

Jean Burns Slater — President's Message

The Paper Bag Princess

story by Robert N. Munsch, published by Annick Press Ltd.

Elizabeth was a beautiful princess. She lived in a castle and had expensive princess clothes. She was going to marry a prince named Ronald. Unfortunately, a dragon smashed her castle, burned all her clothes with his fiery breath, and carried off Prince Ronald. Elizabeth decided to chase the dragon and get Ronald back. She looked everywhere for something to wear, but the only thing she could find that was not burnt was a paper bag. So she put on the paper bag and followed the dragon. He was easy to follow, because he left a trail of burnt forests and horses' bones.

Finally, Elizabeth came to a cave with a large door that had a huge knocker on it. She took hold of the knocker and banged the door. The dragon stuck his nose out of the door and said, "Well, a princess! I love to eat princesses, but I have already eaten a whole castle today. I am a very busy dragon. Come back tomorrow." He slammed the door so fast that Elizabeth almost got her nose caught. Elizabeth grabbed the knocker and banged on the door again. The dragon stuck his nose out of the door and said, "Go away. I love to eat princesses, but I have already eaten a whole castle today. I am a very busy dragon. Come back tomorrow."

"Wait," shouted Elizabeth. "Is it true that you are the smartest and fiercest dragon in the whole world?"

"Yes," said the dragon.

"Is it true," said Elizabeth, "that you can burn up ten forests with your fiery breath?"

"Oh, yes," said the dragon, and he took a huge, deep breath and breathed out so much fire that he burnt up fifty forests.

"Fantastic," said Elizabeth, and the dragon took another huge breath and breathed out so much fire that he burnt up one hundred forests.

"Magnificent," said Elizabeth, and the dragon took another huge breath, but this time nothing came out. The dragon didn't even have enough fire left to cook a meatball.

Elizabeth said, "Dragon, is it true that you can fly around the world in just ten seconds?"

"Why, yes," said the dragon, and jumped up and flew all the way around the world in just ten seconds. He was very tired when he got back, but Elizabeth shouted, "Fantastic, do it again!" So the dragon jumped up and flew around the whole world in just twenty seconds. When he got back he was too tired to talk, and he lay down and went straight to sleep.

Elizabeth whispered, very softly, "Hey dragon." The dragon didn't move at all. She lifted up the dragon's ear and put her head right inside. She shouted as loud as she could, "Hey dragon!" The dragon was so tired he didn't even move. Elizabeth walked right over the dragon and opened the door of the cave. There was Prince Ronald. He looked at her and said, "Elizabeth, you are a mess! You smell like ashes, your hair is all tangled and you are wearing a dirty old paper bag. Come back when you are dressed like a real princess."

"Ronald," said Elizabeth, "your clothes are really pretty and your hair is very neat. You look like a prince, but you are a bum."

They didn't get married after all.

CALENDAR — May 2015

4	Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.
7	Lunch Bunch	11:30 a.m.
9	Book Sorting	10:00 a.m.
9	Cooking Together	5:30 p.m.
12	Night Readers	7:00 p.m.
12	Book Sorting	1:00 p.m.
14	Book Sorting	1:00 p.m.
16	BOOK SALE	9:00 A.M.
18	General Meeting	7:00 p.m.
21	Finessing Fems Bridge	12:30 p.m.
25	Great Decisions	7:00 p.m.



May Birthdays

Lauren Manning 6
Carol McBirnie 18
Juliette Joyce 19
Debbie Audet 24
Linda Keetch 29



AAUW Play Group "Come play" with us!

JUNE 12, Friday, 7:00, LITTLE THEATER San Luis Obispo; **"THE MUSIC MAN"** You've seen it on the big screen and on the big stage. Now be amazed to see it how they manage to do it on the little stage.

AAUW price is \$22 payable to AAUW Five Cities. Mail or hand to me.

Deadline is branch meeting, MAY 18.



JULY 11, Saturday, 1:30, matinee, PCPA Santa Maria; **"THE MAN OF LA MANCHA"**

As usual, AAUW price is \$20 payable to AAUW Five Cities. Mail or hand to me.

Deadline is branch meeting, MAY 18.



Judy Zaretska 529 Starlight Lane; A.G. 93420 481-7313

MEMBER RENEWALS IN FULL SWING!

