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## March Monterey & Salinas Branches' Meeting

### *“Beyond Cannery Row”*

*the history of some of our early women immigrants in Monterey*

**Speaker:** Dr. Carol Lynn McKibben – Author and Professor  
Dr. McKibben will talk about some of the women who helped form our early Monterey communities.

**Date:** March 10, 11:30—2:30 PM, reservation deadline March 3.

**Place:** Rancho Canada, Carmel Valley Road

**Menu:** Carmel Valley Baby Greens Salad  
Grilled Fillet of Salmon, Rice and Seasonal Vegetables  
Fresh Baked Lemon Bar  
or  
Vegetarian Choice of a Portabella Mushroom Entrée  
All entrees come with fresh rolls and butter, fresh brewed coffee, tea or decaf.

**Cost:** \$24.00

Dr. McKibben is an enthusiastic and stimulating speaker. A quote from the cover of her book “Beyond Cannery Row” :  
“McKibben’s study of gender and gender roles shows that it was the women in this community who had the insight, the power, and the purpose to respond and even prosper amid changing economic conditions.”

Contact Kathleen Stacey at 649-4602 with your questions. Reservation form on Page 7.

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## April Branch Meeting

### *“Women’s Health Issues”*

**Speaker:** Stephanie Taylor, MD

**Date:** Tuesday, April 17, 7:00 PM

**Place:** Canterbury Woods Auditorium, 651 Sinex Ave, Pacific Grove

Dr. Taylor emphasizes the integration of Western and Complementary Medicine. Her focus is on prevention of illness and the promotion of vibrant ongoing health and well being. Her website is very interesting:  
[www.womenswellspring.yourmd.com](http://www.womenswellspring.yourmd.com).

The public is invited to attend. Call 372-0659 for more information.

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*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

This is a heartfelt thank you to the nominating committee especially to Karen Snow, Judy Cunningham, Betty Van Meter, Judy Ritchie, Ruthann Donahue and Kathy Rossing and to all who made suggestions, or agreed to serve on the 2007-08 board. The slate appears in this newsletter and we will vote to approve it at our April meeting.

One of the great things about AAUW is getting to know and work with so many smart and talented women. Many of you enjoyed the work of our artist members at the February meeting, but we also have historians, musicians, gourmet cooks, party planners and bibliophiles among our members who are willing to share their gifts and talents. For many years Sheryl Mueller has used her outstanding computer skills to update our website and send all points bulletins to all of you, but Sheryl feels its time to pass the baton. We thank her for an outstanding job.

Vickie Davidson, our corresponding secretary, now has all your e-mail addresses on her computer and will do alerts, but we need someone to keep our website current. We know one of our members has the technical skills to do this. Please call Sheryl to find out what the job entails and call me if you have the time and motivation to volunteer. The website is vital to getting our message out to the public and communicating with our members.

*Susan Murphy*



### AAUW/MPB Slate of Officers 2007-08

President - Susan Murphy

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Vickie Davidson, Catherine Coleman

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Britton, Marge Simmons

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Ann Grant

LAF Vice-Presidents - Sandy Grimmer,  
Natalie Hungerford

We will vote on this slate at the April branch meeting at Canterbury Woods.

### Community Events

March 2-4, Dixieland Monterey at several venues in the downtown area. 888-349-6879

March 8, Colton Hall's birthday, free and open to the public. 646-5640

March 23-25, Next Generation Jazz Festival will feature young, up-and-coming musicians. 373-3366

April 12-15, Sea Otter Classic Cycling Festival, Laguna Seca Raceway. 755-4899

April 22, Multiple Sclerosis Society "rainmaker" walk and run. 1-888-I-Shop-DM

April 29, Big Sur International Marathon, plus 21 mile power walk, and 10.6 mile walk. 625-6226

