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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A Noteworthy Close to 2016

It seems impossible that it is already December and we are looking forward to the holiday season. In less than three months we have had a whirlwind of activity. In September we held a pleasant and educational welcome meeting at the Dunes Center. In October our general meeting featured a speaker who seemed to touch a nerve in nearly everyone attending. Simultaneously, two time- and labor-intensive efforts were underway. One effort led to a highly successful sale for the estate of our long-term member Claire Gordon (benefitting the Scholarship Endowment). The other resulted in record participation in this year's Bingo Party - a fun evening with good food and good company that exceeded our fundraising expectations. Coupled with funds raised through our major volunteer effort at the polls in November, we have ensured continued support next year for our principal programs: Scholarship, Tech Trek and RIF. It's time to take a rest, commend the amazing generosity of our members and friends, and simply feel good about the impact we have in our community.

Whatever holiday you do or do not celebrate this time of year, the month of December seems best described as a long national pause, in which we set aside concerns and issues that divide us and unite in turning our attention to family and friends and individual traditions. Often there is more kindness in our interaction with strangers, more humanity in our views of those less fortunate. May you all emerge refreshed from this holiday season, eager to greet the new year and to continue our good work on behalf of women and girls.

Happy Holidays

A Successful Bingo Night

Thanks to many members, our 3rd Bingo Night was a great success!!! We grossed \$7000 plus. Huzzah!!

Many of you made it happen: You sold tickets; you donated items for the Auction; you did the necessary jobs on Monday night; you made goodies for munching; you asked businesses for donations; you vacuumed the carpet for clean up; you compiled baskets for the Auction; you gave of your time and energies. We extend our heartfelt thanks. We appreciate it! Our RIF students, Tech Trek girls and Seniors women will also appreciate it this year!!

Despite the "wine" issue, we did quite well. Thank you again to **Debbie Audet** for arranging the use of St. John's and getting the Bingo games from the Women's Club. Thank you **Linda Lidberg** for being the MC and Bingo Lady. Thank you to our Raffle Ladies, **Judy Z.** and **Debbie A.**, and to all the Interest Groups that provided the baskets for raffles. Thank you to **Mary M.** for selling extra cards. Thank you to **Barbara Deel** and her "Kitchen Crew" for the wonderful display of yummy food. And thank you to all who brought food too. Thank you to **Karen Thomas** for providing her home for packaging and storing Silent Auction items, and **Kathi Pettersen** for packaging baskets TWO days in a row!

A special thank you to **Lorna Glenn** who stepped up to the plate and organized the ticket sales in spite of being a NEW member!!

It was a great evening, and it's done!!

Gratefully,

Pam Zirion & Kathy Cohon

Bingo & Silent Auction: Thanks to all!



AVID Scholarship Donations

Now is the time to donate to our AAUW Five Cities Pismo Beach Scholarship Fund for AVID students. We typically award one scholarship to a deserving AVID student and we seem to be low on funds for this special scholarship. This scholarship supports a student that is traditionally underrepresented in higher education, often a first generation college attendee.

Your donation is totally tax deductible and supports one of our local well deserving young women. Please send your donation to Carol Nielson and mark AVID on your donation. Thank you.

Polls: Thanks to our Volunteers!

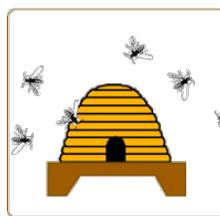


2016 Campers (a continuing series of thank you notes...)

Dear Five Cities-Pismo Beach AAUW Branch,

Thank you so much for the time and money spent in order to let me and dozens of other girls have such an amazing experience through Tech Trek. In elementary school we rarely ever focused on science. So every time we did, I would treasure it. But here, I feel like I have learned more than I have in my whole life. I've made some good friends and learned important lessons.

My core class was engineering which is one of my favorite things. We got to build solar cars, wind turbines, and even stick bridges. It was a complete hands-on experience which was wonderful. On Monday, our first full day, we took a boat out to Platform Holly, which is an almost decommissioned oil rig. We were able to see so much marine wildlife, like sea lions and kelp. My favorite part though, was when we had common and bottlenose dolphins swimming along the side of the boat. We even saw a baby!



For the projects, my group was assigned the problem of what would you do with a decommissioned oil rig? We decided to try something which has never been done before and make it a honeybee research center and sanctuary. Bees are dying due to Colony Collapse Disorder, which is where worker bees leave and never come back, stranding the queen and a few nurse bees. But our bees were in a small isolated area where they couldn't leave due to being surrounded by water.

