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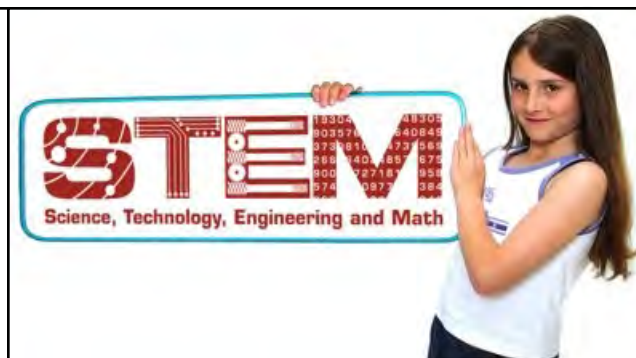
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Presidents' Newsletter

TECH TREK APPEAL

We need you! Middle school girls need you! Without you, Science, Math, education and future opportunities for girls, ages 12 to 14, in our local community will be lost. We need your leadership for our Tech Trek program.



Tech Trek is a weeklong science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) summer camp for rising eighth grade girls. The camp is designed to develop girls' interest, excitement, and self confidence in STEM fields. The camp immerses attendees in a world where they are empowered by their capabilities and encouraged to think about themselves as future scientists, engineers, mathematicians, and computer scientists.

Our Five Cities - Pismo Beach Branch has been honored with the leadership of Sue Singer and Liz Wineman over a decade, organizing and guiding the Tech Trek process. They have retired from this leadership role and are passing the Tech Trek leadership on to other Branch members. Sue and Liz have developed the materials and a timeline for a smooth and seamless transition of leadership. We simply need a group of dedicated AAUW Branch members to guide the Tech Trek Process. Call a friend and volunteer together.

How can we be true to our mission, beliefs and core values if we do not provide the Tech Trek program? Our TECH TREK program will be lost if we do not stand up and take a leadership role.

If you are willing to share your belief in the education of young girls in the STEM field contact Marilyn Corey 473-1928 or Jean Burns Slater 627-1845 immediately so that we can begin the support of this valuable program.

Thank you for your response.

Marilyn Corey and Jean Burns Slater

CALENDAR — September 2014

4	Lunch Bunch	11:30 a.m.
5	Daytime Book Club	11:30 a.m.
11	Quilters' Group	12:30 p.m.
14	Welcome Back Tea	2:00 p.m.
18	Finessing Fems Bridge	12:30 p.m.
19	Hand and Foot Canasta	9:30 a.m.
27	Cooking Together	5:30 p.m.
29	Great Decisions	7:00 p.m.
30	Scholarship Meeting	6:30 p.m.



September Welcome Back Tea and 35th Anniversary Celebration

Our first program of the 2014-2015 year will be a Welcome Back Tea, to be held from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 14th, at the lovely home of Karen Thomas. During this afternoon event, besides enjoying some tea and treats, the program overview for the year will be presented. Our new members will be introduced and interest groups will be able to share upcoming plans and news. Also, since this is the 35th year for our branch, we will have a birthday cake to celebrate.

An invitation to the Tea will be emailed to members in the beginning of September.



B-U-N-C-O

B-U-N-G-O?



Let's mix it up a little! For this year's game fundraising night we will be hosting **Bingo** at St. John's Lutheran Church on November 17th. The organizing committee has already begun forming sub-committees. We encourage members to sign up for one of the following committees: Refreshments, Silent Auction, Set-up and Clean-up, Boutique, Advertising, and more. For information or to volunteer contact: Susan Gray susang481@gmail.com or 710-5077.

MEMBERSHIP Vice Presidents' UPDATE

The transition has begun from Membership Vice President Judy Zaretska to Alice Addison. Judy Z. reports we had 14 new members during 2013-14! We welcome all the new members and extend our appreciation to all 78 members, new and renewed as of June 30, 2014. The very newest members from May – June will be presented by Judy to our branch members at the September Welcome Back event. Please get acquainted with these women: **Connie Rodgers, Anita Shower, Stacy Meko, Carol Nielson, and Ann Marie Kurrasch**. Invite them to join you in our interest groups – or start a new group so all fit in!

Now let us all be renewed! Our membership, yes, all of us are full of good ideas that make our Five Cities Pismo Beach Branch great. Please feel free to help more new members join us. You can start by inviting potential members to our program meetings in the fall. Contact Alice Addison if you know of a person interested in our AAUW Mission of supporting women and girls through philanthropy, education, advocacy, research, and leadership.

The new **2014—2015 Membership Directories** will be available for pick-up at the Welcome Back Tea and 35th Anniversary Celebration. Please pick up your directory at that time. If you cannot attend the Tea, maybe another Branch member could pick it up for you.



