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## CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS:

For more information on any event, click the appropriate link found in "In This Issue", in the column at the left.

\*March 4, 10:30 am - [Romancing the Coast](#) tours the Monterey & Salinas Valley Model Railroad and Railroad Museum, 28 Station Place, Salinas.

\*April 15 - Deadline for May/June newsletter articles to [Caryl Rojas](#)

\*April 16, 1:30 - 3:30 pm - [Branch meeting](#), CSUMB, Alumni & Visitors Center, 5108 Fourth Avenue, Marina (at Inter-Garrison & General Jim Moore Blvd) Topic - Title IX. Speaker is Wendy Smith.

## BOOK GROUPS

### Morning Books

Coordinator: Kathy Poulson

Location: Canterbury Woods

Mon, March 21, 10 am

Our Souls at Night

by Kent Haruf

Leader: Miriam Lilley

Refreshments: Christy Yarr

Mon, April 18, 10 am

Let the Great World Spin

by Colum McCann

Leader: Christy Yarr

Refreshments: LaVerne Whitmill

### Afternoon Books

Coordinator: Carolyn Smith

Tues, March 8, 2 pm

The Nightingale

by Kristin Hannah

Hostess: Ann Wilson

RSVP: [awilsonpb@gmail.com](mailto:awilsonpb@gmail.com)

Tues, April 12, 2 pm

Brooklyn

by Colm Toibin

Hostess: Beth Crittenden

RSVP: 626-8339

### Evening Books

Coordinator: Kathleen Wall

Tues, March 15, 7 pm

Fingersmith

by Sarah Waters

Hostess: Miriam Lilley

RSVP: [miriam@smlilley.net](mailto:miriam@smlilley.net)

Leader: Donna Foote

Tues, April 19, 7 pm

All the King's Men

by Robert Penn Warren

Hostess: Mary Conway

RSVP: [m.conway@comcast.net](mailto:m.conway@comcast.net)

Leader: Christy Yarr

\*April 23, 9:00 am - ~3:00 pm - Romancing the Coast spends the day in San Juan Bautista.

\*May 21 - Branch meeting, House of Four Winds, 540 Calle Principal, Monterey  
Topic - Privateer Bouchard and the Battle of Monterey. Speaker is Michael Sovereign.  
Also the annual meeting to elect the new board.

There is no March Meeting.

## APRIL BRANCH MEETING: Title IX

Date: Saturday, April 16

Time: 1:30 to 3:30

Place: CSUMB Alumni & Visitors Center

5108 Fourth Avenue, Marina, CA 93933

(corner of Inter-Garrison and General Jim Moore Blvd on the edge of Campus)

Speaker: Wendy Smith, Title IX Coordinator

To celebrate our new relationship with CSU Monterey Bay, we are hosting a dessert reception and talk with Wendy Smith, the Title IX Coordinator and the Discrimination, Harassment and Retaliation Prevention Administrator for CSUMB.

You will also have the opportunity to mingle with members of the student chapter, CSUMB faculty and staff as well as our Salinas branch. Bring a friend so they can get to know the many aspects of AAUW.

Wendy will speak about her work as the Title IX Coordinator on the CSUMB campus, where she reports directly to the President, Dr. Eduardo Ochoa. This should be a great opportunity to understand how the law that AAUW National helped to pass is being implemented on the largest college campus in Monterey County.

## New Afternoon Book Group

Due to popular interest, I am hosting an organizational meeting to form an additional afternoon book group since the current one is filled. It will be held on Monday, March 7, at 1:30 PM at my home. Please let me know if you plan to attend. All AAUW members are welcome.

Carolyn Smith  
4063 Los Altos Drive  
Pebble Beach  
625-5256  
[stacaro@aol.com](mailto:stacaro@aol.com)

You are encouraged to car pool as parking fees are enforced 24/7/365. For a map, click [here](#).

Cost: Prepayment of \$15.00 per person, non-refundable after April 9. Please mail payment to:  
Fatima Dias  
783 W. Franklin St, Monterey, 93940.

