

## Bingo and Silent Auction Coming Soon



Our major fundraiser, Bingo with a Silent Auction, is this Saturday, the 1st! We hope you are **all** selling tickets. We need people to come in the door, play and buy auction items.

Thanks to many of you, we have some fabulous offerings for Silent Auction. Many handcrafted items as well as trips and experiences! It will be tons of fun with lots of yummy food.

So, tell your friends, neighbors, relatives and everyone else to come to Bingo, this Saturday at St. John's Church. Get your tickets from Laura Nelson if you need more.

See you on Saturday!

### December Branch Events

1st: Bingo and Silent Auction

3rd: Board Meeting

5th: Finessing Fems Bridge

6th: Lunch Bunch

7th: Daytime Page Turners

11th: Night Readers

\*\* See following pages for more information.



10th: Nancy Sperling

22nd: Elin McCall





*AAUW Save the Date: Monday, December 17*

## *Five Cities-Pismo Beach Holiday Social*

*What: Potluck, social, and ornament exchange*

*Where: AG Women's Club*

*When: Monday, December 17 @ 6:30 pm*

- ✓ *Gather to enjoy appetizers, salads and desserts*

*Last names A-H: salad*

*Last names I-P: appetizer*

*Last names Q-Z: dessert*

*Drinks and tableware provided*

- ✓ *Bring a wrapped ornament to exchange.*
- ✓ *Come dressed in your most festive holiday attire; ugliest Christmas sweater, optional.*

*Members will have the opportunity to support  
their favorite AAUW program.*

A huge THANK YOU to everyone that helped "woman" the two precincts we staffed for the November election. We earned \$1,275 for scholarship, Tech Trek, RIF, and other projects.

Linda Lidberg & Kathy Cohon



### Lunch Bunch

Our destination for December 6th at 11:30 is the Santa Maria Inn, which has become a tradition for us. The Inn is located at 801 S. Broadway and is beautifully decorated for Christmas.

Please contact me by December 3 to make a reservation.

[susanbrazil@sbcglobal.com](mailto:susanbrazil@sbcglobal.com) or (805) 474-5682.



### Membership

Hello everyone. Our membership stands at 59 right now. Please consider inviting friends to our Bingo on December 1st and maybe they will join our branch. Dues would be only \$70.50 for membership through June 30, 2019. Thank you for your help.



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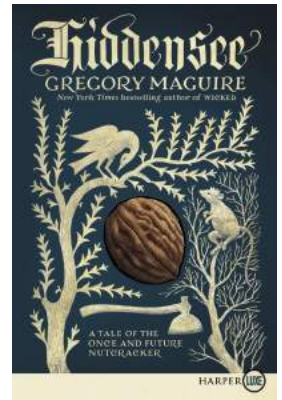
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## Daytime Page Turners

It is the holiday season so Daytime Page Turners are reading **Hiddensee: A Tale of the One and Future Nutcracker** by Gregory Maguire. Maguire, having brought his legions of devoted readers to Oz in *Wicked* and to Wonderland in *After Alice*, now takes us to the realms of the Brothers Grimm and E. T. A. Hoffmann-- the enchanted Black Forest of Bavaria and the salons of Munich. *Hiddensee* imagines the back story of the Nutcracker, revealing how this entrancing creature came to be carved and how he guided an ailing girl named Klara through a dreamy paradise on a Christmas Eve. At the heart of Hoffmann's mysterious tale hovers Godfather Drosselmeier-- the ominous, canny, one-eyed toy maker made immortal by Petipa and Tchaikovsky's fairy tale ballet-- who presents the once and future Nutcracker to Klara, his goddaughter.



Daytime Page Turners will share their insights on *Hiddensee* through questions and reflective answers on **December 7, Friday at 11:30 am**. The hostess for the December discussion is **Susan Gray**, in her country home in Arroyo Grande. 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.

January will highlight **An Invisible Thread: The True Story of an 11 year old Panhandler, A Busy Executive and an unlikely meeting with Destiny** by Laura Schtoff. We will also determine our reading selections for the 2019 year. Please consider joining us.

## GREAT DECISIONS

Our Great Decisions discussion group is getting ready to order reading materials for the 2019 year.

There will be no meeting in December, but request for ordering materials are being taken now. Materials typically cost between \$20-\$25.

Please message Jean Burns Slater, ([jbslater2006@gmail.com](mailto:jbslater2006@gmail.com)) or Priscilla Alquist, ([palquist@gmail.com](mailto:palquist@gmail.com)) with reading material requests.

See you on January 28, 2019 at our first meeting, the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month at 7 pm. The location will be announced by early December for your advanced planning.



