

## President's Message



Welcome to the busy month of November from your third Co-President of the Branch Triumvirate and presiding for the month of November.

Co-President Pat Muhlethaler presided at the October 21 meeting which featured successful RIF program. Wendy Robinson and her committee are commended for the many hours they spend reading to students in our select schools and then presenting the books directly to the children. When I read their thank you notes, a big smile immediately appears on my face and sometimes with a few drops of happy tears.

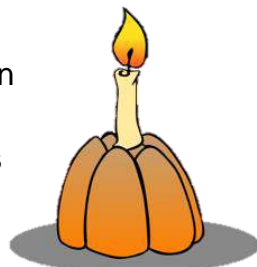
Busy means **BINGO!** If you have not already met your goal of selling five tickets, please give Joan Knowlton, our Ticket Sale Manager, a call. Bingo, which is our major fundraiser of the year, will be held at St. John's Church in Arroyo Grande on November 23 at 1:00 PM (Doors open at 12:00). Our Fundraising Committee of Priscilla Alquist, Pam Zirion, and Kathy Cohon, have been busy at work setting the expectations and I have cleaned out the garage to make room for all of your Silent Auction donations!

Lastly, my Co-Presidents join me in wishing you and yours a very Happy and healthy Thanksgiving.

Marilyn Corey, Co-President

## November Birthdays

- 10 – Sharon Lowell
- 10 – Wendy Robinson
- 11 – Carol Rowe
- 21 – Connie Rodgers
- 23 – Andi Portney



## November Events

- 1 – 11:30 AM Daytime Page Turners
- 4 – 6:30 PM Board Meeting
- 7 – 11:30 AM Lunch Bunch: Vespera
- 12 – 7:00 PM Night Readers
- 20 – 8:00 PM **Dec. Newsletter Deadline**
- 23 – 12:00 PM **Bingo / Silent Auction**  
St. John's Church, AG

*\*\* See following pages for more information*

## Review: October 21 General Meeting Getting to Know RIF

Reading is Fundamental (RIF) has been one of our branch's three main projects for years. We heard from long-time RIF chair Wendy Robinson, committee members Lauren Manning and Margaret Quandt, and former teacher Nancy Shannon. The RIF team shared goals of this nation-wide program, samples of the book selections, and observations about the effects of RIF on LMUSD elementary students. It was a great chance to find out about AAUW funds at work.

## The November General Meeting will be replaced with **BINGO & SILENT AUCTION**

**When – Saturday, November 23**

→ Doors Open **12:00 PM**

→ Bingo Starts **1:00 PM**

**Where – St. John's Church**

location: 959 Valley Rd, AG

(see [page 7](#) for more information)



Dear AAUW Five Cities Pismo Beach,

I am really thankful for being sent to Tech Trek. I'm sure it takes a lot of time and hard work to make this camp possible. So again, thank you so much for sending me.

There are so many enjoyable things in this camp. Every night we have a really great activity. We talked to scientists that were searching the ocean. But the most fun part was when we went on the boat.

As I said, my favorite activity was when we went to the boat. First, we went on the boat and sat there and then we were allowed to go outside. It was just really relaxing watching waves and water. We also learned about plankton and we caught some. But the most exciting and enjoyable part was when the dolphins came. They were so cute jumping all around. There were two babies that were the cutest!

Once again, I really appreciate being at Tech Trek. I hope that somehow in the future I make you proud of my job choice, or at least help you somehow.



## Membership

Hello everyone. Our October meeting was awesome. RIF program was so informative. We had 3 guests and our new member, Janice Gelb, attended and members were able to meet her. And then one of our guests, Marilyn Ott, joined our branch. Thank you, Priscilla for bringing her. Our membership now stands at **54**. Bring friends to our Bingo fundraiser and maybe we'll be able to increase our membership! ~ Susan Brazil



## Scholarship

The Scholarship Board of Directors held their first meeting of the year on September 25, 2019. Several important decisions were made after reviewing current policy and our investment endowment fund.

A conservative estimate of possible revenue from the Endowment Fund for this fiscal year is \$4,300. Branch fund raising contributed \$882.81 for a possible total of \$5,183 readily available for scholarship.

The Board decided to offer 4 scholarships for the 2019-2020 year, two to Arroyo Grande High School, one to Nipomo and New Tech High combined and one to an AVID scholar.

Consideration of the size of the high schools encouraged this distribution as Arroyo Grande High has a student population of 2,071, Nipomo High's population is 920 and New Tech High is 313. The exact amount of the scholarship awards will be determined as we see if there are additional donations to scholarship.

