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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Farewell Message

June is a month of endings and beginnings. Students of every age finish their school year and look forward to summer vacation. College students complete their degrees and enter a new phase in which they bravely launch what they hope will be exciting and successful careers. So too, we complete yet another year of serving girls and women both nationally and in our own community. In just a few weeks we will gather to install a new Board that will lead the Branch in the year ahead. The slate of candidates was elected by acclamation at the May meeting. Marilyn Corey and Pat Muhlethaler will assume the positions of President and Secretary respectively, and Linda Lidberg will continue as Treasurer. The Branch is in good hands. Though we face challenges related to retaining and growing membership, the energy and commitment of current members is still remarkable and enables the Branch to continue to reach its goals. In the weeks ahead, members will be recruited to participate in new standing committees that have been created, as well as for appointed Board positions. Please consider participating any way you can. Every contribution is valued no matter how big or small. It is that spirit of giving of ourselves that sustains the Branch.

I hope that many of you will attend the June meeting and installation of officers, not just to welcome the new officers, but also to celebrate all our achievements over the past year.

This will be my last message as President and I would like to thank each and every member for the support you have given to both the Branch and to me personally over the past two years. It has been my privilege to serve and I feel immeasurably enriched by the experience, especially getting to

know so many members so much better. I look forward to continuing to join all of you in making the Branch stronger and more effective. I know it will always be fun!

With gratitude,
Susan Opava, Branch President

Highlights from the May 7, 2018 Board Meeting

- Liz Wineman and Lisa Walker reported on final plans for the June meeting. The luncheon meeting will be held on Sunday, June 24 at Rooster Creek Restaurant in the Village of Arroyo Grande. Look for details in this newsletter and/or in an email.
- Marilyn Corey announced that Jean Slater has been named the new CEO of Scholarship, a separate 501.c.3 corporation.
- Kathy Cohon and Linda Lidberg reported on recruitment of volunteers to staff the precincts assigned to our Branch for the primary election on June 5th.
- Though not present, Susan Brazil submitted an update on membership renewals, which were coming in slowly. She has reminded members that everyone who renews by the June meeting will have a chance to win \$50 in a raffle.

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



Year-end Installation Lunch

June 24, 2018 * * * 1-3 pm

Rooster Creek Tavern

200 E. Branch, Arroyo Grande

Join us for our final meeting of the year!

Your choice of the following:

- *Shrimp cocktail with side salad
- *Pan-roasted salmon salad
- *Pasta primavera
- *Tri-tip sandwich

Non-alcoholic beverages and dessert included.

Send check for \$25 with your meal choice to:

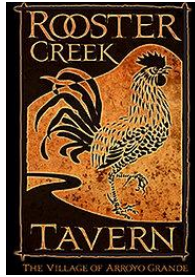
Linda Lidberg

959 Vista Verde Lane, Nipomo 93444

by June 20th.

Questions? Contact Liz Wineman (805)925-0304

or wino90@msn.com



Membership

Hello everyone. As of May 23, we have 27 members renewing their dues.

Please remember to include your dues in your June budget. Your support is really needed. And don't forget that at the June installation meeting we will have a drawing for \$50 for everyone who has renewed. If you do not plan on renewing, please contact me so I won't be harassing you with phone calls.

Many thanks,

-Susan Brazil 1-805-474-5682.

BINGO! BINGO! BINGO!

A loss of income due to the cancelation of our historical annual book sale caused our AAUW Board to explore other funding events. Based on the successful fall Bingo nights under the leadership of Kathy Cohon and Pam Zirion, the Board decided to explore the option of a scaled down version. I agreed to take on the task. My objectives were to involve many of our members in the effort while seeking out support from new members.

To start the process, I listed, with input from Kathy Cohon, the tasks involved in offering Bingo, Bingo, Bingo. I then divided these functions into categories, developed a job description for each (so that the right hands would always know what the left hands were doing!), and recruited a Captain(s) for each. Here was the organization chart:

Tickets: Ann Sawyer; Food: Wendy Robinson and Carol Rowe; Facilities: Kathi Petersen and Barb Deal; Prizes: Rose Ann Steiner and Pat Muhlethaler;

Games: Linda Lidberg; and Publicity: Jean Slater. Each of the Captains took on their tasks admirably and recruited others to help as needed. For example, Ann Sawyer was supported by thirty (30) members selling tickets, Wendy and Carol had 28 donations for food, Rose Ann and Pat gathered 15 gift cards for the prizes, and Kathi and Barb involved the AVID students and the Boy Scouts in setting up the tables and chairs.

The hit of the evening, as usual, was hat lady Judy Zaretska who generated \$471.

