

## President's Message

*See you at the May 20, 2019 Installation Dinner at the Avila Beach Yacht Club. Come join in a delicious meal, great friendship and conversation, and the beautiful view of our glorious coast.*

*Marilyn Corey  
President*



*Official name: San Luis Yacht Club*

## May Branch Events

- 1st: Finessing Fems Bridge
- 2nd: Lunch Bunch
- 3rd: Daytime Page Turners
- 6th: Board Meeting
- 13th: Night Readers
- 20th: General Meeting Installation Dinner



## May— June — July Birthdays

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|-------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| May 6: Lauren Manning   | June 19: Yvonne Stephens | July 22: Lisa Walker  |
| May 18: Carol McBirnie  | July 1: Kathi Petersen   | July 24: Renee David  |
| May 29: Linda Keetch    | July 6: Joyce Fluiatt    | July 29: Elaine Olson |
| June 9: Joan Florence   | July 7: Susan Brazil     |                       |
| June 10: Carole Dempsey | July 22: Ann Sawyer      |                       |





*Please join us for our Annual  
Installation Dinner*

*Avila Beach Yacht Club, Avila Beach Pier*

*On Monday, May 20*

*5:30 Social - 6:30 Dinner*

*Appetizers, Chicken, Vegetables & Berry Crumble*

*Please RSVP by sending your \$30 check to*

*Linda Lidberg, 959 Vista Verde Lane, Nipomo 93444*

*By Wednesday, May 15*

*Questions? [Lisa](mailto:Lisa@vwc-sm.org) [lwalker@vwc-sm.org](mailto:lwalker@vwc-sm.org) or [Liz](mailto:Liz@wino90.com) [wino90@msn.com](mailto:wino90@msn.com)*

## Scholarship News

The Scholarship Board of Directors selected and awarded four \$1,500 scholarships at the April 15, 2019 meeting. Carol Rowe introduced Kylie Lim from Arroyo Grande who is deciding between University of California Los Angeles (UCLA) and Boston University. Joan Knowlton introduced our AVID scholarship winner, Berenice Vences, from Nipomo High, who will be attending Fullerton. Yvonne Stephens presented Ashlie Andrade from Nipomo High who has selected UCLA as her university choice and Erica Hinojosa spoke about Madrid Holland, also from Nipomo High, who is deciding between Cornell or UCLA. Specials thanks go out to all members who have donated time, money and efforts to fund raising to make these awards possible.



At the Branch's General Meeting on April 15, 2019, Branch Tech Trek Coordinator, Linda Lidberg, Introduced the six Tech Trek Campership winners and the two Alternates and gave them their Tech Trek Certificates. Isabelle Bowdey and Lauren Cruz from last year's Tech Trek camp spoke about how Tech Trek had impacted their 8th Grade year.

This year's campers are Josie Hardy (Judkins), Sherry Andrawes (Judkins), Claire Penton (Judkins), Emily Misovic (Judkins), Lillith Byllesby-Voorheis (Judkins), and Morgan Edwards (Mesa). Alternates are Hannah Linn (Mesa) and Holly Kranz (Paulding).



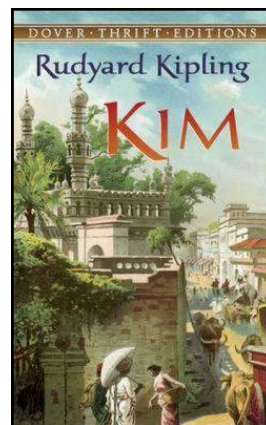
## Membership News

DUES ARE DUE from now until end of June. Eleven members have renewed so far. Please include this commitment in your May budget. \$100 seems like a lot but remember all of the issues that our branch addresses locally, statewide, and nationally. We are a powerful organization. Please join and Save our Branch. We have added a section on the renewal form to include an emergency contact person and contact number. Several members have either fallen or become ill while attending one of our functions and being able to contact a family member would be helpful. Only the President and Membership Coordinators would have access to this information. A renewal letter is included with this newsletter (**see page 10**). If you have no change in your directory Information and don't wish to submit any contact I formation you may just mail your check to me, made out to 5 Cities Pismo Beach AAUW. Many thanks.  
Susan Brazil, 397 Mesa View Dr., A.G. 93420

TIME TO RENEW  
YOUR  
MEMBERSHIP

## Daytime Page Turners

Daytime Page Turners will be being reading **Kim** by Rudyard Kipling, our classic selection for the year. This novel tells the story of Kimball O' Hara (Kim), who is the orphaned son of a soldier in the Irish regiment stationed in India during the British Raj. It describes Kim's life and adventures from street vagabond, to his adoption by his father's regiment and recruitment into espionage. We will be meeting on **May 3 at 11:30 am** at the home of Susan Gray. Directions to Susan's home will be sent to readers. Message Jean Burns Slater 805 627-1845 or [jbslater2006@gmail.com](mailto:jbslater2006@gmail.com) for more details. Our June book selection is Edward Carey's **Little**, a historical novel exploring revolutionary Paris.



