

## Editor's Note:

The holiday season is upon us and schedules get very busy this time of year. Please take time to mark your calendars with our Branch events — especially our work at the election precincts and our major fundraising event: Bingo Blast on Saturday, December 1st.

Your Executive Board wishes you and yours a very Happy Thanksgiving. Safe travels if you are joining family and friends. Juicy turkey if that is what will be on your dinner plate, and scrumptious desserts to savor.



## November Branch Events



1st: Lunch Bunch

2nd: Daytime Page Turners

5th: Board Meeting

6th: Elections

7th: Finessing Fems Bridge

13th: Night Readers

\*\* See following pages for more information.



10th: Sharon Lowell

10th: Wendy Robinson

21st: Connie Rodgers

23rd: Andi Portney

## Membership

We have added five members since our directory was published, bringing our membership to 59 members. Emails with their information were sent out so hopefully you have updated your directory. Please let Susan Brazil know if any of your information needs to be updated.

Membership Coordinator



## General Meeting

There will not be a General Meeting in November because of the Thanksgiving holiday and because our major fundraiser, Bingo Blast and Silent Auction, will be on Saturday, December 1st.

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



The following members and friends have volunteered to work the shifts listed below:

- 6:30 am — 10:30 am: Marilyn Corey, Joan Knowlton, Sue LaCabe, Maureen Kelly, Pam Zirion, Micheal McCombs
- 10:15 am — 2:30 pm: Susan Opava, Pat Muhlethaler, Marilyn Corey, Elaine Olson, Judy Leonard, Priscilla Alquist
- 2:15 pm — 6:00 pm: Pat Muhlethaler, Gayle Turner, Gaye Peltzman, Barbara Cotton, Andi Portney, Glen Zaretska
- 5:45 pm — Closing: Susan Brazil, Maurina Kusell, Mary Matakovich, Barbara Cotton, Patti Melsheimer, Laura Nelson
- 2:00 pm — Closing: Wendy Robinson, Liz Wineman

We still need two half day helpers from 6:30 am—2:00 pm if you are available. Please call Linda Lidberg if you can fill one of these spots.

**A training session is scheduled for Friday evening, November 2nd, from 6-9 pm at 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. **If you can't attend you can read all about it at:****

<https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Departments/Clerk-Recorder/Forms-Documents/Elections-and-Voting/Precinct-Workers/Precinct-Worker-Training-Presentation-2018-11-06.aspx>

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## BINGO BLAST! Our Biggest Fundraiser December 1, 2018

B - B - Bingo!

B - 4 Before you do anything else this weekend, contact Kathy Cohon and sign up to do a task at our Bingo & Silent Auction event on Saturday, December 1st.



B - Nice. It would be nice for you to have your choice of Jobs. Here is your chance to get that job.

Workers are needed for these specific jobs:

2 Cashiers at entry

Selling extra Bingo game cards

Marking Bingo numbers on white board as they are called.

Donate a gift card for \$15 to be used for door prizes.

Help set up the event room at 10 a.m. Saturday morning.

Help take down the event room after the event, approximately 4 p.m.

Contact Kathy Cohon and tell her what job you want to do so the event will B - Successful. Let's do this. And thank you.

### Silent Auction

With Bingo and the Silent Auction only SIX weeks from now, we need to get cracking on donations for the Silent Auction. I have a few from some members, but we need a lot more.

Please ask the places where you shop or provide services you use, to donate to our cause. Bring the request letter with you when you ask. If you need the request letter, I will send the attachment again in a group email. Also, when you get a donation, follow up with a thank you!!

Remember our scholarship recipients depend on you! We all need everyone in 5 Cities AAUW to participate in selling Bingo tickets and getting items.



Wrapping for Silent Auction items and baskets will be on November 29th at Marilyn Corey's home. You can drop donations off at Marilyn's November 25, 26 or 28.

Thanks, Pam Zirion  
Coordinator, Silent Auction

### BINGO TICKETS TO SELL



Tickets for our Fundraising Bingo & Silent Auction are available for you to sell to family, friends, and others. Contact **Laura Nelson at 805-710--1798** and arrange to get 5 tickets, or multiples of 5. Return money to Laura and then plan to come and work your job(s) on that Saturday, December 1st.

Let's get these tickets sold and the seats filled with folks ready to play and shop at the Silent Auction and B-B-Bingo!

