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MARCH BRANCH MEETING

Connecting Young Women to STEM

Join us for our March meeting and meet five young women working in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) fields. Discover how they prepared for college and career. This program is designed to connect

BOOK GROUPS

Morning Books

Location: Canterbury Woods

Mon, March 16, 10 AM

Home before Dark

by Susan Wiggs

Leader: Miriam Lilley

Mon, April 20, 10 AM

Small Blessings

by Martha Woodroof

Leader: Valda Fletcher

Afternoon Books

Tues, March 10, 2 PM

Euphoria

by Lily King

Host: Ann Wilson

RSVP: awilsonpb@gmail.com

Tues, April 14, 2 PM

Under the Wide and Starry Sky

by Nancy Horan

Host: Kathleen Stacey

RSVP: yecats123@comcast.net

Evening Books

to both members and to young women interested in STEM.

Know a young woman in middle or high school who's interested in STEM? Please invite her to come and give her the opportunity to network with our presenters and visit campus.

Saturday, March 21, 2015

CSU Monterey Bay

Tanimura & Antle Family Library

Building 508, Room 1180 (on the first floor)

Cost: \$10 for adults, \$5 for students (youth)

Send payment by March 10, made out to AAUW-MPB, to Mary Conway
22 Cramden Drive
Monterey, CA 93940.

8:30-9:00 Registration and Coffee

9:00-10:30 Panel Presentations

Tenley Lubarsky, Architect

Kate Conway, Mechanical Engineer

Sandra Zuniga Ruiz, Masters student, Mathematics

Lesley McGurk, Mechanical Engineer

Anne Gable, Biomedical Research Scientist

10:30-10:45 Break

10:45-11:45 Small group discussions with individual panelists and optional tour of CSUMB science or technology labs.

APRIL BRANCH MEETING

Peninsula Women Who Are Homeless; What's Being Done

The face of homelessness now includes many working women as well as older women. This has become a major concern in our community and we have brought together three local experts to help us understand the issue and learn what AAUW might do to help. Please join us for an interesting discussion and consider bringing a friend.

Panelists:

Michael Reid - Fund for Homeless Women at
Community Foundation

Mary Ellen King - Resource Coordinator

Tues, March 17, 7 PM

Frog Music

by Emma Donoghue

Hostess: Karen Weill

Leader: Fatima Dias

Tues, April 21, 7 PM

On Gold Mountain

by Lisa See

Hostess: Marge Simmons

Leader: Kathleen Wall

Gathering Place

Karen Araujo - iHelp for women

Saturday, April 18, 10:30 am - 12:15 pm

Monterey Public Library Community Room, 625 Pacific Street

There is no cost to attend. However, please RSVP by April 15 at AAUWMonterey@gmail.com or to Fatima Dias at 917-4693.

We will suggest a restaurant where we can meet afterwards, if we wish, to lunch together and continue the conversation.

PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

It doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure out that our future job market is tied to technology, and it certainly doesn't hurt to be one. The national organization is emphasizing interest in the STEM fields (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics). Because it is encouraging women and girls to enter the STEM fields, Symantec Corporation has donated \$100,000 to AAUW to "develop a cyber security core class for middle school girls interested in STEM."

In keeping with the national agenda, our branch is having several general meetings centered on the STEM fields. Our annual January potluck featured an AAUW research fellowship recipient who is an astrophysicist. Kristin Searle did a stand-out job of organizing the event. Thank you so much, Kristin, for going above and beyond with beautiful decorations and attention to detail. At February's IBC meeting that co-president Sharyn Siebert organized, we did find out what it takes to be a rocket scientist from Jennifer Rhatigan, and a mechanical and aerospace engineer from our member Claudia Luhrs. Thanks to all of you. In March, our program committee is organizing a community outreach event centered on STEM with several young women speaking about their careers in those fields. Our branch is inviting girls from the peninsula including Girl Scouts and Tech Trek participants, as well as the Salinas branch, to participate in this event at CSUMB. It promises to be a fascinating presentation. Again, thank you to our outstanding program committee of Fatima Dias, Mary Conway, and Kathleen Wall.

We want to send get well wishes to all of our members who are not well or are recovering from accidents. We

BOARD MEETINGS

March 5

April 2

4:00 PM

Monterey City Library

Directory

Remember: The password to our password-protected online directory on our website is on the second page of your blue directory. This is where all of our members' contact

accessible.

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

NEW MEMBER:

Nan Sherburne
22 Country Club Gate
Pacific Grove, CA 93950
(831) 655-1004
nsherb@juno.com

**The AAUW-MPB
Website**

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

New Member Bio

Nan Sherburne

Although born in Carmel, her dad was in the Army, so the only time she really lived here was her first two years while he was in WWII.

After that, they moved about every two years. She went to Mt. Holyoke in MA for two years, then to UC Berkeley for a BA (Physiology).

She married Tom Sherburne in 1968. They have three children (Lisa, Amy in PA, and Mark in Boston) and a grandson. Tom also was in the Army, and they lived in some

hope you all have a healthy, happy spring.

Miriam and Sharyn

March Romancing the Coast

Members and guests, women and men; there are 5 seats left on the Movie Tour bus, Saturday, March 7! Come join us for a tour of local locations - spots on our peninsula where movies were made.

Clips of those movies will be shown on the bus. Round trip from the Monterey Conference Center 10 am to 2 pm: \$50.