Students who are part of the CSUMB Chapter can attend at no cost but reservations are requested. For questions or student reservations, call Fatima at (831) 917-4693.



## BOARD MEETINGS

March 3  
April 7

4:00 PM

Monterey City Library

## PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Dear Members,

Recently we received a list of inventions by women, which was quite an eye opener. Some - the car heater, dishwasher, and electric refrigerator - we take for granted as necessary modern conveniences, but equally as important are the telecommunication technology and computer software created by women. Women have worked hard to break barriers, and AAUW has always supported the creativity of women - be it in the STEM fields or the arts. Because women represent only five percent of all museum art work, AAUW holds an annual art contest to support and encourage that creative endeavor. Three of our members submitted work to the national art contest this year. We

## Member Directory

## Online Directories:

Remember: The password to our password-protected online directory on our website is on the third page of your purple directory. This is where all of our members' contact information is readily accessible.

(<http://mpb-ca.aauw.net>)

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## NEW MEMBERS:

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## New Member Bios

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hope that you were able to support them with your votes.

Thank you to Jane Cross for organizing the informative January meeting and to Sharyn for working on the IBC meeting in February. Make sure to put the April meeting that will focus on Title IX on your calendar.

Thank you, also, to our nominating committee, under the leadership of Pat Fletcher, that has done a great job finding a slate of officers for the next two years. Thank you to all of you who responded positively to their calls.

February has been an incredible month - rain, sunshine, Super Bowl, AT&T, Valentine's Day, Presidents' Day, and gray whales. Wishing you wonderful months ahead!

Miriam and Sharyn

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Every 2 years a nominating committee puts together a slate of officers to be elected at our annual meeting, as our branch is a corporation. Per our bylaws, the only 4 positions elected by the general membership are: President, Membership Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. Below, please find the slate put forth by the committee. Other nominations may be made, with permission of the nominee. We will vote on this slate at our meeting on May 21, 2016.

### Slate

Co-Presidents: Pat Fletcher  
Nancy Soule'

Co-Membership VPs: Nancy Edwards  
Pat Gotch

## Loma Livernois

Loma grew up in Imperial Valley, California. She attended Cal Poly, SLO, then returned to Imperial Valley, working with the County Social Services Department. She was an Eligibility Supervisor for 9 years. Moving to Monterey County, she completed her degree at Chapman University. She and husband Joe lived in Prunedale for 35 years, moving to Monterey in 2015. She worked for Monterey County Social Services for 30 years, retiring in 2009.

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## Harriet Lynn

Harriet is experienced as a producer, artistic director, and performing artist, appearing in theatres and national commercials. Her memberships include theatre alliances and museums, producing and directing in both museum theatre and senior theatre. She has had her own one-woman show in the U.K. and in the U.S. She holds a B.F.A. in Dance and Theatre from The Boston Conservatory and an M.S. in Administration from the University of Maryland University College. She and her husband moved to Pebble Beach in 2015.

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## Diana Y. Paul

Treasurer: Kathy Poulson

Co-Secretaries: Miriam Lilley  
Kathleen Wall

A big THANK YOU goes to the members of the nominating committee for working so hard to fill all the elected positions, as well as the directorships, that make up the voting members of your Monterey Peninsula Branch Board of Directors. You will note that there still are a couple of positions without leadership. Please consider offering your services to our branch. REMEMBER: this is an all volunteer organization and it is yours! It doesn't run without volunteers at all levels.

### Directors

Program Planning: Fatima Dias

AAUW Funds: Kristin Searle

Legal Advocacy Fund: Ann Donaldson

Local Scholarship: Joanne Webster

Public Policy: Lucy Campen

Communications Director: Caryl Rojas

## PUBLIC POLICY

AAUW was represented at National Press Club's Newsmaker News Conference in January to speak on policy trends in the fight to end campus sexual assault.

Linda Upmeyer is the first woman to become Speaker of the Iowa house.

