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January Branch Meeting

“Changing Needs for a Changing World”

Speaker: Col. Sue Ann Sandusky, Commandant and Installation Commander, Presidio of Monterey.
More info on this outstanding speaker on page 7.

Date: Thursday, January 29, 2009

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: Canterbury Woods Auditorium

Col. Sandusky will discuss the evolution of DLI over the last 67 years, as well as her personal career advancement. Guests are welcome.

February Branch Meeting

INTER-BRANCH LUNCHEON MEETING

“Travels with Steve—The Economic Impact of Cultural Institutions”

Speaker: Steven Hoffman, President and CEO of the National Steinbeck Center

Date: Saturday, February 21, 2009

Time: 11:30 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

Place: National Steinbeck Center, Salinas, CA

Cost: \$26.50 per person, which includes free admission to the Center, and a catered buffet luncheon featuring salads, poached salmon, tri-tip, side dishes, dessert, and beverages. Guests are welcome. This is a **great opportunity** to have a delicious lunch, hear an excellent speaker, see the Steinbeck Center, and meet AAUW members from Salinas, Watsonville, and Santa Cruz — all for one low price!

Deadline for reservations is **Feb. 12**. It will not be possible to take reservations after the 12th, so mark your calendars and send in your checks ASAP for this special event! (Reservation form page 7.)



PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

Dear AAUW members,

As I write this, I realize that this publication is for the year 2009. Wow, time has moved quickly! This year will bring a number of challenges in many areas, and also see some historic changes in our country. I am heartened to know that we, as individuals and as a branch, are supportive of those less fortunate in various ways. It is because of the deep friendships and connections that I have made through my membership in our branch that I chose to take on the responsibilities of president. My wish for all of you and those you hold dear that this year is one of peace and joy, and an ability to handle "the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune" as we move forward.

We share the grief of those who knew Marcia Devoe, an honorary life member, on her passing. We also salute and wish many more happy birthdays to our honorary life member Helen McCaig on the occasion of her 99th birthday. May we all be so agile of mind and spirit as Helen is when we reach her age! And a BIG THANK YOU, to Donna and Dave Gauvreau for sharing their lovely home for our holiday party.

Our program committee has put together a remarkable series of general membership meetings for our edification and enjoyment. Please note the dates and plan to support our hardworking program veeps!

I especially want you to note the exciting Inter-branch Council event we are privileged to host on Saturday, February 21st at The National Steinbeck Center. The CEO, Steve Hoffman, is to be our speaker, and he will be talking about their activities in the educational arena. There might even be an opportunity for us to participate in some of this work—fitting

into our organization's mission perfectly! I encourage all of you to mark this date on your calendar and make every effort to attend.

I look forward to seeing you all at these upcoming events.

Sharyn

AAUW's Mission
Advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research..

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..

Save the Date

March 8th at 2 p.m. the City of Monterey and our branch are celebrating the 160th birthday of Colton Hall. Come hear author, historian, and genealogist Jim Conway speak on "Women in Monterey History" in the room where the California Constitution was written and signed. If you are interested in being a hostess for the event please contact: Marge Simmons at 622-9640 or marges18@peoplepc.com.

April 22 at 7 p.m. at Sunset Center, for speaker Camille Kollees, Executive Director of the Bach Festival.

May 16. Join us at noon for a potluck lunch and LAF speaker Michael Terhost.

