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## President's message

We're off and running!

Thanks to Linda Lidberg, Liz Wineman and Lisa Walker, we had a terrific and well attended Welcome Back meeting on Sunday afternoon, September 16. The setting was comfortable, the conversation was lively, and the food was delicious. But the most exciting part was listening to our girls who at-



tended Tech Trek camp last summer at UC Santa Barbara! As they shared with us their experiences, I looked around the room and saw nothing but smiles and a looks of awe on the faces of our members and guests. The girls made us all proud! And just think! We made it all possible with the many fund raising activities in which so many of our members faithfully and energetically participate. Thank you!

It was also such a pleasure to welcome guests and to meet our new members, Laura Nelson and Gayle Turner.

I hope to see many of you at our October meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> at the Woman's Club. Liz and Lisa have a very interesting author lined up to entertain and enlighten us. Then comes Halloween. Don't let the goblins get you!



#### October Branch Events

1st: Board Meeting

3rd: Finessing Fems Bridge

4th: Lunch Bunch:

5th: Daytime Page Turners

11th: Night Readers

15th: General Meeting

16th: Scholarship Committee Meeting

22nd: Great Decisions

29th: Cooking Together

\*\* See following pages for more information.



2nd: Beth Hutton

7th: Gayle Turner

10th: Kathy Cohon

10th: Linda Kime

14th: Sandra Pitt

21st: Susie Wedell

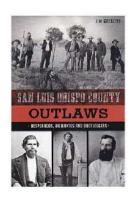
22nd: Rose Ann Steiner

31st: Joyce Rowe

## **General Meeting**

## Monday, October 15th; 6:30 social; 7:00 Meeting

Arroyo Grande resident, author, and former long-time history teacher **Jim Gregory** will speak on his book *San Luis Obispo County Outlaws: Desperados, Vigilantes and Bootleggers* on Monday, October 15, at 7 p.m. at the Arroyo Grande Women's Club. Gregory is the author of four books which focus on local history, including *World War II Arroyo Grande, Patriot Graves: Discovering a California Town's Civil War Heritage* and *Central Coast Aviators in World War II*.



Mr. Gregory attended local schools and, after university returned to teach for thirty years at Mission Prep in San Luis Obispo and Arroyo Grande High School. He was Lucia Mar's Teacher of the Year in 2010-11 and began writing on his retirement in 2015.

On October 15th the doors will open at 6:30, and the program will begin at 7 pm. Mr. Gregory will have signed copies of his books available for purchase for \$20.

## **Highlights From the September 10th Board Meeting**

- Branch President, Marilyn Corey, reviewed the names of those appointed to serve as voting members of the Board. Jean Slater moved to approve said list of names; Kathy Cohon seconded; motion carried.
- Treasurer, Linda Lidberg, presented the 2018-2019 proposed budget. Susan Brazil moved to approve proposed budget. Barbara Cotton seconded; following discussion, motion passed. (Said proposed budget will be presented for final approval to general membership at September 16, 2018 general meeting.)



• The Board reviewed the new organizational structure as approved last year by Branch members. This new structure has only three elected positions: President, Treasurer, and Secretary. Any and all other voting officers are appointed by the President.

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



Once again our Branch will be staffing two election precincts on Tuesday, November 6th. This is one of our major fund-raisers for the year — as well as a way to give back to the community.

Each work shift needs 6 workers. Work shifts are:

6:30 am —10:30 am: **Need 4 more workers** 

10:15 am — 2:30 pm: Filled

2:15 pm — 6:00 pm: **Need 2 more workers** 

5:45 pm — Closing (8:30ish): Need 4 more workers

We also need four 1/2 day workers:

6:30 am — 2:00 pm: **Need 2 workers** 

2:00 pm — Closing; two per precinct: **Need 1 worker**.

**Training sessions schedule is below.** Our branch receives \$20 per attendee.

Please call Linda Lidberg, 805-929-6958 or email her at lswl@aol.com to book your favorite time slot.