A special lunch is available at the Tap Room for an additional \$28.

Call Sandy Grimmer (375-9275) and then send her your check made out to her, at 1247 Surf Ave., PG 93950

April Romancing the Coast

The April outing is Point Sur Light Station on Saturday, April 25. Cost is \$12 per adult.

We will be taking a docent-led tour which takes 3 hours. People join the tour on a first come, first served basis, so we need to be at the gate off Highway 1 (west side) 30 minutes before the 10:00 a.m. tour, which is 9:30. We can car pool from the Crossroads parking lot behind Starbucks (Highway 1 at Rio Road). We'll meet at 8:45. The tour takes 3 hours and afterwards we will have lunch at Ventana Inn. The path to the lighthouse is paved but steep, and there are 2 sets of stairs. Walking shoes are highly recommended. Weather is changeable and windy, so dress in layers and bring a sun hat.

RSVP to Nancy Edwards by April 17th. 375-0093

PUBLIC POLICY

AAUW is supporting THE HEALTHY FAMILIES ACT which would allow workers to earn job-protected paid sick time. AAUW asks you to urge your members of Congress to support THE HEALTHY FAMILIES ACT.

year at DLI in Monterey, Indonesia, AZ, Panama, PA, Okinawa, and VA. They moved to Pacific Grove in 2004 and love it here! They have a cabin in Maine, where they go each year for about five months (yes! during the summer and fall - good weather!) and get to see their east coast families.

Save the Date

May Romancing the Coast

Romancing the Roses

Corralitos Market and Roses of Yesterday and Today

Friday, May 22, 9 am

Looking Waaay Ahead

As you know, we usually have our picnic during August. Last year it was a lunchtime salad and dessert potluck at the Carmel Valley Community Center. As we begin to plan for this summer's event, we'd like your input on location, timing, format, etc. Please email Fatima Dias at AAUWMonterey@gmail.com

or talk to Fatima, Mary Conway or Kathleen Wall

New research suggests that electing more women to Congress may be the key to ending the partisan stalemate. Male respondents to a nationwide survey were LESS likely to engage in cross-party discussion and to consider other people's reasoning.

TEACH SAFE RELATIONSHIPS ACT of 2015, if passed, would mean the public health education classes would have to include information on preventing sexual assault, domestic violence, and dating violence.

Jan. 29 was the 6th anniversary of President Obama signing the LILLY LEDBETTER FAIR PAY ACT. The law was a first step. THE PAY CHECK FAIRNESS ACT and other legislation are being introduced to give employees and employers concrete tools they need to make real progress.

EQUAL PAY DAY is April 14th. This is the symbolic day when women's earnings will "catch up" to men's earnings from the year before.

Lucy Campen
Public Policy Chair

Local \$cholarship Update

Hurray! Springtime is the BEST for Local Scholarships! Spring brings the awesome task of reviewing our Local Scholarships applications and determining our winners. We will be awarding five \$2,000 scholarships (two at MPC, three at CSUMB).

It is very rewarding to learn about the young people working so hard to complete their degrees and make a difference. Volunteers are needed to form two committees to narrow down our applications from each school to our finalist list and then interview the finalists. The first review meeting is generally three hours and interviewing is another three hours. Times are scheduled to work with the volunteers' schedules. We will process applications for Monterey Peninsula College during April. CSUMB applications will be processed from mid-May to mid-June. If you are able to help out, please contact me (Pat Fletcher) at pfletcher_ca@yahoo.com or 324-4118 to volunteer.

Sandra Zuniga Ruiz, one of our 2013 recipients who is now teaching and getting her Masters in Math at San Jose State, will also be one of the panelists for our March 21st Branch Meeting. Come on out and meet her

Thank you!

Pat Fletcher, Local Scholarship Director

WELCOME, CARYL!

Caryl Rojas has agreed to be our new Messenger Editor. After 10 years as your editor, I am happy to pass the baton to Caryl. I thank you all for your articles and know you will continue your good support for Caryl. Good luck, Caryl!

Thanks,

Ann

May-June Messenger

Send articles for the May-June newsletter to

Caryl Rojas
at rojas@ultimanet.com by

April 15.

AAUW History on the Monterey Peninsula

The California Room at the Monterey Public Library has our history, carefully collected and preserved in a secure climate-controlled room, made accessible to scholars and the public for research. It is readily available to us!

This collection is sifted from 60 years of scrapbooks of what we have done, the fun we have had along the way, and is a revelation of the power of women in our branch of AAUW and our accomplishments.

To access this collection you need to do the following:

- **Make an appointment.** Contact Dennis Copeland (646-3741), the Mtry Library/Mtry City Archivist. You may be referred to Jeanne McCombs (646-1995).
- **Specify what records** you are researching. The AAUW History is file number ARC 572, listed as "Inventory of American Association of University Women, Monterey Peninsula Branch; Collection 1954/1999, Collection 2000/2007, and Collection 2009/2014."
- **Schedule date and time** to do research.
- **Start at the General Reference Desk.** Show ID. You will be ushered upstairs to the CA Room; a staff member must unlock the door. Materials specified and CA Room Archivist or designated Staff will be ready for you.

This is OUR HISTORY, carefully collected over the years by our historians, by our current historian Nancy Iversen for a good many of those years. You will be amazed by the photos, clippings, and stories. We can be proud to be associated with such an illustrious group and our archives give us an appreciation for how far we have come.