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## *Co Presidents' Newsletter*

### **November: What does this mean to us?**

Bingo! Yes, Bingo! You guessed correctly. One of our major fundraisers will be held this month, November 16, Monday, at St John's Lutheran Church on the corner of Los Berros and Valley Road in Arroyo Grande. This is the same location where the 2014 successful Bingo games were played. We start at 6 pm and go into the evening with fun, games and prizes. Your contributions in providing raffle gifts, artisan crafts, silent auction items, refreshments, set up and clean up help, and ticket selling are of great importance. We know that this evening is filled with fun and we count on you attending, selling bingo entrance tickets to all of your friends, and donating to your best ability.

Our Bingo event leaders are: Susan Gray (overall contact), Debbie Audet (location), Linda Thomas (refreshments), Kathy Cohon, Pam Zirion, (silent auction items), Patti Melsheimer (ticket sales). Contact phone numbers for these event leaders are listed in the Directory. Please do participate as this event will relieve us of endless hours of searching for funds to support scholarships, Reading is Fundamental, Tech Trek, AAUW Funds and our general activities.

But wait there is another point to consider! While you are visiting the ATM to retrieve \$20 bills to purchase Bingo tickets for yourself and friends, consider the face on that \$20 bill. It is the face of Andrew Jackson, "a slave owner whose decisions annihilated American tribes of the Southwest. He also hated paper currency and vetoed the reauthorization of the Second Bank of the United States, a predecessor of the Federal Reserve. Jackson is in the history books, but there is no reason to keep him in our wallets" New York Times, editorial, July 5, 2015. Let's consider a substitution for Jackson.

Talk has been to replace the face of Alexander Hamilton with a woman's face on the \$10 paper currency bill. But really, a woman's face belongs on the \$20 bill, the bill that supports our quick withdrawals from the ATM machines, double the value of the single \$10 bill. A woman can easily and elegantly replace Mr. Andrew Jackson and a woman deserves to be represented on the \$20 bill. A current debate includes the decision as to which woman to place on the paper currency. We know that there are numerous women who have altered history. Let's just get it done.

Co-Presidents Kathy Cohon and Jean Burns Slater

## *Five Cities Pismo Beach AAUW Branch Goals 2015-2016*

The Board of the AAUW Five Cities Pismo Beach Branch, at the October 5, 2015 meeting, approved the following goals to further our branch effectiveness. Your support in helping us achieve these goals will result in a productive, fun filled and successful year. Thank you!

- Construct a social and general media message to increase public awareness of AAUW goals and mission, brand visibility, donation and membership.
- Encourage every member to contribute or participate in one AAUW mission based service activity related to advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, research.
- Encourage every member to contribute or participate in one fund raising activity through time or donations.
- Raise revenue by 10% over the 2014-2015 year.
- Increase membership and the diversity of membership (age, background, education, location, gender, cultural background).
- Develop leaders for the Branch leadership positions.

### ***Programs: November “Bingo Night” Silent Auction Needs Everyone’s Help***

The November 16<sup>th</sup> program is **Bingo Night**, which will be at St. John's Lutheran Church at the corner of Los Berros and Valley Roads in Arroyo Grande starting at 6:00pm.

For our Bingo Night Fundraiser, we need everyone’s help in soliciting donations from the various businesses around our area. Remember the more money we raise, the more money we can donate to our Scholarship, Tech Trek and Reading is Fundamental recipients.

Many AAUW members have acquired donations, and I applaud their dedication. They are forwarding the information to me, Pam Zirion, at [kpzirion@charter.net](mailto:kpzirion@charter.net), so that I can update the master donor list. I will be sending out the list again, soon, and as you patronize a business, you can request a donation for our Silent Auction.

We will be getting together at Karen Thomas’ home on Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup> to assemble baskets of items with the declared value. So, if you can help us then, or need to have items picked up from your home, please let me know.