Now is the time to send your check for \$90 made out to AAUW Five Cities Pismo Beach, with 2015– 2016 membership renewal in the memo line to:

Dr. Alice A. Addison,
AAUW5CPB Vice President for Membership
P.O. Box 342
Arroyo Grande, CA 93421



There was a form sent out last month with an incorrect charge for paper versions of the newsletter; the Board voted not to charge extra for paper versions of the newsletter for those who do not have email. So the only additional charge would be if you want a new badge, the cost is \$10, which you should note on the check if you're ordering a new badge. The next badge order will go in early June. **The revised renewal form can be found on page 9 of this newsletter.**

Thank you all who have already renewed. I'll be taking renewals by mail and at the

Correction to previous article

It was reported that Claire Gordon's book, My Unforgettable Jazz Friends, was available on Amazon. That is not the case. Books are available directly from Claire.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS DINNER

MAY 18th, Spyglass Restaurant

6:00 pm

The dinner reservation form is on page 8 of this newsletter. Please return your completed form and check to Maureen Kelly **no later than April 30th**. Come show your appreciation for our members that have stepped up and volunteered to lead us for the coming year. By the way, there are still vacancies on the Board that need to be filled. Call Jean Burns Slater with your burning desire to serve!

Scholarship Update



Four High School Seniors Net AAUW Scholarships

The Five Cities-Pismo Beach Branch of AAUW presented four \$1000 scholarships recently to Arroyo Grande High School seniors Sheridan Rea, Kathleen Schwind, and Olivia Galindo and to Nipomo High School senior Jenna Clift. (See picture on page 5)

Sheridan Rea will be attending Stanford this fall, majoring in biochemistry and environmental engineering. She is Valedictorian at her school and has been on the Eagle Robotics team for the last four years and was their electrical sub-team leader this year. She recently received the National Bart Cayman Memorial Scholarship in Robotics, for those interested in medical robotics. She has also been on Mock Trial for 6 years and received the Most Valuable Opponent award.

Kathleen Schwind will be attending Vanderbilt or MIT in the fall, majoring in aeronautical and aerospace engineering as well as public policy and international relations. Her goal is to become an international leader in aeronautical policy, including the utilization and regulation of drones. While at A.G.H.S. and middle school, she was in Mock Trial for 6 years and the Student Senate at the High School for 4 years. She is currently Student Body President. She won one of the prestigious National Coca Cola Awards for making a difference in her community as a change agent.

Olivia Galindo was selected as the Winona Green AVID Scholar, as she will be the first in her family to attend college. In high school, she was active in JV and Varsity Track, Volleyball and Basketball. She was also a Senior Class Officer and AVID President, as well as being active in many community service projects. She received the Rotary Youth leadership Award in her junior year. She plans to attend UC Davis in the fall, majoring in psychology, where she intends to pursue her career dream to become a dentist and perhaps an orthodontist.

Jenna Clift plans to attend Cornell University in the fall, majoring in Medieval and Ancient History, with the career goal of becoming a college professor. While at Nipomo H.S., she has actively participated in the Conservation Club as Vice President, the SLO Land Conservancy as Ambassador, and Nipomo High School Drama as President, starring in two productions and helping produce another. She was partnered with an Athlete for the SLO Annual Special Olympics and was herself involved in Volleyball, Soccer, Basketball, and Water Polo. In addition, she participated in the Poetry Out Loud Competition over 4 years.

The local AAUW Scholarship Committee started in 1980 with \$50 scholarships and over the years has given 84 scholarships to graduating senior girls in our community. The current focus is to award two or more scholarships annually, based on the success of fundraising efforts, of \$1000 each to eligible high school senior girls in the Lucia Mar Unified School District. The Scholarship Program is a 501 (c) (3) corporation. Members wishing to make a tax-deductible contribution to the Scholarship Fund may do so by contacting AAUW Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 1604, Pismo Beach, CA 93448 or the Branch website: <http://fivecitiespismobeach-ca.aauw.net>.



