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MARCH IS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Joint Meeting with Salinas Branch AAUW

Date: Saturday, March 15, 2008, 11:30 AM

Location: Laguna Seca Golf Club, 10520 York Rd, Monterey
Off Hwy 68 between Monterey and Salinas, car pools encouraged.

Luncheon: Chicken Salad with rolls, coffee/tea, and small dessert.
(A vegetarian alternative is available)

Cost: \$20.00

Reservation Deadline: Monday, March 10th

Speaker: Kathryn Cruz-Uribe, Ph.D., Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs
California State University, Monterey Bay.

Kathryn Cruz-Uribe, Ph.D., leads all aspects of the academic programs. She is second-in-command of the university, and works with other members of the university's cabinet and the president to improve university-wide effectiveness and success.

Dr. Cruz-Uribe came to CSUMB from Northern Arizona University, where she was the dean of the college of Social and Behavioral Sciences. A broad range of administrative positions has prepared her to be the provost. At Northern Arizona she was the director of interdisciplinary graduate program, interim associate provost for research and graduate studies and graduate dean. She has many years of teaching experience at Northern Arizona and at the University of Rhode Island. She holds a bachelor's degree from Middlebury College and a master's and Ph.D. from the University of Chicago, all in anthropology. She has completed many years of fieldwork outside of the United States, and appreciates CSUMB's emphasis on global perspective, diversity and multiculturalism.

Mail your check for \$20.00 made payable to Salinas Branch AAUW, to Jane DiGirolamo, 665 Park St, Salinas, CA 93901-1352, by March 10. (If you want vegetarian, indicate in memo section of your check.)



Pt Pinos Lighthouse

Let me introduce you to Emily Fish.....

April Branch luncheon and program, see page 7.



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.

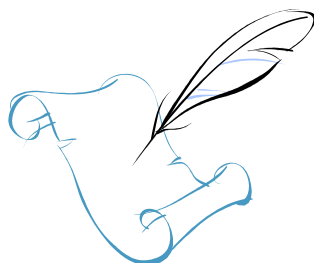
PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

Every year it is harder and harder to fill the positions on the AAUW board. The nominating committee feels like a sales team, having to sell the jobs we need to fill. We are all busy people, but the friendships, programs, intellectual stimulation and satisfaction that come with belonging to a viable national organization are worth the time commitment. Thanks to all the incredible women who volunteered or said yes when we called. Because of you, we are set for the 2008-2009 year. However, there are one-time jobs and non-elected positions still to fill so please consider one of these. Several important local organizations including the Committee for Reproductive Rights may have to fold for lack of people willing to be officers. We don't want this to happen to us.

Thanks to all our members and their husbands who worked on Super Tuesday. Ruthann Donahue does a fantastic job organizing and supervising this effort which benefits both the community and our local scholarship fund. We have several more elections this year and will need more volunteers. The training is two hours and we do three- or four-hour shifts. It's a great way to people watch, and to help in the political process. Since many of us travel, Ruthann always needs people. Call and offer to help for the next election.

In summary, please remember, the more you get involved the more you get from your AAUW membership and the more we can benefit the community.

Susan



SLATE OF OFFICERS 2008-2009

- President: Sharyn Siebert
 - Program Vice Pres: Pat Gotch and Marge Simmons
 - Membership Vice Pres: Sally Hekkers and Susan Murphy
 - Education Foundation: Mary Ann Grant and Melanie Shebalin
 - Legal Advocacy Fund: Sandy Grimmer and Lynne Miles
 - Treasurer: Judy Ritchie
Assistant Treas: Pat Little-Auguston
 - Secretaries: Pat Dege and Nicole Reed
- Voting by the membership for acceptance of this slate will take place at the April Branch Meeting.



Board Meetings

March 6, 3:00 PM
Monterey Public Library
Solarium

April 3, 3:00 PM
Monterey Public Library
Solarium

INTEREST GROUPS

Afternoon Book Group

Coordinator: Carolyn Smith
(stacaro@aol.com)

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

Tuesday, April 8, 2008, 2:00 p.m.
Saturday, Ian McEwan
at the home of Jan Smyth
RSVP: janzeek@hotmail.com

Evening Book Group

Coordinator: Kathleen Wall
(wallplus@aol.com)

Mar 20, 2008, 7:00 PM
Under the Banner of Heaven, by Jon Krakauer
Leader: Marge Simmons
Hostess: Christy Yarr, 657-4197

Apr 17, 2008, 7:00 PM
Water for Elephants, by Sara Gruen
Hostess: Christa Rutsche, 372-7688

May 15, 2008, 7:00 PM
The Mistress' Daughter
Hostess: Kathleen Wall, 333-9635

Romancing the Coast

Coordinator: Jan Smyth
(janzeek@hotmail.com)

March 21 Steinbeck Museum Tour and lunch at Steinbeck House.