Jean Slater added a new, interesting, and fun departure from our unusual Bingo by the drawing of 3 tickets and presenting a gift to the 3 winners. She utilized the rules played with White Elephant exchanges whereby each winner could steal the item won by a previous winner.

Thanks to these donors of Bingo Gift Cards: Abby Adams, Bridge Street House, Fair Oaks Theatre, Carol Rowe, Susie and Maurice Wedell, Priscilla Alquist, Marilyn Corey, Carol McBirnie, Rose Ann Steiner, Joan Knowlton, Brooks Burgers, Barbara Cotton, Wendy Robinson, Yvonne Stephens and Pat Muhlethaler.

Thanks to these members who donated the delicious food: Kathy Cohon, Elin McCall, Liz Wineman, Wendy Robinson, Carol Rowe, Pam Zirion, Pat Muhlethaler, Barbara Cotton, Dena VanNorman, Maureen Kelly, Susan Gray, Gay Peltzman, Jean Slater, Priscilla Alquist, Patti Melsheimer, Elaine Olson, Lisa Walker, Pathi Petersen, Rose Ann Steiner, Karen Thomas, Linda Lidberg, Judy Leonard, "Barbara Deel, Sharon Lowell, and Mary Matakovich,

The success of the evening was the result of our members volunteering their time and money. Our total receipts were \$ 3,534. After expenses, the net income was \$3,334, which included a donation of \$100.

Again, thanks to all who made it happen!

Marilyn Corey, Bingo Coordinator

LUNCH BUNCH

Lunch Bunch will be going to the Willows in June. Please join us for great food and fellowship!

Date: Thursday June 7, 2018

Time: 11:30

Place: Willow - Pismo

[2131 Price St.](http://2131PriceSt.com)
[Pismo Beach, CA](http://PismoBeachCA.com)

805-295-5151



Please RSVP by June 1, 2018

Ann Sawyer 805-489-8209

HAND & FOOT CANASTA

The Hand and Foot Canasta group will meet on Friday, June 22 at the home of Elin McCall. We will begin at 9:30am. Bring a sack lunch. Drinks, dessert, and snacks will be provided. Contact **Linda Lidberg** for more information.

NIGHT READERS

The next meeting of the evening book club will be held at the home of Sandy Pitt on June 12. The book for discussion will be "**Hillbilly Elegy**," by J.D. Vance. Written by a former marine and Yale Law School graduate, this memoir is an account of growing up in a poor Rust Belt town and the struggles of America's white working class. It is full of humor, pathos, and descriptions of colorful figures.

Looking ahead, the book for July is "**The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane**," by Lisa See.

-- Sandra Ku, chairperson

GREAT DECISIONS

PREPARE TO DISCUSS THE WORLD.

The **June 25, Monday** Great Decisions meeting will focus on the topic of **Turkey: a partner in crisis**. Of all North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) allies, Turkey represents the most daunting challenge for the administration of U.S. Domestic problems in Turkey are not new. Come read all about Anti-Americanism and Turkish democracy with the Great Decisions group.

The discussion for the month involves reading the Great Decisions [Briefing Book](#), watching the [DVD](#) presentation by the Foreign Policy Association and meeting in a [Discussion Group](#) to discuss the critical global topic. Learn more about Turkey and U.S. relations on June 25, Monday. Meetings are the fourth Monday of the month at Mary Jo Aspinall's beautiful home in Shell Beach beginning at 7:00 pm. Join the discussion.

Contact Mary Jo Aspinall 805-556-0193 or Connie Rodgers 805-481-1841 with questions and for more details



COOKING TOGETHER

Please join us for our next dinner at 5:30 p.m. June 23rd.

Pam Zirion kpzirion@charter.net (805) 215-0971

- **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, 473-0075, walker@vtc-sm.org

DAYTIME PAGE TURNERS

Who was history's most creative genius? An artist, a scientist, a sculpture, an illustrator, an inventor: Leonardo Da Vinci. Walter Issacson's new biography titled [Leonardo Da Vinci](#) is based on thousands of pages from Leonardo's astonishing notebooks and new discoveries about his life and work. Author Issacson weaves a narrative that connects Da Vinci's art to science. He shows how Leonardo's abilities were based on skills we can improve in ourselves, such as passionate curiosity, careful observation, and an imagination so playful that it flirts with fantasy. Share this story with the daytime Page Turners during a lively discussion on **June 1, Friday at 11:30 am**.

The June discussion will be hosted by Jean Burns Slater in her See Canyon home. Directions will be sent to readers or anyone else who would like to attend. Daytime Page Turners meet the first Friday of each month, hosted by different members. Discussion begins at 11:30 am, followed by members' brown bag lunch with dessert and beverages provided by the hostess. Message Jean Burns Slater 805 627-1845 or jbslater2006@gmail.com for more details and a complete list of the reading selections for 2018.

