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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Something to Smile About

If, like me, you've found yourself shaking your head over recent domestic and world news, and wondering how the social and ethical evolution of human development has led us to this point, I have some good news to share! Thousands of Israeli and Palestinian women recently spent two weeks walking for peace, in a rally called March of Hope. They walked, talked, danced and sang arm-in-arm, as they made their way through Israel and the West Bank, stopping to sing in front of the residence of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. This event seems almost unimaginable until we pause to remember the power of women as a force for good in the world.



This month we will go to the polls, or mail in our ballots, and demonstrate the power we have to influence the future of our country. As we gather with family and friends to celebrate Thanksgiving Day, we will demonstrate the power we have to influence human relationships in a positive way. As we interact with girls and young women in our everyday lives, we must keep in mind how important it is to let them know that they are also powerful and can have a dramatic impact on their world. Your participation in AAUW confirms your commitment to empowering girls and women, both nationally and locally, to not only maximize their own development but also to positively influence their families, friends, communities, country and world. That is something to smile about.

Happy Thanksgiving!
Susan Opava



Note: To see live video of the March of Hope go to:
<https://www.facebook.com/SBSWorldNewsAustralia/videos/1328600130492966/?pnref=story>



November Meeting

It's Almost Bingo Time!!

Yes, indeed. It IS almost time for Bingo. **November 14th** will be here before we know it!

We have been sending out job lists and Silent Auction lists via the group mail.

- **NOW** is the time when we need your help!
- **Sell those tickets!** Call Lorna Glenn at 619-7758 or 315-1143 to get your 5 to sell or to get more tickets!! Please return money to Lorna and unsold tickets to her by November 9th.
- We need members to **assist in packaging Silent Auction items** at either Kathy Cohon's home on November 10th, 9:00 AM, or on Friday November 11th at Karen Thomas' home at 9:00 AM. Kathy lives in San Luis and Karen in Arroyo Grande. So take your pick on whichever is more convenient for you.
- We also need a few people to **transport the baskets and items to St. John's Church** on Monday the 14th, at 2:30 since we begin setting up at 3:00.
- We still need **Cashiers for when people get to St. John's at 5:30** and wish to purchase more tickets or Bingo cards.
- We also need **raffle ticket sellers** during Bingo, and **Cashiers at the end of the evening** to take the money of the Auction winners.

Bring Silent Auction items to Karen Thomas' house, 750 Stagecoach Rd., the week of November 7th.

Last year we earned \$6400 and put most of it toward our programs of RIF, Tech Trek scholarships and High School scholarships. This year we will be paying sales tax on auction items sold so our profit won't be as high. But, with ALL of us helping, we will have a magnificent fundraiser and Bingo night!!

A huge thank you to all who have said "Yes" to helping us make this a successful fundraiser.

Call Pam at 543-5403 or 215-0971 to volunteer to fill any of the slots listed above.

December Meeting



SAVE THE DATE for our joint **Holiday Luncheon** with the San Luis Obispo branch on **Saturday, December 3 at 11:AM** at the First Presbyterian Church, 981 Marsh St., San Luis Obispo. A catered lunch will be served at 12 noon, with entertainment by the SLOHS Choir at 12:40. Cost is \$25 per person.

Please bring your donation of personal products for men and women (i.e. shaving cream, tampons, shampoo, conditioner, lotion, toothpaste, toothbrushes, combs, brushes, soaps, etc.) to fill up holiday bags for the Women's Shelter and Prado Day Center at 1:PM.

Reservations deadline: Nov. 26.
Please send a **\$25 check made out to AAUW – SLO**
c/o Amanda King
555 Leff Street
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401
Memo note: Joint AAUW Holiday Luncheon

Membership

Our membership total stands at 74 with 3 potential members that I hope will be attending either our general meeting or Bingo. Please make them feel welcome. If a new member wishes to join during one of our functions their dues are \$65.50 as National is cutting their dues in half. This is a perfect time to encourage membership.

Susan Brazil
474-5682 or susanbrazil@sbcglobal.net



St. John's Lutheran Church

If you signed up to help with set up, please come to **St. John's** (corner of Valley and Los Berros) at 3 PM on Monday, the 14th. If you don't feel comfortable asking for donations from businesses, consider purchasing gift cards (Starbuck's, Panera, Trader Joe's, Regal Theater, etc.) to augment our Silent Auction items.



Polls November 8th

This has been an exciting political season with the first woman candidate for President of the United States. Some of us are of an age where we truly remember when we were told, "Girls/Women can't...."

Now a woman is running to lead our country. Some things have changed and other things have not, and, hopefully, we are hopeful.

Our Branch will help our fellow citizens cast that vote for President. Thanks to all our members who have signed up to work. Let's do our civic duty, and earn money for our projects. A win - win -- win !

Kathy Cohon

Tech Trek Camper Thanks

(a continuing series of letters...)

Dear Five Cities-Pismo Beach AAUW Branch,

Thank you so much for sending me to Tech Trek. I had so much fun. This week I got to see an oil platform named Platform Holly. I also had the opportunity to observe a load of sea animals up close like dolphins, seagulls, blackbirds, fish, sea lions, kelp, and even a humpback whale! In my core class, engineering, my group got to build circuit boards and learn about solar panels. We also had a "race" around campus. A woman came and talked to us about getting into and paying for college. That class gave me a different perspective on working hard for your future. One other cool educational activity we did was talk to some people on a research boat currently on an ocean exploration off the coast of California. They answered questions we had about their job and ROVs (remotely operated vehicles). We had another project about sustainable farming, with a geodesic dome.

Thank you again for this amazing opportunity.