## **General Election Training Schedule October 2018**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
22	23	24	25	26	27
Atasca- dero 1pm-4pm	Los Osos 6pm-9pm	Arroyo Grande 1pm-4pm			San Luis Obispo 1pm-4pm
29	30	31	Nov 1	Nov 2	Nov 3
	Los Osos 6pm-9pm		Atascadero 6pm-9pm	Arroyo Grande 6pm-9pm	San Luis Obispo 10am-1pm

PLEASE ARRIVE AT LEAST 15 MINUTES EARLY TO SIGN IN AND RECEIVE TRAINING MATERIALS

Atascadero-Pavilion on the Lake-9315 Pismo Ave

Parking in parking lot

<u>Arroyo Grande</u>-St. John's Lutheran Church- 959 Valley Rd (Corner of Valley Rd & Los Berros Rd) Please use large parking lot located on Los Berros Road.

Los Osos- First Baptist Church-1900 Los Osos Valley Rd \*\*NEW VENUE \*\*\*

Parking in parking lot

San Luis Obispo-Board of Supervisors Chambers- 1055 Monterey St

Limited free parking available in the Court's Upper Parking lot on Palm St. All other parking is metered or you may park in the City structures on Palm St. We do not reimburse parking fees. Bus stops for



## **BINGO BLAST!** Our Biggest Fundraiser December 2018

**BINGO & SILENT AUCTION** 

December 1, 2018 12:30 PM at St John's Lutheran Church, Arroyo Grande

In 2017-2018 our AAUW Branch gave away over \$12,000 in scholarships and RIF books.

Now we're earning money for our next year and we need help from all our members.

Everyone is asked: to gather donations for the Silent Auction, to provide snacks for the event, and to do one other task to make the event a success.

These tasks need to be done **now**. Please sign up to work on:

<u>Publicity</u>; flyers, electronic media, print media. ~ Contact Susan Opava.

<u>Tickets</u>; Distribute to members & collect back, sell tickets at Bingo event. ~ Contact Kathy Cohon.

On December 1st, these tasks will need help:

Room set-up; Cashier at door and for Silent Auction; Bingo Game; Room Clean -up; and many more.

Talk with Pam Zirion or Kathy Cohon by phone, email, or at the October 15th monthly meeting. Thanks as always.

## **Get Ready for Silent Auction**

As you may recall we have a Silent Auction Extravaganza with our Autumn Bingo Event. So, we need all members to 1) Ask local businesses for donations and 2) sign up to help with the event.

Need ideas for donations?

Think about something *you'd* like. **Get it donated!** Think about a *place* you'd like to visit. **Get it donated!** 

Restaurants A foot spa or massage or manicure A winery — tastings, tours A craft brewery — tastings, tours

Markets Coffee Shops Movie theater Live theater

Hotels/B & B's Handyman services A service you can provide — desserts, dinners, tea party

Please contact me, Pam Zirion, when you have a donation so I can keep track of what we have so far. I will be sending out a letter of introduction for our businesses which you can print and use when contacting businesses. Also thank you to those members who have signed up to help. We still need other people to assist with room set up, cashiers and wine presentation. Again, call me if you can help.

Thank you all for helping us raise money for students.



#### **Lunch Bunch**

Thursday, October 4th. We gather at 11:30. Come join us for good food and fellowship at:

Jaffe Café
206 E. Branch St.

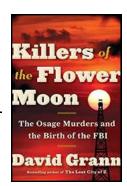
Arroyo Grande

Please send RSVPs to Joan Knowlton at: jknow98@gmail.com

November Lunch Bunch will be at Burton House in Nipomo on November 1st. December Lunch Bunch will be at the Santa Maria Inn on December 6th.

