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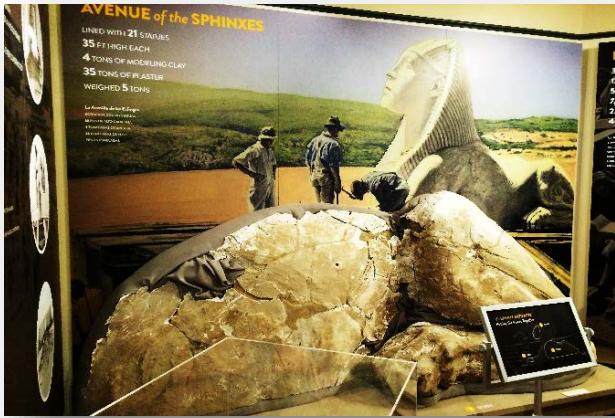


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Susan Opava

True to form for our Branch, the Welcome Meeting was a lively gathering, with plenty of food, drink, conversation, information sharing, and education. Many, many thanks are due to the lovely staff at the Guadalupe-Nipomo Dunes Center - Alyssa Berry, Diane Tortolano and Meghan Gewerth – who not only served as docents, educating us about the unique dunes ecosystem on the Central Coast, but also assisted with set-up and clean-up! Since the venue was provided to us free-of-charge, we passed around a donations jar and (again, not surprisingly) our members generously donated a total of \$200 to the Dunes Center! Thanks to everyone who attended and contributed to making the meeting a success.



It was gratifying to welcome a few new members at the meeting – we have a total of seven this year – and we hope to meet all of them in person at our October meeting. Congratulations to Susan Brazil for her fine effort in recruiting and retaining members this year.

We are now in full swing once again with upcoming events and programming, in particular, our annual Bingo Party, which will be held on November 14, and our volunteer work at the polls on Election Day! Both of these require lots of volunteers. **Please be on the alert for email regarding these activities and help if you can.**

We have an interesting program planned for our October meeting. Dr. Ellen Broido, Associate Professor of Education at Bowling-Green University, is spending a sabbatical year here on the Central Coast and will speak to us about some of the exciting research she has done. More detail is provided in the article in this newsletter about the October meeting. I hope to see many of you there and guests are welcome!

Finally, let's be sure to personally thank Judy Gabriel, our own Web Genie, who has always done such a great job behind the scenes making this newsletter possible, and this year has given it a whole new look!

See you in October!



October General Meeting

Monday October 17th

Our October General Meeting will be held on **October 17** at the Women's Club in Arroyo Grande. We are fortunate to have a special program and speaker for the meeting. Dr. Ellen Broido is an associate professor of higher education and student affairs at Bowling Green State University, where she has worked since 2001. She teaches in both the master's in College Student Personnel program and the doctorate in Higher Education Administration program. She also serves as an affiliated faculty member in Women's Studies.

Dr. Broido's research focuses on diversity and social justice issues in higher education and on international perspectives on student affairs work. She is spending her sabbatical year here on the Central Coast and will share with us some of the interesting research she has done.

The title of Dr. Broido's talk is:

"You get so mad because you don't want to say anything but you wish you did": Women's responses to gendered experiences working in higher education.

Dr Broido writes:

"How do women who have worked at the same university for 25 or more years describe their experiences with gendered interactions? In this talk, I discuss the findings from interviews with 36 hourly, administrative, and faculty women about the role of gender in their work, and how that changed over the course of their careers. In particular, I will focus on the kinds of interactions women did and didn't label as sexism, the variety of ways they reacted to their experiences, and the implications for training university faculty and staff and designing policy."

As usual, the meeting will begin at 6:30 with refreshments and time for mingling. **The program will begin promptly at 7:00.** Don't miss this sure-to-be interesting and relevant program. Guests are welcome too!

DR. ELLEN M. BROIDO



Membership

National is offering special discounts to increase membership. If you bring a potential member to a meeting and they decide to join on the spot, they only have to pay 1/2 of national dues. That would be a savings of \$24.50. This means they can join for \$65.50 for a one year membership.

There is also "Shape the Future" where anyone joining during a public event will only have to pay half of national dues. Again \$65.50 for one year.

And lastly "Give a Grad" is a program that gives graduates within the last 2 years of graduation a free one year National and State membership. It's up to the individual branches if they wish to also add a free year's membership. Our local dues are \$21, so a new grad can join for \$21 or less.