## Lunch Bunch

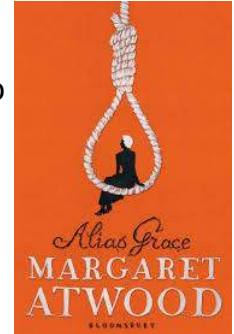
Thursday, November 1st. We gather at 11:30. Come join us for good food and fellowship at:  
**Las Cazuelas Mexican Restaurant**  
131 W. Dana St. Suite A  
Nipomo, CA

Please send RSVPs to Linda Lidberg, lswl@aol.com no later than December 30th.

December Lunch Bunch will be at the Santa Maria Inn on December 6th.

## The Daytime Page Turners Book Club

**Alias Grace** by Margaret Atwood is the true story of a young 13 year old girl, who emigrated from Ireland to Upper Canada in 1840. Grace becomes a servant in a wealthy home and eventually she and a stable hand are accused of murder. But was Grace guilty? The extreme difficulty of finding out what really happened on any given occasion becomes the reader's challenge. Daytime Page Turners will share their insights through questions and reflective answers on **November 2, Friday at 11:30 am.** regarding the Grace's story.



The host for the November discussion will notify readers of the location. 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](mailto:jbslater2006@gmail.com) for more details.

December will highlight **Hiddensee: A Tale of the Once and Future Nutcracker** by Gregory Maguire, a perfect choice for the holiday spirit.

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## Finessing Fems Bridge Group

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



## Night Readers

The next meeting of the evening Book Club will take place on November 13 at the home of Rose Ann Steiner. The book for discussion will be Steven Johnson's account of the 1854 outbreak of cholera in London, titled The Ghost Map. The author details the struggles of physicians and scientists to solve the medical and sanitation riddle of the epidemic that killed thousands of people. It offers a riveting history and analysis of scientific inquiry. Looking ahead, the book selection for December is A Man Called Ove by Fredrik Backman.



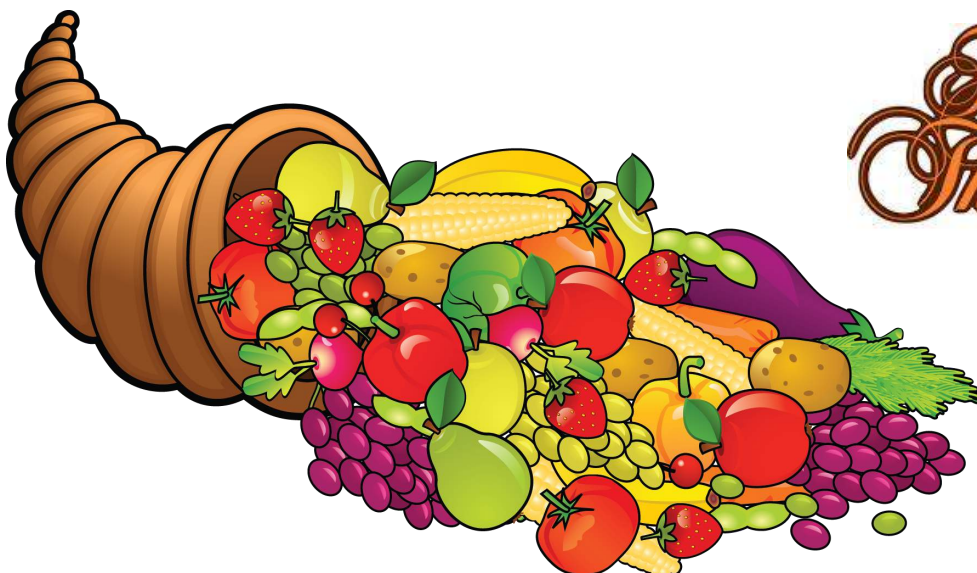
Sandra Ku, chairperson

## PREPARE TO DISCUSS THE WORLD.



There will be no Great Decisions discussions during the month of November and December due to the holidays. Enjoy family and friends and set the world's problems aside. See you in January, 2019.

Great Decisions members honor Mary Jo Aspinall as a truly gracious host over the years for this Discussion group. May she rest in peace.



*Happy  
Thanksgiving*

## Scholarship Update

The Five Cities –Pismo Beach Scholarship Board of Directors met on October 16. The Scholarship Investment Policy was discussed and a revision is in the works. The 2018-2019 Scholarship Application was updated. It was decided that four scholarships will be awarded for the 2018-2019 year at the amount of \$1,500 each, one to each high school and one Avid Scholarship. Members of the Scholarship Board of Directors will be contacting the schools in October. The Scholarship Financial Summary includes an ending balance at Rabobank of \$7,361.43. All scholarships have been paid for this year. The Endowment Fund has a balance of 110,858.35 as of September 30, 2018.



