

# The Waves



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*Susan Opava*



As often happens to me, the short month of February has slipped by and I am surprised that March is upon us!

Our February meeting this year was, again, a joint one - the annual IBC luncheon hosted by the Santa Barbara IBC in Santa Maria this past Saturday - which a small contingent of our Branch members attended. The highlight of the event was a talk by Aileen Rizo, a young woman who has become the current face of equal pay rights for women in California. Ms. Rizo, an unassuming, even shy, person is the antithesis of what we sometimes expect of people who challenge the system. Yet, in her quiet way, she has brought unprecedented attention to the equal-pay issue over the last several years, through her law suit against a Fresno County education district. Her long battle – most recently argued in the 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court – is inspiring, not only because of the merits of her case and the impact she has had on state legislators, but also because of the humility and grace that have governed her actions at all times. I urge you to read more about this exceptional woman and her family ([www.equalpay.me](http://www.equalpay.me)).

Now is the time of the year that we begin to think about elections! At the Branch level, the Board will be naming a nominating Committee to seek candidates for next year's Branch officer and leader positions, to present to the membership for approval. Please, please consider running for a position, whether on your own or with a partner. The Branch has been hampered greatly this year by having two key officer-positions vacant: President-Elect and Vice President for Programs. Other Board members have had to do double-duty, taking on those responsibilities in addition to their own. This is not sustainable in the long run. Being an officer or program leader is not a thankless job by any means; it is a pleasure to work with the other Board members and there is a large team of active members, not on the Board, who regularly step up to fulfill responsibilities related to programs and events.

This year, also, there will be both State and National AAUW elections, so please follow AAUW correspondence to know when and for whom to cast your important votes. One of the candidates running for the AAUW-CA Board of Directors is Dianne Owens, from the Santa Barbara IBC. It would be advantageous to have someone from the Central Coast on the Board, since we are often on the fringe of state-wide activities. That election will be held between April 22 and May 12.

Finally, don't miss our regular general meeting in March. It is one of our most popular, when we get to meet Tech-Trek participants and scholarship awardees and learn about them and their experiences. Hope to see you there!



Standing  
Up for  
Change

### March 2017: Women in History Month

is here and Branch members will be doing portrayals in elementary classrooms in LMUSD from Mar 13 - 31. We have also been asked to perform at the AG Women's Club and the Oceano Library After School Program.

WIH – Women in History portrayals for our Branch will be at the **April 17** meeting. Please Invite friends and family to hear these stories.

Our March program will be introductions of our Branch High School Scholarship and Tech Trek winners. The usual programs have been reversed because LMUSD students will be on Spring vacation April 17 – 21, and therefore, unavailable in April.

Come and see two of our Branch's major projects; **Scholarship and Tech Trek Awards on March 20**, and Women in History on April 17.

Cheers, Kathy Cohon and Pam Zirion



Tech Trek teacher recommendations are arriving and nominated students will be submitting their applications and essays in time for the February 27th deadline. Tech Trek interviews will be held on Sunday, March 5th and you will get to meet this year's campers at our March 20<sup>th</sup> meeting. Spring Break for the Lucia Mar School District falls on our usual April Tech Trek/Scholarship meeting so Tech Trek and Scholarship have traded places with Women in History.

I want to thank Judy Leonard, Marilyn Corey, and Barbara Cotton for their help as the middle school reps and Sandra Ku for arranging for our interview location. We have been fortunate to receive several donations again this year from community groups and businesses: Arroyo Grande Optimist Club, Melfred Borzall, Inc., and the Arroyo Grande Lions Club. The Arroyo Grande Men's Club has generously said they will hold a BBQ (where they do all the work and provide all the food) as a fund-raiser for Tech Trek at a date of our choosing in the future.

-- Linda Lidberg

## Membership Report

Enclosed is a renewal letter for you to utilize to submit your dues for 2017-2018. You may send them at any time but the deadline is end of June.

At present we have 76 members with two new people ready to join in March. Please send your renewals as soon as possible. It would be great to achieve our goal of 80 this year. Send me any ideas that you feel would assist members in renewing. Also do you think new members would benefit by being mentored or would a get together help them understand what our club provides. Thank you for your ideas.

- Susan Brazil

## March Meeting

**WHAT:** Scholarship and Tech Trek awards  
**WHY:** Meet our 2017 college-bound scholarship awardees and our Tech Trek UCSB campers!  
**WHERE:** Arroyo Grande Women's Center, Vernon St.  
**WHEN:** 7:00 pm Monday, March 20  
**WHO:** YOU and your guests!

*Refreshments will be provided*

## Morro Bay AAUW Garden Tour

The annual Morro Bay AAUW Garden Tour will be held **Sunday April 30, noon to 5 pm.**

Visit five outstanding gardens in Morro Bay, Los Osos, and Cayucos.

Tickets are \$10 for the self-guiding tour and may be purchased after April 1 at Volumes of Pleasure bookstore in Los Osos; Coalesce bookstore in Morro Bay; and Farm Supply in San Luis Obispo, Arroyo Grande, and Paso Robles; plus any AAUW member of the Morro Bay branch.

