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## September Branch Meeting

### “Lunch with Belle”

Belle Yang, a writer and artist living in Carmel, will be our guest speaker. Belle has written and illustrated 6 books: two for adults, and 4 for children. She immigrated from China to the US when she was 7 years old. Her books chronicle her experiences with her family in China, and as a young immigrant child in the US. There will be an opportunity to purchase Belle's books after her presentation.

**Date:** Thursday, September 24, 2009

**Time:** 12:00 to 2:30 PM

**Place:** Rancho Canada Golf Club, Carmel Valley

**Cost:** \$23.00 “Chicken Mediterranean Roulade” will be served, or a Portobello mushroom, eggplant pasta dish.

**Reservation Deadline:** Sept. 17. See reservation form on page 7.

## October Branch Meeting

### “An Afternoon with Shakespeare”

**What:** Hamlet

**Where:** The Circle Theater (Lower level of the Pacific Repertory Theater)

**When:** Sunday Matinee — October 11, 2:00 PM

**Cost:** \$15, a discounted rate for AAUW

The Theater will reserve 20 seats, so first come, first serve!

Please mail your check for \$15 made out to PacRep to:

Pat Gotch  
1114 Kenet Pl.  
Pacific Grove, CA 93950

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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

Welcome back to our 2009-10 year with AAUW. We should be incredibly proud of our accomplishments last year, both nationally and locally! Locally, we supported Gateway Center (a residential environment for the developmentally challenged here on the Peninsula) and sent a camper to Tech Trek, as well as funding 4 scholarships! These achievements are all in line with our organizations mission of equity for girls and women, at all levels. Nationally, AAUW was instrumental in the push for the Lilly Ledbetter act. We also strongly supported the confirmation of our newest Supreme Court Justice.

We want to continue our strong advocacy, but realize that many of you are members because of our social and educational branch events. We plan to continue all of these group events, and your programming committee has already been hard at work planning this coming year's general membership meetings. (See the information elsewhere in this publication.) A couple of our meetings will be co-sponsored with or include other organizations, as a means of broadening our recognition, and as a recruitment tool. Any of you with prospective members, or organizations to suggest, feel free to invite them to our happenings. Sharing your joy in our activities with others is the easiest way to get new members!

*Sharyn*



### We Need to Know!

Please take a moment and review your entry in last year's AAUW Directory. We need to confirm this information for our records. If there are any changes in your address, phone number or e-mail, please notify Sally Hekkers, Membership, as soon as possible at [swhekkers@sbcglobal.net](mailto:swhekkers@sbcglobal.net) or 455-2852.

### Coffee, Friendship and of Course, Dessert

New and prospective members, the board and interest group chairs are invited to a "Meet, Greet" on **Sept. 30th** at 7p.m. at Susan Murphy's, 3278 Camino del Monte, Carmel Woods. Come and find out more about AAUW and our branch.

RSVP to Sally Hekkers, [swhekkers@sbcglobal.net](mailto:swhekkers@sbcglobal.net) or after Sept. 25 to [murphfam@redshift.com](mailto:murphfam@redshift.com) or 622-9289.

### BOARD MEETINGS

Sept. 3 and Oct 1

3 PM

Monterey City Library

## INTEREST GROUPS

### AFTERNOON BOOK GROUP

Coordinator: Carolyn Bazzani  
([bgoodcarolyn@gmail.com](mailto:bgoodcarolyn@gmail.com))

Tuesday, Sept 8, at 2:00 PM  
at the home of Sally Hekkers  
"An Afternoon with Chekhov." Readers are advised to buy the Wordsworth edition of Selected Stories or bring impressions of the stories they found in other editions.  
RSVP: [swhekkers@sbcglobal.net](mailto:swhekkers@sbcglobal.net)

Tuesday, Oct 13, at 2:00 PM  
*The Elegance of the Hedgehog*, by Muriel Barbery  
at the home of Kathleen Stacey  
RSVP: [yecats123@aol.com](mailto:yecats123@aol.com)

### EVENING BOOK GROUP

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

Sept 17, at 7:00 PM  
*Ireland*, by Frank Delaney  
Hostess: Mary Ann Grant, 622-0737  
Leader: Jacqui Davis

Oct 15, 7:00 PM  
*The Interpreter of Maladies*, by Jhumpa Lahiri  
Hostess: Christy Yarr, 657-4197  
Leader: Sharyn Siebert

### BRIDGE GROUP (still NEW)

Coordinator: Ann Donaldson  
([anndonaldson@redshift.com](mailto:anndonaldson@redshift.com))

Friday, Sept. 11, 1:00-4:00 PM, at Canterbury Woods in Pacific Grove. Lunch is available at 12 Noon for \$10. Email [anndonaldson@redshift.com](mailto:anndonaldson@redshift.com) or call 372-4251 (leave a message), by Monday, Sept 7, please.

