

Co President's Newsletter

Human Trafficking: Here and Now

Please join us to hear special speaker, Opal Singleton, CEO of "Million Kids", tell the story behind her foundation's fight to stop perpetrators of child trafficking. Opal will provide the global and national view. The battle against human trafficking requires resources and expertise from everyone in the community. Representative from the District Attorney's offices in Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo Counties will present the local perspective.

This problem is right here in our county. A 20 year old San Luis Obispo man was sentenced to three years in state prison on September 30, 2014 for pimping a 16 year old girl in a San Luis Obispo hotel. A 17 year old girl was kidnapped from San Francisco and kept captive and sold for a sex slave. A fire captain in Cayucos is now being prosecuted for this crime.

Program: Human Trafficking, The Fastest Growing Crime in America

Who: This program is sponsored by and partially paid for by the Santa Barbara Interbranch Council AAUW, Lompoc Vandenberg, Santa Maria, Santa Barbara Goleta Valley, Atascadero, San Luis Obispo and Five Cities-Pismo Beach AAUW Branches in conjunction with other community partners.

When: November 20, 2014, Thursday

Time: 5:30 pm

Where: Allan Hancock College, Santa Maria, The Forum .

Carpools are encouraged.

Learn about Opal and Human Trafficking: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UEg8GlvnSyo>

Hints on Identifying Someone Being Trafficked

Identifying victims of trafficking will depend a lot on the circumstances in which you see them. In health care settings you can see excessive work related injuries,

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Hints on Identifying Someone Being Trafficked (continued)

untreated chronic illness like diabetes, malnutrition and poor dental health. In sex trafficking there is evidence of sexual assault, physical restraint, STDs, and in many, severe psychological distress. When we frequent a business, do the employees get to leave the premises? Are they working seven days a week? Do they live with their employer? Is there any fearful or submissive behavior? Who communicates with the customers? Are the majority of the laborers unable to speak English? Do they seem to have a canned speech they give about their boss or their immigration status?

From a law enforcement viewpoint: Who has control of the passports or work permits? Is there a foreman or supervisor who tries to keep the group away from the officers? Are there brawls between people in which money is owed? Is someone "safekeeping" the money for the employees?

Don't expect people being trafficked to volunteer that information or to beg for help. Most have been severely threatened and fear the loss of their lives or their families. Many in the sex business are hooked on drugs first, gang raped a few times and then finally put with paying customers.

Contact phone numbers if needed: National Human Trafficking Hotline
1-888-373-7888 or text BeFree (233733).

Thank you Donella Jenkins, Co President, San Luis Obispo AAUW Branch, for these suggestions.

Marilyn Corey and Jean Burns Slater

Co Presidents, Five Cities Pismo Beach AAUW

CALENDAR — November 2014

3	Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.
6	Lunch Bunch	11:30 a.m.
11	Night Readers	7:00 p.m.
14	PCPA Night	7:00 p.m.
16	Finessing Femmes Bridge	12:30 p.m.
17	Bingo Night	6:00 p.m.





Nov. 17 is the date for the big fall fundraiser Bingo Bonanza. Nearly all of the 160 tickets are out for sale at \$10 apiece. If you do not have tickets, then buy one from a friend.

The fun starts at 6 pm. at St. John's Lutheran Church at the corner of Valley Rd. and Los Berros in Arroyo Grande.

The purchase of a ticket includes the game with two game boards, refreshments, and door prize drawing. In addition, there will be a Silent Auction, Boutique, and Raffles; more game boards will be available for purchase as well. The prize for each of the eight games will be \$20.

So join your fellow AAUW members to support our educational projects, and bring your friends and neighbors.

We still need members to help with set up and clean up, and tallying the Silent Auction sheets. Contact Susan Gray (710-5077) or Gaye Peltzman (474-8977) to volunteer. See Page 5 for a flier to print for your friends and neighbors.

Help!

We are in need of a few more volunteers to help bring refreshments for our BINGO Night on November 17th. Here is what we need...

- Two more Appetizer/Meat/Finger Sandwich trays
- One more Fruit tray
- One more Vegetable tray w/wo Dip
- One more Cheese/Cracker Tray.