Diana was born in Akron, Ohio. She graduated from Northwestern University with a degree in both psychology and philosophy, and from the University of Wisconsin-Madison with a PhD in Buddhist studies. A former Stanford University professor, she is also a novelist and the author of three books on Buddhism. Her short stories have appeared in several literary journals and she is now working on a second novel. She lives in Carmel with her husband, Doug, and two cats, Neko and Mao. Diana and Doug enjoy visiting their two adult children, Maya in S.F. and Keith in L.A.

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## Charlene Setlow

Charlene attended Kinman Business College, Spokane, WA. She programmed IBM keypunch machines. She moved to Salinas, working for the Salinas Union High School District. She became operations manager at a savings and loan, then a programmer at an insurance company. At MPC and Hartnell, she earned several Associates degrees and a Certificate of Data Processing, then taught computer classes there. Graduating from San Jose State, she became a Software Engineer. In 2013, she retired after nearly 40 years in IT. She and two brothers manage scholarships for graduates from their home town high school who pursue STEM

NASA's class of astronauts is 50% women for the first time in history.

A survey of women with at least 10 years of work in the tech industry shows that 60% say they have been sexually harassed and 84% said they have been told that they were "too aggressive".

Many companies lack gender diversity in the U.S. Only 12% of board seats and 16% of executive positions are held by woman.

Births among low income women in Texas have increased after a prolonged campaign against abortion and family planning in Texas.

Department of Homeland Security named January as National Slavery and Human Trafficking Awareness Month.

Lucy Campen, Public Policy Chair

## Local Scholarships Program Update

Service and Support: Our AAUW branch will help serve our community by staffing a polling place in PG for the Tuesday, June 7, Primary election. Volunteers donate the moneys they receive to the AAUW Local Scholarship program, which raises at least \$850 for our scholarship program from each election. If you are able to work a 3-4 hour shift at the election, please contact our dedicated AAUW Inspector, Tama Olver, at [tamaolver@gmail.com](mailto:tamaolver@gmail.com) or 869-2748.

Sandra Zuniga Ruiz: Sandra was a scholarship recipient and part of our STEM panel last March. We have received a report that she is going into a PhD program! Our congratulations and best wishes to her in her academic journey.

Proposed Bylaw Change: The AAUW-MPB Local



careers.

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## Maureen Vieth

Maureen grew up in San Carlos and attended UC, Santa Cruz and graduate school at Claremont University. Her career in teaching/administration was in Lodi primarily. She became an elementary principal in Petaluma City Schools, then science coordinator for Novato schools before retiring and moving to Napa. In August they moved to Monterey. Her husband, a daughter, son, and son-in-law are also educators. Interests are their 8 week old puppy, gardening, and traveling.

## The AAUW-MPB Website

<http://mpb-ca.aauw.net>

## The AAUW-CA Website

<http://aauw-ca.org>

Scholarship program receives direction from the local AAUW Board, but it is a separate 501(c)(3) entity from the branch and has a separate set of bylaws. Changes to the Local Scholarship bylaws must be voted upon at an AAUW General Meeting. At the May 21st General Meeting, attendees will be asked to vote on the following changes to the Local Scholarship bylaws. The purpose of the changes is to gain flexibility in the size of the Local Scholarship Committee. The committee is currently restricted to three members. The requested changes to the bylaws allow for a flexible committee size to adapt to the interests and programs of the organization over time. Please contact Pat Fletcher at [pletcher\\_ca@yahoo.com](mailto:pletcher_ca@yahoo.com) if you would like to receive a full copy of the current bylaws.

### Proposed Changes:

1. Change this text in Article II. Government from:

"The Local Scholarship Program governance shall be comprised of a chairperson plus three members, one of whom shall serve as treasurer." to:

"The Local Scholarship Program governance shall be comprised of a chairperson plus a minimum of two committee members, one of whom shall serve as the Local Scholarship Treasurer."

2. Change the first duty of the Local Scholarship chairperson in Article XI. Duties from:

"1. To select three members to serve on the committee."

to:

"1. To select a minimum of two members to serve on the committee."

Pat Fletcher, Local Scholarship Director

TECH TREK

This is the AAUW California website. The members-only section requires the following:

User Name: member  
Password: aauwca

## May - June Messenger

Please send articles for the May - June newsletter to Caryl Rojas at [rojas@ultimanet.com](mailto:rojas@ultimanet.com) by April 15.