October Program Preview

The Monday, October 20th General Meeting will feature a panel of women professionals addressing the topic **Advancing Women Success in STEM Professions**. Our panel will include women from the fields of science, technology, engineering and math. We encourage our members to invite interested teenagers and community members to learn from this panel of path-finding women. The meeting will begin at 7:00 pm at St. John's Lutheran Church.

Abby Adams and Maureen Kelly, Co-Vice Presidents for Programs





College is beginning. Scholarship students are enrolling. Last spring our Branch gave 4 scholarships of \$1000 each to graduating senior girls from our local public high schools. Checks are being written for these deserving young ladies. You might ask, what can a scholarship of that amount mean to a graduating senior planning to attend a 4-year college today? We've heard from all our Spring

honorees and here are some of their answers.

Samantha Hernandez, our Winona Green Scholarship recipient writes, "Thank you for seeing potential in me and awarding me \$1000, I am truly grateful... Thank you for making it possible for students like me to go to college."

Madison Clift of AGHS writes, "The women of AAUW that I have had the pleasure of meeting are such caring, interesting, wonderful ladies and I can only hope to one day be as inspiring to others as they have been to me. This recognition has made me feel confident in my abilities and has motivated me to encourage young women like myself to always work hard at obtaining their goals and reaching for their dreams."

The Committee has been busy this summer planning for another exciting year of working toward our goal of awarding local high school seniors with scholarships to attend 4-year colleges and growing our Endowment Fund so that eventually scholarships can be given in perpetuity. Articles were published in local newspapers alerting the public to our scholarship program and asking for donations to help fund our scholarships. In addition, we completed an internal audit of the financial records for 2012-14 and found them to be in good order, with commendation to our Chief Financial Officer, Judy Zaretska. Our first meeting of the year will take place September 30 at 6:30 PM at the home of Priscilla Alquist.

Help touch a life and make a difference. The Scholarship Committee encourages anyone who would like to donate towards our annual scholarships – or the endowment fund – to do so. Donations have recently been received from **KATHI PETTERSEN** and **ANDI PORTNEY** in memory and in honor of specially regarded friends. Thank you, Kathi and Andi, for choosing to augment our Five Cities-Pismo Beach AAUW Scholarship fund. Let's keep the vision of filling our endowment fund with your endowment donations as you are able. Our branch's scholarship fund is an actual corporation, 501(c)-(3), which qualifies your donations as tax-deductible for you. Just check out our branch website:

(<http://fivecitiespismo-beach-ca.aauw.net>) for a donation form. Or contact our CFO, Judy Zaretska, @481-7313 with questions.

Next month we hope to share some of the 2014 recipients' first impressions of college. We can all take pride in knowing that we are a part of supporting their college dreams!

MEMBERSHIP WELCOMES BACK NEW AND SEASONED MEMBERS!

As of August 1, our Five Cities - Pismo Beach Branch Membership has 78 new and seasoned members. Outgoing Vice President Judy Zaretska will introduce our newest members at the September meeting. Meanwhile Alice Addison, our new Membership Vice President continues to investigate prospective new members. We're encouraging all members to recruit diverse, multi-ethnic, multicultural women to participate in our exciting branch activities this year. Look for women who want to support philanthropy, education, advocacy, research, and leadership for women and girls.

Our new Membership brochures will be available at the September meeting.

Alice Addison, Membership Vice President



Great Decisions

The Great Decisions Group will meet at 7:00 pm on September 29, 2014. NOTE: This is the fifth Monday instead of the fourth. We will meet at Mary Jo Aspinall's home at 330 Leeward, Shell Beach. The topic will be China's foreign policy (page 73 in the Study Guide). We will be studying the effect of four main drivers on China's foreign policy:

- ★ Domestic consideration
- ★ Capabilities expanding global interests
- ★ Interdependence
- ★ The international environment

We invite interested members to come join us. Call Mary Jo with questions or requests for transportation, (805) 556-0193.

Mary Jo Aspinall, Chair




Theater/Concert Notes

We have reservations at PCPA for the preview performances of My Fair Lady in April and of Man of La Mancha on a Saturday in July. I am working on additional entertainment opportunities; so, stayed tuned.

Judy Zaretska


FENNESSING FEMMES BRIDGE

		<p>WE ARE STILL PLAYING STRONG! On Thursday, September 18, 2014 we will be playing at the home of Sharon Lowell. Our October 16, 2014 game will be at Marilyn Corey's home. The Hostess will telephone each month to verify attendance.</p> <p>Elvera Hornung 595-9314</p>
		

Night Readers:

The next meeting of the evening Book Club will be a discussion of The Light Between Oceans by M.L. Stedman on October 14, at 7:00 pm at the home of Joan Knowlton. The unpredictable Australian frontier is a backdrop for this tale of morality, longing, loss and love for a child. Looking ahead, the book for discussion at the November meeting will be The Cuckoo's Calling.

The evening Book Club is currently filled to capacity. – Sandra Ku, chairperson.