Please make individual proportions as people will be plating their own small plates and taking it with them back to the BINGO table. Please make fresh fruit and fresh vegetables [no purchased pre-cut trays]. We are asking that everything be "fresh" cut, not store bought trays. Please bring a generous amount.

If you can help out, please call or email Karen Thomas (H) 805-473-0303 (C) 805-458-8404 or karen@larrykaren.com



BAKE SALE

We are also including a Bake Sale during the Bingo Night on November 17th. We will be selling whole cakes, pies, loaves of bread, baker's dozen packages of cookies and brownies. Please consider donating your favorite baked good for our Bake Sale. Just think — you can stock your freezer for all those holiday guests and support a good cause by donating and then buying an item to take home. Call Dee Carlson for more information.



 Our terrific Bingo Night on November 17th offers a Silent Auction. Since this is a major fund raiser for our projects this year, I need your help.



 We have some beautiful donated items as well as gift certificates so far but need more. Sooooo I need all members to solicit donations from places you frequent. Just explain who you are, what our projects entail and ask. The worst they can say is "No", right? So if you can live with that, you can ask for a donation.

 Some places still to contact are: Whole Foods (SLO); Carter's Children; Oshkosh; Ralph Lauren (all of these are at the Pismo outlets); Posies' Gifts; Tiber Canyon; Pier 1. Even if you are not a customer, you can still ask. Be brave and say "Thank you". Call me or email me to let me know you have gotten an item and we don't duplicate requests.

 When you get a donation, don't forget to give a receipt. Also determine its value and write it on the item. You can bring the items to Priscilla's Alquist's home, 424 Vista, AG, by November 13th. You can also call me at 543-5403 to pick up your item.

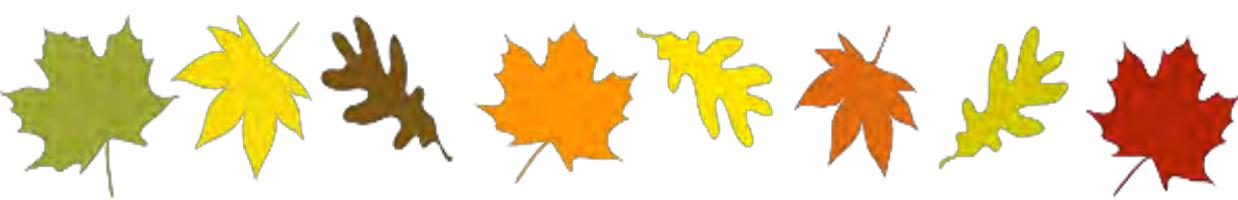
 We also need people to help arrange and decorate the baskets of donations. We will meet at Priscilla's home at 9:00 AM on November 14th. It's a fun morning in a beautiful home. Thank you, Priscilla!

 Pam Zirion



November Birthday Ladies

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|  5 Terri Jackson |  10 Wendy Robinson |
|  9 Jane Pittenger |  11 Carol Rowe |
|  10 Sharon Lowell |  23 Andi Portney |
|  10 Shirley Morris |  30 Shayla Lever |



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959 Valley Rd, Arroyo Grande * TICKETS \$10

Light Buffet, Door Prizes, Handcrafts Boutique, Silent Auction, Raffles, Bake Sale

AAUW Five Cities Pismo Beach supports local elementary schools with new books, Tech Trek Science Camp scholarships for middle school girls and College Scholarships for senior high girls within the Lucia Mar Unified School District, plus national scholarships for graduate students

For more information smgI@sbcglobal.net or 474-8977
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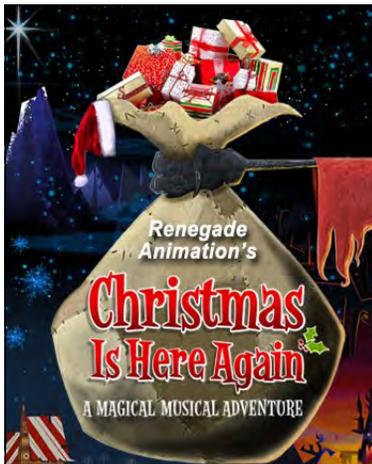
by Alice Addison, Membership Vice President