April 25 Painted Memoirs at Monterey Maritime and History Museum, with lunch nearby.

(See article on page 6 to explain both of these events.)

Save the Date: Friday, May 23. Big Sur Land Trust/Glen Deven Ranch, talk, tour, and bag lunch.

Couples Gourmet

Couples Gourmet members and those interested in joining this fun group are asked to please save the date, Friday, June 13, 6 PM, for our annual planning party at the home of Wayne and Karen Snow, 1141 Mestres Dr., Pebble Beach, 375-5220. New members are especially urged to come and join us as we decide on next year's dinners (4) and share interesting tidbits regarding things gone well, not so well, or otherwise. Call Karen if you need directions. Pebble Beach gates will be notified of our guests coming though on that evening. Please bring hearty appetizers and a beverage to share.

Karen Snow
Chair, Couples Gourmet

Great Decisions 2008 AAUW Group

Our AAUW tries to promote International understanding — we in our Monterey Peninsula Branch are having wonderful sessions — learning AND getting to know our fellow members.

Between 15-17 enthusiastic AAUW members meet every Thursday afternoon to discuss a wide range of International and Domestic topics. As stated, "The idea is to use the 'Great Decisions' to gain a better understanding of global topics affecting America's role in the world and policymaker's responses."

We have had 5 sessions and we have 4 more to go.

This year we had to have a "waiting" list, so if you are interested in joining our G.D. group next year — starting in January 2009 — please think about it ahead of time and sign up. Thanks go to all the G.D. members for their active participation.

For more information, contact Kathleen Stacey.



PUBLIC POLICY

Roe v. Wade Anniversary

Reproductive rights supporters and opponents marked the 35th anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's landmark Roe v. Wade decision with marches and rallies, both in Washington D.C. and across the nation. A CNN /Opinion Research survey shows that public opinion on abortion has remained almost unchanged in the past 15 years, with 36 percent of Americans thinking abortion should be legal in all or most circumstances, 40 percent believing it should be available in a few circumstances, such as the health of the mother, and 22 percent believing abortion should never be legal.

AAUW supports the right of every woman to safe, accessible, affordable, and comprehensive family planning and reproductive health services and trusts that every woman has the ability to make her own informed choices regarding her reproductive life within the dictates of her own moral and religious beliefs. Further, AAUW believes that these deeply personal decisions should be made without governmental interference.

—Mez Benton
Social Policy Chair

Directory Update

New member: Suzanne Taunt
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suzt@mac.com

Address change: Phyllis McGuire
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Pacific Grave, CA 93950
(831) 657-4260

Update on NEIGHBORHOOD GROUPS



Area/neighborhood get-togethers are scheduled for members and prospective members during the month of March. Coordinators or hostesses will contact all current members, issuing a more personal invitation. However, please refer to the information below and RSVP to the hostess to make her job easier.

Monterey-Salinas-Marina-Seaside-Del Rey Oaks

Saturday, March 8, 11 AM, clubhouse at 1360 Josselyn Canyon Rd., Monterey, hostess Kathleen Stacey, 649-4602, yecats123@aol.com

Carmel-Carmel Valley

Sunday, March 9, 12-2 PM, 11th Ave, betw Mission & San Carlos, Carmel, hostess Sharyn Seibert, 622-0425, sharynsiebert@comcast.net

Pacific Grove-Pebble Beach

Tuesday, March 11, 10 AM, 1092 Presidio Rd, Pebble Beach, hostess Phyllis Mosher, 372-7073, pacmosher@montereybay.com

Board members, as well as interest group chairpersons, are encouraged to attend as many gatherings as possible to seek more membership involvement.