We plan to continue to meet the 2nd Friday each month. However, we need more members and substitutes. Call or email Ann.

### ROMANCING THE COAST

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

The group meets to explore some event or place on the Peninsula, usually the fourth or last Friday of the month. Lunch at a nearby restaurant precedes or follows the meeting. All members and friends are welcome to attend the events. This is a great way to see old friends and meet new ones while learning more about our unique area. If you'd like to be on the e-mail contact list for additions or last minute changes and reminders, e-mail [janzeek@hotmail.com](mailto:janzeek@hotmail.com)

#### Planning Meeting

**Friday, September 25, 11:30**  
**Sticks Restaurant, Spanish Bay**

Come join others to plan our events for the coming year while we enjoy the good food and view. RSVP [janzeek@hotmail.com](mailto:janzeek@hotmail.com).

#### Friday Oct. 23, 10:30

We will meet at the home of **Susan Murphy**, to learn about the architectural background of Carmel. Then we'll tour via car to see several historic homes, entering some, including the First Murphy House, and driving by others. Sharyn Siebert and Susan Murphy will lead the discussion and tour, drawing on the Historic Architecture course materials from MPC. Lunch will be at **Jack London Pub**.

RSVP [janzeek@hotmail.com](mailto:janzeek@hotmail.com)

### ATTN: COUPLES GOURMET MEMBERS

Please correct the phone number for Pat Dege on the substitute list. Correct phone number is 375-6143. Correct address for the Davidsons on the sub list should be 15350 Oak Hills Dr., Salinas.

Thanks, Karen Snow

## OFFICERS & DIRECTORS FOR 2009—2010

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## SAVE THE DATE

### September

“Lunch with Belle” at Rancho Canada. See page 1.

### October

“An Afternoon with Shakespeare” at the Circle Theater. See page 1.

### November

“Treasures from the Basement” at the Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History, 7 p.m., Thursday, November 12

Come and listen to Lori Mannel, Museum Director, and Vern Yadon, Museum Director/Curator Emeritus, discuss their favorite rarely seen artifacts from the Museum collection. This event is co-sponsored by the Museum and AAUW, and is presented in conjunction with the special exhibit on display from September 15, 2009 to January 9, 2010.

### December

Holiday Gala! Dec. 13 at the home of Melanie Shebalin.

## SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

The AAUW Monterey Peninsula Branch awarded four \$1200 scholarships to local students. The scholarships will assist students who have completed at least half of their graduation requirements and show strong promise of graduating with an undergraduate degree. The committee received over 100 applicants for these awards and the selection process involved many hours of discussion.

Andrea Cortes and Diana Olivares received CSUMB scholarships. Ms. Cortes is a graduate of North Monterey County High School and is majoring in Liberal Studies. She intends to earn bilingual teaching credentials after graduation. Andrea currently volunteers as a California Mini-Corps instructional aide at the Los Padres Elementary School in Salinas. She writes to us, “Throughout my life, I have recognized the importance of education in the life of every woman. Your generosity is making a difference in my life as a student and as a woman. It is a great

honor for me to be considered by an organization like AAUW.”

Diana Olivares has an AA in Liberal Arts and Sciences and will graduate from CUSMB in 2010 with a degree in Social and Behavioral Sciences with a minor in Human Development. She volunteers with the P.U.P.I.L.S. program and tutors Pajaro High School students in English language development and written expression. She writes, “Thank you so much for helping me pursue a higher education and reach my goals. I feel really fortunate that an organization like the AAUW helps students like me to continue with their education.”

Members who volunteered on the CSUMB Scholarship Committee are Betty VanMeter, Susan Murphy, Margaret Smith, and Sharyn Siebert.

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## Community Events

### SEPTEMBER

Sept. 5-7 — Greek Festival, Greek cuisine, live music, dancing. Custom House Plaza 424-4434

Sept. 11-13 — Festa Italia/Santa Rosalia Festival, Monterey celebrates its rich Italian heritage. Custom House Plaza 625-9623

Sept. 12 — Seagate Triathlon, Sprint and Olympic events. Pacific Grove, 373-0678

Sept. 12-13 — Otter Days at the Aquarium, 648-4800

Sept. 13 — Great Sand Castle Contest, Carmel Beach between 10th & 12th

Sept. 18-20 — Monterey Jazz Festival, three days of continuous jazz, Monterey Fairgrounds, [www.montereyjazzfestival.org](http://www.montereyjazzfestival.org)

Sept. 23-27 — Cherry's Jubilee, hot rods, classic cars, and motorcycles, 759-1836

Always check the Weekly, Go and Pine Cone for interesting activities.

