

March Branch Meeting

“Women in Monterey History”

The City of Monterey and our branch are celebrating the 160th birthday of Colton Hall. Come hear author, historian and genealogist **Jim Conway** speak on “Women in Monterey History” in the room where the California Constitution was written and signed. Jim is an excellent and entertaining speaker and you will be surprised at the role women have played in our local history. March is Women’s History Month.

Date: Sunday, March 8, 2009

Time: 2:00 PM

Place: Colton Hall, 580 Pacific Street, Monterey

We are co-sponsoring this event with the City of Monterey. If you are interested in being a hostess for this event please contact Marge Simmons at 622-9640 or marges18@peoplepc.com.

April Branch Meeting

Speaker: Camille Kolles, Executive Director, Carmel Bach Festival

Date: Wednesday April 22, 2009

Time: 6:45 p.m. Annual Branch Meeting when we vote on officers and by-law changes. Members’ presence is required. See page 4 for the officers and pages 6 and 7 for the bylaws.

7:30 p.m. Speaker

Place: Sunset Center Bingham Room 9th & San Carlos, Carmel, CA
Parking available in front of box office on San Carlos or on street.
Directions and parking information at www.sunsetcenter.org

Ms. Kolles has a degree in Business Administration and Piano Performance and a MA in Public Affairs. She will share her experiences as an arts administrator and give a preview of the 2009 Carmel Bach Festival.

Guests are welcome.

Mary Ann
makgrant@redshift.com



PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

Dear Fellow AAUW members:

I have good news — all of proposed elected board position-holders have kindly agreed to serve your branch for the coming year! Thank you Susan, Sally, Judy, Pat and Joan!!!

The meeting to be held on April 22 is very important, and I hope the majority of you will attend. This is our Annual Meeting, and it is there that we need to vote on the proposed changes to our by-laws. They are detailed elsewhere in this newsletter. Primarily, we have proposed these changes to streamline our branch's administration and to coincide with our usual methods of operation.

And — since this is your organization, I am asking that those of you who enjoy membership consider giving back a bit by working on one of our committees. We will be looking for directors to serve the Educational foundation, Legal Advocacy portfolio and others. Especially, if you have ideas regarding future programs and/or interest groups, we would love to hear from you. Pat has agreed to continue with programming and would like to have a larger committee with whom to work this coming year.

Your current board has worked hard to continue the high level of service you have all come to expect of the Monterey Peninsula Branch of AAUW. THIS IS YOUR ORGANIZATION, AND WITHOUT DEDICATED VOLUNTEERS IT DOES NOT RUN! Not all positions require regular meetings or large time commitments — some can even be done in only a few minutes. But it is not fair to participate without helping out also.

I hope to see many of you at our upcoming events at both The National Steinbeck Center and at the Sunset Center. Our speakers should

be quite stimulating and enlightening. And I know there will be further opportunities mentioned for working on our mission of equity in education for women, with those at the Steinbeck Center.

Sharyn

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 * **Spring Membership Coffees** *
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 * Membership Coffees will be *
 * scheduled during April so we can be- *
 * come better acquainted with our new *
 * members. We would also like to intro- *
 * duce prospective new members to our *
 * organization. Dates, times and locations *
 * will be announced in late March via *
 * email, snail mail and good old-fashioned *
 * telephone calls. *
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 * Meanwhile, if you have a friend *
 * who wants to join the Monterey Penin- *
 * sula Branch of AAUW, contact Susan *
 * Murphy, 622-9289, or Sally Hekkers, *
 * 455-2852, and we'll send a Membership *
 * Application to them. *
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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..

Save the Date

May 16 Join us at noon that Saturday for a potluck lunch and the opportunity to hear Legal Advocacy Fund speaker Michael Terhost at the Pebble Beach Community Services Boardroom. Plan to bring a salad or dessert. We will ask for your reservations a week ahead of the event.

Board Meetings

March 5 and April 2
3 PM
Monterey City Library

INTEREST GROUPS

AFTERNOON BOOK GROUP

Coordinator: Carolyn Bazzani
(bgoodcarolyn@msn.com)

Tuesday, March 10, at 2:00 PM
Those Who Save Us, by Jenna Blum
at the home of Cathy Rossing
RSVP: little54cat@aol.com

Tuesday, April 14, at 2:00 PM
The Land of Invisible Women, by Qanta A. Ahmed
at the home of Kathleen Stacey
RSVP: yecats@aol.com

EVENING BOOK GROUP

Coordinator: Kathleen Wall
(wallplus@aol.com)

Mar 19, at 7:00 PM
The Winter of Our Discontent, by John Steinbeck
Leader: Marge Simmons
Hostess: Jacqui Davis 625-1058

April 16, at 7:00 PM
Shadow of the Wind, by Ruiz Zafan
Leader: Mez Benton
Hostess: Kathleen Wall, 333-9635

BRIDGE GROUP (NEW)

Coordinator: Ann Donaldson
(anndonaldson@redshift.com)

Friday, March 13, at 1:00 PM
Canterbury Woods, PG
Leader: Christy Yarr, 657-4197

*****Join us!*****

We had a fun first afternoon of bridge on Feb 13. Please consider joining as a member or a sub. We meet the 2nd Friday each month. Call or email Ann or Christy.

