

# The Waves



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### *May, the Golden Month*

Our AAUW year is quickly coming to a close, but we still have much to look forward to and back on. Our April meeting was one of the best attended in recent years. While it usually attracts many of us to meet and celebrate the girls who will benefit this year from the fruits of our fund-raising for scholarships and Tech-Trek camp, what surprised us was the wonderful turnout of the families of these amazingly accomplished girls. We had many parents, siblings and grandparents! This year, as well, we were pleased to again have Raynee Daley, Superintendent of the Lucia Mar School District, as an attendee. At the meeting, we also held the vote on the proposed changes in Branch leadership structure. We verified quorum, took the vote, and the proposal was approved unanimously. We hope that the new structure leads to positive changes and a more participatory organization with more member involvement in activities.

By the time you read this, our Spring Bingo will also be behind us. I'm sure it will have been fun and hope that it also has filled part of our funding gap. I know many of you worked hard to make it a success and we are all grateful for your efforts.

Looking ahead to our May meeting, we will again have our Social and Book Exchange. It will be the same format as the first one held last year. Details about the meeting will be in this newsletter or forthcoming. Last year's meeting received many positive comments, so be sure to join us this year if you missed the last one! The May meeting is also designated as our Annual Meeting and we will elect our slate of officers as a brief business item. Ahead too, is our June meeting and installation of officers, which will take place on Sunday afternoon, June 24th. Again, look for details either in this newsletter or other communications from the Board.

I wish you all a lovely month of May, captured so well in the following quote:

*"At last came the golden month of the wild folk-- honey-sweet May, when the birds come back, and the flowers come out, and the air is full of the sunrise scents and songs of the dawning year."* — Samuel Scoville Jr., *Wild Folk*

*Susan Opava*  
Branch President

## Highlights from the April 4, 2018 Board Meeting

- Planning for the April meeting was finalized. It was decided to not use a paper ballot for the vote on the changes in leadership structure, but instead call for a hand vote.
- Linda Lidberg reported that this year we will be able to send eight girls to Tech Trek camp (compared to seven last year) and that the eight girls and one alternate had been selected.
- Marilyn Corey provided an update on the selection process for the scholarship awardees.
- Liz Wineman and Lisa Walker reported on planning for the June meeting. The date for the luncheon meeting will be Sunday, June 24.

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

From your Branch Board

## Membership

Hello everyone. As you know this is dues time. Please mail your check for \$100 made out to: 5 Cities AAUW Pismo Beach. Deadline for payment is June 30. However, if you pay by June 24, installation lunch date, your name will be entered in to a drawing for \$50. Mail your check and any directory changes to Susan Brazil, 397 Mesa View Dr., Arroyo Grande, CA, 93420. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at [susanbrazil@sbcglobal.net](mailto:susanbrazil@sbcglobal.net).

Thank you.

*Susan Brazil*

## Tech Trek

Sunday, June 10, 2018 the five AAUW branches of San Luis Obispo County will host an Ice Cream Social for the 31 Tech Trek campers going to UCSB this summer. The campers will meet with other campers going this summer as well as campers from previous years. The parents of this summer's campers will meet with parents whose daughters have gone to camp in the past. The Ice Cream Social will be held at the Daisy Hill Mobile Home Park in Los Osos from 2-4 pm. If you would like to attend (and possibly help scoop ice cream) please let Linda Lidberg know.

-Linda Lidberg, Tech Trek Chair



**2018 Tech Trek Campers Left to Right:** Isabelle Bowdey, Ella Colgan, Michaela Evans, Eve Adamski, Alyssa Garcia, Jady Acker, Lauren Cruz, Arianna Javid, and alternate Fayth Holley.

## Women In History Recap

Our Women in History portrayals have a reputation of being pretty wonderful!

In March 2017, Rachel Carson, Julia Morgan and Jackie Cochran, WASP, (Women's Air Service Program) visited all 11 elementary schools in Lucia Mar; presented on 25 days to 51 classrooms.

In March 2018, Sandy Pitt as Rear Admiral Grace Hopper USN, Pam Zirion as Juliette Gordon Low, and Kathy Cohon as Patty Reed presented to 36 classrooms at 9 schools, and additionally, spoke to the Oceano Library After-School Program and the Alumnae group of Newcomers.

Doing our portrayals for our Branch is always great fun, and doing it for 10, 11, and 12-year olds is much more than that.

Members, please think about doing a portrayal next March, say "Yes!" when you are asked.

Cheers,  
Kathy & Pam

## Scholarship

Whew! Our Scholarship Committee is winding down its 38<sup>th</sup> year of awarding scholarships to our deserving young women graduating from the Lucia Mar Unified School District. The latest count of scholarships awarded is over 100. This year's recipients are Skyler Gordon and Makena Stever from Arroyo Grande High School and Leanna Jackson and Jacqueline Lopez-Murguia : from Nipomo High School.



