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## November Branch Meeting

### "Frances Elkins Live"

Thursday, November 11, 2:00 to 4:00 PM

Where: 10 White Tail Lane, Monterey CA

Cost: \$10

MPC instructor of interior design, Diane Bower, will share her expertise on Frances Adler Elkins (1888-1953), prominent among the legendary decorators of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Her influence can be observed in the beautiful rooms of La Mirada as well as other homes on the Peninsula, and San Francisco.

Tea, coffee, and cookies will be served. A field trip to La Mirada for those who wish to go after the talk is being arranged. There is a modest entrance fee to view the museum if you are not a member.

RSVP: Mail check payable to AAUW-MPB to Pat Gotch, 1114 Kenet Pl, Pacific Grove, CA 93950, by Friday, Nov. 5. Questions: 375-9865



## Holiday Gala



Sunday, December 12, 4:00 to 6:00 PM

At The home of Sherry Morse in Pasadera

420 Las Laderas Drive

Monterey, CA

*Please bring a bottle of your favorite beverage and an appetizer to share. Friends and family are most welcome. For additional holiday levity, we'll hold a silent auction of those gifted treasures we have all received and would love to "regift" Please bring something you've received and truly want someone else to have; the auction will benefit the general fund of AAUW-MPB. Plus, we'll have fun!*

*RSVP to Pat Gotch, 375-9865, or Sherry Morse, 646-6992*

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**AAUW's Mission**

*Advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research..*

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**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..*

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## PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

At this point in time, we are 87 women strong, on a mission to advance equity for women and girls through education. With this goal in mind, we financially support a number of projects through donations and fundraising.

We are presently selling \$10 tickets for Macy's Community Day on Saturday, Nov. 13. As in years past, our branch keeps the \$10 for each ticket and sends it on to our national organization to support the Legal Advocacy Fund. Last year we were able to contribute \$500 to this cause. Please buy tickets and sell them to your friends. It's a good deal for everyone.

Tickets are available from Joan Kiliany, 644-9344, joan.kiliany@comcast.net.

This year our branch was able to give four \$1,200 scholarships to women graduates of MPC who moved on to four year colleges and universities. As most of you know, we staff a polling place in Pacific Grove to fund these local scholarships as well as to contribute to the community and the elective process. We are grateful to Ruthann Donahue and Betty Van Meter for their continuing hard work in this area.

California is the only state in the national organization to sponsor Tech Trek, summer camps on university campuses that provide middle school girls a chance to explore the sciences. Thanks to member support we have been able to send a student for the last several years to Stanford. We held a TGIF fundraiser on Oct. 16 to get a chance to hear from our sponsored student and to raise some for the \$800 plus dollars it takes to sponsor a student.

The branch also contributes to the AAUW Educational Opportunities Fund which gives

post graduate women both from the U.S. and abroad an opportunity to continue their research and studies as well as provides project grants to members and branches.

With the economic downturn and fewer members it becomes more difficult to continue to support these causes and continue to serve our members with interesting programs. Our budget which includes the newsletter, directory and insurance is really tight this year. We are looking for fundraising ideas and members who are willing to implement them. If you have an idea please contact Susan or Sally or any board member. Thanks to you all for your continuing generosity and hard work.

Susan Murphy  
Sally Hekkers  
Co-Presidents

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### BOARD MEETINGS

November 4, 3 p.m.

Monterey City Library

December: No Board Meeting

## INTEREST GROUPS

### AFTERNOON BOOK GROUP

Coordinator: Carolyn Smith  
([stacaro@aol.com](mailto:stacaro@aol.com))

Tuesday, Nov 9, at 2 PM  
Book: *Every Last One*, by Anna Quindlen  
At the home of Ann Wilson  
RSVP: [awilsonpb@gmail.com](mailto:awilsonpb@gmail.com)

Tuesday, Dec 14, at 2 PM  
Book: *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet*,  
by Jamie Ford  
At the home of Judy Ritchie  
RSVP: [judy\\_ritchie@comcast.net](mailto:judy_ritchie@comcast.net)



### EVENING BOOK GROUP

Coordinator: Kathleen Wall  
([wallplus@aol.com](mailto:wallplus@aol.com))

Nov 18, at 7:00 PM  
Book: *Seasons of My Life*, by Madeline Albright  
Hostess: Mez Benton, 651 Sinex, PG; 372-3469  
Leader: Christa Rutsche

Dec 18, at 6:00 PM  
Dinner: Restaurant, TBA  
Book: (for fun only) *The Imposter's Daughter*,  
by Laurie Sandell

### ROMANCING THE COAST

Coordinator: Jan Smyth  
([janzeek@hotmail.com](mailto:janzeek@hotmail.com))

The group met October 1 and tentatively planned for the coming year. To sign up for e-mail announcements or more information, contact [janzeek@hotmail.com](mailto:janzeek@hotmail.com), (373-0882)

**November 19:** Tour of Annieglass factory in Watsonville at 11 am. (Wear shoes with closed toes!) We'll have lunch at Haute Enchilada in Moss Landing.