Board Meetings

January 8, 3 PM
Sharyn Siebert's Home

February 5, 3 PM
Monterey City Library

INTEREST GROUPS

AFTERNOON BOOK GROUP

Coordinator: Carolyn Bazzani
bgoodcarolyn@msn.com

Tuesday, Jan 13, at 2:00 PM
One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich,
 by Alexander Solzhenitsyn
 at the home of Jeanne Krener
 RSVP: jeanne.krener@yahoo.com

Tuesday, Feb 10, at 2:00 PM
The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society
 by Mary Ann Shaffer
 at the home of Jan Smyth
 RSVP: janzeek@hotmail.com



EVENING BOOK GROUP

Coordinator: Kathleen Wall
wallplus@aol.com

Jan 15, at 7:00 PM
How doctors Think, by Jerome Groopman
 Leader: Mary Ann Grant
 Hostess: Christy Yarr, 615 Sinex, PG, 657-4197

Feb 19, at 7:00 PM
Merle's Door, by Ted Kerasote
 Leader: Sharyn Siebert
 Hostess: Christa Rutsche, 372-7688

Mar 19, at 7:00 PM
The Winter of Our Discontent, by John Steinbeck
 Leader: Marge Simmons
 Hostess: Jacqui Davis 625-1058

BRIDGE GROUP (NEW)

Coordinator: Ann Donaldson
anndonaldson@redshift.com

New group forming, see page 5.

ROMANCING THE COAST

Coordinator: Jan Smyth
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 AAUW members and friends are welcome to attend the events. If you'd like to be on the e-mail contact list for additions or last minute changes, e-mail janzeek@hotmail.com.

Friday, January 30, 11:15 AM

"Exploring the Secrets of A Gourmet Chef"
 Dorothy Mc Nett at Clementine's
 Stone Creek Shopping Center
 Highway 68 and Canyon Del Rey Junction
 Time 11:15 AM Cost \$25
 Please make a payment reservation by Jan 10 to Cathy Rossing--372-8858 if questions (is correct in new roster.)
 Cost of buying food for demonstration requires prior to meeting payment. Thank you.

Friday, February 27, 10:00 AM

Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History

Sea Creatures Rediscovered: Monterey nature and underwater photographer Jason Bradley, in partnership with Monterey Bay Research Institute and Moss Landing Marine Labs, offers a rare look at life forms that teem in the cold and dark world in the depths of Monterey Bay Canyon. Bradley's exhibit, which documents the research of scientists from both organizations, will offer us a rare opportunity to see the specimens collected in the course of the work at MBARI and MLML.

Lunch will be at Bechler Patisserie, 1225 Forrest Avenue at **11:30**. If you haven't tried Bechler's for lunch, you're in for an unexpected treat. For more information or to make a reservation, e-mail paulajhiggins@sbcglobal.net.



PUBLIC POLICY

Where are the New Jobs for Women?

President-elect Barack Obama has promised to create 2.5 million new jobs through infrastructure projects in a new stimulus package. But many critics have spoken out wondering where the jobs for women are going to come from.

Constructions workers, who will see the biggest jump from infrastructure projects, are only nine percent women. Engineers will also see a rise in employment opportunities; however women only make up 12 percent of this field. Writing in the NEW YORK TIMES, LINDA Hirshman suggests that Obama should push the stimulus towards human capital projects. Investing in schools, libraries, urban youth programs, and social services would create millions of new jobs for women, where they make up large portions of the demographics. AAUW will be working in coalition with other women's groups to ensure that the concerns of women, especially poor women, are represented in this economic downturn.

In addition to creating more jobs in traditionally female fields, AAUW supports promoting and strengthening science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education, especially for girls and other under-represented populations. By doing so, more women could be employed in those fields in the future, as future generations of girls become actively involved in traditionally male careers.

These efforts will help increase America's competitiveness by reducing gender barriers that deter women from pursuing academic and career goals in STEM fields. To this end, AAUW will launch a major STEM study with funding from National Science Foundation. The study, which will be funded by a two-year, \$249,000 grant from the NSF, will focus on the causes and dynamics behind the low participation of women and girls in STEM fields. This is AAUW's fourth grant from NSF.

Excerpted from AAUW WASHINGTON UPDATE
Mez Benton,
Public Policy Chair



MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Congratulations to our branch and to all our members who have recruited new members. We are also benefiting from our website. As of Dec. 10 we have 99 members and should be over 100 by the new year. Remember you get the most out of your membership by being involved. Please add the following women to your directories:

June Armstrong 262-8156

Mary Conway 372-7994

Silvia Gentili 917-7574

Susan Steckclair (408) 996-7492

Susan is a dual member and also on the board of the San Jose Branch.