Sincerely,
Izzy Watt



Scholarship

Branch members have often said they enjoy hearing from the young women to whom we award our scholarships. Here is a letter of gratitude from one of our 2016 college scholarship awardees:

Dear American Association of University Women,

I am writing to thank you for your generous \$1,000.00 AAUW High School scholarship. I was very happy and appreciative to learn that I was selected as the recipient of your scholarship.

I will be a Business Major with an emphasis in Management. I plan to pursue a career in promoting numerically effective and personally ethical business practices upon graduating from Azusa Pacific University. I will continue to keep you updated at the end of each school year with my progress. The financial assistance you provided will be of great help to me in paying my educational expenses, and it will allow me to concentrate more of my time for studying. Thanks to you, I am one step closer to that goal.

By awarding me the AAUW High School scholarship, you have lightened my financial burden which allows me to focus more on the most important aspect of school; learning. Your generosity has inspired me to help others and give back to the community. I hope one day I will be able to help students achieve their goals just as you have helped me.

*Sincerely,
Lexie Neumann*

October Scholarship donations:

- Pat Muhlethaler-endowment

Remember, all donations to the SCHOLARSHIP accounts (build endowment & pay current awardees) are **Tax Deductible**.



LUNCH BUNCH

We will be meeting at **Old Juan's Cantina** on **November 3 at 11:30**. The restaurant is off Highway 1. Take a right at the light between Amtrak and Oceano (Pier Ave.). Our Picnic on the Beach tote bag for Bingo silent auction is filled. Thank you everyone for your contributions.



Call me to make reservations at 474-5682 or susanbrazil@sbcglobal.net. We've been having a fantastic turnout, great meals and lots of fun!

NIGHT READERS

The next meeting of the evening Book Club will have a slight change in date and venue, because of the national election. The meeting will be held at the home of Sandra Ku on **Tuesday, November 1** for a discussion of the novel "San Miguel" by T.C. Boyle. It is a historical account of the lives of two real families who resided for several generations on one of the Channel Islands off the coast of Santa Barbara in the 19th and 20th centuries. Looking ahead, the book choice for December is "Miss Garnet's Angel" by Salley Vickers.

The evening Book Club is currently filled to capacity.

-- Sandra Ku, chairperson



FINESSING FEMMES BRIDGE

We'll be playing at the home of Linda Lidberg on Thursday, November 17 at 12:30. If anyone is interested in joining or subbing in the Finessing Femmes, call Marilyn Corey 473-1928.



HAND AND FOOT CANASTA

Hand and Foot Canasta will meet on Friday, November 18th, at 9:30 at Debbie Audet's home. Bring a lunch and \$3. Drinks, snacks and dessert will be provided. We invite you to come, watch and learn- most fun you can have for three dollars.



-- Debbie Audet

DAYLIGHT BOOK GROUP

November 4 will find the Daylight Book Group discussing My Life on the Road by Gloria Steinem at the home of Carole Dempsey. This is an autobiography reflecting Ms. Steinem's life as a journalist, organizer, activist, and speaker. We are composed of readers who meet at 11:30 am, the first Friday of each month at members' homes. It is a brown bag lunch meeting with dessert and beverages supplied by the current hostess. Book selections for the 2017 year will be suggested and decided upon at the December meeting. Come join us. All are welcome.

Questions? Please call or message Jean Burns Slater 627-1845 jbslater2006@gmail.com

COOKING TOGETHER

November 12, 2016 @ 5:30pm Priscilla Alquist
palquist@gmail.com 305-0907

- **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

November 2016						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 7:pm Night Readers 	2	3 11:30am Lunch Bunch PCPA 7:PM Beauty & the Beast 	4 11:30am Daylight Book Group 	5
6	7	8 Polls 	9	10	11 	12 Cooking Together 5:30 
13 2:PM Cuesta PAC The Swing Dolls 	14 St. John's 	15	16	17 Finessing Femmes Bridge 12:30 	18 Hand & Foot Canasta 9:30am 	19
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THURS Nov 3 7:00 **PCPA** "BEAUTY AND THE BEAST"
 You know how you love to attend the PCPA musical productions!

SUN Nov 13 2:00 mat. **Cuesta College PAC** "THE SWING DOLLS"
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MON Nov 28 7:30 **Cal Poly PAC** "PINK MARTINI HOLIDAY SPECTACULAR"
 phone Cal Poly ticket office at 756-4849 for your choice of seating and price



PREPARE TO DISCUSS THE WORLD.

GREAT DECISIONS

Great Decisions, a discussion program on world affairs, involves reading the Great Decisions [Briefing Book](#), watching the [DVD](#) and meeting in a [Discussion Group](#) to discuss the most critical global issues facing America today. Topics for 2017 include:

- The Future of Europe
- Trade and Politics
- Conflict in the South China Sea
- Saudi Arabia in Transition
- U.S. Foreign Policy and Petroleum
- Latin America's Political Pendulum
- Prospects for Afghanistan and Pakistan
- Nuclear Security

Join the AAUW Great Decisions Interest Group and order your discussion book now from Mary Jo Aspinall. **Meetings are the fourth Monday of the month at Mary Jo Aspinall's beautiful home in Shell Beach beginning at 7:00 pm. The next meeting will be January 23, 2017 with the topic of The Future Of Europe.**

The outcome of the United Kingdom referendum on EU membership sent shockwaves across the globe. It even caught British voters by surprise. The European Union has helped secure peace in Europe for the past 70 years. Now it faces an uncertain future. Amid a refugee crisis, lingering financial recession and the constant specter of terrorism, unity seems more imperative than ever. But the Brexit vote underscores the complexities of integrating an extremely diverse continent. What will post-Brexit Europe look like, and how can U.S. foreign policy adapt?

Come join the discussion. Contact Mary Jo or Priscilla Alquist for more details.

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