Karen Snow
Co-chm. membership



Community Events

Always check the Weekly, Go, and Pine Cone for interesting activities

MARCH

March 7-9 -- 28TH Annual Dixieland-Monterey Festival, dixieland-monterey.com

APRIL

April 3-6 -- Monterey Jazz Festival, young talent, Monterey Conference Center
montereyjazzfestival.org

April 17-20 -- Sea Otter Classic bicycle races, seaotterclassic.com

April 26-27 -- Monterey Home and Gift Show



ELECTION THANKS

Many thanks to the following members and spouses who worked on election day: Betty VanMeter, Susan Murphy, Phyllis Mosher, Sally Hekkers, Brenda Anderson, Paula Higgins, Patricia Gotch, Christy Yarr, Vickie Davidson, Judy Ritchie, Walter Ritchey and Manus Donahue, who covered set up, take down, and two shifts.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Ever wonder how those absentee ballots are processed? Now you can ask a member! Ruthann Donahue has been appointed to the Monterey County Observers Panel. Other representatives on this panel were appointed from SAV Our Elections, Democratic, Republican and Green parties, the League of Women Voters, and the Monterey County IT Department. The panel is charged with observing and reporting to the California Secretary of State all aspects of Monterey County elections. This process is part of the recertification of electronic voting machines in our county. The testing, certification and sealing of the DRE machines was among the activities in which Ruthann participated. If you have questions about this committee, contact Ruthann at ruthann@sbglobal.net or Debra Bowen, California Secretary of State at 916-653-6814 or secretary.bowen@sos.ca.gov. Learn more about this issue at www.sos.ca.gov.

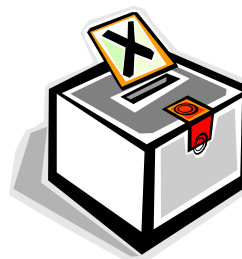
OSHER LIFELONG LEARNING INSTITUTE

As the recent recipient of a grant from the Bernard Osher Foundation, CSUMB's Dept. of Extended Educ. Has initiated the Osher LifeLong Learning Institute, or the OLLI Program. Its primary goal is to provide "Intellectual, cultural, and social exploration for adults age 50 and better." The 2008 catalog includes numerous class offerings, such as: Iranian Cinema, Afghanistan, Great Women Authors in Literature, Intro to Chinese Language and Culture, etc. You may sign up for individual OLLI offerings or become a member for only \$99.00 per semester. To register for a class or to become an OLLI member, call OLLI at 831-582-5500 and request a catalog or register online at CSUMB.EDU/olli.

Valda Fletcher says that she joined OLLI last fall and that she is especially pleased with the classes they are offering this spring. If you would like to ask her about it, call her at 384-0649.

ELECTIONS 2008

One down and two more elections in 2008! This is good news and bad news for AAUW. The good news is that our work on election days is the major funding sourcing for Local Scholarships. Each election we earn enough to sponsor one student in her pursuit of higher education. The bad news is that a few of our members have been faithfully volunteering for this service. **WE NEED SOME NEW HELP!** The service requires attendance at a 2-hour training session approximately two weeks before the election and then work at the polls for 3-4 hours on election day. Please check your schedules and see if you can volunteer for the June 3 or November 4 election. Contact Ruthann Donahue at 373-4197 or ruthann@sbglobal.net.



Romancing the Coast

March 21: Steinbeck Museum Tour and Lunch at Steinbeck House

“Tres Mujeres: The Three Women” is the current special exhibit at the **National Steinbeck Center**. Deborah Silguero, curator at the Steinbeck Center, has graciously agreed to give our group a guided tour of this exhibition which recognizes the creativity of women artists in the 21st Century.

The exhibit features the works of three local artists—Michelle Sarabia, Rebecka Ramirez and Norma Lopez Molina—whose works in ceramics, photography and painting represent subjects of solitude, existence and the meaning of being present. Filipina artist Sarabia focuses on mixed media drawings and glazed ceramics; Latina artist Ramirez creates ceramic works; and Puerto Rican artist Lopez Molina works with photography.

We'll meet at 10:30 a.m. at the Steinbeck Center for the tour and then continue to the **Steinbeck House** for lunch at 11:45 a.m. Museum admission is \$10.95 for adults, \$8.95 for seniors and free to members. For reservations or more information, contact Sally Hekkers at 455-2852 or swhekkers@sbcglobal.net.