We stand at 74 members with 6 new members. Yeah!! Please be ready to welcome our new members at meetings. We need to welcome them into our community and encourage them to join our groups. Please encourage any potential new members as well.

Susan Brazil
474-5682 or susanbrazil@sbcglobal.net

New Members

Judith Bernstein	Lorna Glenn
Kely Blackburn	Nancy Sperling
Carole Dempsey	Mary Weeks

Scholarship News

The scholarship committee kicks off the 2016-17 Year of activities at our first meeting on October 12 at the home of Marilyn Corey.

In the meantime, our attention is directed to the Claire Gordon Trust Sale. Claire was a member of our branch for several years and particularly enjoyed Lunch Bunch and Bridge. As was previously announced, she left a portion of her estate to our Scholarship Endowment fund. Many of our members have energetically worked many hours preparing for the sale which is tentatively scheduled for Friday, October 28; Saturday, October 29; and Sunday, October 30 from 9:00 to 4:00. All members of our branch will be invited to an Open House to look and shop at a date to be determined.

The Scholarship Endowment fund was established several years ago with the goal of someday being able to fund annual scholarships from the interest earned, instead of fund raising, as we do now. The goal has taken longer than we anticipated because of the current low interest rate. However, it is still growing and hopefully the receipts from the Claire Gordon Trust Sale will make a significant impact. This means that we may not need to exert as much energy on raising funds for our special projects in the future or we could consider a new project.

I sincerely appreciate and thank the twenty-one members who have actively worked to date. Hopefully more of you will be willing to participate on the sale days. The success of those days will make a difference to all of us and to many deserving young women who will receive scholarships!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: for the Claire Gordon Trust Sale on October 28, 29, and 30!

Marilyn Corey
Scholarship Chair



LUNCH BUNCH

We will meet October 6 at 11:30 at **Custom House** in Avila Beach. The restaurant is right on the beach (404 Front St.). Please call me to reserve your place. We need at least 8 to make a reservation.

Susan Brazil
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FINESSING FEMS BRIDGE

We'll be playing at the home of Sharon Lowell on Thursday, October 20th at 12:30. If anyone is interested in joining or subbing in the Finessing Fems, call Marilyn Corey 473-1928.

Letters from our 2016 TECH TREKkers

Dear Five Cities-Pismo Beach AAUW Branch,

Thank you so much for helping me go to camp. I have learned so much and have loved it! All the staff and teachers are so nice and I love my roommate!

This camp has been such an adventure. I was in math for my core class. We learned everything from the Fibonacci sequence to Caesar's Cipher. I was in the Platform Holly group for my group project. I had to work with my teammates to discover what to do with decommissioned oil rigs. I was in charge of the blueprint and jacket. For the jacket, we had to make a three-foot model out of almost 100% straws. For the solution our group decided to turn them into desalinization plants powered by solar panels. I loved going on the boat and seeing the platform and dolphins. I also enjoyed Professional Women's Night because I was able to learn about lots of different jobs. I have loved camp and the opportunities it has provided me.

I would just like to thank you again. Camp has provided me with an experience I will never forget. I have made so many memories and can't wait to explore the fields of math and science more!

Sincerely, Grace Lalanne



What IS COOKING TOGETHER?

I would love to tell you about Cooking Together!

We usually meet once per month, on a Saturday at a hostess's home. She plans a menu, does the shopping and sets out "stations" in her kitchen (or dining room or patio) with the ingredients and cooking items (bowls, utensils, pans, etc.). Most of us come with our spouses, but this is not necessary or required. Many of us have attended solo too, so whatever you like. (However, if you do have a significant other, it's a great way for the men to meet each other too. My husband has formed great friendships in this group.)

We arrive at 5:30 with a beverage in hand (usually wine) and we cook together, drink wine together, and then dine together. It is so much fun! I love our Cooking group!! The cost is \$10 per person to help out the hostess.

We would love to have new attendees, and we would love to have you! If you like, I can add you to future email blasts. You would have to come to check us out and then decide if you would like to officially "join". It is expected that if you "join" our group, you will host once during the year.

Let's eat!
Lisa Walker, Chair
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HAND AND FOOT CANASTA

Our next meeting will be held at Elin McCall's home at 9:30 on Friday, October 21. Bring a sack lunch and \$3 and prepare to enjoy. Drinks and dessert will be provided. If you would like to come and watch to see if you might be interested in joining this group, just let Elin know you are going to be there. The game is easy to learn and highly dependent on the luck of the cards, which leaves time for talking and laughing.