## Scholarship Update

The 2019 Scholarship Application has been updated and is ready for distribution to Arroyo Grande, Nipomo and New Tech High Schools. The Board of Directors decided that four scholarships will be awarded for the 2019 year at the amount of \$1,500 each, one to each high school and one Avid Scholarship. The Scholarship Investment Policy is in revision and will be published in this newsletter once it is finalized. The next Board of Director's Meeting will be held on February 28, 2019. The Investment Policy revision, Treasurer's report, scholarship application scoring directions and interview and reader assignments are on the agenda for this meeting. Members of the Scholarship Board of Directors are contacting the schools now with the revised scholarship applications.



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. Comments and suggestions are welcomed. The Scholarship Board of Directors will regularly report activities through the Branch newsletter. Thank you for your confidence and support, both financially and through your great work.



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## Finessing Fems Bridge Group

The Finessing Fems Bridge Group will meet on Wednesday, December 5th. 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 December meeting of the evening book club will be held December 11th at the home of Susie Wedell. The discussion that evening will be of the popular novel by Fredrik Backman, A Man Called Ove, about a disenchanting Swedish widower who has his pessimistic outlook on life turned around by a young couple who move into his neighborhood. Many critics have found this novel “The Most Charming Book of the Year.” At this meeting of the book club, members will celebrate the holiday with their traditional book exchange. Looking ahead, the selected novel for January is The Essex Serpent, by Sarah Perry.



## Take Action for Title IX

The Department of Education has announced a plan to make sweeping changes to Title IX's regulations, which would have **significant implications** for students' civil rights. Specifically, the proposed rule would weaken Title IX's protections by narrowing the definition of sexual harassment to allow schools to exclude much of the abuse students experience, limiting when schools will respond, and putting in place processes that make it harder for students to come forward when they experience sexual harassment or assault. Simply put, these changes will make schools less safe for students.

Over the next 60 days, we have an opportunity to weigh in with the Department of Education on their proposed changes. With students' safety under threat, we all must make our voices heard. Use the Two Minute Activist to make your voice heard.

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Dear Five Cities Pismo Beach AAUW Branch,

I have really enjoyed my time at Tech Trek so far. This program allows girls like me to really branch out and strive in an academic environment. Thank you so much for all the fundraising you've done. I also have been really loving the environment, the dorm moms, and the junior counselors have been creating. I was really nervous the first day, but I realized that this was a really safe environment. I also really enjoyed meeting new people. Personally, it's hard for me to push myself to meet new people. Tech Trek has helped me feel more confident in my social skills.

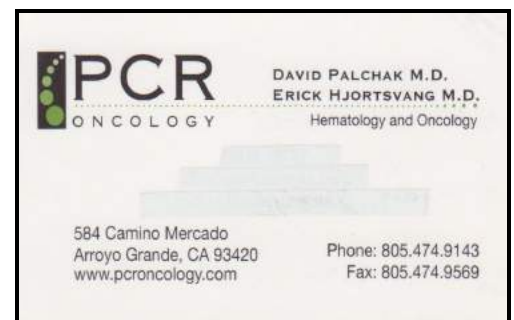
My core class is amazing! Coding was something I never thought I would enjoy, but my teachers have been so eye-opening.

Thank you so much for all the fundraising you've done. Without your hard work I and many others wouldn't be here.

Sincerely, Eve Adamski

### Tech Trek Committee

Our branch will be sending 8 girls to Tech Trek again this coming summer. Work begins in January to recruit applicants for the program. If you are interested in helping with Tech Trek, please contact Linda Lidberg. We need school representatives to pass out information at the three middle schools in Arroyo Grande, interviewers, helpers at the June 2nd Ice Cream Social for our campers.



## Public Policy Update

The Public Policy Committee wants to solicit member participation in the revision of our AAUW California Public Policy Priorities for 2019-2021. In order to meet the deadline to be published in the winter edition of *California Perspective*, which comes out in January we are going to use an electronic survey to solicit every member's input on the proposed priorities before they are presented for final approval in Spring 2019. This survey will be sent out shortly. It lists the priorities and asks members to agree with the current statements or to offer suggestions for changes. Responses are due by December 10. **Please participate in the survey and add your voice.**

Thank you for your ongoing service to the mission of AAUW,  
Nancy Mahr

AAUW CA Public Policy Chair

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## SAVE THESE DATES

### February 9, 2019: AAUW Fellows Luncheon

Sponsored by the Santa Barbara Interbranch Council

Goleta, CA

### February 23, 2019: San Luis Obispo County Interbranch Council Luncheon

Local speaker, Madonna Inn, Buffet luncheon

### May 2, 2019: San Luis Obispo County Interbranch Fundraiser

SLO Rep performance of "Blythe Spirit." Profits will fund scholarship endeavors for all five SLO County branches.

More information on all these events will be forthcoming.





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

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