment plans but earlier surveys have revealed that people are not investing enough money in these plans. Due to a slumping economy, people are starting to lessen their contributions to these accounts, and the survey shows that over the past year, 20 percent of people age 45 and older have stopped investing in their retirement accounts. Of the 20 percent of people who discontinued investing in their retirement account, 83 percent said they didn't have enough money left over after current expenses. Many of the people surveyed are considering the fact that they may have to postpone retirement or not retire at all because they do not have enough money saved to retire. Due to the current economic situation, people making less than \$30,000 a year, Hispanics, and women were also very likely to stop their investment savings.

This issue is one that AAUW champions because women of retirement age live in poverty in higher rates than men. Women are also less likely to invest in other retirement options and rely more heavily on social security benefits. AAUW is committed to a [Social Security](#) system that provides lifelong protections for women and families that include guaranteed benefits with cost-of-living adjustments.

[Excerpted - - AAUW Washington Update](#)

Mez Benton, Public Policy Chair

## GREAT DECISIONS

One of our AAUW missions is for members to be aware of the world around us - SO:

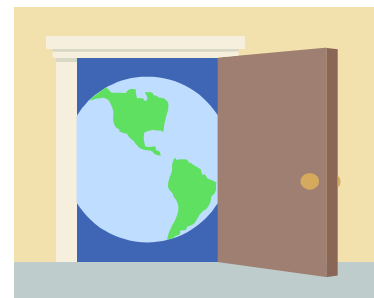
**January 29th 2009** - Our AAUW Great Decisions group will have the first "organizational" meeting. Meetings will be every Thursday afternoon 2:00 - 4:00 PM. 9 sessions. At the Monterey Woods Clubhouse.

The Great Decisions briefing book, \$20.00 (includes S. & H.) must be ordered by the end of November. SO, please sign up, with your check, **prior to November 27th**. Participation will be limited to 20 AAUW members. (We enjoyed our sessions this year; we already have people signed up!)

The Foreign Policy Association states, "Great Decisions 2009 features impartial, thought provoking analysis on eight issues of concern to U.S. policymakers today and that represent our foreign policy challenges of tomorrow"

Please contact Kathleen Stacey to sign up and for further information on proposed topics.

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Open your door to the world!

## Community Events

### NOVEMBER

Nov. 7-9 – Great Wine Escape Weekend featuring open houses, dinners and more. 375-9400

Nov. 9 – Big Sur Half Marathon along Monterey Bay's coastline. 625-6226

Nov. 28 – Holiday Tree Lighting on Cannery Row, complete with the chubby guy. 649-6690

Nov. 30 – Holiday Parade of Lights in Old Town Salinas, annual celebration with businesses open late. 758-0725

### DECEMBER

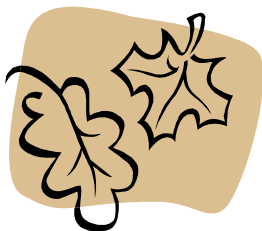
Dec. 5-7 – Cowboy Poetry and Music Festival. This is the 10<sup>th</sup> year for this event featuring old-style western musicians, artists and gear makers. (800) 722-9652

Dec. 5 – Tree lighting at Colton Hall plus music and caroling. 646-5648

Dec. 6-7 – PACREP'S Winterfest, arts and crafts, food and live music. 622-0100

Dec. 11 and 13 – Christmas in the Adobes, period dressing brings the adobes to light in historic downtown Monterey. 649-7118

December 31 – First Night Monterey, gala celebration featuring dozens of entertainers on the streets and in many Monterey venues. 373-4778



## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Several new members were welcomed to the Monterey Peninsula Branch at an orientation in early October at Susan Murphy's home in Carmel Woods. Interest group chairwomen and board members talked about how to become personally involved with AAUW through general meetings and special activities and interests. Prospective members also attended.

Please welcome our new members and make them feel at home with us. Each one has an interesting and exciting story to tell about what inspired them to join AAUW. They share our goals to promote equity, lifelong education and positive societal change for all women and girls.

Our most recent additions to the membership roster include: **Catharine Goldwasser**, (541) 660-2401; **Marcia McCleary**, 625-7735; **Remy Ryan**, 659-2122; and **Barbara Scheele**, 657-4264. Also new this year are: **Darcie Henning**, 869-9911; **Carol Kahn**, 622-9727; **Joan Kiliany**, 644-9344; **Judy Lunding**, 626-3476; **Sherry Morse**, 646-6992; **Jane Parker**, 394-4699; and **Nancy York**, 649-6151.

Membership in our branch is now at 95. Prospective members are always welcome. Contact membership vice-presidents Susan Murphy, 622-9289, or Sally Hekkers, 455-2852, for further information or membership applications.

## JANUARY BRANCH MEETING

### “DLI, Past & Present”

**Speaker: Col. Sue Ann Sandusky, Commandant and Installation Commander, Presidio of Monterey**

Colonel Sue Ann Sandusky is an Army Foreign Area Officer (regional specialist) for Sub-Saharan Africa. She served as the Defense and Army Attaché in U.S. Embassies in Liberia (1997-1998), Democratic Republic of Congo (1998-2001), Cote d'Ivoire (2001-2004), and Nigeria (2004-2006). Her most recent assignment was as the Director of African Studies at the U.S. Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, PA.