Proceeds benefit community projects.

For more information, [morrobayaauw.org](http://morrobayaauw.org) or call [\(805\) 528-2593](tel:8055282593).

See you in the gardens!

Thank you,  
Julie Linxwiler, Morro Bay AAUW



## LUNCH BUNCH

After a pleasant drive to Orcutt, the Lunch Bunch will be eating at the well-appointed Irish Pub, Rooney's, at 11:30 on Thu., March 2nd. Contact Carole Dempsey at [medipharmix@aol.com](mailto:medipharmix@aol.com) for reservations or call 904-6646. Looking ahead to the next 3 months,

April 6th at Willy's in Pismo Beach  
 May 4th at Willow's in Nipomo  
 June 1st at Eureka in SLO

## NIGHT READERS

The next meeting of the evening Book Club will be held March 14 at the home of Joan Knowlton. The book for discussion will be Colson Whitehead's best seller "The Underground Railroad," which follows a young slave's adventures as she makes a desperate bid for freedom in the antebellum South.

Whitehead re-creates the unique terrors for black people in the pre-Civil War era and considers the unfulfilled promises of the present day. Looking ahead, the book scheduled for April is "The Year of Reading Dangerously," by Andy Miller.

The Night Readers Book Club is currently filled to capacity.

-- Sandra Ku, chairperson

## GREAT DECISIONS

### Prepare to Discuss the World

Great Decisions topic for the month of March is **Conflict in the South China Sea**, one of the world's most important waterways and the scene of intense international competition, serving as the link between the Pacific and Indian Oceans. Find out about the varied economic, territorial, political and military interests in this sea at the Great Decisions discussion, March 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Call Mary Jo Aspinall 556-0193 or Connie Rogers 481-1841 with questions. Great Decisions meets monthly at the home of Mary Jo Aspinall to discuss world events, view a video and follow up a reading from the Great Decisions Foreign Policy Association publication. The meetings are the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month at 7:00 pm.

## FINESSING FEMMES BRIDGE

Finessing Femmes now meets on the **first Wednesday** of the month. On March 1, we meet at 12:30 at the home of Marilyn Corey. If interested in joining us or being a sub, call Marilyn Corey at 473-1928.

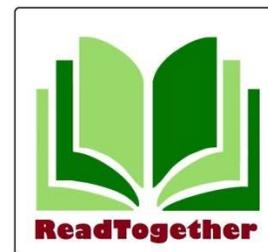
## HAND AND FOOT CANASTA

Hand and Foot Canasta group will meet on Friday, March 24th at Elin McCall's home. We will begin at 9:30, will bring our own lunches and finish about 2 o'clock. Elin will provide drinks and dessert. Please let Elin know who will sub for you if you can't come.

-- Debbie Audet

## DAYLIGHT BOOK READERS

The Daylight Book Readers selection for the month of March is *Dancing Fish and Ammonites* by Penelope Lively. *Dancing Fish and Ammonites* traces the arc of Lively's life, stretching from her early childhood in Cairo to boarding school in England to the sweeping social changes of Britain's twentieth century. She writes with compassion about the process of aging and what life looks like from where she now stands. It's a very thoughtful memoir, offering insight to Lively's extraordinary career.



Jean Burns Slater is the Hostess for the March 3 discussion. We meet the first Friday of each month, hosted by different members. The discussion begins at 11:30 am, followed by member's brown bag lunch and dessert and beverages provided by the hostess. Meetings are the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of each month, 11:30 am. Our April selection is *Barbarian Nurseries* by Hector Tobar, followed by *My Own Words* by Ruth Bader Ginsberg. We welcome new readers as always. Message Jean Burns Slater 805 627-1845 or [jbslater2006@gmail.com](mailto:jbslater2006@gmail.com) for more details and a listing of the books for 2017.

# March 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1  Bridge 12:30pm	2  Lunch Bunch 11:30 @ <b>Rooney's</b>	3  Daylight Book Readers	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12  Daylight Savings Time Begins	13	14  Night Readers 7pm	15	16	17  St. Patrick's Day	18
19	20 Meeting!  Scholarship & Tech Trek Awards 7pm	21	22	23	24  Hand & Foot Canasta 9:30am	25
26	27  Great Decisions 7pm	28	29	30	31	

## February 2017

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## Birthdays:

- 1 Judy Gabriel
- 1 Pat Muhlethaler
- 12 Susan Gray
- 14 Mary Jo Aspinall
- 14 Susan Opava
- 23 Maureen Kelly



## April 2017

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## AAUW Five Cities-Pismo Beach 2017-2018 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** for the 2017-2018 year. [*Dual branch members pay \$21 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 **July 1, 2017** to:

**Susan Brazil**  
**AAUW Membership**  
**397 Mesa View Dr.**

**Dues \$90**  
 **Dual Member \$21**  
 **Name Tag \$10**

**Arroyo Grande, CA 93420**

**\$  Total**

**IF YOUR DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION IS THE SAME AS LAST YEAR, FILL IN YOUR NAME ONLY.**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Corrections:**

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