**Directory Update** Mary Ann Grant's email: [makgrant@redshift.com](mailto:makgrant@redshift.com)

# INTEREST GROUPS

## Romancing the Coast

Coordinator: Jan Smyth

"**Artists at Continent's End: The Monterey Peninsula Art Colony, 1875-1907**", is the current show at the Monterey Museum of Art, Pacific Street. This wonderful exhibit has already been to the Crocker in Sacramento, the Oakland Museum and Santa Barbara. We now have the chance to see all our early artists in an extensive show. We'll meet at the museum at **11:00 a.m., March 23<sup>rd</sup>**. Following the exhibit we'll go to Point Joe's on Fremont for lunch, which has received great reviews from the Herald, as well as those who have tried it. For reservations, e-mail [janzeek@hotmail.com](mailto:janzeek@hotmail.com) or phone her at 373-0882.

On **Friday, April 27<sup>th</sup>**, our destination will be historic **San Juan Batista**, with a possible guided visit to the Mission and/or time to visit the many interesting shops, antique stores, and boutiques, followed by lunch at noon at a local restaurant.

We'll plan to meet at the Home Depot Parking Lot (out by the street next to the gas station) at **9:45 AM** in order to car pool. Please call Christy Yarr at 657-4197, or e-mail [ChristyYarr@comcast.net](mailto:ChristyYarr@comcast.net), by April 22, so she can make group luncheon reservations.

## Playreading

Coordinator: Sheryl Mueller

March 13, 7 PM at Sheryl Mueller's home. We will read *Breaking the Code*, by Hugh Whitmore. RSVP: [shyomu34@hotmail.com](mailto:shyomu34@hotmail.com)

April 10, 7 PM, same place, to read *Sabrina Fair* by Samuel Taylor. RSVP: see above

## Couples Gourmet TGIF Party —note change of date

Coordinator: Karen Snow

All gourmet couples, substitutes, and new members are invited to our annual planning get-together at the home of Wayne and Karen Snow, 1141 Mestres Dr., Pebble Beach, on **Friday, June 8, at 6:00 PM**.  
(cont. next column)

(Gourmet cont.)

Please bring a hearty appetizer, drink, and ideas for the 2007-08 dinner schedule. For more information and directions, call Karen at 375-5220 or email at [karensnowpb@aol.com](mailto:karensnowpb@aol.com).

## Afternoon Book Group

Contact Person: Carolyn Smith, [stacaro@aol.com](mailto:stacaro@aol.com)

Tuesday, March 13, 2007, 2:30 p.m.  
*The Grapes of Wrath*, John Steinbeck  
at the home of Jan Smyth  
RSVP: [janzeek@hotmail.com](mailto:janzeek@hotmail.com)

Tuesday, April 10, 2007, 2:30 p.m.  
*The Inheritance of Loss*, Kiran Desai  
at the home of Gail Dryden  
RSVP: [gdryden@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gdryden@sbcglobal.net)

Note: To allow all members to participate in our discussions and to be able to host meetings in members' homes, enrollment in afternoon book group is limited. At this time, we cannot accommodate new members but if you would like to join, contact Carolyn Bazzani ([bgoodcarolyn@msn.com](mailto:bgoodcarolyn@msn.com)) and your name will be placed on a waiting list.

## Evening Book Group

Coordinator: Kathleen Wall

March 15, 2007, 7:00 PM  
*The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini  
Leader: Christa Rutsche  
Hostess: Jacqi Davis  
4000 Rio Road #6, Carmel; 625-1058.

April 19, 2007, 7:00 PM  
*The Namesake* by Jhumpa Lahiri  
Leader: Mez Benton  
Hostess: Marge Simmons  
5th and Dolores, Carmel; 622-9640

## TGIF LAF Fund Raiser

**April 13.** See article page 5.



## PUBLIC POLICY

### CHILD CARE - OUR BRANCH PERSISTS

We've worked long and hard to keep the Child Care Center at the Presidio of Monterey open to the public and operating for community use. But our work isn't finished.