April 25: Painted Memoirs, a Juried Exhibition

PAINTED MEMOIRS, A Juried Exhibition by Contemporary Plein Air Artists will be on display at the **Monterey Maritime and History Museum**. Be sure to come see the latest work by local artists.

We'll meet at the museum at 10:30 a.m. Following the museum tour, we'll have lunch at a nearby restaurant. Museum admission is \$3. For reservations or more information, contact Jan Smyth at 373-0882 or janzeek@hotmail.com.

Join with Steinbeck Center

The National Steinbeck Center is requesting volunteers from AAUW to act as writing coaches for the 2007-2008 Steinbeck Young Authors Program. Monterey County middle school students will be selected to attend the event at the Steinbeck Center to write essays based on the Steinbeck story *The Red Pony*. The event takes place on Friday, April 4, 2008 from 10:45 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

You will be asked to attend a Volunteer Writing Coach training and luncheon; meet one-on-one with your assigned student; and complete an evaluation form that will help with ongoing development of the Steinbeck Young Authors Program.

Please request an application form from Andrea Purl at (831) 775-4739 or by email andrea@steinbeck.org.



New Perspectives on Tortilla Flat!

Monterey Librarian-Archivist Dennis Copeland provided fascinating information at January's monthly program on John Steinbeck's *Tortilla Flat*. Focusing on Monterey schoolteacher and poetess Susan Gregory to whom the author dedicated his book, Copeland added much to our understanding of how the author learned about the real Monterey lives he wrote about.

While Ms. Gregory received awards for her teaching and plaudits for her poetry during her life (she died in the 1950s), she has been largely lost to public appreciation. However, after learning all that we did from Copeland, many present suggested that AAUW-MPB participate in efforts to acknowledge Susan Gregory's contributions with a plaque!

Demonstrating public interest in AAUW programs were several non-members, including a visiting tourist from Ireland, who attended after reading public notices. Also present were folks who met at our program after talking by phone about a rescue dog, when the dog's guardian told the callers that she couldn't meet about the dog because she planned to attend the AAUW program!

Catherine Conway Coleman
(510) 928-9714

APRIL BRANCH MEETING

“Let Me Introduce You to Emily Fish”

A Portrayal of Emily Fish, the Socialite Point Pinos Lighthouse Keeper, by Eleanor Wylde Morrice.

(A great follow-up to Romancing the Coast’s February 22nd tour of Point Pinos Lighthouse in Pacific Grove.)

Date: April 1, 2008

Time: Luncheon served at 12:30 PM, program at 1:15 PM

Location: An Choi — Asian contemporary cuisine
1120 Lighthouse Avenue (toward Asilomar Blvd, restaurant on right-hand side, with parking lot)
Pacific Grove

Menu: Choice of Entrée: Curry Chicken, Sweet and Sour Tofu, or Tamarin Shrimp
All entrees served with Jasmine rice and veggie eggroll.
Dessert (included) is choice of Crème Brulee or Piece of Melon.
Coffee or tea is included.
Wine is available for \$6-8 per glass, but is not included.

Cost: \$25 for luncheon and program

Emily Fish served as keeper of the Point Pinos Lighthouse for 21 years, from 1893 to 1921. She was on duty during the 1906 Earthquake and during the subsequent repairs required from the damage inflicted during the quake. Her hospitality earned her the nickname, “the socialite lightkeeper.” Eleanor Wylde Morrice, who is a docent at the Point Pinos Lighthouse, will present a portrayal of Emily Fish for us. Eleanor is well known for community involvement, serving as a volunteer in many heritage organizations and as a singer, dancer and actress. She has portrayed several historical figures associated with the Lighthouses, as well as other wonderful women who have enriched local society.

Questions: Jane Britton at (831) 373-5441

Reservation Form

April Luncheon at An Choi

Tuesday, April 1, 2008 at 12:30 PM

Name _____ Phone _____

Choice of entrée: Curry Chicken _____ Sweet & Sour Tofu _____ Tamarin Shrimp _____

Choice of Dessert: Crème Brulee _____ Piece of Melon _____

Enclosed find check \$ _____ for _____ person(s) at \$25.00 each

Send your check, payable to AAUW/MPB, to Jane Britton, PO Box 827, Pacific Grove, CA 93950

Reservation Deadline: March 26, 2008

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