### OCTOBER

Oct. 1-2 — Monterey Wine Festival, Part 1 at the Aquarium and Part 2 at Hyatt Regency Monterey 422-0251

Oct. 3 — Butterfly Parade, school children in Pacific Grove honor the return of the Monarch butterflies. 646-6548

Oct. 4 — Fiesta Del Mar, Aquarium/s annual celebration of Latin American Culture and ocean conservation 648-4800

Oct. 11-13 — Robinson Jeffers Festival, readings, theater and music at Tor House and Hawk Tower. 624-1813

Oct 25 -- Carmel's 92<sup>nd</sup> Birthday — Parade, barbecue, music, at the Sunset Center, bring your costume.

Oct 31 — Pumpkin Pandemonium, Arts, crafts, costume contests, Del Monte Shopping Center 373-2705

Oct. 28-Nov 1 — Pebble Beach Equestrian Championships, 624-2756

\*\*New Websites to visit for the latest activity information:

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

[www.SeeMonterey.com/RoadTrip](http://www.SeeMonterey.com/RoadTrip)



## Historic Homes Tour

On Sunday, October 18th from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm the annual Historic Homes and Buildings tour benefiting Monterey Public Library will be held. Some very special private homes and San Carlos Cathedral and Cemetery are on Tour this year. What a good cause — with all proceeds going directly to our Library. What a lot of fun — an opportunity to enjoy the historic character of our charming Monterey and the legacy of its citizens, the businessmen, fishermen, writers, artists, and the dreamers who came before. Tickets available at the Library's front desk or through any Friends of the Monterey Library Board Member (including Joan). Thank you and hope to see you there. Joan Kiliany



## LEGAL ADVOCACY

At our May meeting, the Feather River Community College cases were discussed by the lawyer representing the 3 plaintiffs. Our membership was outraged at the egregious nature of these cases in the 21st century. These cases have again had their court dates delayed. Further info can be seen on the national LAF website,

[www.aauw.org/advocacy/laf/](http://www.aauw.org/advocacy/laf/)



**(Scholarships, cont. from page 4)**

Ashley Langford and Rick Barlow were awarded the Monterey Peninsula College scholarships. Ms. Langford will continue her studies in Interior Design with emphasis on Interior Architecture at San Jose State University. She is a member of the MPC tennis team and has designed murals for the life science and theater buildings at MPC. For the past year she has worked as an intern with a local architecture firm, who gives her glowing recommendations. She writes, "I can't begin to express my gratitude for the opportunity you have given me with this scholarship. This scholarship will help to make my dream of going to a four year institution a reality.

Rick Barlow is a 4.0 GPA student continuing at UC Santa Cruz. He intends to pursue his passion to become a high school or college math teacher. Rick is a nontraditional student who spent seven years working for Starbucks, rising to the position of manager. He volunteers as a math tutor at MPC and in Marina High

School and both institutions consider him a dedicated and talented teacher in a difficult field. In his thank you letter, Rick writes, "My experience working in local high schools gave me the opportunity to observe the subtle disparity that still exists in education with respect to gender. As future educator, I look forward to creating solutions that address education inequalities that still exist for girls and in inspiring the next generation of scientists and leaders to go wherever their academic curiosity takes them, regardless of gender."

Members who volunteered on the MPC Scholarship Committee are Sally Hekkers, Joan Kiliany, and Phyllis Mosher.

If you are interested in serving on the LS Committee or you are able to volunteer to work at the polls in support of our fund raising, please contact **Ruthann Donahue, 373 4197**. Also, donations to support these awards can be made directly to the AAUW-MPB Local Scholarship Fund.



## September Reservation Form

### Lunch at Rancho Canada, Sept 24, 2009

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

Enclosed find check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ person(s) at \$23.00 each

Entrée selection: \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken Mediterranean or \_\_\_\_\_ Portobello mushroom pasta

**Cost:** \$23.00 Send check to Pat Gotch, 1114 Kenet Place, Pacific Grove, CA 93950

**Reservation deadline:** Sept. 17th

Make checks payable to AAUW-MPB

**Note: All paid reservations are NON-REFUNDABLE.**

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