

Co Presidents' April News

Hello all you Wonderful Women.

It's Spring. Let's enjoy it all.

Women's History month is finished and a big Thank You to those who did the portrayals. Thank you to Rusty & Abby for taping the Branch performance.

We are Wonderful Women still making a difference in history:

- With our projects, we make a difference in the lives of local children through RIF, Tech Trek Scholarships, College Scholarships, and the contributions we make to AAUW National Funds.
- In our community we make a difference through Women in History presentations, the Book Sale, working the elections polls, a fun night of Bingo.
- We make a difference in our own lives through expansive, social, and thought-provoking interest sections, like Bridge, Book Groups, Cooking Together, Great Decisions discussions, Hand and Foot Canasta, Lunch Bunch, Quilting, and Theater Events. If you're not active in any of these groups, please check your Directory and contact the person who can get you connected-or perhaps, start a new interest group.
- Next, it's time to pitch in and help the Branch get ready for the May 21 Book Sale.
- Plan to attend the April 18 meeting to vote for Officers and to meet Tech Trek and Scholarship recipients.
- After that is the May 21 Book Sale, the May 23 Installation of Officers and dinner at the San Luis Yacht Club in Avila Beach, and the June 7 Primary polls.
- INVITE a friend to join us as we do all these things to make a difference. Invite a friend to find the interest that calls to her. AAUW is for working and for non-working women; we each can work on the project of our heart and make it fit into the schedule that is the days of our lives.

Again – We do well and we do good works.
Yes. Come along and bring a friend.

Cheers,

Kathy Cohon, **Co-President**



Programs

MARCH:

Historical Women Shared Their Stories With Us at our March meeting. Sacagewea, Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, Alice Paul, and Amelia Earhart, not only came to our meeting, but also visited many 4th--6th grade classrooms in the Lucia Mar School District. Thank you to our members Pam Zirion, Jean Burns Slater, Kathy Cohon, Judith Bernstein (and Sandy Pitt) for their tremendous efforts and talents on behalf of Women in History Month.



APRIL:

Come Meet Our Scholarship and Tech Trek Honorees at our April 18 General Meeting

- 6:30 Refreshments; meet and greet; sign-ups
- 7:00 Program: Tech Trek and Scholarship Awards
- 8:00 Socializing

MAY:

Mark your calendars, Ladies, for our last meeting of the year and the Installation of Officers on May 23rd at the San Luis Yacht Club in Avila Beach.

We will have a catered dinner and enjoy the Avila sunset. The evening begins at 5:30 PM with a no-host bar with dinner at 6:00 and the program beginning at 7:00.

More details will be forthcoming, so check your email often for sign ups. You may also sign up at the April 18th meeting.

Pam Zirion and Abby Adams
Program Co-Vice Presidents

Membership Dues

It's time to renew our memberships for the 2016-2017 year. The Membership Renewal form is in this April newsletter. Please print it out, complete the required information, add your dues and mail to the address provided on the form or give it to Susan Brazil. Please return your Membership Renewal no later than June 15th. Timely return will insure that we have your correct email and phone numbers for compiling our updated directory and forwarding information to AAUW National.

If you know of anyone who is interested in joining our Branch, this would be a great time to encourage them to attend our Annual Meeting for end of year activities.

RAFFLE PRIZE of \$50 for members renewing their dues as soon as possible. Payment from now till May 1 will give you two chances in the drawing. Payment from May 2 till June 1 will give you one chance. I will honor postmarks as official date. Drawing will be held in June and winner notified by phone call and newspaper announcement.

Susan Brazil, Membership Vice President 2015-2016



Book Sale Update:

April Sorting dates: April 4, Monday 1-3 pm April 16, Saturday 10am -12 noon

April 25, Monday 1-3 pm Linda Lidberg's home 959 Vista Lane, Nipomo

Book Donations are accepted with pick up arranged: Call 627-1845, 474-5939, 929-6958

Publicity: Public notification of our Book Sale greatly depends on Branch members. Please print and distribute the flyers and book marks, *published in this newsletter*, everywhere!!! We need to publicize throughout our communities. Please commit to placing **Book Marks and Book Sale Flyers** at the following locations:

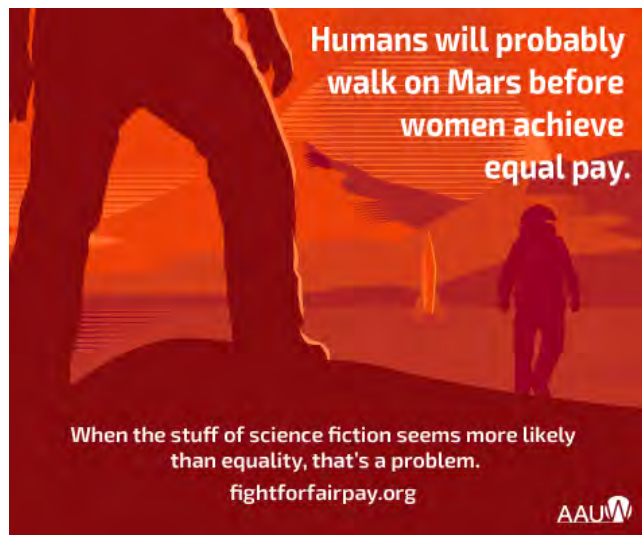
- meetings you attend
- local library
- local schools
- local Chamber of Commerce
- coffee shops you frequent
- food markets
- senior centers and housing social rooms
- book stores: new and used
- faith based and church gatherings
- beauty shops
- published in the newsletters for your organizations
- social gatherings, book groups, dinner parties, everywhere

Cool Truck Advertising: Do you know of an old fashion pickup truck we could use on May 21 to display a book sale banner? Would you like to drive this "cool" advertisement around on May 21 or allow us to just park this unique advertisement? If so please notify the Book Sale Chairwomen, Kathi Pettersen 474-9149 or Jean Burns Slater 627-1845

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you.

Co Chairs: Kathi Pettersen and Jean Burns Slater

Equal Pay Day
April 12, 2016



Scholarship Committee Update for April

By Priscilla Alquist, co-chair

Twenty applications have been divided by school/category and distributed to three teams of Scholarship Committee readers early in March. As a reader, I am always amazed at the accomplishments of these young women! We have met and made our decisions by team on whom to interview and those interviews are set for the week of April 4. Following the interviews, we will meet again and select the four young women who will receive our \$1000 scholarships this year. Presentations will be made at our April 18 meeting, at which time you will hear from each and meet their families. We will also have a past recipient speak to us.

We thank all of you who have donated directly to our Scholarship Fund as well as all who have worked on the various fund raising efforts of our Branch. Financially, we have been able to fund our goal of four \$1000 scholarships **as well as** continue to increase the investments in our Endowment Fund. **Both are important to the financial health of this program.**

We need every member to help support our efforts thru the easy to use program of AmazonSmile. This program benefits our local Scholarship Fund directly, donating 0.5% of your purchase with Amazon. ***It does not cost you anything!*** It does not matter whether you are Amazon Gold or just Amazon. Please spread the word to family, friends and acquaintances.

Copy these directions and hand them out!

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

March Donations:

- ★ **Pat Muhlethaler** - gave a generous donation in memory of **Mitzi Ikeda**.



THANK YOU

Cooking Together – Next Event

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

April 9, 2016
kcaauw@gmail.com

Kathy Cohon
 594-1249



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.

Your Committee Chair, Lisa Walker.

Questions? Phone 473-0075 or e-mail LWalker@vtc-sm.org

Great Decisions

Our discussion topic for the April meeting of Great Decisions will be “International Migration.”

As a record number of migrants cross the Mediterranean Sea, seeking refuge in Europe, the continent is struggling to come up with an adequate response. Although Europe’s refugees are largely fleeing conflicts in Syria, Iraq and parts of Africa, their struggle is hardly unique. Today, with the number of displaced people at an all-time high, a number of world powers find themselves facing a difficult question: how can they balance border security with humanitarian concerns? More importantly, what can they do to resolve these crises so as to limit the number of displaced persons? Come to our Great Decisions meeting on April 25 at 7 PM at the home of Mary Jo Aspinall in Shell Beach and explore the answers. Call Mary Jo for further details at 556-0193.



Finessing Femmes Bridge – April 21st

This month the Third Thursday falls on April 21st. Bridge will be played at 12:30pm. We have no openings for new members but are always looking for subs. Interested? Call Marilyn Corey for more information.



April Birthdays

4	Stacy Meko	6	Patti Melsheimer
13	Mary Ann Grossi	18	Margaret Quandt



Lunch Bunch - April

Lunch Bunch will be meeting at Apple Farm in SLO on April 7th at 11:30. Address is 2015 Monterey St. San Luis Obispo. Please call me to make reservations.



May--Ventana Grill in Shell Beach
June--Thai Village in Nipomo
July--Lovin' BBQ in Grover Beach
August--Jaffe Cafe in Arroyo Grande

September--Cracked Crab in Pismo Beach
October--Hula's in Avila Beach
November--Old Juan's Cantina in Oceano
December--Santa Maria Inn in Santa Maria

Susan Brazil - Chair

474-5682 or susanbrazil@sbcglobal.net



The Hand and Foot group will not meet in April due to travel plans of members. We will meet again on May 18th and are accepting offers to hostess!

