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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Susan Opava

Well it looks as if our rain-drenched winter (much needed and appreciated) has turned the reins over to spring and some lovely weather. I hope you are all enjoying it!

I hope also that those of you who attended the March general meeting were greatly impressed by the students who were selected this year for Tech Trek and scholarships. It was impossible not to marvel at their academic accomplishments and the sheer number of outside activities they have undertaken. I think the future is in good hands! Since these are our two principal community programs, and at least 50% of our fund-raising supports them, we are very grateful to Linda Lidberg and Marilyn Corey for being the leads on their planning and execution, and for the contributions of the many, many other members who participate each year.



On a more negative note, we are reminded in April that women have still not been accorded equal status with men in the workplace. **Equal Pay Day** draws attention to just one continuing inequity. According to the National Committee on Pay Equity, it arrives on **Tuesday April 4** this year, and is the symbolic day when women have finally earned sufficient wages to equal what men earned by the end of 2016 in similar jobs. Even more disturbing is the fact that this date arrives even later for African American women (August), Native American women (September) and Hispanic women (October). Can we do our own small part in the efforts to remedy this? Here are some easy actions that may increase awareness:

1. Join others across the country in wearing red (and perhaps your AAUW ID tag) on Equal Pay Day and be prepared to explain why if asked.
2. Talk to your family, friends, and neighbors about Equal Pay Day and what it means. Many people are unaware that pay equity for women is still an issue in the United States; nor do they know the magnitude of the problem.
3. Send a letter to the editor(s) of local papers drawing attention to Equal Pay Day.
4. Post something on Facebook and/or Twitter (if you use these).

Hope to see you all at our April general meeting for our Women in History Program!

Membership Report

DUES: Well here we are already. Getting ready to renew our commitment to our branch by paying yearly dues. Your \$90 will cover your membership from July 1st, 2017 through June 31, 2018. Thank you to those members I've already received renewals from.

A **renewal form** can be found at the end of this newsletter for you to utilize to submit your dues for 2017-2018. You may send them at any time but the deadline is the end of June.

We also have a new member, Sheila Phipps who lives in Nipomo. Please contact her if you live nearby and can offer her a ride to meetings. Thank you, Sheila, for joining our branch. Her degree is in Pharmacy.

- Susan Brazil

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The Tech



Trek committee had a very difficult time narrowing the 11 applicants down to the six campers who will attend Tech Trek at UCSB this summer. Six deserving young ladies were selected and two alternates were also selected. If one of our campers, or a camper from another branch is unable to attend then one of our alternates might be able to experience Tech Trek STEM camp. A well earned thank you to all the branch members who helped with the selection: Marilyn Corey, Susan Brazil, Kely Blackburn, Ann Marie Kurrasch, and Sandra Ku. And a huge thank you to all the businesses, community groups, and individuals that helped raise the money to allow these budding scientists and mathematician's to attend camp.



Tech Trek Campers are from left to right: Brandi Weldon, Ava Parker-Alternate, Iris Jenssen, Paige Meier, Perola Hemen, Avy Newton, Abigail Ferreros-Alternate, My Duong

Scholarship

Since 1908, our Scholarship Corporation, with the full support of the Five Cities Pismo Beach Branch of AAUW, has had the goal of providing scholarships to deserving young women to assist them in furthering their education and careers. To date, 96 scholarships have been awarded. This noteworthy goal was once again exhibited on March 20, 2017 when each of four high achieving and delightful young women were honored with \$1,000 scholarships. They have our deep felt respect and awe for what they have accomplished.

Congratulations to the following:

- Megan Garcia: New Tech High School
- Jessica McGuigan: Arroyo Grande High School
- Cristal Correa Aguirre: Winona Green AVID
- Kimberly Knollenberg: Nipomo High School



The Scholarship Program is a 501 © (3) Corporation and is funded by donations and fund raising events of our Branch activities. Tax deductible donations may be designated for the AVID scholarship in memory of the late Winona Green, to the endowment fund, or to area of greatest need as designated by the Scholarship Directors. Many of these donations are given in memory or a deceased friend or loved one. This year 55 members of our Branch committed many hours of tireless effort to implementing the generous intent of our now deceased member, Claire Gordon, who left the contents of her home to the Scholarship Endowment Fund.

