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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE...

*November: a month for remembrance, tolerance and giving thanks.*

November is a busy month in our country, with significant dates such as Armistice/Remembrance Day, the celebration of Día de los Muertos by some communities, and of course, Thanksgiving. I was surprised to learn, however, in a brief Google search, that countries around the world - alone and in collaboration - have designated other days in the month of November to celebrate or draw attention to serious causes. To share a few: November 13 is World Kindness day; November 16 is International Day of Tolerance; November 20 is Universal Children's Day; and November 25 is International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women.

With this in mind, it is fitting that we will hold two fund-raisers this month, in the spirit of doing our part in the local community to provide students with opportunities for academic advancement, through our three primary programs (Scholarship, Tech Trek, and Reading is Fundamental), as well as contributing to the mission of AAUW nationally and internationally.

As you all know, on **Monday November 6, we will hold our principal fund-raiser "Bingo and Silent Auction"**. I know many of you are working hard to ensure that the event is a success and your efforts are much appreciated. Even if you haven't been able to participate, please spread the word, sell tickets, and join us for a fun evening! But we won't stop there! We have scheduled another fundraiser on **Wednesday, November 29** at **MCLINTOCK'S** restaurant in the **Village of Arroyo Grande**. Ten percent of all proceeds between **4:00 and 9:00 PM** will be donated to our Branch.

Again, please reach out to friends, family, neighbors, and other organizations you may belong to, and let them know that they can help our Branch while simply enjoying a good meal.

Wishing you all a healthy and happy Thanksgiving,

*Susan Opava*  
*Branch President*



## Highlights

### from the October 2, 2017 Board Meeting

- We now have 70 members. Hurray!
- Plans were discussed for the annual IBC (Inter-Branch Council) fellows luncheon on Feb 24, 2018, a joint effort of the SLO and Santa Barbara IBCs. As Chair of the SLO-IBC this year, we lead the planning of the luncheon. It was suggested that we seek a venue in the 5 Cities area that would be easily accessible to all groups. If you have any suggestions, please contact Susan Opava.
- Minutes of the Board Meetings will be distributed to all members by email. If you don't have email and want copies of the minutes, tell a board member and we will see that you receive them in the mail.
- Work continues on a proposal for possible changes to Branch Leadership Structure. Any suggestions? Contact a board member.
- An additional fundraiser was approved. On Wednesday, November 29 from 4-9 PM, 10% of all sales at McLintock's restaurant in the Village will go to our Branch. Don't forget to attend, and spread the word to family, friends, and neighbors!

**Comments and questions are welcome and may be directed to any Board member.**

From your *Branch Board*

## MEMBERSHIP

Hello everyone. Hope you enjoyed the October general meeting. We have a new member who joined our organization at the September meeting. Her name is Nancy Warren, and she brought our membership to 70. However, it's with sadness that I must inform you of the passing of Shirley Morris. Shirley was responsible for Sunshine for our branch. She will be dearly missed!

Priscilla Alquist has volunteered to take on the Sunshine responsibility. If you know of a fellow member who would appreciate a card from our branch, please call Priscilla with the pertinent information. Directories will be available at our **November 6th Bingo and Silent Auction** event. See you there!

**Membership VP, Susan Brazil**



Shirley joined our Branch when her daughter, Carol McBirnie was active in the Branch. Shirley received her degree in English from Cal-State Fresno at the age of 62. World War II had interfered with her early college plans because she needed employment.

She started Fresno City College about the time Carol finished in 1975. She was 43 at the time. She earned AA degrees in Art and Real Estate. She made the Dean's list several times. She had almost 200 units at Fresno City College, and was allowed to transfer only 100 to Fresno State. After a semester at Fresno State she decided to quit because she could not stand the egos of so many of the professors in English and decided she did not want to pay for their instruction (her Irish temperament). When she went to withdraw at the campus someone at the desk asked her if she was over a certain age, which she was, and told her that if she was, she could attend for free. She decided at that moment it was too good a deal to pass up so she stayed enrolled. She graduated on her daughter's 30th birthday (May 18th) in 1985 with a BA in English. She was the second oldest graduate.

Many of our members are of the generation where a college degree for a woman became more common. It's inspiring to hear the stories of the women who were of an earlier generation and successfully completed a degree. Thank you, Carol, for sharing your Mom and her story. ❤️

## SCHOLARSHIP "CORPORATION"?

Yes, what many Branch members refer to as the "Scholarship Committee", as records show, has been a corporation since 2000. It is officially called, "FIVE CITIES PISMO BEACH AAUW SCHOLARSHIP"

The executive Board of Directors includes: CEO, Marilyn Corey; VP, Kathi Pettersen; CFO, Carol Rowe; and Secretary, Pat Muhlethaler. Other Branch members serving as Scholarship Corporation Board members are: Barbara Cotton, Erica Hinojosa, Beth Hutton, Maureen Kelly, Joan Knowlton, Jean Slater, Rose Ann Steiner, and Yvonne Stephens.

