

President's Message

Greetings AAUW members,

Happy Labor Day and hello to fall! This summer has passed so quickly and autumn is upon us. We are looking forward to a productive year working together to benefit our community, women and girls.

Already some new members have taken on leadership roles in the branch for 2019-2020, and that is exciting!

Our Scholarship Endowment Fund is healthy and growing. Many thanks and much gratitude go to Barbara Cotton and her husband, Liam, who did so much to instigate and make possible the successful estate sale.

Also we are indebted to Marilyn Corey, her committee and the many AAUW members who worked so diligently to execute the 3-day event. The success of the sale made it possible to contribute substantially to the endowment fund. Thanks to all of you who donated your time and efforts.

We're also excited this year to have a great group of **Tech Trek** girls who attended the science and math camp this summer. Please come to the **September 15th potluck luncheon** and meet these students.

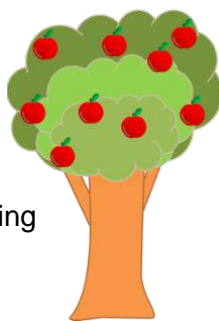
I'm looking forward to start off the year by meeting these smart and delightful young women. Let's all work together to make this a productive and enjoyable year.

Rose Ann Steiner, Co-President



September Branch Events **

- 2 - Board Meeting
- 5 - Lunch Bunch: TBD
- 6 - Daytime Page Turners
- 10 - Night Readers
- 15 - Welcome Back – General Meeting
- 23 - Great Decisions



** See following pages for more information.

August Birthdays

- 2 - Priscilla Alquist
- 7 - Sue LaCabe
- 19 - Laurie King



September Birthdays

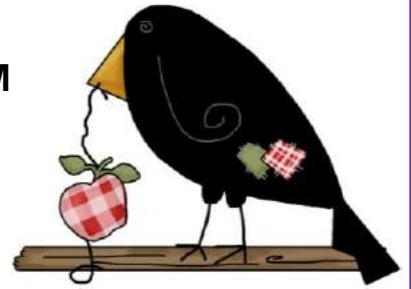
- 11 - Linda Lidberg
- 14 - Gaye Peltzman
- 17 - Anna Zucker
- 18 - Maurina Kusell
- 23 - Pam Zirion



Welcome Back 2019

When - Sunday, September 15, 2019 from 1:00 - 3:30 PM

What - → Appetizer and Dessert Potluck **
→ Welcome Back Information
→ Panel with 2019 Tech Trek campers



Where – Mesa Dunes Clubhouse

Mesa Dunes Park is located off Highway 1 / Cabrillo Highway, approximately 1/2 mile south of the corner of Highway 1 and Halcyon Road. This is the corner where Palo Mesa Pizza and JJ's Market are located. Once you turn into the Mobile Home park, bear to the right and go to the top of the hill where you will see the clubhouse. Note, the smaller clubhouse part way up the hill is **not** where we will be. Carpooling is encouraged.

**** Please bring to share:**

If your last name begins with **A-L**, bring **appetizer**

If your last name begins with **M-Z**, bring **dessert**.

Questions? Email or call Liz Wineman, wino90@msn.com / 805-925-0304

Highlights from the Summer Planning Meeting

The end of year financial report was presented and a very conservative proposed budget for 2019-2020 was reviewed and approved by the board. The proposed budget will be presented and voted on at the September 15th general meeting. It was noted that at the time of this planning meeting (6/8/19), there were many members who had yet to pay their dues.



Proposed branch goals for the year will continue to be the same as last year, but it was noted that the goals of last year were never met, i.e., increased membership, fundraising, and diversity of membership, so they continue to be the goals for 2019-2020:

- 1) Increase membership, focusing on retaining current members, recruiting new members, and diversifying our membership.
- 2) Increase the amount of funding raised to support our programs and activities. (since this planning meeting, the estate sale in June contributed significantly to our funds)

The meeting and program calendar for the year was discussed and some events were planned. The initial planning for the fall Bingo fundraiser was covered, as was need for more workers.

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


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5 Cities AAUW Activity Groups

Lunch Bunch

September 5th (Thursday) at 11:30 AM. Come join us for good food and fellowship: TBD

October 3rd (Thursday) at 11:30 AM: TBD

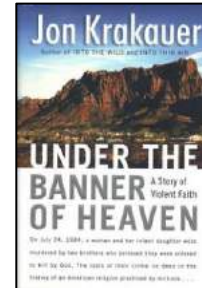
Coordinator: Joan Knowlton: jknow98@gmail.com

Daytime Page Turners

September 6th (Friday) at 11:30 AM, at Carole Dempsey's home.