A special welcome to Silvia who is a graduate student at the Monterey Institute for International Studies. She is from Argentina and is working on a Master's degree in Translation and Interpretation. She has applied to our Educational Foundation for an International Fellowship.

2008-2009 AAUW Directory & Handbook

The new Monterey Peninsula Branch Directory & Handbook is off the press and has been distributed to branch members. In addition to listing our members and their contact information, the booklet includes: national, state and branch contact information; branch activities and a 2008-2009 calendar; local interest groups; and special branch activities.

Many thanks to **Ruthann Donahue** for her great work and diligence in seeing the Directory & Handbook through from start to finish. She received some assistance from Sally Hekkers and Susan Murphy.

Please notify Sally Hekkers with your corrections. Call her at 455-2852 or email her at swhekkers@sbcglobal.net. Changes will be printed in the Messenger newsletter.

Members, **please correct your own copies** when the corrections appear. To give you some practice, here are the first three corrections:

- (1) June Armstrong's email should be armstrj@aol.com
- (2) Jean Bennett's email should be bnnttjn38@verizon.net
- (3) Nancy Selfridge's second phone number (831 624-1287) and her email should be deleted.

Community Events

Year-Round Activities

Mondays -- Pacific Grove Farmers Market, Lighthouse Blvd.

Tuesdays – Old Monterey Farmers Market, Alvarado Street

Thursdays – MPC Farmers Market, lower parking lot

Sundays – Marina Farmers Market, Reservation Road

Monterey State Historic Park has a new schedule and the buildings are open for tours every day except Thursday which is set aside for school groups

Whale Watching Weekends through March at the 37 mile marker on Highway 1, Big Sur

January 1 – the 18th Annual Rio Grill Resolution Run, Crossroads shopping center, 645-4777

January 15-19 – Monterey Swing Fest, Hyatt Hotel, Monterey, (805) 937-1574

February 10-15 – AT&T Pebble Beach PRO-AM, 649-1533



New Bridge Group Forming

7 members have indicated interest in starting a bridge group; most could do either afternoon or evening. I will have an organizational meeting **Thursday, Jan 22, 1 PM**, at my house. I would like to have enough in the group for 2 tables. Are there any more of you who are interested in playing regularly or as a sub?

Ann Donaldson, 372-4251
115 Seafoam Ave, Monterey
or anndonaldson@redshift.com



Legal Advocacy Fund

Thanks to all of you who have made donations to LAF with your dues, by attending Susan Murphy's Open House and by purchasing tickets for Macy's Community Day. Thirty-one tickets added \$310 towards our donations of \$400 which has been sent to AAUW LAF.

Save the Date: May 16. Join us at noon that day for a pot-luck lunch and LAF speaker Michael Terhost at the Pebble Beach Community Services Boardroom.

Sincerely, Sandy

2009 AAUW National Convention will be 'BREAKING through BARRIERS'

AAUW-MO and the Local Arrangements Committee (LAC) in St. Louis are hard at work planning the details of hosting the 2009 AAUW National Convention at the Renaissance St. Louis Grand and Suites Hotel, June 26-28, 2009. This historic convention, themed "BREAKING through BARRIERS," will discuss and vote on issues related to membership requirements, dues payments, public policy issues, and much more. The results will have a momentous impact on who and what AAUW is to be in the coming years. You don't want to miss it! Check out the AAUW website for full details on the issues, the convention, and things to do in St. Louis: www.aauw.org/convention.

Convention registration began on December 1st and you DON'T want to miss out on Best Value Registration!* Hundreds of AAUW members are making plans to head for St. Louis next June to shape the future of our organization. The hotel has ample convention space, lovely rooms, great restaurants and is right in the heart of downtown St. Louis. The Cardinals will be playing ball, the Zoo is free, the Art Museum is world class, as is the Missouri Botanical Garden. Theater, opera and a great children's museum also await you.