Our regular monthly meetings are held at the [Arroyo Grande Women's Club, 211 Vernon Street, Arroyo Grande](#) and [begin at 6:30](#) with refreshments and socializing. At [7:00](#) we begin our program portion which will be done by [8:00](#). Then we have a short business meeting.

Pam Zirion, Program Co-VP

## Membership Vice President's Update

Hope you received the e-mail giving you corrections to your directory and information about our two new members. Due to security of information that is the only way we will be providing personal information. Bingo coming up is a wonderful way for you to share AAUW with friends and also raise funds for the club goals. Please use this function to introduce potential members to our club! We always have so much fun!!

– Susan Brazil, Membership VP

SHOP ON  to benefit our local  
**Five Cities-Pismo Beach AAUW Scholarship Committee**  
(.5% of your purchase)

We found a wonderful new program for fundraising that is easy! Since it is only available to 501C3 nonprofits, our Branch gave its blessing for the Scholarship Committee to set it up as a fundraiser for our Scholarship Endowment fund. I would like to encourage members to pass the information on to friends and relatives who shop Amazon. It only takes a few minutes to sign into AmazonSmiles and find our organization. Then all future purchases get credited at 0.5% of the total sales, which will be deposited directly to our Endowment fund!

1. **Go to:** AmazonSmile.com
2. **Sign in:** Use your Amazon user name and password or create one.
3. **After signing in:** Click on word "Supporting..." below Amazon search box. A pop up box will allow you to change the charity that Amazon is recommending on the screen.
4. **Type:** "Pismo Beach"-- then wait for choices.
5. **Scroll down to:** "Scholarship Committee of the American Assoc of Univ Women" Location: Pismo Beach
6. Once you have chosen the Scholarship Committee it will automatically be chosen as your Amazon Smile donation organization each time you shop.
7. NOW YOU ARE READY TO SHOP. Always log into **Amazon Smile** instead of Amazon.com

Questions: email [kcpettersen@msn.com](mailto:kcpettersen@msn.com)

## October Scholarship Donations



Elaine Olson – in memory of Elvera Hornung  
Priscilla Alquist – in memory of Elvera  
Andi Portney – general donation to Scholarship



Our summer Tech Trekkers had the experience of their lifetime! At least that is what their Thank You letters say. Four young ladies attended the first week of Tech Trek at UCSB from July 19 - 26. Read for yourself how our girls felt about their experience, with this final note in our series.

Linda Lidberg, Stacy Meko

techtrek!

Tech Trek chairs 2014-2015

Dear Five Cities - Pismo Beach AAWW Branch,

Thank you for giving me the privilege of attending Tech Trek at UCSB. It has been a great and fun experience that I will remember forever.

My main "core" class was engineering. I'm really glad I got that because I like building things and learning about how machines work. In engineering we did many fun things. For instance, we built a small car that runs on solar energy. One of my favorites was constructing a bridge out of raw spaghetti noodles and seeing how much weight it could hold. Mine held two pounds and broke at three.

Another fun activity was the chemistry demonstration. We got to see all kinds of cool chemical reactions. My favorite was the liquid nitrogen. It froze stuff, such as a racket ball, completely.

Thank you once again for selecting me to have fun and learn about science at Tech Trek. I will never forget these life changing times.

Sincerely,

Dannon Y. Sanders

### Daytime Books

In November The Daytime Book Club be meeting on November 6<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. at the home of Mary Weeks. We will be discussing **The Lowlands** by Jhumpa Lahiri, a NPR Great Read. The San Francisco Chronicle describes it as "Poised, haunting, exquisitely effective storytelling . . . . Lahiri is one of our most beautiful chroniclers of the aching disjunctions of emigration and family." Be sure to bring your own "brown bag" lunch. Mary will provide drinks and dessert.