The Officers of the Board of Directors are: Jean Burns Slater, Chief Executive Officer; Kathi Pettersen, Vice President; Pat Muhlethaler, Secretary; and Carol Rowe, Chief Financial Officer. Other members of the Board of Directors are: Barbara Cotton, Erica Hinojosa, Beth Hutton, Maureen Kelly, Joan Knowlton, Joyce Rowe, Rose Ann Steiner and Yvonne Stephens.

The Scholarship Board welcomes comments and suggestions and will regularly report to branch members activities of the Scholarship Board through the Branch newsletter. Thank you for your confidence and support, both financially and through your great work.

## Public Policy Update

AAUW California 2018 Legislative Year Update  
By Shannon Smith Crowley, AAUW Legislative Advocate



If you've been tracking AAUW California legislation in the last few years, you'll note the number of bills related to closing the gender pay gap. We've made tremendous headway since 2015 working with the Stronger California coalition. The Fair Pay Act has been improved ([SB 358](#)–2015, [SB 1063](#) - 2016) and California now limits the use of one's prior salary to establish a new salary. Just this year, an additional refinement was made ([AB 2282](#) – Eggman) so there is no doubt, an employer cannot inquire or use one's prior salary. There are still [other areas to be addressed](#), including pay data transparency so that employers and the public can better understand a company's pay practices. Unfortunately our cosponsored bill on this issue ([SB 1284](#)– Jackson) was stalled in the legislative process this year.

Momentum on the equal pay bills was assisted by the #MeToo movement and awareness that sexual harassment is fueled by disproportionate power dynamics, as is the gender pay gap. Many bills made it to the Governor's desk, with [mixed results](#). Most importantly, Governor Brown signed [SB 1300](#) (Jackson), also known as the "no free grope" bill.

Our work is not done. To quote a former Governor, "we'll be back", to work with the new Governor to accomplish all that needs to be done to make California a bastion of equity and fairness for women.

For a full list of our bills in 2018, go to <http://www.aauw-ca.org/bill-tracking/>



Dear Five Cities Pismo Beach AAUW Branch,

Thank you for accepting my application so I could go to this wonderful event. I cannot explain how much excitement I felt when I opened the letter. You made my summer beam against other summers.

Thanks to you, I made friends I will never forget. They always make me laugh, even when I am not supposed to. They are the kind of friends that are genuine and caring. It was a lot easier to make friends here because we already had a lot of the same interests. Without them, Tech Trek would not be as great.

I learned so much about things I would never look into on my own, but once I did, I just wanted to learn more. My core class was aerospace engineering. Even though I had already take a glimpse into the subject in previous classes, here we dove in.

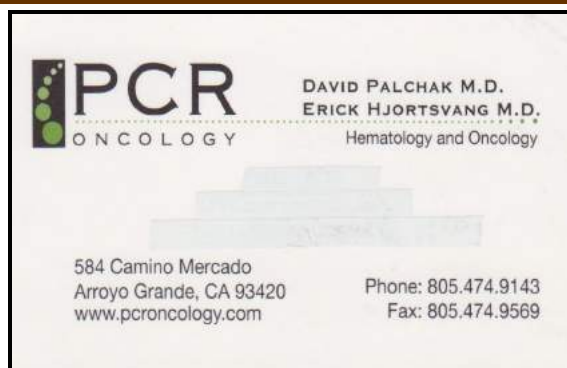
I can't believe how well I bonded with my dorm mates. They are all so understanding and easy to talk to. We had sleep-overs (we go back before lights out). It is going to be really tough leaving them when I go back home.

The highlight of my week was the boat ride we took. It was a truly unforgettable experience. My new friends and I were riding the waves the whole trip. I am so glad I did not get seasick on that boat. While at sea, we learned about plankton and what fancy acronyms stand for. I now know that CINMS means Channel Island National Marine Sanctuary.

Again, I would like to thank you for giving me this experience.

Yours truly,

Michaela Evans



## Five Cities AAUW theater "PLAY DATES"

Everyone (members, family, neighbors, friends) is welcome to buy tickets. Pick and choose your event(s) and email [judyyoung@hotmail.com](mailto:judyyoung@hotmail.com) 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.



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

**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 Zaretska, [judyyoung@hotmail.com](mailto:judyyoung@hotmail.com) 805-481-7313; 529 Starlight Ln., Arroyo Grande, 93420-4157

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