To reserve a spot and get information on carpooling contact [janzeek@hotmail.com](mailto:janzeek@hotmail.com) (373-0882)

**December:** Members will join the Branch at the Holiday Gala

### GREAT DECISIONS GROUP

Coordinator: Kathleen Stacey  
([yecats123@comcast.net](mailto:yecats123@comcast.net))

Kay Morris and Kathleen Stacey will be contacting members, to sign up for the Great Decisions Group. We order the books prior to December the 1<sup>st</sup> and start our discussions in January. Anyone interested, please contact Kay or Kathleen.

### GOURMET DINNER

Coordinator: Sharyn Siebert  
([sharynsiebert@comcast.net](mailto:sharynsiebert@comcast.net))

We have a request for a roving sub (if someone opts out at the last minute or whatever--) from a returning member: Laverne Whitmill would like to offer herself as this option. She can be reached at [lavwhit@comcast.net](mailto:lavwhit@comcast.net)





## \$495 to go!!

TGIF on Saturday, October 16th, at the Murphy's abode raised \$305 toward the \$800 needed to send a camper to Tech Trek 2011. Besides marvelous finger foods, everyone enjoyed meeting our 2010 camper, Brianna Sims, and her parents. Following a short DVD about July's one week math and science camp at Stanford, Brianna shared her experiences and favorite moments along with her photo album (which had squid "ink pens" in it - those of you who were there, did you see them?). One member commented, "I wish the whole branch could see what is going on with these young girls who are so lucky to participate in Tech Trek." A husband was overheard to say, "Let's give more, I'd like to see two girls get to go next year."

Donors should make checks payable directly to **AAUW CA SPF** or **AAUW California Special Projects Fund** with a memo *Tech Trek - MPB*. Such checks should be

sent to our local branch to be noted in our branch records. They will then be sent directly to the Tech Trek Camp Currie Treasurer. Checks must have the donors address on them so their donation can be acknowledged (please write in an address if it is not preprinted on the check).

"All donations to the AAUW CA SPF for Tech Trek are tax deductible to the donor. Donations of \$250 or more will be acknowledged by AAUW CA SPF directly to the donor." Our branch is appreciative and thankful for ALL donations - every dollar helps.

Wouldn't it be great to have enough money in our TT account to send TWO campers? (say AMEN!)

Phyllis Mosher , MPB Tech Trek Coordinator

## INTERBRANCH COUNCIL TECH TREK NEWS

Last February our branches collected money at our IBC luncheon in memory of Santa Cruz member, Nadine Winslow. Nadine worked with the Tech Trek program for many years, which included being a dorm mom at the Stanford Campus.

In August the IBC board designated the \$397.00 toward the new robotics equipment for the camps held at Stan-

ford. Robotics is a popular program with the girls and a wonderful way to put our money to a good use.

Thanks to all of you who participated.

Jane Amaral  
IBC Treasurer  
Watsonville Branch

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

At the present time our branch has 85 returning members and one new member for a total of 86. You might ask “why” have our membership numbers decreased this year? We have terrific programs and are doing great things for women’s education both locally and nationally. Perhaps we need to do a better job of getting the word out.

Karen and I are eager to hear your ideas for increasing membership. For our part we will put branch posters along with AAUW application forms at local libraries and recreation centers, including places like Canterbury Woods, Hacienda Carmel, Del Mesa. Please let us know if you have suggestions for other places where we could place posters.

We are planning two TGIFs early in 2011 and we encourage you to bring your significant other along with any potential members. These events will include a fundraising

appeal to help defray the expenses of our branch, such as publication costs for the Messenger newsletter and our annual directory. We will suggest a minimal donation, but more about the details later. Potential members, of course, can join anytime.

In the meantime, please spread the word about AAUW-MPB to your friends and colleagues and encourage them to join us.

Please continue to stay involved with AAUW through our monthly general programs and the interest groups as well. We appreciate your support.