The Scholarship Corporation continues to welcome donations. When the Endowment Fund was established, with a goal of \$100,000, the interest rates at that time would have easily funded one \$1000 scholarship each year at Arroyo Grande High School. Since then, there are now three high schools and today's interest rates are so low, the Scholarship Corporation still needs to "grow" the Endowment Fund in order to fund three scholarships with the yield of the Fund.

Please consider a donation to the Scholarship Corporation Endowment Fund. Your donation is tax deductible since the Scholarship Corporation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

We look forward to the day when the Endowment Fund yield will be able to sustain one scholarship, of at least \$1000 or maybe even more, for each high school in the Lucia Mar School District.

*Pat Muhlethaler, Secretary*



*BINGO 2015*

## BINGO NEWS

**Monday, November 6, 2017**  
**5:30 PM at St. John's Lutheran Church, AG**

The Bingo and Silent Auction fundraiser is fast approaching. Are you inviting friends to come join the fun? Translation: Are you selling your tickets? Contact **Ann Sawyer** if you need more tickets. We're asking members to sign up to bring food to feed our guests. We all like a bit of a snack so we'll be good hosts and provide for our guests.

Maureen Kelly is coordinating the donations and she and Carol Rowe and Wendy Robinson will present the fare, and keep us fed (and happy). Contact Maureen and give us some refreshments.

We need one member to manage the "Square" early in the evening to allow guests to pay for tickets and extra cards with a credit card. This person will do the Square later in the evening for Silent Auction payments. Training is available. Contact Kathy Cohon. This fundraiser must work.

Volunteer to do a job and then contact Ann, Maureen, Pam, and/or Kathy so the evening is a success. ALL MEMBERS are asked to do a job for this fundraiser. Generally, this is not a play-Bingo-night for us. We'll get our fun with AAUW friends at other times.

Thanks & Cheers, **Kathy Cohon**



**BINGO!**  
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Five Cities-Pismo Beach AAUW presents  
 a night of Bingo fun.

Monday, November 6, 2017

Tickets are \$15.

8 Bingo games with prizes

Silent Auction

Raffle Baskets

Money Hat

Snacks

At St. John's Lutheran Church, Los Berros and Valley Roads, Arroyo Grande. Doors open at 5:30 so come early to see the fabulous Silent Auction items (credit cards accepted). Games begin at 6:30. Ticket price includes two Bingo cards. Additional cards available for purchase.

Contact Kathy at 594-1249 for tickets or information.

*Limited tickets at the door, so buy your tickets now!*

AAUW (American Association of University Women) is a non-profit, philanthropic organization that awards college scholarships to **local** girls, sends 7<sup>th</sup> grade girls to Tech Trek STEM camp, and gives books to elementary school students in LMUSD through RIF.

## Silent Auction News

Our Silent Auction is coming up quickly on November 6th. We have quite a few items now, but can always use more. I will send out an updated list soon.


Thank you very much to those members who have gone and solicited businesses for Bingo Night. Just go up to the manager of an establishment with your solicitation letter in hand, and ask. It's hard the first time, but not after that! I know. I've done it!!

This is our major fundraiser of the year and ALL MEMBERS should participate in some regard.

We still need help with some jobs. A key one is the "Square" which is where we take credit cards for payment. We need someone plus an assistant for that job at the end of the evening when people are paying for their Silent Auction purchases.

We also need someone to organize and present the wines donated as well as tastings. This job consists of photographing the bottle, printing a 4x6, mounting the picture and then attaching it to a wine glass with ribbon.

Please contact **Pam Zirion** if you can help! Thank you.

 **UCSB Campers:**  
**Thank You Notes - Perola Hemen**

Dear Five Cities Pismo Beach AAUW Branch,



My biggest thanks to everyone who decided to sponsor me to represent the five Cities Pismo Beach Branch at Tech Trek.

First off, many of the events that occurred were certainly once-in-a-lifetime experiences. My personal favorite was the boat trip we took on Tuesday. It was certainly an extraordinary thing to take in! Also, the dolphins we saw swimming were breathtaking in a way that they seemed more similar to a movie or scene from a video game.

Second of all, in our marine science class I was actually able to hold a shark and take a ridiculous picture of kissing the shark's forehead in the process. But once again, my biggest thanks and appreciation towards everyone in the Branch.

