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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear members,

Thanks to everyone who turned out for our general meeting in May. By all accounts our first social and book-exchange was a success, and in a short business meeting we elected our officers for next year. They will be officially installed at the June meeting and dinner (**look for details on this event elsewhere in the newsletter**). Thanks also to the many members who took on extra “chores” to make the May meeting a success. Please let us know whether you think we should add this program to the calendar as a regular event and, if so, send any suggestions you may have for improving it to any Board member.

Also in May, Mary Matakovich and I attended California Leadership Day in Santa Barbara on May 20th. This program of hands-on workshops is run by AAUW CA at different locations around the State. The event provided opportunities to share ideas with members of other branches on how to address issues of importance to us. The ideas that emerged from the workshops – particularly on how to increase and diversify membership, both by recruiting new members and retaining current ones – are being compiled by representatives from State leadership and will be shared with all participants. We will bring this report to the Board for discussion and use the information to aid in planning our goals for the coming year at the annual planning meeting in August.

Finally, I want to bring to your attention a recent example of the important work of AAUW that is supported by our dues:

More gender-based educational and pay inequity.

Recently AAUW released a new report on the educational debt of women in the United States. According to the report, “*Right now about 44 million borrowers in the United States hold about \$1.3 trillion in*

outstanding student loans. The scale of outstanding student loans, and an increasing share of borrowers who fail to repay, have made many Americans aware that student debt is a challenge for society and for individual borrowers. Yet despite the fact that women represented 56 percent of those enrolled in American colleges and universities in fall 2016, many people do not think of student debt as a women’s issue. This report reveals that women also take on larger student loans than do men. And because of the gender pay gap, they have less disposable income with which to repay their loans after graduation, requiring more time to pay back their student debt than do men. As a result, women hold nearly two-thirds of the outstanding student debt in the United States — more than \$800 billion.” To read the full report go to: <http://www.aauw.org/resource/deeper-in-debt/>.

This month I look forward to seeing many of you at the year-end meeting and installation dinner. Please join other members on June 26th for an evening of dining, conversation, celebration of the good work we have done this year, and - last but not least – recognition of the members who have volunteered to play key roles in Branch leadership this year. See you then!

Membership

Hello everyone. Just a reminder that it is important to renew your membership so that we may continue to meet our goals of advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, research and leadership. Dues renewal is \$90 and covers you through June, 2018. Checks are to be made out to:

5 Cities Pismo Beach AAUW and mailed to me:
Susan Brazil, 397 Mesa View Dr, AG, 93420.

If you know of anyone interested in joining, new member dues are \$65.50. Notify me and I will mail them an application. We currently have 39 members which includes 3 new members.

- Susan Brazil

LUNCH BUNCH

Looking ahead...

July 6th lunch at McClintock's in AG

August 3rd travel to Cool Hand Luke's in Santa Maria

Sept. 7th, how about Cool Cat's in Pismo.....

Please email your RSVPs to Carole Dempsey at

medipharmix@aol.com

NIGHT READERS

The June 13 meeting of the Book Club will be held June 13 at the home of Linda Keetch. The book for discussion will be Elizabeth Strout's novel "My Name is Lucy Barton." Looking ahead, the book selection for July is "The Orphan Train." The evening book club is currently filled to capacity.

-- Sandra Ku, chairperson

GREAT DECISIONS

Latin America continues to be news worthy focus with Venezuela's massive food shortages, corruption accusations in Brazil, Ecuador's leader asking for a change of constitution to extend his governing power and many other issues throughout Latin America. Latin America's Political Pendulum serves as the discussion topic for Great Decisions for the month of June. After achieving a higher standard of living from the boom times of the early 2000's, Latin American citizens have increased their demands and expectations and are protesting at the ballot box and in the streets against corruption and mismanagement. Find out about our Latin neighbors and their struggles to select governments that deliver on transparency, offer more effective institutions and market oriented economic reform at the next Great Decisions discussion.