-- Debbie Audet

THEATER EVENTS

Coming Up for October!



SAT Oct 15, 7:30

The Clark Center

"BETTE! and THE DIVINE DIVAS"

From Las Vegas--a tribute show to Bette Midler, Diana Ross, & Dusty Springfield

SUN Oct 23 **3:00 mat.**

Pewter Plough Playhouse in Cambria

"ALL MY SONS"

a WW II drama

THURS Nov 3 7:00

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PLAN AHEAD..... TAKE YOUR PICK...! Theater Events Coming Up for November

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

FRI Dec 16 7:30 Cal Poly PAC "**SLO MASTER CHORALE**"

Look for Nancy Kington in the Soprano Section

Phone Cal Poly ticket office at 756-4849 for your choice of seating and price

SUN Dec 18 4:00 CLARK CENTER A.G. "**ROTARY CHRISTMAS" VARIETY SHOW**"
Phone The Clark Center ticket office at 489-9444 for tickets

Hoping you will join us there!,
Judy Zaretzka 481-7313

~Bingo News~

As you probably know, **Bingo Night, November 14th**, is about 6 weeks away. So, it's time to get going on getting donations for our Silent Auction. We have sent out the list and hope you can do your part by asking for a donation from a business. Let Pam or Kathy know please when you get a donation so we can keep track. You can call or email us. Check your directory for both.

Our next Bingo planning meeting will be after Lunch Bunch (about 12:30) on October 6th at Custom House in Avila. Join us to help make this Bingo Night the best yet.

Wrapping for Silent Auction items and baskets will be on two dates: November 10th at Kathy Cohen's house; November 11th at Karen Thomas' home. As you get items, you can drop them off at either place.

We will be sending out a "Save the Date" bookmark for you to print, trim and hand out to friends, family and neighbors. Watch for an email from Joan Florence.

Tickets for Bingo will be available at the general meeting on October 17th. Each member is asked to sell 5 tickets at \$15 each. Thank you in advance for helping make it a success. So many people have helped, and it is heartwarming to be part of this organization.

Kathy Cohen and Pam Zirion



NIGHT READERS

The October 11 meeting of the evening book club will be held at the home of Sharon Lowell, for a discussion of the novel "A Tale for the Time Being." Written by Ruth Ozeki, the book deals with a lonely and bullied teenaged girl living in Tokyo, who finds comfort visiting her aged great-grandmother who is a Buddhist nun living in a mountain temple. A novelist living in the Pacific Northwest comes across a mysterious diary written by the teenager, which has washed up on the shores of her island home, and which changes her own life. Looking ahead, the book selection for November is T.C. Boyles novel "San Miguel." The evening book club is currently filled to capacity.

– Sandra Ku, chairperson

DAYLIGHT BOOK GROUP



Are you an avid reader or casual reader? Whatever your interest, the Daylight Book Group is for you. The Daylight Book Group is 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. All are welcome. Our October 7th read is A Little Life: a novel by Hanya Yanagihara: Four classmates from a small Massachusetts college move to New York to make their way, broke, adrift and buoyed only by friendship and ambition. Mo Briggs will serve as Hostess

November 4 will find us discussing My Life on the Road by Gloria Steinem hosted by Carole Dempsey. This is an autobiography reflecting Ms. Steinem's life as a journalist, organizer, activist, and speaker.

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



COOKING TOGETHER

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

October 8, 2016

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Elin McCall

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- 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

PREPARE TO DISCUSS THE WORLD.

GREAT DECISIONS is America's largest discussion program on world affairs. The program model 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.

Join the AAUW Great Decisions Interest Group. Meetings are the fourth Monday of the month at Mary Jo Aspinall's beautiful home in Shell Beach beginning at 7:00 pm. The topic for October 24 is: **Cuba and the U.S.**

Contact Mary Jo or Priscilla Alquist for more details.

October 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 Board Meeting 7pm AG Hospital	4	5	6 Lunch Bunch 11:30 Custom House Avila Beach	7 Daylight Book Group 11:30	8 Cooking Together 5:30 pm
9	10 Columbus Day	11 Night Readers 7pm	12	13 	14	15
16	17 General Meeting 7pm	18	19	20 Finessing Fems Bridge 12:30	21 Hand and Foot Canasta 9:30am	22
23	24 Great Decisions 7:pm	25	26	27 	28 Claire Gordon Trust Sale 9am-4pm	29 Claire Gordon Trust Sale... 9am-4pm
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