## **The Daytime Page Turners Book Club**

Osage Indian tribe, Oklahoma oil fields, murder, poisoning, greed, corruption, private detectives, J. Edgar Hoover and the FBI. These topics are all researched and exposed in the October book choice of the Daytime Page Turners, Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI by David Gunn. A fiction story cannot even begin to match this true tale. Daytime Page Turners will share their insights in a lively discussion on **October 5**, **Friday at 11:30 am.** 



The October discussion will be **hosted by Carol Rowe in** her Cyprus Ridge 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 <a href="mailto:jbslater2006@gmail.com">jbslater2006@gmail.com</a> for more details and a complete list of the reading selections for 2018.

November will highlight Alias Grace by Margaret Atwood on November 2nd.

#### **COLLEGE NIGHT: MONDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2018**

Once again, the San Luis Obispo County Inter-branch Council has been asked to help with Cuesta College's "College Night" — an evening of workshops on college preparation and opportunities for incoming and matriculating students to meet representatives from in and out-of-state colleges. Workers are needed from 4:30 pm until 8:30ish. (Shorter shifts can be arranged.) Please contact Linda Lidberg for more information and contact numbers for shift signups.







## Membership

What a wonderful first meeting we had at Mesa Dunes. 26 members attended and heard from a panel of Tech Trek girls who attended camp this summer. Two new/return members were introduced: Gayle Turner and Laura Nelson. Several quests were present and three showed an interest in joining our branch. Membership stands at 55 and we hope to add 11 new members to balance our budget. Remember dues for new members stands at \$70.50 for this year. Please see if you can encourage a friend to join!



Susan Brazil

Membership Coordinator

## Finessing Fems Bridge Group

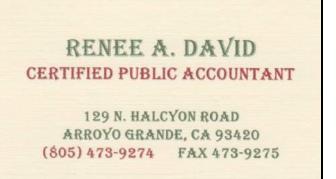
The Finessing Fems Bridge Group will meet on Wednesday, October 3rd at the home of Marilyn Corey. These card playing ladies play two tables of bridge from 12:30 pm until about 4:00 pm. They are currently looking substitute players. Call Marilyn Corey if you are interested in joining the group. November bridge will be at Pat Muhlethalers on the 7th.



## **Night Readers**

The next meeting of the Night Readers evening Book Club will be held October 9 at the home of Sandra Ku, for a discussion of the novel <a href="The Cat's Table">The Cat's Table</a> by Michael Ondaatje. A young boy boards a ship bound for England in the '50s, where he learns on the sea voyage some life lessons and makes unexpected friendships. Looking ahead, the selected book for November is <a href="The Ghost Map">The Ghost Map</a> by Steven Johnson. The evening Book Club is currently filled to capacity. — Sandra Ku, Chairperson





# PREPARE TO DISCUSS THE WORLD.



#### **GREAT DECISIONS**

The October 22 Great Decisions meeting will focus on the topic of Global health: progress and challenges. Malaria, polio, HIV/AIDS, pregnancy and child birth and famine have all shown signs of improvement toward the reduction of preventable deaths, even in the poorest regions of the world. But there remains unfinished business and new challenges, including the rise of non-communicable diseases such as cancer, heart disease and diabetes. Learn about global health security and the role of governance and financing global health at the Great Decisions October 22 discussion at 7:00 pm.

The discussion for the month involves reading the Great Decisions <u>Briefing Book</u>, watching the <u>DVD</u> presentation by the Foreign Policy Association and meeting in a <u>Discussion Group</u> to discuss the critical global topic. 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.

## **Scholarship Update**

The Five Cities –Pismo Beach Scholarship Board of Directors met on **September 20** for the first meeting of the year. After general agenda topics were discussed, the Board of Directors tackled the Investment Policy, suggesting updates and revisions now that



the Scholarship Endowment Fund has reached the intended goal of over \$100,000.

A second meeting is scheduled for **October 16** to continue the Investment Policy discussion, the funding of the AVID Scholarship, branch communications, Scholarship Application and STEM emphasis and the logistics of gathering applications and awarding scholarships. The Scholarship Board of Directors welcomes comments and suggestions.