Typically Great Decisions meets on the 4th Monday of the month. However our Branch Officer Installation Dinner will be held on June 26th. The exact date for the June Great Decisions discussion will be determined shortly. Call Mary Jo Aspinall 556-0193 or Connie Rodgers 481-1841 for the June discussion date. (cont. next column)

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 typically the 4th Monday of each month at 7:00 pm. New attendees are welcome.

HAND AND FOOT CANASTA

For details, call Debbie Audet.

DAYLIGHT BOOK GROUP

June 2, Friday at 11:30 am is the next gathering of the Daylight Readers. **Cinnamon and Gunpowder: A Novel** by **Eli Brown** places the reader in the year of 1819. The renowned chef, Owen Wedgwood, has been kidnapped by a ruthless pirate. He will be spared only if he can conjure an exquisite meal every Sunday from the ship's meager supplies. While Wedgwood attempts to satisfy his captor with feats such as tea-smoked eel and pineapple-banana cider, he realizes that his pirate captor is also under siege. Hunted by a deadly privateer and plagued by a saboteur, she pushes her crew past exhaustion in her search for the notorious Brass Fox. Read the book and help save your favorite character.

Mary Weeks is the Hostess for the **June 2** 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. *Lost City of the Monkey God: A True Story* by Douglas Preston will be the focus of discussion in July. 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.

FINESSING FEMMES BRIDGE

Finessing Femmes now meets on the first Wednesday of the month. We meet at 12:30 at the home of one of the members. If interested in joining our bridge group, call Marilyn Corey at 473-1928.

REMINDER: 2017 AAUW National Election

Your vote is your voice. Have you exercised your right to vote in the AAUW National Election?

- Weigh in on the new AAUW Board of Directors, proposed changes on issues such as the membership requirement, and more.
- Online voting closes at 9 p.m. ET on June 15, 2017. Cast your ballot today!
- You'll need your voter PIN located in the spring issue of AAUW Outlook magazine.

INVITATION

*Please join fellow members of the Five Cities-Pismo Beach Branch of AAUW
for
our end-of-year meeting and officer-installation dinner
to be held at:*

*Spyglass Restaurant
in the
Banquet Room
on
Monday, June 26th
at
5:30 pm – dinner served at 6:00*

Entrée selections are:

- **CHICKEN MARSALA**
Boneless breast sautéed with Marsala wine, mushrooms, fresh herbs, and cream, served with rice pilaf
- **SALMON**
Fresh salmon baked to perfection, then topped with a lemon dill sauce, served with rice pilaf
- **BUTTERNUT SQUASH RAVIOLI**

All entrées include a mixed green salad, seasonal vegetables, freshly baked rolls & butter; water and iced tea table service.

Cost per person: \$32.00 (includes meal, gratuity and tax)

*Please RSVP **by June 13** to: Judy Zaretska, 529 Starlight Lane, Arroyo Grande, CA 93420-4157, **with your choice of entrée and payment**. Checks should be made out to: “AAUW Five Cities Pismo Beach Branch”. Cancellations after June 13 are non-refundable.*

Let's celebrate the end of another successful year in the company of friends!

June 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	7:00 Great Decisions TBD 			1 Lunch Bunch 11:30	2  Daylight Book Group 11:30am	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13  Night Readers 7pm	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 5:30pm Installation Dinner Spyglass	27	28	29	30	

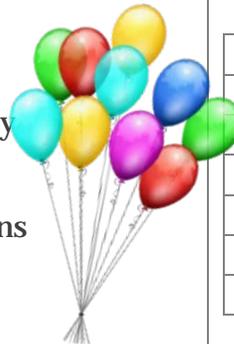


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Birthdays:

- 9 Joan Florence
- 10 Carole Dempsey
- 13 Shirley Bekey
- 19 Yvonne Stephens



July 2017

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