Jacqueline received the AVID scholarship, funded by member designated donations and originally created in honor of the late Winona Green, a member who cared passionately about the AVID program. Presenting the scholarships at the April AAUW meeting were committee members Rose Ann Steiner, Pat Muhlethaler, Yvonne Stephens, and Joan Knowlton. Our extraordinarily talented winners will be further recognized at each high school's award night with presentations from members Maureen Kelly and Beth Hutton.

Marilyn Corey  
Scholarship CEO



## LUNCH BUNCH

Join us for fun, food, and conversation

**Restaurant:** Shaw's

[714 So Broadway](#)

[Santa Maria, CA](#)

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**Date:** Thursday May 3, 2018

**Time:** 11:30

**RSVP:** Ann Sawyer 489-8209 by April 27, 2018

This wonderful steakhouse has been around since 1953. If you want to experience real Santa Maria style BBQ this is the place.

Contact **Ann Sawyer 489-8209** for more information

## NIGHT READERS

The evening book club will hold its next meeting on May 8 at the home of Sandra Ku, for a discussion of "The Dovekeepers," by Alice Hoffman. This piece of historical fiction takes place nearly 2000 years ago, when a group of nomadic Jews holds out against invading armies of Romans at the site of Masada. The story focusses on four women who show extraordinary courage in trying times. Looking ahead, the selected book for June is "Hillbilly Elegy," by J.D. Vance.

-- Sandra Ku, chairperson

## GREAT DECISIONS

The **May 28<sup>th</sup>** Great Decisions meeting will focus on the topic of **the Media and Foreign Policy**, a timely article in this era of fake news accusations. What is the media's role in global politics? Is it just a propaganda arm or a battlefield on its own terms? Topics of discussion will include: Social media and foreign policy, First Amendment rights and the presidency, Foreign policy in the internet age, U.S. policy of the free press with questions for the future. Extra, Extra, come read all about it with Great Decisions.

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 the media and foreign policy on May 28, 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 556-0193 or Connie Rodgers 481-1841 with questions and for more details.

## COOKING TOGETHER

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

Priscilla Alquist [palquist@gmail.com](mailto:palquist@gmail.com) 305-0907

- **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.

And Just Planning Ahead: Pam Zirion, 6/23/2018

Your Committee Chair,

Lisa Walker, 473-0075, [walker@vtc-sm.org](mailto:walker@vtc-sm.org)

## DAYTIME PAGE TURNERS

**The Gentleman in Moscow** by Amor Towles is the May selection for Daytime Page Turners. This historical fiction immerses the reader in an elegantly drawn era with the story of Count Alexander Rostov. In 1922 the Count is deemed an unrepentant aristocrat by a Bolshevik tribunal and is sentenced to house arrest in the Metropol, a grand hotel across the street from the Kremlin. Rostov, an indomitable man of erudition and wit, has never worked a day in his life, and must now live in an attic room while some of the most tumultuous decades in Russian history are unfolding outside the hotel's doors. Unexpectedly, his reduced circumstances provide him a doorway into a much larger world of emotional discovery. See Russia in the 1920's through new eyes.

The May discussion will be hosted by Patti Melsheimer in her country home in Arroyo Grande. 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](mailto:jbslater2006@gmail.com) for more details and a complete list of the reading selections for 2018.

## 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



# May 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2  Finessing Femmes Bridge 12:30pm	3  <b>Lunch Bunch</b> 11:30am	4  Daytime Page Turners 11:30am	5  Cooking Together 5:30pm
6	7 <b>Board Mtg</b> AG hospital annex <b>7:00pm</b>	8 Night Readers 7:00pm 	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 <b>*General Meeting</b> 6:30pm	22	23	24	25  Hand & Foot Canasta 9:30am	26
27	28  Great Decisions 7:00pm	29	30	31		

### April 2018

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29	30					

### Happy Birthday to:

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



### June 2018

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24	25	26	27	28	29	30

### \*Annual Meeting--May 21, 2018--6:30 pm—AG Women's Club

Our May 21 meeting is designated our Annual Meeting, so the annual election will be held at that time. We will also have a book exchange and social, with salads, appetizers (last names I-Z) and desserts (last names A-H). You may bring up to five books to share or exchange. Look for the reminder with additional information in May.

### HAND AND FOOT CANASTA

The Hand and Foot Canasta group will meet on Friday, May 25. Call Debbie Audet for location; 550-8910. We will begin at 9:30am. Bring a lunch. Drinks, dessert, and snacks will be provided.

# 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**

**IF YOUR DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION IS THE SAME AS LAST YEAR, FILL IN YOUR NAME ONLY.**

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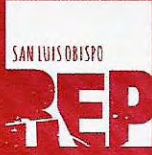
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7:00 pm

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