July will highlight [Manhattan Beach](#) by Jennifer Egan on July 6.

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

READING IS FUNDAMENTAL - Wendy Robinson

The RIF team has had a happy time this year giving books to third grade students at Fairgrove School, third grade students at Grover Beach School, and third and fourth grade students at Oceano School. We have given about 600 books to happy students. Following are some comments from letters we have received:



Vonni: Thank you for the book. Me and my mommy loved it.

David: Thank you for the book you gave me. You are the best people ever because you give books to all the kids that you can. I hope that you can come again because I really like you bringing the books so we can read more! Please come back soon.

Ramiro: Thank you very much for the book. I really needed new books to read. I loved the dinosaur drawing. I would have never guessed it was that. I would like to commend you on how you help kids get more books so they can start their future job. Again, thank you.

Jazmine: Thank you for the books!! You are very sweet. Thank you for coming to my classroom. I've been really enjoying Superfudge. It is a very funny book. It's nice of you that you take time from your day to come give us books. I liked the dinosaur drawing. When I showed my family, they laughed. Thank you for my book.

Josie: Thank you so much! I really liked the story and picture. You encourage me to give some of my books away for kids who really need them. Thank you for coming!

Yoselin: Thank you so much for taking your time to come and bring joyful memories.

Celina: Thank you for bringing us books for our class. We all love the books you gave us. I bring my book to school, my friend's house, and the park. I like my book a lot and I hope you bring books to other children.

Vanessa: I LOVE BOOKS. I LOVE BOOKS A LOT. I MEAN IT A LOT. Okay, I will calm down a lot. I just love books so much. They are amazing. I read books every day and night. Books are really cool!

Jaden: I like books because they are interesting, funny, and make me smarter.

And from **Ms. Dolden**, a teacher at Fairgrove: Thank you for giving away all of the awesome books! You had a wide variety, and I think everyone was able to pick out a book they were interested in. They appreciated it!

I want to thank Lauren Manning and Joan Knowlton for their help this year, and I want to thank everyone in our branch for their participation in fund raising that enables us to buy books. To borrow a few of Yoselin's words, I hope this summer brings you "joyful memories" **and** lots of good books to read.










Scholarship

The Scholarship Committee was delighted to present four scholarships to high school seniors at the April meeting. They are all outstanding young women. However, the AVID recipient has decided to attend a local community college rather than a four-year school, making her ineligible for the scholarship. Therefore, the committee voted to award the AVID scholarship to the runner-up, another outstanding student from AG High, Angela Garces. We are happy with this choice as the original decision was so very close. We spoke to many outstanding seniors this year and our goal is to be able to award more scholarships to these fine young ladies. Your help through donations is appreciated.

Next year the Scholarship Committee will be under new leadership. Marilyn Corey, our very capable CEO for many terms, is stepping down to take on the branch leadership role. The newly elected officers are Jean Slater as CEO, Vice President Kathi Pettersen, Secretary Pat Muhlethaler, and CFO Carol Rowe. We look forward to another year of meeting outstanding young women.

Joan Knowlton, Scholarship Committee

JUNE 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1  Daytime Page Turners 11:30am	2
3	4 Board Mtg AG hospital annex 7:00pm	5	6  Finessing Femmes Bridge 12:30pm	7  Lunch Bunch 11:30am	8	9
10	11	12  Night Readers 7:00pm	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22  Hand & Foot Canasta 9:30am	23  Cooking Together 5:30pm
24 Installation Luncheon 1-3pm	25 Great Decisions 7pm 	26	27	28	29	30

May 2018

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Happy June Birthday:

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



July 2018

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~ Enjoy your Summer ~

AAUW Five Cities Pismo Beach 2018 – 2019 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 to advance the AAUW mission, while making new acquaintances and renewing long term friendships! This year you may consider joining an additional section to meet new friends and explore new interests.

- Dues are \$100 for the 2018 – 2019 year. (Dual members pay \$21 for the local Branch dues only.)
- ___ Check here to order a name tag or replacement name tag and include an additional \$10.
- ___ Check here to request the newsletter mailed to your home.
- Make checks payable to **AAUW Five Cities Pismo Beach.**

Please return this form with your annual dues and any supplemental payments by **July 1,, 2018** to:

Susan Brazil _____ **Dues \$100**

AAUW Membership _____ **Dual Member \$21**

397 Mesa View Dr. _____ **Name Tag \$10**

Arroyo Grande, CA 93420 \$ _____ **Total**

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Andi, Jeff and Allison Portney

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