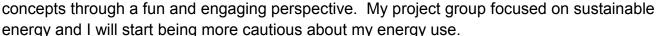
See page 10 of this newsletter for the Scholarship Donation Form. The form is also available on the Branch website at:

https://fivecitiespismobeach-ca.aauw.net/community/scholarship/

Dear Five Cities Pismo Beach AAUW Branch,

Thank you for giving me this opportunity to attend this awesome camp. I have learned so much about science and math, but also about being a good person and standing up for myself.

UCSB is a beautiful campus and the food is really good! My core class was Physics of Sports and I love learning about physics



Thanks again for this amazing and unique opportunity.

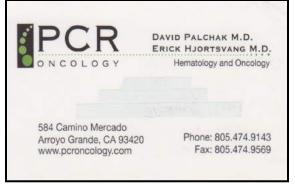
Sincerely, Ella Colgan

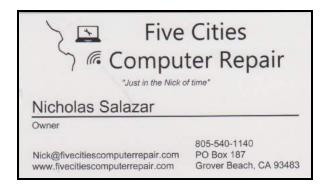


The San Luis Branch will be holding their 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Pancake Breakfast fundraiser on Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup> from 8 to 11 am. Members will again join forces with Bay Osos Kiwanis Club to flip pancakes, scramble eggs and cook sausages at Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 2201 Lawton Ave. in SLO.

Tickets for the breakfast, which includes juice, coffee and hot tea, are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children under 10. They may be reserved by calling 805-439-1085. Donations are partially tax deductible. Money raised will go to San Luis Obispo County women and girls through Tech Trek and Cuesta scholarships.



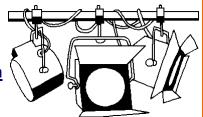






### Five Cities AAUW theater "PLAY DATES"

Everyone (members, family, neighbors, friends) is welcome to buy tickets. Pick and choose your event(s) and email <a href="mailto:judyoung@hotmail.com">judyoung@hotmail.com</a> to reserve. Just let me know the number of tickets you need. Payment depends on the venue and the total number of our reservations for the particular event. When you email your reservation to me, I will reply



with the ticket price as of that date. After that you may mail me your check. Below is a schedule for a variety of entertainment styles. Come "play" with us.

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2018; 7:30 pm** "ART" (wildly funny interpretations of art) at SLO REP (formerly SLO Little Theater); San Luis Obispo.

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2018; 7:30 pm** BILL HALEY JR. & THE COMETS at The Clark Center; Arroyo Grande.

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2018; 8:00 pm** "CIRQUE MECHANICS" at Cal Poly Performing Arts Center, San Luis Obispo.

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2018; 7:00 pm** "PETER PAN" (just short Of interactive) at Allan Hancock College, PCPA, Santa Maria. \* <u>I need to hear from you SOON for Peter Pan as the group ticket office will allocate seats for groups on Oct. 1\*</u>

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2018; 7:30 pm** "RETRO HOLIDAY JUBILEE" (a hilarious, unique visual presentation) at The Fremont Theater, San Luis Obispo

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 18, 2019; 8:00 pm** LILY TOMLIN at Cal Poly Performing Arts Center, San Luis Obispo.

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2019; 7:30 PM** THE EVERLY BROTHERS EXPERIENCE at The Clark Center, Arroyo Grande.

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2019; 7:30 pm** "KINKY BOOTS" at Cal Poly Performing Arts Center, San Luis Obispo.

FRIDAY, MARCH 8, 2019; 7:00 pm "THE WOLVES" (about a girls' indoor soccer team) at Allan Hancock College, PCPA, Santa Maria.

**THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 2019; 7:30 pm** "MONTY PYTHON'S SPAMALOT" at Cal Poly Performing Arts Center, San Luis Obispo.

Watch for more to come through the summer months....Come "play" with us. Judy Zaretzka, <a href="mailto:judyoung@hotmail.com">judyoung@hotmail.com</a> 805-481-7313; 529 Starlight Ln., Arroyo Grande, 93420-4157











## Five Cities - Pismo Beach

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