Under the Banner of Heaven, by Jon Krakauer

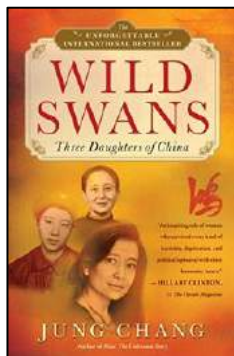
Bring a sack lunch. Beverages and dessert will be provided.



This nonfiction historical work follows the story of the Lafferty brothers and their fanatical brethren of the Fundamentalists of the Mormon faith. The history of the Mormon church is woven into the historical settlement of the Western U.S. The story is grim yet fascinating.

Directions to Carole's home will be sent to readers. Message Jean Burns Slater 805-627-1845 or jbslater2006@gmail.com for more details.

Our **October 4th** book selection is **Where the Crowdads Sing**, by Delia Owen, a coming of age story, an ode to the natural world of North Carolina and a murder investigation.



Night Readers

September 10th (Tuesday) at 7:00 PM at the home of Sandra Ku.

Wild Swans, by Jung Chang

This biographical work covers three generations of the author's Chinese family as they live through the transformation of China from the time of the war lords through Mao's Communist revolution up to the late 1900s. The book has had a popular following for thirty years, and been praised for its historical and cultural detail.

The Night Reader's selection for **October** will be **The Tuscan Child**, by Rhys Bowen.
— Sandra Ku, chairperson

Great Decisions

September 23rd (Monday) at 7:00 PM, at Judy Zaretska's home.

The State of the State Department and Diplomacy

Snacks and beverages will be provided.



The evening opens with a video highlighting the topics, followed by a sure-to-be lively discussion. The U.S. State Department serves a critical role as the men and women in the Foreign Service and Civil Service are on the front lines for the U.S. in over 277 embassies and consultants all over the world. Judy Zaretska will lead the discussion. This September meeting concludes the discussion topics for the 2019 year. Message Jean Burns Slater 805-627-1845 or jbslater2006@gmail.com if you would like to join us next year.



New Members Are Joining

Membership

Hello everyone! Our membership at present is 50 paid members. We are waiting for two members, who said they would renew, to pay their dues...

Therefore, we need new members. I know of two people who are planning to join and would be new to our branch.

Please think of someone you could invite to our September meeting so they can learn about AAUW and our local branch activities. Thank you. ~ Susan Brazil

Scholarship / Estate Sale

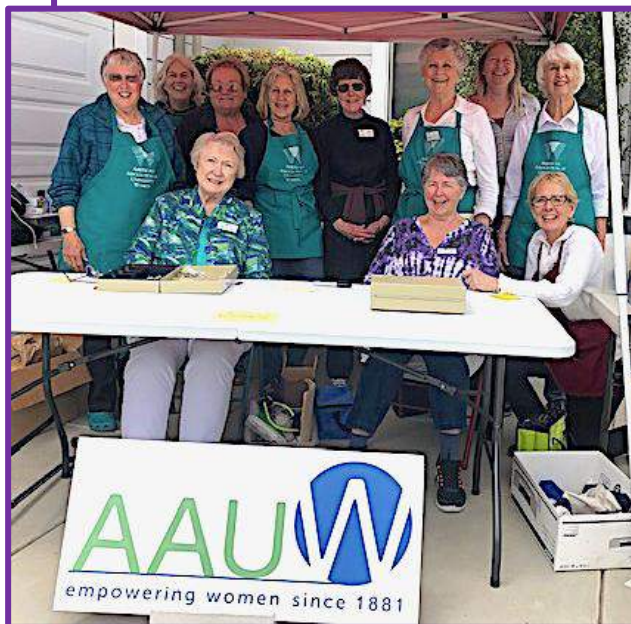
The Scholarship Board of Directors are astounded and most appreciative of the generosity and focus on the Scholarship Endowment Fund demonstrated by Mr. Steve Sproger's gifting of the contents of his home for an estate sale. We would be pleased to introduce Mr. Sproger to our membership at one of our meetings to formally recognize and thank him.

The enthusiasm, management and organizational efforts of Barbara Cotton brought this estate sale to a smooth conclusion and a net profit of **\$20,347.50**.

She was supported by Marilyn Corey, Linda Lidberg, Rose Anne Steiner, Pat Muhlethaler, Gayle Turner, Nancy King, daughter of Laurie King, and the many, many Branch members who helped with this endeavor.

How can we thank everyone? The AAUW Scholarship Corporation recognizes that the Scholarship Endowment Fund will have a lasting legacy for generations and this never could happen with the support of our Branch and community.

Thank you sincerely...