AAUW Lunch Bunch

AAUW Lunch Bunch is an informal gathering of members who enjoy sampling local restaurants while engaging in stimulating conversation. Please consider joining the lunch group this year. All branch members are welcome to join us! Attend when it is convenient for you!

Thursday, September 4, 2014 at 11:30 a.m.

Cracked Crab
751 Price Street
Pismo Beach



(805) 773-CRAB (2722)

Please join us at this fabulous seafood restaurant for such entrees as the San Francisco treat, Crab Louis, or soup and salad with choices such as clam chowder or seafood bisque! The Cracked Crab was founded in Pismo Beach, CA in 1999 by Mike and Kathy Lee. From their website:

“Although we serve fine food in a nice atmosphere, please dress casual should you choose us for lunch or dinner. Our concept is largely based on dumping a bucket of various shellfish on your table with a mallet, crab crackers, and other tools to get the job done. It can get messy, but hey, we clean it up! We feature "in season" product, printing our menu daily based on what's available (and what we feel like cooking). We serve several local fresh fish daily, and use local farmers (Peacock Farms) for fresh in season produce all year round. “

Cooking Together – Next Events

Please join us for our next dinner in September at 5:30 p.m.

September 27, 2014
palquist@gmail.com

Priscilla Alquist



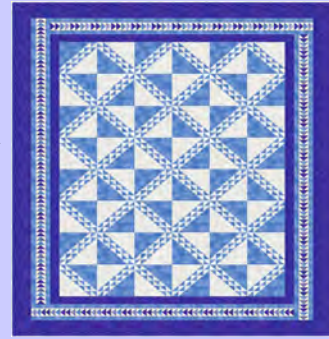
★ **Please contact the host to RSVP at least one week before each dinner so that she can plan accordingly.**

★ Please bring a bottle of your favorite beverage (alcoholic or not) to share with the group. Cost per person is \$10 paid to the hosts.

Hosts will print copies of all recipes for the dishes we prepare for everyone to take home.

AAUW QUILTERS

Did you know that our Branch has a quilting group? Well, we do! They meet each week on Thursday afternoons in members' homes and work on their own projects, chat, and have a wonderful time stitching. You are welcome to join our group.



Beginning on September 11th we will begin making items for the November Bingo Night Boutique. We will be at Linda Lidberg's home, 959 Vista Verde Lane in Nipomo. Let Linda know if you would like to help. If you can't make it on the

11th, Linda can tell you where and when we will be sewing Boutique items again.

Please consider joining us as often as you like. You don't need to be a quilter — we need people who can sew on buttons, stitch up an opening, stuff something, or cut something. We also appreciate ideas for Boutique items, fabric donations, zippers, stuffing, etc.

Hand and Foot Canasta is an American version of the original South American card game. It is easy to learn and fun to play. Our group meets the 4th Friday of each month at 9:30 a.m. We brown bag our lunch and are usually finished by 1:00.

CANASTA

HAND & FOOT

Our next game will be in October at Gaye Peltzman's home.

Please arrange for your own substitute if you are unable to come. Contact Debbie Audet at 550-8910 if you would like to join the group or if you would like to be on our

Daytime Book Club

September 5th (Mo Biggs hosts) takes us to a light and fun book to finish off the summer: ***Still Foolin' 'em*** by Billy Crystal. "Hilarious and heartfelt observations on aging from one of America's favorite comedians as he turns 65, and a look back at a remarkable career." Sounds like fun doesn't it?

Join us for lunch (brown bag) and a friendly discussion at 11:30 a.m.

Call Patti Melsheimer for additional information.



The AAUW CA Funds Committee

invites you to a

Celebration Luncheon

honoring our 2014-2015 Funds Fellows and Grant Recipients

Southern California - Seal Beach



Sunday, October 19th, 2014 - 12:00 to 3:00 pm

(RSVP by October 8th - Registration 11:30 am)

Old Ranch Country Club - 3901 Lampson Ave, Seal Beach, CA
90740

\$40 per person

Grilled Chicken Cobb Salad or Vegetarian Cobb Salad

Northern California - Danville



Sunday, November 2nd, 2014 - 12:00 to 3:00 pm

(RSVP by October 22nd - Registration 11:30 am)

Crow Canyon Country Club - 711 Silver Lake Drive, Danville, CA
94526

\$40 per person

Sunburst Chicken Salad or Sunburst Vegetarian Salad

Register online at:

<http://www.eventbrite.com/e/aauw-ca-funds-fall-luncheon-tickets-12436878037>

Or by mail: AAUW CA, 1331 Garden Highway, #100, Sacramento, CA 95833 (state meal choice on check)



September Birthday Ladies

Mo Briggs 1st

Anna Zucker 17th

Linda Lidberg 11th

Maurina Kusell 18th

Alice Addison 14th

Pam Zirion 23rd


Gaye Peltzman 14th

Ann Marie Kurrasch 28th

Theresa Rosen 15th

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