Sincerely,  
*Perola Hemen*

## LUNCH BUNCH

The November Lunch Bunch has been **cancelled**. Only two people responded, and it is also wrapping packages Day to prepare for Bingo. So, everyone please think about how you can help make Bingo a success. Maureen Kelly really needs help with food donations. It's not hard to contribute and would be so appreciated. Maureen Kelly 710-6035 or [marchrose9@gmail.com](mailto:marchrose9@gmail.com)  
Thank you!!

Our year end event on Thurs. Dec. 7th will still be held at the Santa Maria Inn. For the New Year, we are looking for an enthusiastic replacement for coordinating Lunch Bunches, since Carole will be undergoing back surgery. We have lots of suggestions for next year and Susan will be eager to share details with any volunteers. Wouldn't it be fun if you get to choose where we eat based on member suggestions?

- Carole Dempsey and Susan Brazil (interim) Lunch Bunch chairs

## NIGHT READERS

The evening Book Club will hold its next meeting on November 14 at the home of Rose Ann Steiner for a discussion of the novel "The Summer Before the War" by Helen Simonson. Written by the author of "Major Pettigrew's Last Stand," the book takes place in East Sussex just before World War I begins to have consequences in a small country town. The arrival of the village's first female teacher offers gentle humor and new social obligations, as the threat of war looms on the horizon.

Looking ahead, the planned book for December is "LaRose" by Louise Erdrich. The evening book club is currently filled to capacity.

-- Sandra Ku, chairperson.

## Cooking Together – November 4th

Please join us for our next dinner  
November 4, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.  
Hosted by Elin McCall

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.

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**Your Committee Chair, Lisa Walker**

## GREAT DECISIONS

The discussions for the 2017 year are now completed. Topics and discussions for the 2018 year will resume in January. Great Decisions meets monthly at the home of Mary Jo Aspinall to discuss world events, view a video and follow up with a reading from the Great Decisions Foreign Policy Association publication. The meetings are typically the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month at 7:00 pm. New attendees are welcome. Call Mary Jo Aspinall 556-0193 or Connie Rodgers 481-1841 with questions.

## DAYTIME PAGE TURNERS

On **November 3, Friday at 11:30 am** the Daytime Page Turners will meet at the home of Gaye Peltzman to discuss Colson Whitehead's *Underground Railroad*. This story centers on Cora, a slave on a cotton plantation in Georgia and explores an underground railroad of engineers and conductors who operate a secret network of tracks and tunnels beneath the south. The novel is a National Book Award Winner and is sure to capture one's attention and imagination.

The **December 1<sup>st</sup>** book discussion will be hosted by Debbie Audet in her holiday decorated home with refreshments to match. The story of *A Man Called Ove* by Frederick Backman will be highlighted. Perhaps you saw the film earlier this year? Ove is a pure curmudgeon and the reader will find out why his character is so bitter.

Daytime Page Turners welcomes you to join other book lovers who meet in the daylight, but read anytime. We 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 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of each month, 11:30 am. Message Jean Burns Slater 805 627-1845 or [jbslater2006@gmail.com](mailto:jbslater2006@gmail.com) for more details.


## HAND AND FOOT CANASTA

The AAUW Hand and Foot card group will be dark until January 2018. We are looking for a permanent member and members willing to substitute. Contact Debbie Audet 550-8910 if you're interested.

## 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.

# November 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 12:30pm <i>Finessing Femmes Bridge</i>	2 11:30am <i>Lunch Bunch</i> <b>CANCELED</b>	3 11:30am Daytime  <i>Page Turners</i> <i>Book Group</i>	4  <b>Cooking Together</b> 5:30pm
5	6 5:30pm Bingo & Silent Auction St. John's	7	8	9	10	11 
12	13	14  Night Readers 7:00pm <i>Book Group</i>	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 	24 <i>Canasta</i> dark until January 2018	25
26	27  <i>Great Decisions</i> dark until January 2018	28	29 <b>F.M'LINTOCK'S</b> A.G. VILLAGE AAUW Fundraiser 4:00-9:00pm	30		

### October 2017

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### November Birthdays:

- 10 Sharon Lowell
- 10 Shirley Morris
- 10 Wendy Robinson
- 11 Carol Rowe
- 21 Connie Rodgers
- 23 Andi Portney