## Great Decisions

The Great Decisions discussion group will not be meeting in May. Your calendar is free on May 27, allowing a true Memorial Day holiday. Discussion will resume on June 24 with the topic of U.S and China trade, a very hot topic.



Have a Great  
Summer



## Finessing Fems Bridge Group

The Finessing Fems will meet on Wednesday, May 1st at Rose Ann Steiner's home to play bridge. This group is always looking for substitute players so if you would like to play please call Marilyn Corey.

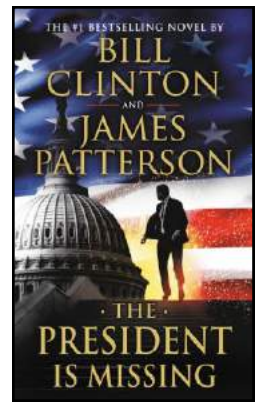
The group meets on the first Wednesday of each month at member's homes. June the group will meet at Elaine Olson's, July they will be at Laurie King's, and August will find them at Pat Muhlethaler's.



## Night Readers

The next meeting of the evening Book Club will be held May 13 at the home of Joan Knowlton. The book for discussion will be **The President is Missing**, by Bill Clinton and James Peterson. The work of fiction concerns a cyberspace attack on the United States, with the intent of deleting all electronic files and disabling the country. The book has been called a novel of great suspense and historical interest. Looking ahead, the next book club meeting in June will focus on **Little Fires Everywhere**, by Celeste Ng. The evening book club is currently filled to capacity.

Sandra Ku, chairperson



## Lunch Bunch

Baba Ghanoush, Tabbouleh, Falafel, Gyros, and Baklava! Just a few of the choices at the Jaffa Café in Old Town Arroyo Grande. That's the location for the May 2nd Lunch Bunch get together. Just a few doors down from Rooster Creek restaurant, this Middle Eastern restaurant offers a look into international cuisine. Our Lunch Bunch group will meet at 11:30 am for good food, good conversation, and undoubtedly a few laughs! RSVP to Linda Lidberg.



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## Spotlight on Branch member Carole Dempsey

Philly born, Vassar Graduate, East Coast Corporate, only child with a father fixated on education, Masters from Columbia... How in the world did Carole Dempsey find Five Cities Pismo Beach AAUW?

After graduate school Carole began her career with interviewing doctors in the pharmaceutical arena, moving from sales to marketing, then into a research analyst position for the Sandoz Pharmaceuticals now known as Novartis. This career direction, combining the science of healing medicine with thinking and writing critically, played well for Carole who stayed with the company for 30 years, retiring as Executive Director of Marketing Communications. One of her early achievements was to win both the Sales and Marketing Excellence awards. After retirement, she opened her own consulting business in the same field for 15 years in Arizona. One of her life beliefs is “go with what you love” as exemplified by her career.



A friend of Carole’s moved to San Luis Obispo, spurring Carole to take a look at this county. After Carole met Sandee in Templeton, moved back to Arizona, and then decided to return to the Central Coast, they found the perfect home in Mesa View, Arroyo Grande. And she also found our Five Cities Pismo Beach AAUW Branch! One of the attractions of AAUW for Carole is the strong support of women’s education. She believes that a strong background in liberal arts, providing training in oral and written communication, along with critical thinking serves as the springboard for a large variety of careers.

Carole believes in the proverb “if the student is willing the teacher will appear”. This philosophy drives her current interests as travel takes a back seat. Her interests include cacti, succulents and their planting pots for which she categorizes, photographs, researches and files information. Dreams and their subconscious messages are another focus, integrating the outer with the inner of her life. “Be awake, be conscious” guides Carole in her self-exploration. She saves nuggets of wisdom for inspiration and is writing vignettes in a conversation style with a writing group of likeminded people. Carole and Sandee co-authored a 60 page story called a “Summer Romance between 2 Lawn Ornaments”, including pictures of the hero and heroine.

Carole Dempsey believes in “jumping in on something when you see it” and that is just what she did when she joined our AAUW Branch.