ROMANCING THE COAST

Coordinator: Jan Smyth
(janzeek@hotmail.com)

Friday, March 27, 10:30 AM

Tour of TAFM Library at **CSUMB** and other adjacent points of interest, followed by private lunch and meeting with CSUMB President and Provost.

(See article page 5)

April 24, 11:30 a.m.

We will be having a very special tour of the recently reopened **Royal Presidio Chapel (aka San Carlos Cathedral)** in Monterey. This presentation is very timely because after having been closed for quite awhile for reconstruction, the Cathedral Chapel was reopened just three months ago.

The Tour will be given by the head docents, Mr. & Mrs. Hornor ("Jerry & Kay"). **You will not want to miss this program.**

Lunch 11:30 at P.F. Chang's We'll sit at tables of two or three so bring cash to make paying easier as one check per table.

Tour at 1:15 at San Carlos Cathedral

RSVP: janzeek@hotmail.com by April 20th.

COUPLES GOURMET

Please mark your calendars to save Friday, June 4, 6 PM, for our annual couples gourmet planning and TGIF party to be held at the home of Wayne and Karen Snow, 1141 Mestres Dr., Pebble Beach, phone 375-5220. More details to follow in the Messenger.

Community Events

MARCH

March 6 - 8 Dixieland Monterey, various venues in downtown Monterey. 888 DIX-MTRY

March 24 - 29 Pebble Beach Spring Horse Show at the equestrian center. 624-2756

APRIL

April 4 - 5 Good Old Days, Pacific Grove celebrates its Victorian heritage, music, arts and crafts and more. 373-3304

April 17 - 19 Annual Wildflower Show, Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History. 10-5 648-5716

April 26 Big Sur International Marathon along a most beautiful and challenging course. 625-6226



Grant Award for Local Scholarships

Monterey Peninsula Volunteer Services has awarded a \$1000 grant to AAUW MPB Local Scholarships. The award will assist in funding scholarships to CSUMB in Spring, 2009. MPVS is an all-volunteer organization of women dedicated to community service. Since 1950, they have provided over \$3 million to local non-profit organizations. MPVS' principle funding resource is a Thrift Shop at 656 Broadway Avenue in Seaside. In appreciation for their support, please consider donating usable clothing and merchandise to this outstanding organization.



ROMANCING THE COAST

Friday, March 27, 2009

Tour of TAFM Library at California State University at Monterey Bay

We will be given a guided tour of the new TAFM Library at CSUMB, plus, a tour of some of the adjacent points of interest on campus.

Next, we will have a private lunch in the Extended Hours Café in the Library. In addition, we will be meeting with CSUMB President Harrison and Provost Cruz-Uribe.

Let Sharon Hoffman know if you wish to discuss any specific topics so she can forward them to the President's office in advance.

The cost of the lunch will be \$15.

For reservations send a check to Sharon Hoffman 3071 El Toro Rd. Pebble Beach, CA 93953. Please make your reservation by **Monday, March 23, 2009**. Call or email Sharon if you need a ride so a meeting place can be set up. 373-5011 / sshoff@aol.com

Schedule:

10:30 AM	Guests arrive at TAFM Library (Parking Permits to be provided for Lots 17 and 21.)
10:40-11:30 AM	Guided walking tour of library and adjacent points of interest on Campus
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM	Private Lunch in the Extended Hours Café in the Library; meeting with President Harrison and Provost Cruz-Uribe.

PROPOSED BY-LAW CHANGES

AAUW Monterey Peninsula Branch Proposed By-Law changes for 2009 — listed below are the major changes proposed by our Board with the most salient major changes noted. If any member wishes to discuss these, or propose any further amendments, they must be sent to me before the annual meeting.

Sharyn

ARTICLE VI. FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION

Section 7. The annual budget shall be adopted by the board of directors **and notice of same shall be given to the branch for approval by the branch.**

Section 8. (Add) **Branch members shall be notified yearly of their right to a copy of the financial report.**

ARTICLE VII. OFFICERS

Section 1. (Add) Legal Advocacy (after Educational foundation and before communications).