To give you a "head start" on the holidays, in December we will meet on Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup> and will be reading "**The Invention of Wings**" by a favorite author, Sue Monk Kidd. This is about two unforgettable American women and their contrasting yet intertwined lives.

For more information contact Patti Melsheimer.



Jane Pittenger – 9	Sharon Lowell – 10	Shirley Morris – 10	Wendy Robinson – 10
Carol Rowe – 11	Connie Rodgers – 21	Andi Portney – 23	Shayla Lever - 30

**Night Readers**

The book for discussion at the November 10 meeting will be “Camille” by Alexandre Dumas, fils. This story of a beautiful courtesan of Paris, ill with consumption but still trying to live a frivolous, carefree life, has charmed and moved readers since the book’s publication in 1852. It also become the subject of a play, “Lady of the Camillas” and the plot of Verdi’s opera, “La Traviata.” The meeting will be held at the home of Rose Ann Steiner. The evening book club is currently filled to capacity. –

**Great Decisions 2016**

Our Great Decisions interest group goes dark in November and December, resuming our regular meetings in January on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month at Mary Jo Aspinall’s home. At this time of the year, however, she needs to order the books we study from the US Foreign Policy Association. To help you consider whether you’d like to join us in January, here are the 2016 Great Decisions topics:

Middle East Alliances	The Rise of ISIS
The Future of Kurdistan	Migration
The Koreas	The United Nations
Climate Change	Cuba and the US

A short synopsis of the topics can easily be found on their website at [GreatDecisions.org](http://GreatDecisions.org) – click on 2016 topics. Please let Mary Jo know if you’d like her to order you a book. Payment will not be due until the general January meeting, when books are distributed.

**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.

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 list of substitute players.





### FINESSING FEMMES BRIDGE

Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup> 12:30 p.m. at the home of Rose Ann Steiner. We have no openings for new members but are always looking for subs. Interested, call Marilyn Corey



### AAUW Theater Events for 2016 COME **PLAY** WITH US!



If paying for more than one play, be sure to indicate number of tickets for each event. All checks should be made to AAUW FIVE CITIES-PISMO BEACH and mailed to me. Judy Zaretska 529 Starlight Ln. A.G. 93420-4157 [judyoung@hotmail.com](mailto:judyoung@hotmail.com)

Jan. 9 8 PM **Mark Twain Tonight** CalPoly PAC \$ 42.00 deadline Jan. 3  
I have seen Hal Holbrook's Mark Twain at least twice, maybe three times.  
Now Hal Holbrook is at the age where he really "is" Mark Twain!  
This truly should be on every literate American's bucket list.

Jan. TBA 7 PM **Little Women** San Luis Obispo Little Theater  
performed by the youth theater actors more info to come



### *Lunch Bunch*

Reminder that **November 5** we will meet at Rosa's at 11:30. Email reservations by November 3 at 474-5682 or [susanbrazil@sbcglobal.net](mailto:susanbrazil@sbcglobal.net)

**December 3** we will be going to Santa Maria Inn. This has become a traditional place to celebrate the beginning of the holiday season.

### October Program a Success

For those of you who missed it, our October program was a wonderful gathering of information of the Destination Imagination program for 5-8<sup>th</sup> graders in the Lucia Mar School District. Shannon Hurtado, a 9<sup>th</sup> grader, spoke about her experiences at the International event in Tennessee.

In addition we learned how the AVID program at Arroyo Grande High School has made a difference in so many young people's lives. We listened to some students currently in the program as well as a student who is now in college but had been in the AVID program. Several teachers spoke as well on the benefits and logistics of the program. All in all, it was a good, informational meeting demonstrating how our local schools encourage and foster imagination and success for students.

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# November 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Board Meeting 7pm AG Hospital	 Night Readers 7:00 PM		 Lunch Bunch 11:30 AM	 Daytime Books	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
					Silent Auction  Basket Assembly	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
				 Bridge 12:30pm		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
				 HAPPY THANKSGIVING!		
29	30					