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President's Message

by Susan Opava

As usual for me, and no doubt for many of you, summer – with its opportunities to travel, spend more time with family and friends, catch up on our reading lists and hobbies, and simply enjoy the lovely environment in which we live - is going by much too quickly! In just a few weeks, children will be back in school, vacations will be mostly over, and the rhythm of our lives will return to its normal pace.

Just as teachers are preparing to welcome students back into their classrooms, your Branch officers and leaders will gather for the Branch's annual planning meeting. Much of our work will be easy. Thanks to our many volunteers who give so generously of their time and talent throughout the year, our principal projects and regular meeting programs will continue as in previous years. Planning will revolve around setting goals for the year, evaluating current and new projects consistent with the AAUW mission, and filling open meeting

dates with interesting and relevant programming. All ideas are welcome, whether for new goals and programs for us to pursue, or how to do what we currently do more effectively and efficiently. You do not have to attend the planning meeting to share your thoughts; feel free to contact any Branch officer or program leader. All suggestions are sincerely welcome.

We look forward to welcoming all our members (and prospective new members) at our first meeting in September, when we will share plans for the coming year and simply enjoy each other's company after our "recess". I personally hope you will be actively involved in this year's activities. We accomplish great things as a small organization and we could do so much more with expanded membership and active involvement of more of our members. I'm honored to represent all of you as the incoming President and hope to serve you well.



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CALENDAR

Lunch Bunch	Thu, Aug 4
Night Readers	Tue, Aug 9
Planning Meeting	Sat, Aug 13
Cooking Together	Sat, Aug 20

SAVE THE DATE! (see pg. 5)

Bingo Planning Meeting

Thursday, September 1st

Welcome Back Meeting

Monday, September 19th

Adopt-A-Poll

Tuesday, November 8th

B-I-N-G-O NIGHT

Monday, November 14th

Installation of Officers

May 23, 2016
Annual Meeting

The following officers were installed at the May 23, 2016 Annual Meeting held at the San Luis Obispo Yacht Club.

President

Susan Opava

Membership VP

Susan Brazil

AAUW Funds VP

Mary Matakovich

Treasurer

Judy Zaretska

Secretary

Dena VanNorman

Congratulations are extended to these newly elected officers.



Membership

Membership now stands at 71. We have 4 new members and 2 potential members who will attend the September meeting before deciding. Please try to think of friends who might want to check us out. We have many interest groups to please different people and will have sign-up sheets available. We will have a new member corner so please come and introduce yourself to our new and potential members Mary Weeks, Carole Dempsey, Nancy Sperling, and Kely Blackburn. My goal is to get us to 75 which was last year's membership total. Please contact me if you have any potential members or questions. Thank you for all of your help.

Susan Brazil 474-5682
or susanbrazil@sbcglobal.net



Open Officer Positions still to be filled are:

- President Elect
- Program Vice President

Please contact any of the above officers to express interest in one of these open positions.

*submitted by Jean Burns Slater

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Editor's apologies for any missing business cards. I am pleading PCD (Personal Computer Disaster)

Interest Groups

LUNCH BUNCH

Lunch Bunch has changed their meeting place for August. We will meet on **August 4 at 11:30** at Branch Street Deli in Arroyo Grande Village.

Please call Susan Brazil to make reservations. We had a large turnout this past month and enjoyed sharing together.

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NIGHT READERS

The evening book club will meet on August 9 at the home of Sandy Pitt to discuss "**The Space Between Us**," by Thrity Umrigar. The novel concerns a wealthy Indian woman and her servant, offering a revealing look at class and gender roles in modern day Bombay. The author does an admirable job of creating two sympathetic characters whose bond goes far deeper than that of employer and employee. Looking ahead, the book selection for September will be "The Wright Brothers." The evening book club is currently full to capacity.

Sandra Ku, chairperson

COOKING TOGETHER

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

August 20, 2016

Lisa Walker

lwalker@vtc-sm.org

text 904-8732

- **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.

Lisa Walker, Committee Chair
Questions? Phone 473-0075 or e-mail lwalker@vtc-sm.org

GREAT DECISIONS

Have you always wanted to know more about Climate Geopolitics? The Great Decisions group will meet at Mary Jo Aspinall's home on **September 26, 2016**, Monday at **7:00 pm** to watch a short video and discuss climate change, it's effects on world politics, America's climate publics, The China Problem, and the Paris Climate conference agreement of December 2015.

At the Paris climate conference 195 countries adopted the first-ever universal, legally

binding global climate deal. The agreement sets out a global action plan to put the world on track to avoid dangerous climate change by limiting global warming to well below 2°C. The agreement is due to enter into force in 2020.

Will this ever work? Come and discuss this important topic on Monday, September 26, 2016, 7:00 pm at 330 Leeward Street, Pismo Beach, Mary Jo Aspinall's Home.



READING IS FUNDAMENTAL

LOOKING FORWARD TO ANOTHER GREAT YEAR!

The RIF committee visited three schools in 2016 for a total of 23 classroom visits to second, third, fourth, and fifth grade students in Oceano and Grover Beach. We gave happy students about 600 books and received amazing thank you notes and even a huge poster of students' clown drawings from a draw and tell story we shared.