Did you know that:

- Our efforts date back to 1997?
- It was our AAUW Branch that played a community leadership role in acquiring the Presidio Child Development Center for public use?
- We worked in conjunction with four other non-partisan, non-profit organizations under the name "Peninsula Partners for Child Care"?
- We made many visits to the office of the Presidio Garrison Commander seeking his support for the project?
- We attended city council meetings and spoke in behalf of acquiring the center?
- Our AAUW Branch was instrumental in persuading the Monterey Neighborhood Improvement Committee to allocate the first \$100,000 for renovation of the center?
- We were represented on the selection committee that selected the initial operating firm?
- We were publicly thanked for our efforts by the Mayor of Monterey at the opening ceremony in the year 2000?
- Initially, funding for thirty-three child subsidies was received from the "Families First Project" (now known as "First Five"). Subsidies were for children of low income families.
- That we have appeared before the Monterey County Commission for Families and Children in behalf of sustaining funding for the center?
- The child development center at the Presidio is open to parents and children from all parts of the Monterey Peninsula?
- The center has an enrollment in excess of 100 children, ages five years and under?

So what now?

Our work continues. Monterey County funding for child care subsidies, which comes from the tax on tobacco, has been reduced from \$10,000,000 to \$4,000,000

for the entire county. (The tax on tobacco is serving its purpose -- tobacco sales have dropped.) As a result of the diminishing resources, the Commission for Families and Children will concentrate most funding on specific areas of the county where there are large populations of children under five and whose parents have low incomes.

The resulting reduction in funds for child care is sad. Ruthann Donahue and Mez Benton have been monitoring this situation.

Currently, there are nineteen children in the Presidio Center (now known as Children's Creative Learning Centers) who receive subsidy funding. It appears that funding will continue for at least fourteen of those children. We ask ourselves -- what will happen to the others?? What happens to children who have no access to safe care and early childhood educational opportunities?

Mez Benton, Public Policy Co-Chair

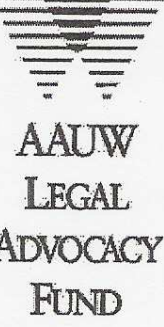
## SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

AAUW Monterey Branch has awarded two \$1200 scholarships to **Alma Garcia** and **Melissa Faye Pasa** for Spring, 2007. Both young women are juniors at CSUMB majoring in Liberal Studies with the goal of obtaining teaching credentials.

Alma is the daughter of field workers and a first generation college student. She has determination, bilingual skills and a cultural tradition that are certain to make her a valued contribution to the California teaching profession. In her personal statement she wrote, "My goals are to teach and help construct a better world with equality and justice for all."

In Melissa's statement she wrote, "I am committed to intellectual growth, advancement of women and equity for all women and girls." She has volunteered in Big Brothers/Big Sisters, YMCA camp, and the Boulder Creek elementary school tutors program. In our interview we were impressed not only by her 3.83 GPA but also by her maturity and optimism. Our branch is proud to continue support of young women who will be the leaders in the future.

Thanks to Phyllis Mosher, Judy Ritchie and Karen Snow for participation in the review of applications and the interviews of the five finalists. We had a large applicant pool and selected the finalists after interviews with the top five candidates. If you wish to participate in applicant review and selection for the CSUMB, MPC or girls, inc scholarships, contact Ruthann Donahue, Local Scholarships Director, 373-4197 or [ruthann@sbcbglobal.net](mailto:ruthann@sbcbglobal.net).

	<b>Yes, I want to support the AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund. My tax-deductible contribution of</b>
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#### From AAUW LAF Press Release 1-19-07

AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund Plaintiff Michael Burch was awarded \$725,000 for damages and attorney fees in a discrimination suit settlement with UC-Davis. He will not be reinstated as head wrestling coach and is not permitted to pursue employment at any school in the University of California system.

Burch is now the assistant wrestling coach at Brown University and a religious studies lecturer at Rhode Island College and the Rhode Island School of Design.