From left to right:

Sheridan Rea

Jenna Clift

Olivia Galindo

Kathleen Schwind



IT'S OFF TO CAMP THEY GO

On March 22nd, the Tech Trek committee interviewed and selected six enthusiastic young ladies to attend this summer's Tech Trek camp at UCSB. Three young ladies were selected from Mesa Middle School: Mackenzie Tremper, Hunter Long, and Dannon Sanders. Ellie Vasquez from Judkins Middle School and Olivia Randall and Myriam Blazquez from Paulding Middle School were also selected. Members attending the April 20th general meeting were able to meet these young ladies, as well as hear from last year's Tech Trek campers: Trinity Anderson, Zoe Boyd, Madison Hermes, Grace Mann, and Ashlie Andrade.

techtrek!
science & math camp for girls



From left to right: Dannon Sanders, Mackenzie Tremper, Hunter Long, Olivia Randall, Myriam Blazquez; not pictured Ellie Vazquez

The Book Sale is Coming! The Book Sale is Coming! SOON!

Thousands of books have been sorted and we still have hundreds more to do. Please come to one of our future sortings at Linda Lidberg's home. It is a great time to visit with other members, shop for your next great book to read, and help with one of our major fundraisers for the year. Check out the pictures below.

Sorting dates: **Thursday, April 30th, 1-3 pm**
 Tuesday, May 12th, 1-3 pm
 Thursday, May 14th; 1-3 pm — if needed

What we will need are cars, car trunks, trucks, trailers, SUVs, Minivans, etc. to help transport the boxes of sorted books to the Kmart parking lot. Book pick-up time will be all day Friday, May 15th, from 10 am — 7 pm. We will have strong arm/back help to load cars from 12:30—4:30 on the 15th and Boy Scout help to unload Saturday morning at 7:30 am. PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE contact Pat Muhlethaler or Linda Lidberg to let us know you will be helping to transport books.

We will not be accepting new book donations after May 5th.

Linda Lidberg, Kathi Pettersen, Co-Chairs

P.S. Book marks are available from Linda or Kathi so pick some up and spread the word about our sale. Posters are also available to place in shops, community centers, laundry rooms, etc.



Night Readers

The next meeting of the Book Club will be held May 12 at the home of Linda Keetch for a discussion of River of Doubt: Theodore Roosevelt's Darkest Journey by Candice Millard. This popular non-fiction account follows Roosevelt on a canoe descent into an unmapped area of the Amazon, where he almost lost his life, but eventually made exploration history. Looking ahead, the Book Club will read in June the Elizabeth Gilbert novel The Signature of All Things. This reading group is currently filled to capacity.



Sandra Ku, chairperson

FINESSING FEMMES BRIDGE

The Finessing Femmes bridge group will be playing cards at the home of Sharon Lowell on May 21, 2015 at 12:30 pm

The hostess will contact you to see if you are able to play.

ELVERA HORNUNG, 595-9314



Great Decisions

The Great Decisions Study Group will meet at 7:00 pm on Monday, May 25th at Mary Jo Aspinall's home, 330 Leeward, Shell Beach. The topic will be "The US and Africa" (page 55 in the study guide). Join us as we discuss the relationship between these global opposites.

For more information call the chairperson at 556-0193.

Mary Jo Aspinall, Chair



Hand and Foot Canasta

What's easy to learn and fun to play? 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.



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

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, May 7, 2015 at 11:30 a.m.

Best Lovin BBQ and Grill

1572 Grand Ave in Grover Beach

This family run business features appetizers, sliders, sandwiches, BBQ plates, hamburgers, tacos, salads and wraps. Download the menu at www.bestlovinbbq.com



Please call Susan Brazil – 474-5682 if you are attending, or to carpool. If you need to reach me on the day of the luncheon, my cell is 650-678-0148, though I prefer RSVPs to my home number or email (susanbrazil@sbcglobal.net). Looking forward to our get together--

Cooking Together – Next Event

Please join us for our next dinner in May at 5:30 p.m.

May 9, 2015 Elin McCall

elinmccall@hotmail.com 489-1707, 709-6251

★ 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.




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AAUW
End of year meeting & Installation of Officers
MONDAY, MAY 18, 2015 6:00 p.m.
SPYGLASS RESTAURANT Banquet Room
2703 Spyglass Drive, Shell Beach

Program: 6:00 pm Arrival, visiting, and No Host Bar available
 Introduction of any New Members
 6:30 pm Dinner Service
 7:15 pm Program begins

Dinner cost: \$32 including tax & tip
Menu: Entrée selection, rolls, non-alcoholic beverages, coffee and
 cookies for dessert

Entrée Selections:
 Red Snapper with rice and fresh vegetables
 Chicken Marsala with mashed potatoes and fresh vegetables
 Pasta Primavera tossed with fresh vegetables

RESERVATIONS requested by May 8th.

