

# The Waves



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As I write this message, the New Year is fast approaching. I hope that all of you enjoyed the holiday season so far and are looking forward to 2017.

### January Program

In January and February, in place of our regular meetings, we will be branching out (pun intended - feel free to groan) and meeting with other local branches. **Our January meeting will be held with the Santa Maria Branch, which has invited Shannon Smith-Crowley, our CA-AAUW Legislative Advocate in Sacramento, to speak at a morning meeting.** Details are below.

#### [Lobbying in Sacramento](#)

##### [for CA Women and Girls](#)

Members and guests are invited to attend a very special program you will not want to miss

featuring

**Shannon Smith-Crowley, CA AAUW**

**Lobbyist**

When: Saturday, **January 21**, 2017

Time: **10 AM** to Noon

Where: Board of Supervisors Hearing Room

511 E. Lakeside Pkwy

Santa Maria CA

No charge. Reservations requested.

Contact: Judy Frost [805 937 0290](tel:805-937-0290)  
or [enjifrost@aol.com](mailto:enjifrost@aol.com)

If you plan to attend – and I hope you will – **don't forget to reply to Judy Frost by phone or email.** She needs to plan for beverages and edibles. If you would like to carpool, don't hesitate to ask/offer to share a ride. This should be an informative meeting and not one to miss!

### February Program

**In lieu of our February meeting, we will join members from other local branches on Saturday February 25<sup>th</sup> for the annual Inter-Branch Council luncheon and fellows' presentations.** Since it is the Santa Maria Branch's turn to host that event, **it will be held at the Santa Maria Country Club instead of the Madonna Inn.** **\*\* PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS IS A CHANGE FROM WHAT IS LISTED IN THE CALENDAR IN OUR DIRECTORY.\*\*** Please look for final details in email from Joan Florence, and once again, don't hesitate to ask/offer to share a ride. Last year's fellows were truly impressive and inspiring; hearing their stories and enjoying a nice lunch with AAUW women is a pleasant way to spend a Saturday afternoon.

By the time you read this, the new year will have begun. I wish all of you, along with your family and friends, a very happy and healthy 2017!



## Holiday Gift Bags Update



Thanks to all who participated in the gift bag project!

We donated over 130 festive "Care and Comfort" bags to the Community Action Partnership homeless shelter after our December joint meeting--a terrific result.

Thanks to the many members from San Luis Obispo and Five Cities Branch who brought toiletries and other gifties, and packed and wrapped the bags! Thanks to Erin Egelkroust and DD Patrick who offered to deliver the gifts--and DD's vehicle for carrying them!

With a "toothie" grin from me,  
Happy New Year!  
Mary Howell

## Scholarship Donations

Pat Muhlethaler in memory of Lyle Rowe  
Marilyn Corey in memory of Lyle Rowe  
Pat Muhlethaler in memory of David Fluaitt  
Marilyn Corey in memory of David Fluaitt  
Beverlee Handley-Scholarship  
Jean Burns Slater-AVID  
Arlene Winn-Scholarship  
Andrea Portney-Scholarship

## Scholarship Fund Raiser continued...

The Claire Gordon Trust Sale was successful but many items were left unsold. The planning committee has decided to offer a two-day sale on **Friday, January 13 and Saturday, January 14**. Prices are reduced and AAUW members and friends have the opportunity to donate a few items that they no longer need or want. By donating these extra items to the sale, funds will go directly to Scholarship and you could receive a tax write off. Remember, Scholarship is a 501 3 (c). If interested, sort your items and contact Marilyn Corey, Linda Lidberg, Rose Ann Steiner or Kathi Pettersen as soon as possible. Please, no clothing or linen items. Please deliver your donation items to Claire Gordon's house on January 4, 2017. Thank you for your cooperation to make this happen.

## *Holiday Luncheon with SLO branch*





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## Campers

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

**SAVE THE DATE** of January 5, 2017 at 6:30 pm to join our Tech Trek planning committee meeting at Linda Lidberg's home.

In case you don't know what Tech Trek is, it is a week long resident STEM (Science, Technology,

Engineering, and Math) camp for girls leaving the 7th grade. Our branch has sent deserving girls to Tech Trek since 1998. Each year we contact the Lucia Mar middle school science, math, and computing teachers for recommendations for Tech Trek candidates. After an application process and an interview girls are selected to attend Tech Trek camp at UCSB. Our branch covers the cost of each girl's camper fee -- this year it will be either \$950 or \$1000 each.

The selected campers are usually introduced at our April Branch meeting, however, because Lucia Mar's Spring break schedule conflicts with our April meeting schedule we will be presenting our Tech Trekkers at our March meeting. This means our organizing, contacting the schools, scheduling interviews, and making our camper selections must be moved up a full month earlier this year. So, please **SAVE THE DATE of Thursday, January 5, 2017 at 6:30 pm** to help us get our Tech Trek program off to a great start.

Please RSVP to Linda Lidberg, [lswl@aol.com](mailto:lswl@aol.com), 929-6958 and let me know how you would like to help this year.