Our Five-Cities Branch stands at 80 members as of October 20. Thank you all for the new member ideas. I've followed up on all potentials. While I was gone in September, Judy Zaretska introduced two of our new members **ANN MARIE KURRASCH** and **STACY MEKO**. In October I introduced two more **CAROL NIELSON** (in absentia) and **CONNIE RODGERS**, both joined in late spring/summer, and presented our two newest members who joined at the October 20 program meeting **LINDA KIME** and **DANNA WEIDNER** (dual member with Morro Bay). Please welcome them all into the various events of our branch.

Each member should now have the new membership directory and the new membership brochure. Let me know if you need either. Invite your friends, potential members to our November 17 Bingo-Boutique. Let's all get involved in our branch fundraising to support women and girls in our community.



During September, while back East for her 50th high school reunion, Membership Vice President Alice Addison visited the National AAUW Headquarters in Washington, D.C. She toured the offices and spoke with staff about the need for strengthened National support of local branches.



Theater/Concert Notes

This is a **WORLD PREMIER!** Yes, it's true!

"CHRISTMAS IS HERE AGAIN"

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14, evening performance at 7 PM
by PCPA Theater at Allan Hancock College in Santa Maria

Usual AAUW discounted price: \$20/ticket

Payable to AAUW Five Cities

By October 31st mail or hand your check to

Judy Zaretska, 529 Starlight Ln., A.G. 481-7313 judyyoung@hotmail.com

Watch for future breaking news on theater or concert events with AAUW.

The Tech Trek torch has been passed from Sue Singer and Liz Wineman to Stacy Meko and Linda Lidberg. Even after 12 years of dedicated service on behalf of young girls in the Five Cities area, Sue and Liz will continue to act as mentors for Stacy and Linda (Editor's personal note: THANK HEAVEN!)



At Monday night's meeting Linda shared some of the National follow-up statistics on the impact Tech Trek has made in young girls' lives. Here are some of our own Branch's Tech Trek statistics:

- 92% of Branch Tech Trek campers have attended college
- 64% chose majors in STEM areas (Nationally less than 50%)
- 100% of Branch campers took college prep math and science courses
- 42% of Branch campers took AP math and AP science courses (Nationally less than 6% of female students take AP calculus in high school and less than 3% take any AP science classes)

Our goal this year is to send six deserving young ladies to camp at UCSB in July. Of course this means we will need to raise the \$900 per girl tuition. While Stacy and Linda are researching possible business and corporate sponsors we also need your help. Do you know of any businesses or organizations that might be interested in supporting Tech Trek? Would you like to support Tech Trek? If so please let Stacy or Linda know. Donations to Tech Trek are made through Special Projects Funds (SPF). SPF is a 501c(3) entity so donations to SPF identified for Tech Trek are tax deductible. A donation form is available on the Branch website.

<http://fivecitiespismobeach-ca.aauw.net/files/2014/01/Donation-Form-2014.pdf>

Great Decisions

Great Decisions has completed their studies for this year and will start with new studies in January. The topics for the next series are:

- * Syrian Refugees
- * Russia and its neighbors
- * Human Trafficking
- * India
- * Privacy and Cybersecurity
- * Brazil
- * Sectarianism in the Middle East
- * U.S. Africa Policy

All who wish to order a Study Guide should let Mary Jo know by November 15th. The Study Guides cost \$20.

Mary Jo Aspinall, Chairperson 556-0193

Five Cities Scholarship Report

Priscilla and I are pleased that our scholarship committee not only remains at maximum membership, but several members have added duties to assist Tech Trek this year. We have already begun receiving donations from branch members and thank each of them. In order to give out four substantial scholarships this year, we will be relying on these contributions. They may be given in memory of a person or event and are always tax deductible.