Currently, the Scholarship Corporation is recruiting a new member for 2017-18. Anyone interested should contact Marilyn Corey. You would join the team of Kathi Pettersen, Carol Nielson, Pat Muhlethaler, Rose Anne Steiner, Debbie Audet, Yvonne Stephens, Carol Rowe, Jean Slater, Maureen Kelly, and Beth Hutton.

Women In History

Monday, April 17 7:00pm

Arroyo Grande Women's Center



LUNCH BUNCH

After a hop, skip and a jump to Pismo Beach, the Lunch Bunch will be eating at Wooly's on Pomeroy Ave. at 11:30 on Fri., **April 6th**. Contact Carole Dempsey at medipharmix@aol.com for reservations or call 904-6646. Looking ahead to the next 3 months,

- May 4th at Willow's in Nipomo
- June 1st at Eureka in SLO
- July 6th at McClintock's in AG

NIGHT READERS

The evening Book Club will meet on **April 11** at the home of Sharon Lowell for a discussion of Andy Miller's non-fiction book "The Year of Reading Dangerously." The story chronicles the author's year-long adventure with 50 great books and "two not-so-great ones). It reminds us why we should all make time in our lives for reading. It is a witty, insightful journey of discovery and soul-searching. Looking ahead, the selected book for May is "The Nightingale," by Kristin Hannah.

-- Sandra Ku, chairperson

GREAT DECISIONS

Great Decisions topic for the month of April is **Saudi Arabia in Transition**. The administration of Donald Trump faces a difficult situation in the Middle East with active conflicts in Iraq, Afghanistan, the renewed disagreement with nuclear agreement with Iran, the stalled peace process with Israel and Palestine, and strained relations with Egypt and Turkey. The situation in Saudi Arabia has been transformed with the accession to power of King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Suad, successor to King Abdullaah. What happens now? Find out about the varied political, religious, foreign policy and societal interests at the Great Decisions discussion, **April 24th** at 7:00 p.m. Call Mary Jo Aspinall 556-0193 or Connie Rodgers 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 4th Monday of each month at 7:00 pm.

FINESSING FEMMES BRIDGE

Finessing Femmes now meets on the first Wednesday of the month. On **April 5**, we meet at 12:30 at the home of Sharon Lowell.

If interested in joining our bridge group, call Marilyn Corey at 473-1928.

COOKING TOGETHER

Please join us for our next dinner in April at 5:30pm **April 22, 2017** Abby Adams
Abby.adams@mac.com 270-4066

- **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

HAND AND FOOT CANASTA

Hand and Foot Canasta group will meet on Friday, **April 28th** at Susan Brazil's home. We will begin at 9:30, will bring our own lunches and finish about 2 o'clock. Susan will provide drinks and dessert. Please let Susan know who will sub for you if you can't come.

DAYLIGHT BOOK GROUP

Barbarian Nurseries by Hector Tobar is the book of the month for The Daylight Book Readers. The central character in *Barbarian Nurseries* is Araceli, who works as a housekeeper for Scott and Maureen Torres-Thompson in Southern California. Araceli is an illegal Mexican immigrant, and the Torres-Thompsons are a wealthy American family. After the husband and wife that she works for disappear, live-in maid Araceli takes their two boys on a journey through sprawling Los Angeles to locate their grandfather.

Mary Weeks is the Hostess for the **April 7** discussion. Readers 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 1st Friday of each month, 11:30 am. Our May selection is Ruth Bader Ginsberg's book, *My Own Words* followed by *Cinnamon and Gunpowder: A Novel* by Eli Brown. We welcome new readers, as always. Message Jean Burns Slater 805 627-1845 or jbslater2006@gmail.com for more details and a listing of the books for 2017.

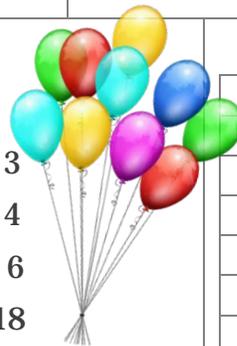
April 2017						
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30  Morro Bay Garden Tour Noon-5pm						

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Birthdays:

- Kely Blackburn 3
- Stacy Meko 4
- Patti Melsheimer 6
- Margaret Quandt 18



May 2017

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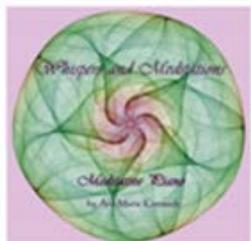
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Our mission and focus:

“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.
Arroyo Grande, CA 93420

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

Name: _____

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