At the convention we'll have welcoming activities on Thursday, stimulating workshops on Friday morning, First Timers' briefings, lively business sessions each day, dynamic keynote speakers, an exciting CEO Women Leaders luncheon, bylaws briefings, Meet the Candidates reception, elections for new officers, Taste of Success displays, the elegant banquet on Saturday night, and a final business session on Sunday morning. All this surrounded by the popular CyberStop, AAUW merchandise sales, our friendly AAUW Missouri hospitality and much more. We want YOU to have a GREAT time at the convention!

Please join us in St. Louis! Plan now to send branch members and delegates to convention by budgeting for it, appointing delegates early, discussing the issues and bylaws. Treat yourself to a mini-vacation at the historic Renaissance Grand Hotel where spa treatments, great restaurants, and lots of extras await you. Don't forget to invite your AAUW family and friends from across the country to "meet you in St. Louis" as we continue to 'break through barriers' for women and girls.

For additional information, you may contact the Local Arrangements Committee:

Lynne Roney, chair (lynneroney@sbcglobal.net), Diane Ludwig - local sponsorships (dbludwig22@aol.com), Pat Shores - volunteers/hospitality (apatriciashores@charter.net), and Julie Triplett - volunteers/hospitality (julietrip@charter.net)

**There is a SPECIAL Best Value registration fee of \$375 for those who register between December 1, 2008 and January 15, 2009. This is the same rate as the 2007convention two years ago! PLAN AHEAD and take advantage of this great deal!*

In Memorial

Marcia Frisbee DeVoe

August 12, 1917 – October 27, 2008

Marcia was a member of AAUW Monterey Peninsula Branch for over fifty years, serving in many offices and as our Monterey Peninsula Branch President for the 1988 – 1989 term. That year our branch had many interests: Books and Antiques, Bridge and Hiking, Networking and Women's Issues, and we ate a lot, as Gourmets, Simi- Gourmets and Out to Lunch and Dinner. In 1991,

our branch made Marcia one of our Educational Foundation Named Honorees.

After Marcia's retirement, from forty years of teaching, she gave many hours to the photographing and chronicling of the Cooper-Molera Adobe and its Historic Garden. She shared her slide programs with us and many other organizations. Many of her documents and memorabilia were given to the Monterey State Historic Park and the California Room of the Monterey Library, where our branch archives now reside.



“SURPRISE!”

Helen McCaig's 99th Birthday

COL. SUE ANN SANDUSKY

**Commandant
and
Installation Commander
Presidio or Monterey**



Colonel Sue Ann Sandusky is an Army Foreign Area Officer (regional specialist) for Sub-Saharan Africa. She served as the Defense and Army Attaché in U.S. Embassies in Liberia (1997-1998), Democratic Republic of Congo (1998-2001), Cote d'Ivoire (2001-2004), and Nigeria (2004-2006). Her most recent assignment was as the Director of African Studies at the U.S. Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, PA.

Her awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal with an oak-leaf cluster, Defense Intelligence Agency Director's Award and Department of State Superior Honor and Meritorious Honor Awards. A former world champion in international rifle shooting, Sandusky also holds the Distinguished International Shooter Badge, the Distinguished Rifleman Badge and the President's Hundred tab.

Col. Sandusky will be speaking to us in recognition of the 67th Anniversary of the founding of DLI.

February Reservation Form

Inter-branch Luncheon, Feb. 21, 2009

Name _____ Phone _____

Enclosed find check for \$ _____ for _____ person(s) at \$26.50 each

Cost: \$26.50 Send check to Pat Gotch, 1114 Kenet Pl, Pacific Grove, CA 93950

Reservation deadline: Feb. 12th

Make checks payable to AAUW-MPB

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Happy New Year!

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