Questions? Call Maureen Kelly, 710-6035

Please mail your entrée selection and payment by check, made out to:
Five Cities-Pismo Beach AAUW and send to:

Program Co-chair: Maureen Kelly
 135 Hazel Lane
 Nipomo, CA 93444

Please cut off the section below the line and send with your check to Maureen Kelly by
May 8th.

Thanks and hope to see you there! Maureen Kelly

NAME: _____ Number of Guests: _____

Amount enclosed _____ x \$32= _____

ENTRÉE SELECTION:

____ Red Snapper ____ Chicken Marsala ____ Pasta Primavera



AAUW Five Cities-Pismo Beach 2015-2016 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. You will advance the AAUW Mission while making new acquaintances and renewing long term friendships.

- Dues are \$90 through June 2016. Dual branch members pay only \$25 for Five Cities Branch dues.
- _____ Dual member (Branch name) _____ (State) _____
- _____ Check here to order a new name tag or replacement name tag. Include additional \$10.
- _____ Check here to request the newsletter mailed to you. (All members with e-mail receive the newsletter directly.)
- Make checks payable to AAUW Five Cities-Pismo Beach.
- Between March 16 - June 1 please return this form with your annual dues and any supplemental payments to:

Dr. Alice Adams Addison

Attn.: AAUW

P.O. Box 342

Arroyo Grande, CA 93421

\$90 Dues

_____ Name Tag

_____ Total Enclosed

Update any new info. If your directory information is the same as last year simply fill in your name only.

NAME: _____

Address: _____ ZIP _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Email: _____

Degree(s), College/University, & Major (Use the additional lines for additional degrees.)

Birthday (Month/Day): _____ Spouse's Name: _____

This year you may consider joining an additional section to meet new friends and explore new interests.

Activity Interests: Circle interest sections that you might like to participate in or wish to learn about.

Hospitality at meetings

"HerStory"(Women in History)

Great Decisions

Adopt-a-Poll

Public Policy Issues

Reading is Fundamental (RIF)

Bridge

Lunch Bunch

Tech Trek

Scholarship

Cooking Together

Book Sale

Book Section, Daytime

Book Section, Evening

Hand & Foot Canasta

Diversity

Education Foundation/Legal Advocacy

Theatre/Concert Group

Craft/Sewing Group

Five Cities-Pismo Beach AAUW 2014-15 Program Evaluation

Name _____

(optional)

Phone _____

Please assist us in planning the 2015-2016 Programs. Completed surveys will be collected at the May meeting or may be mailed to Abby Adams at 1161 Maple Street, Arroyo Grande, CA 93420

Thank you: Abby Adams & Maureen Kelly, Program Vice Presidents

Directions: Mark each program you attended rating 1-low to 3-high as being interesting and contributing to your knowledge/enjoyment as an AAUW member. Offer comments as appropriate.

_____ **September:** Welcome Tea, Introduction of the 2014-15 program and interest groups at Karen and Larry Thomas' Home

Comments

_____ **October:** STEM Panel: local women shared their journeys in & advice about the fields of science, technology, engineering & math

Comments

_____ **November:** Bingo, Silent Auction Fundraiser

Comments

_____ **December:** Joint SLO/5 Cities Pismo Beach Holiday Luncheon, including musical performance at Sycamore Hot Springs

Comments

_____ **January:** Dare to Dream with author/poet/humanitarian, Gloria Velasquez

Comments

_____ **February (1):** Fellow Luncheon when university women supported by AAUW funds reported on their research, Santa Maria Country Club

Comments

_____ **February (2):** New Member Celebration at the Seaside Gallery in Pismo Beach

Comments

_____ **February (3):** Interbranch Council Luncheon at the Madonna Inn

Comments

_____ **March:** Women In Herstory: Nancy Kelsey, Laura Ingalls Wilder, and Amelia Earhart shared their life stories prior to classroom visits

Comments

_____ **April:** Tech Trek Middle School and Scholarship High School Winners

Comments

_____ **May:** End of Year Dinner, Installation of Officers at the Spyglass Restaurant

Comments

What topics and speakers should be considered for the 2015-16 programs? (feel free to continue comments on the back)

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