Here is a sampling of comments from the third graders' letters:

"You RIF ladies are good citizens because you donate your time and brought us all of those books so we can pick a book." Vicente

"Thank you for giving us the books. You guys were friendly and also kind." Isley

"I want to say thank you for all that you do for my classroom and I. Thank you for giving us books and for telling us that reading is a good use of time because at first I thought reading was okay, but now I love reading." Sophia

"Thank you so much for bringing us books to enjoy. You guys are really kind, sweet, cheerful, friendly, warm hearted, polite, and smart. I hope you enjoyed coming as much as I did. I love my book called [Everything Dog](#) so much. I started reading the book and I love it. Thank you! Thank you! I don't know how I

could ever live without it."

Jocelyn

"Thanks for the book [Captain Underpants](#), my cousin likes those books and so do I. I think reading is fun, like really fun. I love books." Marc

"RIF ladies I wish you can come every day you are so tremendous, kind, nice, caring, and pretty. When you came inside our classroom you look like three young, pretty flying angels with a heart to donate your time and \$. Thank you for the book [Esio Trot](#) it is really good to read I am on chapter five. Thank you for everything you gave us." Africa

"Thank you for giving us books and it does cost money. I like the book that I chose and am at the middle of the book. I like the story about Uncle Bob the clown because we drew a clown of him. You donate all of the books that cost lots of money to buy books for us." Eliezer

"Thank you for the books. I especially like my book. I really really like it. I have not read it yet but I am sure it will be really good." Stephanie

"Thank you for the great books. I wish you guys can always come to visit and have fun. Also you guys make school a better place to learn and have fun going to other classrooms and enjoying yourself." Jeremy

The third graders have spoken: we are kind, smart, and pretty and we give lots of books that are really, really great!! We enjoy what we do and appreciate very much the opportunity to share our love of reading in hopes of inspiring young people to be the best students they can be and to love reading as much as we do. With thanks to **Lauren Manning, Margaret Quandt, Joan Knowlton, and Priscilla Alquist** for sharing the fun of giving books to appreciative students and letting their teachers know how much we recognize and honor their efforts.

Wendy Robinson, RIF Co-Chair

TECH TREK

On Thursday, July 28th, four of our Branch members visited UCSB to see Tech Trek in action. The day included a teleconference with the ship Nautilus, a research vessel off the coast of California and walk-throughs in the campers core classes. Three of our six Tech Trek girls went the first week of camp, July 17-23, and three attended July 24-30.

Linda Lidberg, Tech Trek Chair



Camps are held in the summer at campuses around the country. All campers are nominated by their seventh-grade math and science teachers. Girls then apply and are selected by a committee. Visit the Tech Trek camp pages to learn more about getting involved on the local level.

NOVEMBER 8TH ELECTION DAY

Yes, we will work 2 Precincts for the General Election. It should be quite interesting, and add to our Treasury!

Please save time on Tuesday, November 8 to work a half-day shift as a Precinct Inspector, or a 4-hour shift as a Precinct Worker. Think about what time of day works best for you and be ready to sign the scheduling sheet at the September Welcome Event. Thanks.

Cheers, Kathy Cohon

BINGO PLANNING MEETING

Hey, it's that time again, folks, where we plan, request, organize and produce Bingo Night for our community. As most of you know this is our major fundraiser of the year. Last year we made over \$6000 to assist in our RIF, Tech Trek and Scholarship funding! Hurray!

Again Bingo is at St. John's Church in Arroyo Grande. It is Monday, the 14th of November so as not to conflict with Thanksgiving week.

But all of this needs EVERY member's help! Our next Bingo planning session (#3) will be on Thursday, August 4th, at Branch St. Deli, after Lunch Bunch.

Bingo Night 11/14/2016

SAVE THE DATE!



We need chairpersons for: Clean up, Set Up, Food & Kitchen (Barbara Deel), Tickets, Publicity, Silent Auction (Kathy and Pam).

We will be sending out the minutes from the last Bingo meeting and a list of places to solicit for Silent Auction donations. We made LOTS of money from our wonderful Silent Auction and raffle. So this year we need to do the same.

Thank you in advance for all the help you give to AAUW 5 Cities Pismo Beach. Everyone works hard at keeping our branch active and an integral part of our community.

See you on August 4th after Lunch Bunch!!

Pam Zirion, Kathy Cohon and Barbara Deel

BOOK SALE THANKS

by Kathi Pettersen & Jean Burns Slater
Co-Chairpersons of the 2016 Book Sale

This activity could never have been held without the numerous efforts of individual members. This is truly an **all-out** effort for our Branch.

THANK YOU! Appreciation for a job well done is extended to:

- Book Savers:** All members and the community
- Book Collectors:** Linda Lidberg with her most organized garage and sorting system and those who picked up books for delivery
- Book Sale Publicity:** Posting of flyers by all members and the community
- Book Sorters:** Over thirty-one members during seven different sorting days
- Book Sale Location:** One big parking lot at K-Mart
- Book Sale Transporters and Set Up:** Seventeen members
- Book Sale Set-Up:** Boy Scout Troop 26
- Book Sale Monitors:** Average of eight members per three hour shift for three shifts
- Book Sale Cashiers:** Four cashiers with four assistants
- Book Sale Security:** Two members every shift
- Book Sale Membership Table:** Susan Brazil
- Book Sale Staffing:** Pat Muhlethaler
- Book Sale Clean Up:** Goodwill and clean up shift members

And here is why we hold Book Sales:

- ✓ Earn Money
- ✓ Camaraderie
- ✓ Branch Publicity
- ✓ Member Participation
- ✓ Love of Books
- ✓ Tradition
- ✓ Provide Books to our Community
- ✓ New and Different Books to Select and Purchase by Members

Our Book Sale gross revenue was \$3,866.04. Expenses will reduce this figure but what an event!! What a magnificent number of books we collected!