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## Annual Picnic

Whispering Pines Park  
Pacific and Alameda Streets, Monterey  
Sunday, August 23, 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM

Join us for a potluck picnic lunch with good food and interesting friends new and old. In addition to your spouse or significant other, please consider inviting a friend who may be interested in joining AAUW.

Please bring:

- \* A yummy dish to share with 8-10 people - bring whatever you'd like, sweet or savory. Don't forget a serving utensil!
- \* Plates and utensils for yourself (and your guests).
- \* Drinks and cups -- we will have water to share.

Please RSVP to Fatima at [AAUWMonterey@gmail.com](mailto:AAUWMonterey@gmail.com) by August 21.

We'll have the picnic tables set up and waiting. Looking forward to a festive event to kick-off the AAUW year.

## BOOK GROUPS

### Morning Books

Location: Canterbury Woods  
The Blue Room

Mon, May 18, 10 AM

*All the Light we Cannot See*

by Anthony Doerr

Leader: TBA

Mon, June 15, 10 AM

*Still Alice*

by Lisa Genova

Leader: TBA

### Afternoon Books

Tues, May 12, 2 PM

*Mission to Paris*

by Alan Furst

Host: Judy Ritchie

RSVP: [judy.ritchie@icloud.com](mailto:judy.ritchie@icloud.com)

Tues, June 9, 2 PM

*The Signature of All Things*

by Elizabeth Gilbert

Host: Carolyn Smith

RSVP: [stacaro@aol.com](mailto:stacaro@aol.com)

Tues, July 14, 2 PM

*How Much Do You Love Me*

by Paul Tag

Host: Betty Van Meter

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Tues, August 11, 2 PM

*The Lady in Gold*

by Anne-Marie O'Connor

Host: Carolyn Bazzani

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### Evening Books

## AAUW Programs Reach Out

From bright young women who defied stereotypes to succeed in male dominated fields, to women on the margins of society, our March and April programs covered the gamut of issues affecting women today.

### March STEM Meeting



March's program featured five talented young women sharing their experiences as an architect, mechanical engineers, biomedical research scientist and math grad student to a rapt audience of young middle and high school girls and AAUW members. It's inspiring to see the culture of women helping women in action. The speakers included nieces and daughters of Mary Conway and one of our scholarship recipients who made careers in STEM more accessible to our attendees. Learn more in the Herald's coverage [here](#).

### April Homeless Women Meeting

Tues, May 19, 7 PM

*The Art Forger*

by B.A. Shapiro

Hostess: Christa Rutsche

Leader: Christy Yarr

Tues, June 16, 7 PM

*The Goldfinch*

by Donna Tartt

Hostess: Mary Conway

Leader: Informal discussion,  
potluck and planning meeting

Tues, August 18, 7 PM

Call Kathleen for  
information 831-920-7626



Our April program brought together three local experts on homeless women and a great showing of members and potential members. Similar to STEM, homelessness among women is another issue AAUW is interested in on the national level. Several discussions of possible collaboration have sprung up from the connections made at the panel. Read the Herald's [story](#) - they made a correction to the original story to include our part.

We're eager to get started on planning for next year so please send your ideas to Mary [Conway](#), Kathleen [Wall](#) or Fatima [Dias](#).

## PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Dear Members,

Every day we are reminded of what a wonderful place the Peninsula is to live, where mama harbor seals tend their newborns and purple ice plant dazzles the eye. Similarly, when we look back over this year, we are grateful for our AAUW board and members who have all, in their own quiet ways, accomplished so much for this organization and the community.

Our program committee has done an impressive job. The March meeting, "Young Women in STEM," was an outstanding success, attracting many high school and junior high girls as well as members of the CSUMB community. The speakers were poised, articulate, informative, and connected well with the audience. We applaud the program committee for taking on an event of this scope and reaching out to the community; it was an unforgettable experience. Our April general meeting also looked beyond our own organization to explore the issue of Women and Homelessness, with the speakers making concrete

## BOARD MEETING

May 7

4:30 PM

home of Miriam Lilley

There will be no more board meetings again until September.

## 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 information is readily accessible.

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

### NEW MEMBERS:

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suggestions on how people can help ameliorate this situation. Thank you so much Fatima, Mary, and Kathleen for working so hard to make this a memorable year.

Currently, our membership stands at 100 members, thanks to the diligence of our membership co-chairs, Nancy Edwards and Pat Gotch. To help integrate new members and make them feel welcome, we will be instituting a mentorship program, assigning each one a mentor from our branch. Please tell Pat or Nancy if you know someone who has just joined and that you would be willing to give her a call to tell her about the interest groups or invite her to a general meeting.

Finally, we would like to give a round of applause and our gratitude to Ann Donaldson, our newsletter editor for the last ten years. She has decided to retire from that position, and Caryl Rojas has graciously agreed to take it over.

If any of you are interested in helping on any of the committees, we welcome your participation. Have a wonderful summer and we will see you at the picnic in August.

Miriam and Sharyn

## May Romancing the Coast

### Romancing the Roses

Corralitos Market

Roses of Yesterday and Today

Friday, May 22, 9 AM

We will carpool from the Home Depot parking lot, in front of McDonalds at 9 AM. It is about a 45 minute drive to Corralitos (just above Watsonville).

Our first stop will be Corralitos Market which butchers their own meats and smokes an amazing variety of sausages. We can get sandwiches there or bring your own for our picnic at the rose garden. If you decide to buy other products such

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as their thick cut apple smoked bacon, grass fed beef or some of their sausages, we can stop back on our way home, or bring a cooler.