Burch filed suit in 2003 for Title IX violations. Burch claims that UC-Davis barred female participation in the wrestling program and terminated his contract after he showed support for the female wrestlers in 2001. Burch's case is supported by the AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund, the nation's largest legal fund focused solely on sex discrimination in higher education. AAUW also supports the female wrestlers in a separate Title IX suit against the school.

The AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund, a program of the AAUW Educational Foundation, is the nation's largest legal fund focused solely on sex discrimination in higher education. It provides funding and a support system for women seeking judicial redress for sex discrimination.

...LAF educates campuses and communities about continuing barriers faced by women and the legal rights, policies and strategies that can help eradicate sex discrimination in higher education.

Our branch is collecting donations for the **Legal Advocacy Fund**. Checks can be made out to:

#### **AAUW Monterey Peninsula Branch LAF**

Please use this form and mail your donation to **Sharon Hoffman, 3071 El Toro Rd., Pebble Beach, CA 93953**. A donation to the Legal Advocacy Fund is tax deductible.

**TGIF April 13, 6PM.** Sharyn Siebert is opening her charming and newly-remodeled Carmel home for an LAF fund raiser. \$5 per person donation, tax deductible. Bring an hors d'oeuvre and a beverage. Sharyn's home is on 11<sup>th</sup> Ave. between San Carlos and Mission – gray cottage with blue door (11<sup>th</sup> is about 1½ blocks from Sunset Center.) RSVP by 4/11, 622-0425 or [sharynsiebert@comcast.net](mailto:sharynsiebert@comcast.net).

## Who's Reading "What-Where"?

Which novel has your hometown chosen as part of the National Endowment for the Arts program, The Big Read? Go to [www.NEABigRead.org](http://www.NEABigRead.org) to see a map of the 72 American communities which are trying to restore reading to the center of American culture.

Our afternoon book group has chosen to participate in this NEA program by selecting the novel for our area, Steinbeck's *The Grapes of Wrath*.

Extensive documentation such as discussion questions and author information can be found at the NEA website.



## INSTALLATION LUNCHEON

New officers for the 2007-08 year will be installed.

Our speaker will be Yali Dai from China, an Educational Foundation Fellow earning her masters degree in Translation and Interpretation from Monterey Institute of International Studies. Our Local Scholarship winners will also speak.

DATE: Saturday, May 5, 2007  
 TIME: 11:30 Registration  
 PLACE: Beach and Tennis Club, Pebble Beach  
 PRICE: \$30, including tax and gratuity  
 LUNCHEON: Entree, tea or coffee, and dessert

CHOICE OF: Roasted Butternut Squash Gateau, **or**  
 Dungeness Crab Encrusted Blue Nose Sea Bass

NOTE: Only above are included; wine and other beverages are available but are not included.

REMEMBER: The toll is exempted if you tell the gatekeeper that you are attending an AAUW luncheon at the Beach Club.

PARKING: Please carpool or park at Casa Palmero parking area and carpool in from there. (OK to have some cars in club parking area) There is limited parking at the club, and there is an extra charge to provide shuttle service.



## March Reservation Form

***Monterey-Salinas Luncheon, Saturday, March 10, 2007***

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed find check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ person(s) at \$24.00 each

Entrée choice:    \_\_\_ Fillet of Salmon                    \_\_\_ Portabella Mushroom Entrée

**Cost:** \$24.00    Send check to AAUW-MPB, P. O. Box 1786, Monterey, CA 93942-1786

**Reservation deadline:** Saturday, March 3, 2007                    Make checks payable to AAUW-MPB

## May Reservation Form

***Installation Luncheon, Saturday, May 5, 2007***

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed find check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ person(s) at \$30.00 each

Entrée choice:    \_\_\_ Butternut Squash                    \_\_\_ Crab Encrusted Sea Bass

**Cost:** \$30.00    Send check to AAUW-MPB, P. O. Box 1786, Monterey, CA 93942-1786

**Reservation deadline:** Tuesday, May 1, 2007                    Make checks payable to AAUW-MPB

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