*Dear Five Cities-Pismo Beach Branch,*

*Tech Trek is a camp for intelligent girls in 7<sup>th</sup> grade. Camp has taught me many unique skills that cannot be demonstrated or introduced at our middle schools. The skills taught are not only essential to our education but needed like air in our own on-going lives.*

*The general idea of Tech Trek is to encourage bright and brilliant girls down the path of stem (science, technology, engineering, and math) and to be successful in other fields they choose. Overall Tech Trek is **the** camp that leads young women towards success in any career or subject they choose.*

*This year's Tech Trekkers included a total of 76 girls. Each and every girl consists of a unique ability. We were trained to use those abilities to work as efficient teams and individuals. During my week of camp I learned many new and improved skills. For example, how to speak as a team. We were given a specific project to execute. My team's assignment was to solve ocean exploration using an ROV (remotely operated vehicle). Before we began doing our PowerPoint (for presentation) we had to present a proposal to four teaches here at Tech Trek. It improved my speaking and teamwork skills.*

*But the projects and cool activities aren't the only thing that makes Tech Trek special. My dorm group girls are like my new sisters. By only spending a week with them I feel like I have known them for years. They mean the world to me. They've taught me that it's okay to be me -- to be the intelligent, funny person I am. That I'm no longer alone anymore. So, I want to thank everyone who made this possible.*

*Moreover, I was assigned a certain core class. A core class is a subject that my dorm group and I go to everyday. My core class happened to be coding. Coding is certainly not as easy as it appears. It takes patience, hard work, and determination. But luckily, I had five amazing young ladies, a junior counselor, and the best dorm mom who helped me along the way. I've learned that being the fastest is not always the best thing to do. As said, "slow and steady wins the race."*

*My favorite activity of camp was learning about six inspirational women. They spoke about their careers and what it took for them to get where they are today. My favorite career that interested me most was forensics.*

*Thank you so much for this opportunity,*

*Madelyn Ferreros*

## LUNCH BUNCH

Here is information for our wonderful Lunch Bunch Group. Everyone is welcome to attend. I'm including information for three months to help you plan ahead. Also, **Carole Dempsey** has agreed to take over this assignment to free me for other responsibilities.

**January 5:** **Mama's Meatball** in SLO  
**February 2:** **Hapy's** in Arroyo Grande  
**March 2:** **Rodney's** in Orcutt

Please call or email me for January reservations.  
 SUSAN BRAZIL 474-5682

## NIGHT READERS

The next meeting of the evening book club will be held on **January 10** at the home of Joyce Fluaitt for a discussion of the novel "Finding Nouf," by Zoe Ferraris. The plot involves a mystery set in modern Saudi Arabia, and examines the older Sunni establishment and an emerging young generation of Saudis. Looking ahead, the book selection for February will be "H is for Hawk." The book club is currently filled to capacity.

-- Sandra Ku, chairperson

## GREAT DECISIONS

### Prepare to Discuss the World

Our Great Decisions Group will meet on **January 23** with the topic: **The Future of Europe**. Meetings are the fourth Monday of the month at Mary Jo Aspinall's beautiful home in Shell Beach beginning at 7:00 pm. 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.

## FINESSING FEMMES BRIDGE

We'll be playing at the home of Rose Ann Steiner on Thursday, **January 19 at 12:30**. If anyone is interested in joining or subbing in the Finessing Femmes, call



-- Marilyn Corey 473-1928.

## HAND AND FOOT CANASTA

Our Hand and Foot Canasta group will meet on the fourth Friday, **January 27, 2017, at 9:30**. Linda Lidberg will be our hostess and will provide drinks and dessert. Bring \$3 and your lunch. Happy new year!



-- Debbie Audet

## DAYLIGHT BOOK GROUP

### Daylight Book Readers

### READING FOR PLEASURE AND CURIOSITY



The next daylight reading discussion will be held at the home of Jean Burns Slater, 3132 Meadowbrook Lane, San Luis Obispo on **January 6**, beginning at **11:30am**. The book selected for discussion is **Margaret Fuller: A New American Life** by Megan Marshall. This is a biography describing Margaret Fuller's life as a daring war correspondent, tragic heroine, Thoreau's first editor and more. Bring your lunch; enjoy beverages and dessert at the home of the hostess. Call for directions: 805 627 1845.

Book selection for the 2017 year will begin at this meeting and may be extended to a separate meeting to accommodate everyone's suggestions. If you would like to join us and have input on the reading list for 2017, please attend on January 6, Friday.

Questions? Please call or message Jean Burns Slater 627-1845 [jbslater2006@gmail.com](mailto:jbslater2006@gmail.com)

**COOKING TOGETHER**

Please join us at the home of Kathy Cohon for our next dinner on **January 28, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.**

- Please contact the host to RSVP at least one week before each dinner so that she can plan accordingly.

**kcaauw@gmail.com 234-6934**

- 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



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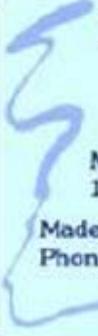


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January 2017						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1  New Year's Day	2	3	4	5 Lunch Bunch 11:30  Tech Trek 6:30pm	6 11:30am Daylight Readers	7
8	9	10  Night Readers	11	12	13  Claire Estate	14  Gordon Sale
15	16  Martin Luther King Day	17	18	19  Bridge 12:30pm	20	21  CA-AAUW Lobbyist 10-12, SM
22	23 Great Decisions 7:00pm	24	25	26	27 Canasta 9:30am	28 Cooking Together 5:30pm
29	30	31				

**January Birthdays**

4 Jean Burns Slater    4 Judy Zaretska    5 Bettie Kulp  
 14 Mary Matakovich    15 Joan Knowlton    22 Judy Leonard  
 23 Liz Wineman



**December 2016**

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**Thursday Sewing Group\***

We meet at 12:30 PM (unless announced otherwise) at the home of the hostess.

*1/12 Susan Grey*  
*1/19 Karen Thomas\**  
*1/26 Linda Lidberg*

**February 2017**

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