So again, thank you for giving us the opportunity to become smarter and more independent.

Sincerely and with all my thanks,

Kathryn Bozanich





Voters made history November 8 by electing political outsider Donald J. Trump to the White House. [AAUW](#) intends to approach our work with both the new administration and Congress with our mission in mind. After this hyperpartisan election year, AAUW's nonpartisan leadership and research-based advocacy is needed now more than ever.

It is now, after an election, that the real work begins. AAUW will find common ground with the Trump administration and the new Congress on issues that are important to women and working families. Women want progress on issues that affect them, and AAUW intends to be a valued ally and fierce critic, depending on what is warranted. Most importantly, in true AAUW fashion, we will not hesitate to speak truth to power.

Election 2016 touched on many issues that affect women and families at every level: local, state, and federal. We still face congressional gridlock over the [Paycheck Fairness Act](#), resulting in [more states taking matters into their own hands](#) to work toward equal pay. Students are still waiting for real action on [college affordability](#) and high student debt, and they expect a continued commitment to [combating campus sexual assault](#). Working families are still looking for good jobs with [paid family and medical leave](#) and other [workplace equity policies](#). And Americans still don't have the basic necessity of a [full Supreme Court](#).

Members of AAUW worked hard to get out the women's vote on Election Day by registering and educating voters, holding candidate forums and town halls, and writing local op-eds and letters to the editor urging women to make their voices heard. These efforts were a part of the [AAUW Action Fund's "It's My Vote: I Will Be Heard" campaign](#), which aims to turn out millennial women voters, a group that is often underrepresented at the polls.

Candidates must now work to deliver on their promises. Women voters expect our newly elected officials to work together on solutions. AAUW believes democracy demands work every day of the year, and hyperpartisan rhetoric only damages the chances for reasonable consensus. Women voters are watching.

We've laid out our priorities, and we will hold each and every candidate accountable.

Yours in AAUW,
Lisa M. Maatz
Vice President of Government Relations and Advocacy



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 Aspinnall. Meetings are the fourth Monday of the month at Mary Jo Aspinnall'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.

LUNCH BUNCH

Here is information for our December luncheon where we can start to get into the Christmas spirit.

December 1, 11:30 at Santa Maria Inn.

Please call or email me for reservation.

Susan Brazil 474-5682

or susanbrazil@sbcglobal.com

NIGHT READERS

The next meeting of the evening Book Club will be held on **December 13** at the home of **Susie Wedell**. The book for discussion will be "Miss Garnet's Angel," by Salley Vickers. The story follows a retired British history teacher who embarks on a journey in Venice, and experiences personal growth, love, loss, miracles, and transformation after learning about the Archangel Raphael.

This holiday meeting of the group will also involve the traditional book exchange among members. Looking ahead, the novel selection for January will be "Finding Nouf" by Zoe Ferraris.

-- Sandra Ku, chairperson

December Meeting



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.

Reservation deadline was Nov. 26.

Call Mary Matakovich for availability and/or details.



FINESSING FEMMES BRIDGE

We'll be playing at the home of Pat Muhlethaler on Thursday, December 15 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 group will meet at Karen Thomas's home on Friday, **December 16th, at 9:30**. Bring \$3 and your lunch. Drinks and dessert will be provided.

Ho-ho-hope to see everyone then.

-- Debbie Audet

DAYLIGHT BOOK GROUP

The Daylight Book Group will discuss A Fine Balance by Rohinton Mistry on

December 2 at the home of Debbie Audet in Arroyo Grande.

A Fine Balance, a fictional story of individuals

and families, helps the reader unravel the life styles of the people of India within the caste system, presenting "the cruelty and corruption, dignity and heroism of India. A Fine Balance creates an enduring panorama of the human spirit in an inhuman state." -The New York Times



Our readers 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/January meeting. Come join us. All are welcome.

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

December 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Lunch Bunch 11:30am	2 Daylight Book Group 11:30am	3 Holiday Luncheon w/SLO 11:00am 
4	5	6	7	8	9	
11	12	13 Night Readers 7:00pm	14	15 Bridge 12:30pm	16 Canasta 9:30am	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24 
25  Christmas	26	27	28	29	30	31  New Year's Eve

December Birthdays

10 Nancy Sperling

12 Abby Adams

14 Lorna Glenn

22 Elin McCall

30 Dee Carlson

November 2016

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Notes:

Sewing & Quilting group meets on Thursdays excluding 1st Thursdays Lunch Bunch. For details, call Karen Thomas

Editor's Note: Sorry about no birthdays the past few months!

January 2017

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