## Women in History

A Special Thank You to four members who presented Women in History portrayals in the Lucia Mar Unified School District classrooms. Barbara Cotton as Julia Morgan, architect; Pam Zirion as Laura Ingalls Wilder, author; Sandy Pitt as Rear Admiral Grace M Hopper, USN, computer pioneer; and Kathy Cohon as Rachel Carson, scientist and environmentalist visited all 11 elementary schools.



This is our 29<sup>th</sup> year of presentations. Over the years, more than 45 members have portrayed more than 60 fabulous women. Thanks to all who have stepped forward to inform students of the importance of women in history, i.e. herstory.

Again - Next year, next March, more Women In History. Will you have a turn??  
Cheers,  
Kathy Cohon

## SAVE OUR BRANCH

Results of the survey taken under the banner of Save Our Branch are completed and are published in this newsletter. The Board and membership will be discussing next actions at the May meetings.

### Results of the Save Our Branch Survey 4/15/2019

**Pass out or post flyers describing our branch activities at meetings, community events, bulletin boards at coffee shops, community rooms, gathering places.**

15 Branch members agreed to participate in these activities.

**Pass out business cards or book marks to people I believe are interested in our branch mission and activities.**

15 Branch members agreed to participate in these activities.

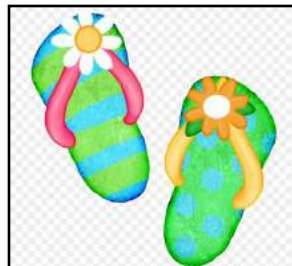
**Speak about our branch to friends and acquaintances and bring a friend to our AAUW meetings, activities and events.**

15 Branch members agreed to participate in these activities.

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## PUBLIC POLICY

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### KEY SUCCESSES IN LEGISLATION – We're Making Progress

AAUW California LEGISLATIVE AGENDA FOR 2019

The Public Policy Committee met in March and reviewed state bills that relate to our mission and priorities. Some bills were not in their final form and we had to wait for more information before making decisions on our positions. As soon as the list of our priority bills is complete, it will be posted on the website and you will be informed of the posting.

In the meantime, we can celebrate progress on two key bills:

#### **FEDERAL: Paycheck Fairness Act (PFA)**

This federal measure has passed the House of Representatives and now goes to the Senate for consideration. It expands on the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act which ensured that ongoing pay discrimination can be challenged regardless of when it began. The PFA that would give employees and employers the new tools to close the pay gap:

- Require employers to prove that pay disparities between men and women are a business necessity and job-related.
- Ban the use of salary history, which has been shown to negatively impact women.
- Protect workers from being penalized for discussing their salaries.

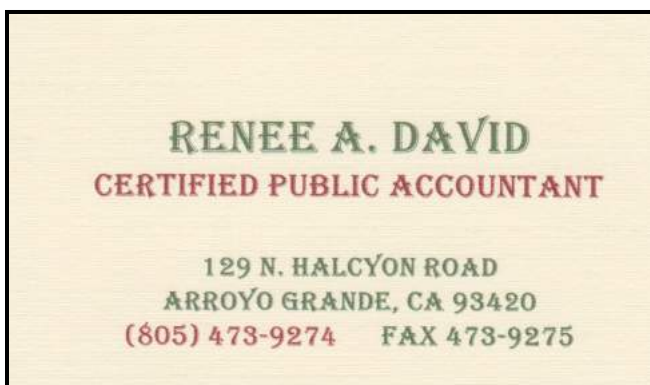
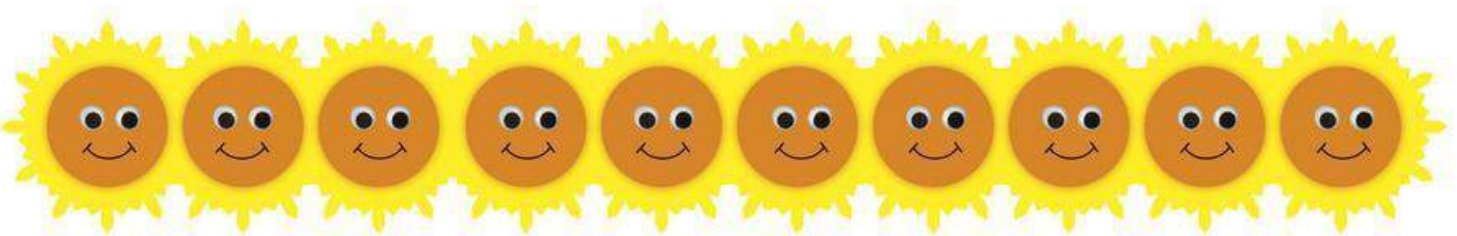
Help employers implement fair-pay practices.