Col. Sandusky will be speaking to us in recognition of the 67th Anniversary of the founding of DLI.

## Romancing the Coast in November

Do you know where Ronald Reagan learned to ride a horse, where the only land sea naval battle on the California coast was fought, where a monument to Commodore Sloat and a statue of Father Serra stand, and where a small gem of a museum is located? They are all at the Lower Presidio Historic Park and yes, you can get there without going through military security. Romancing the Coast will meet at 10 a.m. Nov. 14th for a docent led tour followed by lunch at the Mucky Duck on Alvarado St. at noon. Call Susan Murphy 622-9289 or e-mail [murphfam@redshift.com](mailto:murphfam@redshift.com) so I can get a head count.

For those of you who might want to visit the museum on your own. It is open Thursday through Saturday 10-4, Sunday 1-4, and Monday 10-1 and it is free. Sheryl Mueller and Susan Murphy are both history volunteers there. To get to the park, take Pacific towards New Monterey as far as you can go and turn left on to Artillery and follow the road to the right. From Lighthouse going toward Monterey, take Private Bollo and then the first left. You will pass the scout house, but not go through either security check point. The museum sits just below the hill where the Sloat Monument stands.



### Condolences

*Our condolences to Judy Ritchie, as her mother,  
Theresa Walker, age 101, passed away recently.*

## TEAM FOR DEMOCRACY

The AAUW Team for Democracy again is staffing a precinct for the November 4 election. Many thanks to **Ruthann Donahue**, Precinct Inspector, and the following members and spouses who participated: **Suzanne Taunt, Betty Van Meter, Ann Donaldson, Sharyn Siebert, Joan Kiliany, Susan and Alan Murphy, Joann and Jack Branson, Manus Donahue, Judy Lundbert, Mary Ann Grant, Phyllis Mosher, Sally Hekkers, Nancy York, Jeanne Krener and Pat Gotch.** All of volunteers donate at least three hours on election day in addition to two and a half hours of training. Reimbursement for these activities support our Local Scholarship fund.

Editor's note: As Precinct Inspector, Ruthann had four hours of training, in addition to the full 16-hour day at the polling site. Thanks, Ruthann.

## SAVE AND SUPPORT

The AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund has been supporting plaintiffs in sex discrimination cases in higher education. It is broadening its focus this year to support landmark cases that will make a difference for all women. Our branch has the opportunity to contribute to this Fund by participating in **Macy's Community Shopping Day, Saturday, November 22.** Buy a \$10 ticket from one of your LAF vice presidents or other board members. That is a direct gift to LAF, plus a savings of \$10 off any purchase of \$25 or more AND a chance to win a \$1000 shopping spree at Macy's. Save money and also save the date, May 16, when Michael Terhost, an attorney from Sacramento, will speak to our branch about Title IX. He is the well received speaker who addressed our last CA AAUW Convention.

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## We can be proud: NEW LEADERSHIP ROLE FOR AAUW

AAUW has gained special consultative status at the United Nations with the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), which initiates reports, makes recommendations, and promotes respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms.

For many years, AAUW has had a U.N. representative attending select meetings and monitoring issues affecting women and girls. The new designation allows AAUW to participate in international conferences, sign on to NGO statements, and share AAUW's expertise.

"We closely follow a variety of international issues ranging from girls' education to women's economic security to human rights to women in peacekeeping, said AAUW Executive Director Linda D. Hallman, CAE." This new status will strengthen AAUW's presence globally and provide us with greater opportunities to engage in U.N.-related activities and initiatives that break through barriers for women and girls.

AAUW has a proud history in global affairs that includes awarding more than 2,200 international fellowships to women from more than 130 countries and partnering with leading international humanitarian organizations on initiatives to empower women.

Next year, AAUW will actively advocate for women at the 53rd session of the U.N. Commission on the Status of

Women, which will focus on the equal sharing of responsibilities between women and men, including caregiving in the context of HIV/AIDS.

"AAUW can now advocate more effectively and support policies aimed at strengthening gender equality, especially in the areas of the economic, social, political, and reproductive health rights of women and girls," said Carolyn Donovan, AAUW's U.N. representative.

Currently, AAUW is encouraging its branches to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights on December 10 and to continue supporting ratification of the women's rights treaty, the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW).

"AAUW members have long supported our efforts, from hosting international visitors to initiating forums and symposia on global issues pertinent to women and girls, said Gloria L. Blackwell, AAUW's director of fellowships, grants, and international programs. We are thrilled that our role is expanding.

Excerpted from AAUW WASHINGTON  
AAUW Washington Update, 9/10/2008  
Mez Benton, Public Policy Chair



Happy 50th Anniversary,  
AAUW Educational Foundation!

Special congratulations to the AAUW Educational Foundation on its 50th anniversary year and sincere thanks to all the AAUW members across the nation – a community whose generous contributions have enabled the Educational Foundation to continue breaking through barriers for women and girls for 50 years.

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*Happy Holidays!*

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