Just a few miles up the road is Roses of Yesterday, four acres in a redwood grove with 230 varieties of roses that should be in full bloom. We can also buy roses while we are there. The gardens were begun by Englishman Francis Lester in 1930 and continued by the Wiley family since 1948. The three sons of Patricia Stender Wiley have run it since 1998. Check out the website [rosesofyesterday.com](http://rosesofyesterday.com) to read all about the history, see wedding pictures of one son's wedding to Guenivere, and photos of the roses they sell. In May there are no bare root plants available, but one and five gallon plants are for sale.

A family member will be at the gardens to be our guide. After the tour, there are picnic tables where we can enjoy our lunches.

Call Carol at 372-0120 to reserve your place. There are no entry fees.

**This will be the last Romancing the Coast event until September.**

## **PUBLIC POLICY**

Let your member of Congress know how you feel about the Lilly Ledbetter Paycheck Fairness Act.

Voting for AAUW Board of Directors, Public Policy Program, and AAUW By Laws starts April 15. Watch for an email with your secure voting link. Voting must be completed by May 8.

Lucy Campen  
Public Policy Chair

## The AAUW-MPB Website

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

## New Member Bio

### Betty Crowder

Betty moved to Pacific Grove and became a full time resident in late 2009. She was born in Georgia and grew up in Alabama and Virginia. After graduating from Virginia Polytechnic Institute, she joined the Peace Corps as a volunteer and served for two years in Micronesia in the northern Pacific. This began a life-long love of the Pacific. Betty worked for Varian Associates and Hewlett-Packard in the Bay Area, and upon retirement she joined the Peace Corps again, this time as the Country Director for the Kingdom of Tonga for 3.5 years. While at Varian and at Hewlett-Packard, she earned her MA and EdD degrees. Betty and her husband love to travel but especially love living on the Monterey Peninsula.

## Local Scholarship Update

### Local Scholarships Able to Offer Sixth Scholarship

We are excited to announce we have received a \$1500 grant from First United Methodist Church of Pacific Grove. We really appreciate their support, and we encourage all of you to support The Church Mouse Thrift Shop at 204 17th St in Pacific Grove. Store proceeds funded our grant. These funds allow us to offer another \$2,000 scholarship at CSUMB!

We will report in the fall on our scholarship winners. We will be reviewing CSUMB applications in mid-July. We are still looking for 1-2 additional team members. There would be one 3-hour meeting to select semi-finalists, and one 3-4 hour time period to interview the finalists and make our decision. Contact Pat Fletcher at [pfletcher\\_ca@yahoo.com](mailto:pfletcher_ca@yahoo.com) or 831-324-4118 if you would like to join our team.

Pat Fletcher  
Local Scholarship Director

## MEMBERSHIP

Welcome to Spring and membership renewal time! This is the year in which California AAUW's dues increase takes effect. They have increased dues from \$16 to \$20 a year. So the dues structure for 2015 is:

National - \$49  
State - \$20  
MPB - \$16

This makes a total of \$85. Pat Gotch and Nancy Edwards will be sending out membership renewal envelopes in early May and as always your prompt return is much appreciated.

## TECH TREK SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

## Save the Date

Join us for a New Member Reception the afternoon of Saturday, September 26. Our venue is the enchanting Casa Serrano where we will welcome new members and also enjoy a brief tour of the treasures found in this charming adobe.

## Romancing the Coast Gets Published

The Californian published an article by our member, Jennifer Fultz, on the trip to Star Market. The link is as follows:

[www.thecalifornian.com](http://www.thecalifornian.com)

## Thank You Ann!

Ann Donaldson spent 10 years as the Messenger Editor. She

Isabel Reed from Carmel Middle School and Allison Gray from Buena Vista Middle School will be attending AAUW's Camp Marie Curie at Stanford University this summer. Our branch sends two seventh grade girls each year to this Tech Trek Camp, which furthers our mission to encourage the education of all women.

This year the core classes are in Physics in Motion, 3-D Math, Forensic Science, Marine Biology, Cyber Security Sleuthing, and Computer Coding. The girls spend one week, July 12-18, at Stanford living in a dorm to attend classes in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM).

Our branch received a grant from Yellow Brick Road which will pay for one full scholarship of \$900. The money for the other scholarship was raised at our fundraiser last October.

We will have our Fundraiser in 2015 on Sunday, October 18, at the home of Lucy Campen, 10 White Tail Lane, Monterey, from 2-4 pm.

A total of 76 girls from the Bay Area extending down to Monterey will benefit from this incredible program. Only a girl who has won an AAUW Tech Trek scholarship can attend.

Marilyn Erickson  
Tech Trek Coordinator

## Gourmet Dinner Planning

Ladies, it is that time of year when we do the planning for next season's Gourmet Dinner interest group. Jeff and I will again host the event at our home on Friday, June 5, starting at 6 PM. As usual, you are asked to bring a heavy appetizer and a bottle of something to share. In addition, come with your ideas regarding themes upon which we may vote. Remember that we choose four. If you are unable to attend, you may still forward ideas to be considered.



learned the program "from scratch", overcoming all obstacles, and evolved the newsletter to what you see today. She has done an amazing job and her shoes will be hard to fill. We wish her well in whatever new endeavors she may pursue. Thank you, Ann.

Caryl

## Sept.-Oct. Messenger

Send articles for the  
September - October  
newsletter to

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August 15.

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If you need directions, let me know. "Head-in" parking is encouraged for maximum usage.