## TAX DEDUCTION REMINDER

Don't forget that if you paid the full \$85 annual dues, \$46 of your dues is tax deductible when you prepare your tax returns! For the Shape the Future new members, that deduction is \$21.50. Also, donations to our charity funds are tax deductible!

Nancy Soulé, Treasurer

We are in the process of choosing two 7th grade girls who will receive our Monterey Peninsula Branch AAUW scholarships to attend Tech Trek Grace Hopper Summer Camp at Stanford University, July 3-9, 2016. Thirty-six girls from four different Middle Schools were nominated by their math or science teachers. Applications were due by February 26, to be read by the committee on March 2. Ten girls will be chosen then and interviewed on March 19.

Charlene Setlow, a new AAUW member, has established a scholarship in memory of her mother, Louise V. Setlow, funding one Tech Trek scholarship per year (worth \$900). Charlene is now on the Tech Trek Committee, taking part in choosing the girls who will attend the Grace Hopper Camp. We are very grateful for this wonderful contribution to the program. Charlene actually contributed \$1,000 this year, to "sweeten the pot", as she said. She is passionate about young women learning math and science skills, as she was not encouraged in these areas as a young woman, and had to work very hard to achieve her goals. She says, "As I worked diligently getting my education, working one or more jobs, as my mother did, while going to school part-time solidified my conviction to help other women avoid this arduous trek; hence my involvement with AAUW and support of young women's attendance in Tech Trek camps." Her mother was denied access to high school, having helped deliver a younger brother. Eventually she worked her way through school and helped a younger sister to graduate. See Charlene's bio under New Member Bios.

Marilyn Erickson, Tech Trek Coordinator

## ROMANCING THE COAST

### March - Railroad Museum

Date: Friday, March 4

Time: 10:30

Location: Monterey & Salinas Valley Model Railroad and Railroad Museum

28 Station Place (next to Salinas Amtrak Depot)  
Salinas



For a map via the Salinas Hwy (68), click [here](#).  
Lunch after at First Awakening on Main Street.

RSVP: Sandy Grimmer at 375-9275 or  
[smcdgrim@aol.com](mailto:smcdgrim@aol.com)

## April - San Juan Bautista

Date: Saturday, April 23

Time: 9:00 am to 3:00 pm (approximately)

Location: San Juan Bautista

Join us for a day in historic San Juan Bautista!  
We'll see the Biannual Succulent and Cactus  
Show, San Juan Bautista State Historic Park,  
and the Mission. We'll also enjoy an authentic  
Mexican lunch. We can carpool.

RSVP: Nancy Edwards, 831 375-0093, by April 9

## HUMAN TRAFFICKING REPORT

If you missed the January branch meeting on human trafficking, it's a pity. Deborah Pembroke gave an outstanding report on the issue. You can see a summary of her talk by clicking on [this link](#).



Deborah Pembroke and Jane  
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## AAUW ART CONTEST 2016

Three of our branch members entered art in this year's contest. Voting for their works closed on February 29. We eagerly await the results. Once again, here are their entries.

### Mary Conway



"Grains of Sand in  
Tentacled Time"



"This Is My Home"

### Alana Myles



"Girl with  
Rooster"

### Katie Spitz



"Early Winter"



"Point Lobos Morning"

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## WILDFLOWER RUN

### Sunday, April 3, 2016

For you runners, the Morgan Hill branch is having their annual Wildflower Run. Here is their information.

Fundraiser for AAUW Fund, Tech Trek and local scholarships for women and girls.

10K USATF Certified Run, 5K Run/Walk/Stroller, and Kids' 2K Fun Run

NEW: Senior 2K Run/Walk (ages 60+)

Family and Group rates

Live Oak High School in Morgan Hill

Free Jamba Juice Smoothies and T-shirts

Details and registration at [WildflowerRun.org](http://WildflowerRun.org)

Register online at [racemine.com](http://racemine.com) or [active.com](http://active.com) or by mail.

Reduced registration fees through March 24