For those of you who are new members, I want to introduce you to Winona Green, the member our AVID scholarship honors. She was the AAUW member who began our relationship with AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination). Winona's enthusiasm could light up a room; she was also a friend to everyone she met. She chose AVID to help worthy young women achieve their goals of attending college. These young women will be the first in their families to attend a four year college or university. Judy Leonard continues to volunteer at AGHS one day a week with the AVID program. Committee members Nancy Kington and Kathleen Dautremont have also volunteered to work with the program this year. Our Winona Green Memorial Scholarship is entirely dependent upon contributions from branch members. Please consider a donation of any amount to help keep this worthwhile scholarship viable.

Look for an update next month from a former scholarship winner from 2011, Mia McKinstry. She has had a stellar college career and will tell us her experiences.

Debbie Audet



Great Big THANK YOU'S go out to **Pat Muhlethaler** for her Scholarship donation in September and again in October. A second big THANK YOU to **Marilyn Corey** for her donation to the Scholarship fund.

FINESSING FEMMES BRIDGE

The Finessing Femmes will play bridge on November 20, 2014 at 12:30 pm at the home of Elvera Hornung.

December 18, 2014's game will be at the home of Pat Muhlethaler. In addition to playing bridge the Finessing Femmes will have their holiday gathering.



AAUW Lunch Bunch

AAUW Lunch Bunch is an informal gathering of members who enjoy sampling local restaurants while engaging in stimulating conversation. *Please consider joining the lunch group this year. All branch members are welcome to join us! Attend when it is convenient for you!*

Thursday, November 6, 2014 at 11:30 a.m.

The Rib Line
228 W. Grand Ave., Grover Beach



The Rib Line features BBQ ribs, chicken, and sandwiches as well as salads and sides. Check out their menu at: <http://www.ribline.com>

Please call Susan Brazil – 474-5682 or email her at susanbrazil@sbcglobal.net with your reservation.



Night Readers

The November 11 meeting of the Book Club will meet at the home of Rose Ann Steiner at 7 pm, for a discussion of the crime novel The Cuckoo's Calling. The author Robert Galbraith (a pseudonym for JK Rowling) has created an appealing protagonist in Connoran Strike, a private investigator who will also appear in future books. In this story he is handling a case involving the death of a high profile supermodel. Looking ahead, the selected book for the December meeting is The Burgess Boys. The Book Club is currently filled to capacity. Sandra Ku, chairperson

Hand and Foot Canasta Our group meets the 4th Friday of each month at 9:30 a.m. We brown bag our lunch and are usually finished by 1:00.

Our next game will be November 21st at Elin McCall's home.

Please arrange for your own substitute if you are unable to come.

Contact Debbie Audet at 550-8910 if you would like to join the group, learn how to play, or if you would like to be on our list of substitute players.





December Holiday Brunch.

December 6, 2014 Saturday 10:30 a.m.

Celebrate the Holidays with AAUW Branch Members from Five Cities Pismo Beach and San Luis Obispo. It's the holiday season of good cheer and good will.

Sycamore Hot Springs Resort: Gardens of Avila Restaurant

1215 Avila Beach De

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595-7302

The program includes:

- 10:30 am Fellowship with Five Cities-Pismo Beach & San Luis Obispo Branch members
- 11:00 am Buffet Brunch
- 11:45 am Musical performance
- 12:15 pm Assembling of toiletries for San Luis Obispo Community Action Partnership: Please bring small containers of toiletries (such as hotel samples), wash cloths, tissues, make up, note pads, pens, pencils and small calendars for assembling, separated by product use

Brunch Cost: \$25

Menu: Assorted Breakfast pastries, muffins and breads Seasonal fresh fruit and berries
Scrambled eggs with parmesan cheese Gardens Breakfast potatoes
Orange juice, cranberry juice and grapefruit juice coffee & tea

Reservations required by November 24, Monday

Don't miss this opportunity to enjoy the beautiful setting of the Gardens of Avila and the companionship of women who promote advocacy, education, philanthropy and research focusing on women.

Questions: 627-1845.

Please confirm your reservation with check, made out to "Five Cities-Pismo Beach AAUW"

Mail to: Co President Jean Burns Slater

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Please join us as we celebrate holiday activities with San Luis Obispo AAUW members.

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