Section 2. (Major change*) **The elected officers shall be a president, or official representative, membership vice-president, secretary and treasurer.**

Section 3. (Major change*) **The appointed officers shall be Directors for LAF, EF, Local Scholarships, Public Policy, Communications and Programs. They shall be appointed by the President with the consent of the Board of Directors.**

Section 4. (Major change*) **Officers shall serve for a term of two years or until their successors have been elected or appointed and assume office.**

Section 5. **No elected officer shall be eligible to serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office. No appointed officer, with the exception of the Programs, Local Scholarships, Public Policy and communications shall be eligible to serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office.**

Section 6. (Last sentence shall read:) **A vacancy in the office of president shall be filled by the membership VP, secretary or treasurer, in respective order.**

ARTICLE IX. NOMINATIONS (nominating committee)

Section 2. **Members shall serve a term of two years for a maximum of two consecutive terms.**

ARTICLE X1. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. (Major change*) **The board of directors shall include the elected officers and the following appointed directors of the branch: LAF, EF, Local Scholarships, Public Policy, Communications and Programs. All elected officers and appointed directors constitute the voting members of the board. There shall be no fewer than 10 and no more than 15 directors for any fiscal year.**

Section 3. **Meetings of the board shall be held at least seven (7) times per year.**

Section 5. **The quorum of the board shall be a majority of its voting members. Co-officers shall be considered as one voting member of the board.**

ARTICLE X11. MEETINGS

Section 1. **There shall be at least seven (7) general membership meetings each year.**

Section 2. **The general membership meeting held between April 1 and May 31 shall be designated the annual meeting.**

Section 5. **The quorum shall be 15% of the branch membership.**

In addition, we have adopted the lawyer-recommended wording used by the San Jose branch in ARTICLE XVII INDEMNIFICATION — as we are an incorporated branch. Also, anywhere our full branch name is included, we need to add INC. at the end due also to our charter. To read the full wording of this amendment, go please to our website.

ARTICLE XVII. INDEMNIFICATION

Section 1. Liability. Subject to any limitations contained in the California Corporations Code, there is no monetary liability on the part of, and no cause of action for damages shall arise against, any volunteer director or officer of the corporation based on any alleged failure to discharge the person's duties as a volunteer director or officer if the duties are performed in accordance with the standards of conduct provided for in the California Corporations Code.

Section 2. Indemnification.

- (a) **Right of Indemnity.** To the fullest extent permitted by law, this corporation shall indemnify its directors, officers, employees, and other persons described in Section 7237(a) of the California Corporations Code, including persons formerly occupying any such position, against all expenses, judgments, fines, settlements, and other amounts actually and reasonably incurred by them in connection with any "proceeding," as that term is used in that Section, and including an action by or in the right of the corporation, by reason of the fact that the person is or was a person described in that Section. "Expenses," as used in this bylaw, shall have the same meaning as in Section 7237(a) of the California Corporations Code.
- (b) **Approval of Indemnity.** On written request to the Board by any person seeking indemnification under Section 7237(b) or Section 7237(c) of the California Corporations Code, the Board shall promptly determine under Section 7237(e) of the California Corporations Code whether the applicable standard of conduct set forth in Section 7237(b) or Section 7237(c) has been met and, if so, the Board shall authorize indemnification. If the Board cannot authorize indemnification because the number of directors who are parties to the proceeding with respect to which indemnification is sought prevents the formation of a quorum of directors who are not parties to that proceeding, the Board shall promptly call a meeting of members. At that meeting, the members shall determine under Section 7237(e) whether the applicable standard of conduct set forth in Section 7237(b) or Section 7237(c) has been met and, if so, the members present at the meeting shall authorize the indemnification.

AAUW DIRECTORY CHANGES

Please make these additions and corrections to your current AAUW Directory (gold cover). For quick reference, we suggest you make the additions and corrections within the listings and also attach this article in the back of your Directory.

Additions / New Members:

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Silvia Gentili

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Changes / Corrections to Directory:

June Armstrong: email should be armstrj@aol.com

Jean Bennett: email should be bnnttjn38@verizon.net

Donna Gauvreau: city should be Pebble Beach

Catharine Goldwasser: email should be cathygld@qwest.net

Nancy Selfridge: delete email address and second phone number, (831) 624-1287

Please send any corrections to your personal listing in the Directory to Sally Hekkers, swhekkers@sbcglobal.net. If you can't find your Directory, contact Sally and we'll try to replace it.

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