Judy Cunningham (626-8845)

Karen Snow (375-5220)

Membership Vice Presidents

### LaVerne is back!

LaVerne Whitmill is rejoining AAUW, MPB, this year because she says she missed us. She has lived on the Monterey Peninsula for about 10 years and was previously a member of AAUW in the East Bay and here on the peninsula. LaVerne’s reputation for hosting lovely summer picnics in her garden is legend among members.

LaVerne started her professional life in insurance securities and later became a school psychologist, specializing in crises intervention. Currently retired, she volunteers her time as a Point Lobos docent and an ombudsman for the Alliance on Aging. She enjoys gourmet cooking, gardening, the outdoors (including camping), reading, opera, and theater. Her motto is “Be fully alive and fully awake. Live life intensely.”

Look for LaVerne at our coming events and give her a big welcome.

LaVerne’s telephone number is (831) 626-4866 and e-mail is [lavwhit@comcast.net](mailto:lavwhit@comcast.net)

### Meet Miriam Lilley

Miriam Lilley, a new member of AAUW-MPB, has recently returned to Monterey after a 35-year hiatus. She and her husband have recently bought a house with a garden and are looking forward to remodeling and landscaping challenges in their retirement.

With a major in English and Education, Miriam was originally a high school teacher, but after getting her masters degree taught English and English composition at the community college level. She is joining AAUW to stay active and involved. She loves gardening, reading, and volunteering. While living in Modesto, she enjoyed working as a docent at the McHenry Mansion, a restored Victorian, and would like to be involved in docent work here on the Peninsula. Miriam’s motto is “One day at a time.” In other words, don’t get overwhelmed.

Miriam’s telephone number is (831) 324-0636 and her e-mail address is [miriam@smlilley.net](mailto:miriam@smlilley.net)

## IN MEMORIAL

### Peggy Bates

Peggy Bates, an esteemed 50-year-member of AAUW, passed away September 14 at the age of 92 at her home on Jack's Peak in Monterey. She was well respected as a philanthropist and was involved in a long list of charitable causes since moving to the Monterey Peninsula in 1946.

"She gave of her time and talents. She is someone who chose not to live a life of affluence and comfort, but one of service," Chuck Harmon, head of York School, said in the Monterey Herald. In the same article, Rep. Sam Farr, D-Carmel, said, "Everyone knew Peggy Bates was a powerhouse. She had ideas and lots of creative vision. People listened to her." Farr's father, Fred Farr, then a state senator, encouraged Peggy to get involved in education on the Peninsula.

She was instrumental in the founding of Monterey Peninsula College. She served on several local boards of education and the first junior college district board. In 1960, Governor Pat Brown appointed her to the State Board of Education and as Trustee of the California State Universities and Colleges. She chose York School as one of her causes even though none of her children attended the school.

Peggy personified the role of citizen-educator during the 60 years she lived on the Peninsula. Among her passions were: conservation and the environment; child welfare and child abuse prevention; and educational opportunities for women. Her philanthropy was recognized with numerous awards and honors. She enjoyed travel, poetry and play reading

Born in New York City in 1918, she received her B.A. from Barnard College, her M.A. in American History from Washington University and she was a Ph.D. candidate in American History at Columbia University. She was predeceased by her husband, Talcott, in 1985 and by her daughter, Margaret Schieffelin, who died in infancy. She is survived by four sons, David Talcott, Seth Pardee and Charles Carroll, all of Carmel, and Anthony Stewart of Grand Junction, CO, seven grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

## SAVE THE DATE

**Saturday, Jan. 22**, for a potluck salad and dessert luncheon with an EF fellow speaker.

**Saturday, Feb. 26**, for our annual IBC event at Seascape resort. We will celebrate the 90th anniversary of a woman's right to vote by hearing 2 speakers -- our Sacramento lobbyist Charlotte Newhart, an entertaining and witty speaker, and Cynthia Matthews, a Santa Cruz councilwoman, detailing her grandmother's involvement in the woman's suffrage movement.

Do you . . . . .

**need a ride?**

**want to carpool?**

**(i.e. "go green!")**

Joan Kiliany has offered to coordinate drivers and riders for AAUW meetings. So do not stay home because you lack a ride, don't like to drive at night, get lost too easily, or just do not want to go alone! Also, if you have extra seats in your car and do not know who needs a ride, call Joan. She would love to get you together.

644-9344 or [joan.kiliany@comcast.net](mailto:joan.kiliany@comcast.net)

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