*Happy Birthday Ladies!*

### December 2017

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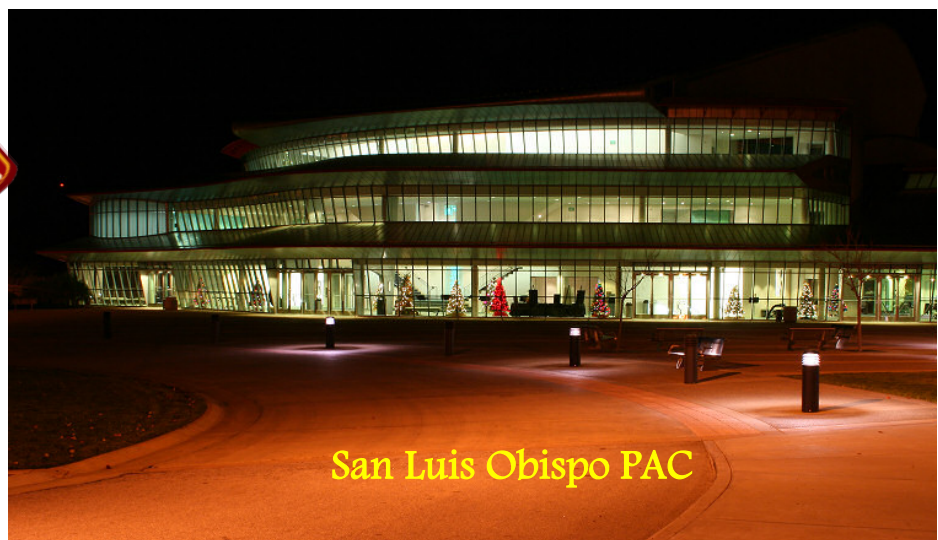
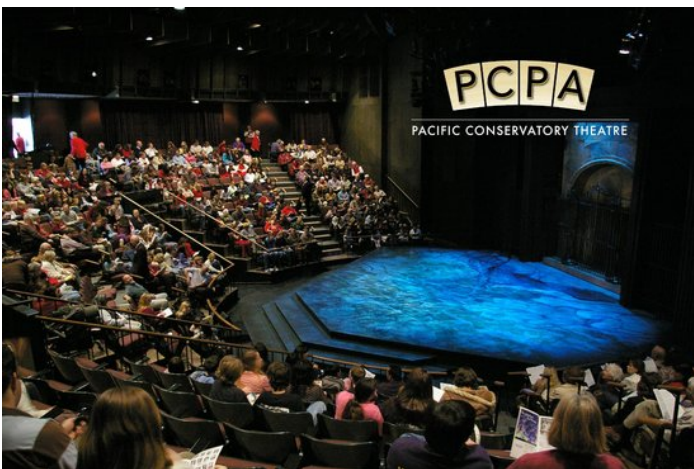
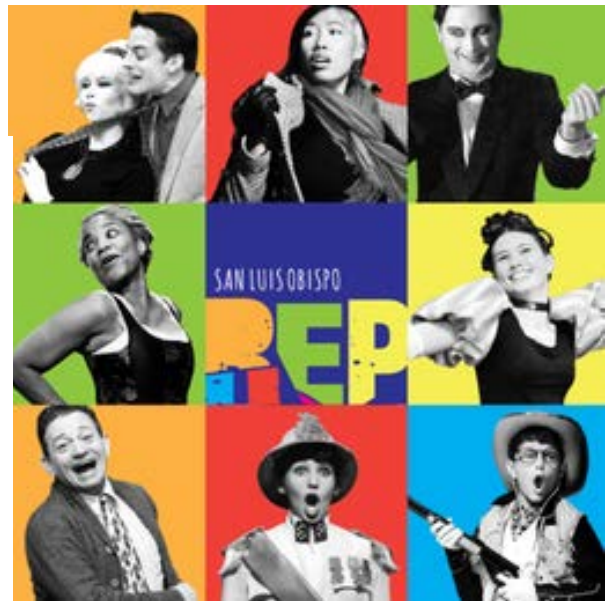
## Theater Group Plan-Ahead Dates

Come "play" with us! It's fun to attend together!

Dec. 10	Sun. matinee	Cal Poly PAC	THE NUTCRACKER	ballet
Jan. 16		Cal Poly PAC	ITZHAK PERLMAN	world-class violinist
Feb. 22		SLO REP (formerly SLO Little Theater)	THE PRODUCERS	
Mar. 7		Cal Poly PAC	The Ten Tenors	vocal concert
April		PCPA	THE HUNCHBACK OF NOTRE DAME	The Musical
May		SLO REP (formerly SLO Little Theater)	a play by Neil Simon	
June 19		Cal Poly PAC	JERSEY BOYS	
July		PCPA	MAMA MIA !	

**More info later!**

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**Andi, Jeff and Allison Portney**

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*Patti and Dick Melsheimer*