Debbie Audet

Daytime Books



For our April 1st meeting The Daytime Book group will be discussing **The Diver's Clothes Lie Empty** by Vendela Vida which describes a woman who travels to Casablanca, where her identification is stolen, liberating her with a sudden sense of freedom. Our hostess for the day will be Pat Kastama.

Our group welcomes new members. Just bring a brown bag lunch and be prepared to enter into a lively discussion. The hostess provides drinks and dessert,

To get a head start on the book for May 6 you might want to start looking for **Privileged Son: Otis Chandler and The Rise And Fall Of The L.A. Times Dynasty** - by Dennis McDougal . A few copies are available in the Arroyo Grande Library.

Night Readers



The next meeting of the evening book club on April 12th will be held at the home of Rose Ann Steiner, for a discussion of the thoughtful memoir by Penelope Lively titled "Dancing Fish and Ammonites." Lively has a literary career that spans five decades, and in this book she gives of glimpse of formative events and objects that have influenced her social and moral outlook. She especially writes with great insight on the process of facing old age. Looking ahead, the book choice for May is the Pulitzer Prize winning novel "All the Light We Cannot See." The book club is currently filled to capacity. – Sandra Ku, chairperson



Come "Play" with AAUW



Apr. 19	Menopause--The Musical	CalPoly	\$46 and up
	<i>FUNNY!! Bring your husbands, sisters, daughters</i>	<i>Deadline: ASAP</i>	
May 13	Across the River	Great American Melodrama	\$23
	<i>A Huckleberry Finn version</i>	<i>Deadline: Mon. Apr. 17</i>	
Jun. 3	Bye, Bye, Birdie	San Luis Obispo Little Theater	\$22
Jun. 22 <u>Wed. Matinee</u>	Shrek--The Musical	PCPA	Child \$13/Adult \$20
	<i>Bring your husbands, sons, grandchildren</i>		

If paying for more than one play, indicate number of tickets for each event.
Checks should be written to AAUW FIVE CITIES-PISMO BEACH and mailed to me.

Judy Zaretska 529 Starlight Ln. A.G. 93420-4157 judyyoung@hotmail.com

Stitching Group

Thursday Hostess

April

4/14	Gaye Peltzman
4/21	Priscilla Alquist
4/28	Wendy Robinson

April 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Daytime Books 11:30 AM	2
3	Sort 1-3 Board Meeting 7pm	4	5	6	7 Lunch Bunch 11:30 AM	8
9						9 Cooking Together 5:30pm
10	11	12 Night Readers 7:00pm	13	14 Stitch 'n 11:30am	15	16 Sort 10-12
17	General Meeting: 6:30 Social 7:00 Meeting	18	19 Menopause @PAC SLO	20	21 Bridge 12:30pm	22
23	24	25	26	27	28 Stitch 'n 11:30am	29
	Book Sort 1-3 Great Decisions 7:00pm					30

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AAUW Five Cities-Pismo Beach 2016-2017 Membership Renewal

Our mission and focus:

“Advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.”
 Welcome and thank you for joining the Five Cities Pismo Beach Branch of AAUW for another year to advance the AAUW Mission, while making new acquaintances and renewing long term friendships! This year you may consider joining an additional section to meet new friends and explore new interests.

- Dues are **\$90** through **June 2016**. [*Dual branch members pay \$25 for the local Branch dues only*].
- Check here to order a name tag or replacement name tag and include an additional **\$10**
- Check here to request the newsletter mailed to your home
- Make checks payable to **AAUW Five Cities-Pismo Beach**.

Please return this form with your annual dues and any supplemental payments by **June 15** to:

Susan Brazil

AAUW Membership 2016-2017

397 Mesa View Dr.

Arroyo Grande, CA 93420

_____	Dues \$90
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If your demographic information is the same as last year, fill in your name only.

Name: _____

Address: _____ **ZIP** _____

Phone: _____ **Cell:** _____

Email: _____ **Fax:** _____

Degree(s), College/University, Major

Birthday (Month/Day): _____ **Spouse's Name:** _____

Activity Interests: Please place a check beside any interest sections of our AAUW branch that you would like to participate in or get more information about.

	Great Decisions	Hospitality at meetings
	Tech Trek	Public Policy Issues
	Diversity	Adopt-a-Poll
	Scholarship	Hand and Foot Canasta
	Bridge	Lunch Bunch
	Cooking Together	Theater Group
	Book Sale	Reading is Fundamental (RIF)
	Craft Sewing Group	Women in History ("Her-story")

AAUW BOOK SALE

American Association of University Women

Five Cities - Pismo Beach Branch

A Nonprofit Organization Benefiting Local Women and Girls

DATE: Saturday, May 21, 2016

TIME: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

PLACE: K-MART Parking Lot
1570 West Branch, off Highway 101
Arroyo Grande

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All categories including: children's books, mysteries, nonfiction, hobbies, cook books, CDs and more



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