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Board Meeting

The first board meeting of the 2019-20 year is on **Monday, September 2, 6:30**, in the A.G. Hospital Annex. We were unable to book the Annex for Sept. 9. If you or your committee have an action item that needs to be placed on the agenda for Sept. 2, please forward it to Rose Ann Steiner by Wednesday, August 29, in order for it to be considered at the meeting.



Reading Is Fundamental

Reading is Fundamental Recap 2018-2019 School Year

During the last school year, the RIF committee made two visits to Oceano School, Grover Beach School, and Fairgrove School. 300 third and fourth grade students selected a book at each of our visits. During the upcoming school year, we will visit the same schools and give books to a new bunch of students. We enjoyed our visits and received many thank you notes. Below are a few of the wonderful students' letters we received. All are addressed, "Dear RIF Ladies..."

The RIF project started many years ago in our branch by the late, lovely Winona Green continues to bring joy to students, teachers, and the RIF ladies; Lauren Manning, Margaret Quandt, Nancy Shannon, and Joan Knowlton.

Wendy Robinson
RIF Committee

Thank you for the sport book. When I got home I read the sport book two times, and I loved it. I love all the details in it. My mom read it and my sister and they loved it. My name is Lilly. I am in third grade. My favorite color is pink. I have dad, mom, 2 sisters, 2 brothers and 3 cats. Thank you for giving me my sport book, and I hope you guys come back next year.
From Lilly

Thank you for the book. I think you are sweet and kind. I hope you have a good day.
Sincerely, Cerelio

Thank you so much for giving us books. I don't know how we can give it back to you ladies. I can't believe that you ladies buy books for kids that you don't know. That's fantastic, you are amazing RIF ladies. If you give us books again I have no idea how can I give it back. By Manuel

Thank you for the books. Stone Fox is the best book I have ever read, it's so good. My favorite animals are wolves, foxes and panthers, they are so cool. I appreciate everything you give me, all your books are good. I love all the books you gave us, you guys are so sweet I can't thank you enough for doing this. I'm glad we have people like you in the world you guys are so nice you give books to everyone mostly in the world and I know they are all glad to have you guys and they appreciate what you give them. I hope this letter puts a smile on your face.
Sincerely, Emilio

Thank you for the books. I like my book that I got. You girls are the best. It is so nice to give kids books for them to keep. Also, keep up the good work RIF ladies. It was fun because we get to pick the books that we want. Well bye. Have a great day. Well I had fun when you came. I like it when we do a drawing and a word search. Love, Mayra



Installation of Officers

The installation of officers was held on May 20th at the Avila Beach Yacht Club after a delicious buffet dinner with a view!

Thank you, Mary Matakovich, for hosting.
Photo (left to right):

Secretary:

Gayle Turner

Co-presidents:

Pat Muhlethaler

Rose Ann Steiner

Marilyn Corey



San Luis Branch Fundraiser

THESE PANCAKES STACK UP TO DOLLARS FOR WOMEN'S EDUCATION

The San Luis Branch will be holding their **4th Annual Pancake Breakfast** fundraiser on **Saturday, October 5th 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 also includes juice, coffee and hot tea, are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children under 10 and are available at the door. Donations are partially tax deductible.

Money raised will go to AAUW Funds, Tech Trek, plus High School and Cuesta scholarships.



The **OCTOBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE** is **SEPTEMBER 20th** at 8:00 PM

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ONE MORE THING...BINGO!

Saturday, November 23, 2019 at St. John's Church
Set-up at 10 AM... Doors open at 12 Noon... Games start at 1 PM

Hi, All -

We hope everyone is enjoying this lovely weather, and, if you are traveling, enjoying the experiences along the way.

One more thing... Think about what has been FUN and how you can translate that into a gift certificate or service that you can present as a Silent Auction item.

Another thing... We have permission from Pastor Greg at St John's to hang a "Bingo" banner on the fence to announce our event, Saturday, November 23rd, 2019.

And another thing... On the following page, you will find "**Save the Date**" bookmarks for you to **copy and give to your friends**. Doors open at 12 and Games start at 1PM.

And finally... A TIMELINE!

- **September, October & November** - Purchase/ request Silent Auction gift certificates and items from businesses you patronize.
- **Early November** - No elections, therefore, no polls to work!
- **Early & mid-November** - Gather Silent Auction items
- **Friday, November 15th** - Deliver Silent Auction Items due to Marilyn's home
- **Tuesday, Nov 19th** - Package Silent Auction items.
- **Saturday, Nov 23** - **SILENT AUCTION & BINGO Set up 10 AM. Doors open at 12.**
- **November 28** - Thanksgiving

ENJOY EACH DAY!

Sincerely,
Kathy Cohon and Pam Zirion



NOTE: Please print out the next page & cut into bookmarks to give to your friends!



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Nov. 23
12:00 pm
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