#### **STATE: SB 171 (Jackson)**

This is one of AAUW's key bills. It is moving through the state Senate (house of origin). This bill addresses the need for accurate information from employers (100 employees or more) on wage patterns, including employee numbers by race, ethnicity and sex in listed job categories, and provide data on their annual earnings. This information would be gathered at the state level. The information would be used to better enforce equal pay or discrimination laws.

#### **IT'S STILL APRIL! EQUAL PAY DAY – April 2, 2019**

I hope many branches planned Equal Pay Day activities. If not, it's not too late to highlight the need for pay equity. You could still write a letter to the editor or remind your branch members that women's earnings still lag behind men's earnings and that economic inequality continues to work against the empowerment of women.





## The Status of Women and Girls in CA ~ 2019

For the past eight years Mt. St. Mary's University in Los Angeles, (the only all-women's higher educational institution in the area), has published a report assessing the status of women and girls in the state of California. It is an impressive document and I would encourage members to log on to: [www.msmu.edu/media/website/content-assets/msmuedu/home/status-of-women-and-girls-in-california/documents/RSWG-2019-ReportFull.pdf](http://www.msmu.edu/media/website/content-assets/msmuedu/home/status-of-women-and-girls-in-california/documents/RSWG-2019-ReportFull.pdf) and review the findings – they may surprise you.

This year's report entitled, *Intersections: Identity, Access and Equity* "celebrates the gains women have made and the challenges they continue to confront in areas like economic well-being, health and wellness, workforce factors and safety." It presents an overview of how women of different races and ethnicities are faring in CA. The following bills passed during the last legislative session were significant in making strides toward greater equity for California's women and girls; you may recognize some of them.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS:** Mandates a baseline representation of female identified persons on the board of directors of each publicly held corporation whose principal executive offices are in California. (SENATE BILL 826, JACKSON)

**DISCLOSURE OF SALARY HISTORY:** Prohibits employers from seeking salary history information and making a subsequent salary determination for applicants, thereby improving pay equity. (ASSEMBLY BILL 168, EGGMAN)

**LACTATION ACCOMMODATION:** Requires employers to designate an area close to the workspace — excluding bathrooms — for employees who wish to express breast milk. (ASSEMBLY BILL 1976, LIMÓN)

**MARRIAGE AND DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIP: MINORS.** Ensures additional levels of protection before a youth may marry or establish a domestic partnership by 1) providing information about their rights of termination and dissolution directly to children and 2) requiring involved parties to participate in premarital counseling. (SENATE BILL 273, HILL)


**EXTORTION:** Expands the crime of extortion to include consideration of sexual conduct or images of intimate body parts. (SENATE BILL 500, LEYVA)

**CALWORKS MODIFICATIONS:** Authorizes domestic violence survivors who are recipients of California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) benefits to be eligible for CalWORKs homeless assistance. (ASSEMBLY BILL 557, RUBIO)

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## AAUW Five Cities-Pismo Beach 2019-2020 Membership Renewal

Our mission and focus:

“Advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.”

Welcome and thank you for rejoining the Five Cities Pismo Beach Branch of AAUW.

Dues are **\$100** through June **2020**. Dual branch members pay only \$25 for Five Cities Branch dues.

\_\_\_\_\_ Dual member (Branch name) \_\_\_\_\_ (State) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Check here to order a new name tag or replacement name tag. Include additional **\$10**.

### **Make checks payable to AAUW Five Cities-Pismo Beach.**

Between March 16 - **July 1** please return this form with your annual dues and any supplemental payments to:

**Susan Brazil**  
**397 Mesa View Dr**  
**Arroyo Grande, CA 93420**

\$100 **Dues**  
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\_\_\_\_\_ **Total Enclosed**

Optional: In case of emergency, contact: Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Relationship::** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Update any new info.** If your directory information is the same as last year, simply fill in your name only.

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Activity Interests:** Circle interest sections that you might like to participate in or wish to learn about.

Hospitality at meetings      "HerStory"(Women in History)      Adopt-a-Poll

Great Decisions      Reading is Fundamental (RIF)      Diversity

Bridge      Lunch Bunch      Tech Trek      Scholarship      Cooking Together

Book Section, Daytime      Book Section, Evening      Theatre/Concert Group