This last year \$6,000 was distributed to 4 awardees. Specific donations to Scholarship are always welcome and can be directed toward the Endowment Fund or current 2020 scholarships for senior high girls. An AVID scholarship will continue to be a focus, supported in the same manner as all other scholarships.

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 ~ Jean Burns Slater

## Board Meeting

The next board meeting of the 2019-20 year is on **Monday, November 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM**, in the A.G. Hospital Annex.

If you or your committee have an action item that needs to be placed on the agenda for November 4<sup>th</sup>, please forward it to Marilyn Corey by **Tuesday, October 29** in order for it to be considered at the meeting.

Thank you!

## Spotlight

Are you curious about the selection process for the Branch Member Spotlight individual? The original spotlight articles focused on past AAUW Branch members.

The current process determines how many miles the universities and colleges our branch members attended for undergraduate work from Arroyo Grande. The further distance from Five Cities Arroyo Grande area that the member completed her undergraduate work, the sooner a request will be made to see if she is interested in being in the spotlight. Spotlight is working its way across country.



## Spotlight: Marilyn Corey

Queen of the Indiana Decatur County Fair, farm girl raised among soybeans and corn, trumpet player, and member of the junior leadership for 4-H in high school. Marilyn Corey's family farm only installed electricity when she was in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, indoor plumbing when she was in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade. She was a student band leader within a musical family. She was taught to drive a tractor and expected to attend Indiana University.

The University felt like home to her as her high school acquainted the students to this local institution. Marilyn's grandmother attended college providing a role model. However, after two years, Marilyn quit college due to a romantic break up and returned home to work in a factory. Later she visited her former university for Homecoming and realized that is where she should be! With financial support from her deceased grandmother she put herself back on track. Her father noted her determination and supported her renewed efforts. Off Marilyn went. She reconnected with her former love interest, married, and finished her elementary education credential, enjoying teaching. For health reasons Marilyn with her husband moved to a "drier climate". California was the choice.

After adding two boys to their family, Marilyn returned to work with in-home care for her little ones. Teaching grades 1-4, serving as a resource teacher and attending Cal State Long Beach for her administrative credential, moved Marilyn through her career right into an administrative position. She continued to work in Orange County moving into a Director of Educational Services position and then to Assistant Superintendent.

Her marriage dissolved and Marilyn took a position as a Superintendent, joining only three female Superintendents in California. She met Stan Corey when he was Superintendent of Irvine USD and Marilyn, who decided she would never marry again, fell for this handsome, professional leader. They became the only husband and wife serving as Superintendents in the State. Marilyn and Stan were married 33 years and shared great interest in travelling with a motor home, all through the west. Following retirement, Marilyn served in several roles as an interim Superintendent and consultant.

Marilyn's family includes two sons, four step children, one of which is deceased, 11 grandchildren, 12 nieces and nephews and lots of love and attention. She keeps in contact with her sons, step children and grandchildren, who helped her with home projects and repairs.

Her philosophy of life comes from her father with a "can do" attitude, a strict upbringing, and an active sense of politics with civic responsibility. Marilyn loves gardening and is raising herbs and tomatoes for her cooking. She believes in "live and let live", allowing everyone the right to their own viewpoint.

Marilyn is committed to AAUW and enjoys the fund raising and camaraderie of the members. In addition to her AAUW activities, she has served as president for 5 of her 6 years on the Board of her Homeowners Association. Playing Bridge is her passion.

"I am who I am" is Marilyn Corey to a T.

THANK YOU, MARILYN, FOR YOUR LEAERSHIP!



## 5 Cities AAUW Activity Groups

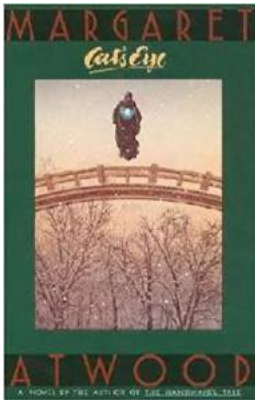
### Lunch Bunch

- **November 7<sup>th</sup>** (Thursday) at 11:30 AM at **Vespera**, 147 Stimson Ave, Pismo Beach

Our November Lunch Bunch will meet at Vespera, Pismo's newest hotel on the beach. It just opened. There is valet parking, free with a 2-hour validation from the restaurant. Please **RSVP by Tuesday, November 5**, to Joan Knowlton (see the directory for contact info).

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### Daytime Page Turners



- **Cat's Eye**, by Margaret Atwood
- Meets **November 1<sup>st</sup>** (Friday) at **11:30 AM**, at **Carol Rowe's home in Cyprus Ridge**. Bring a sack lunch. Dessert and beverages will be provided. Message Carol for directions and to RSVP.

This coming of age book about a young girl as she grows up in Toronto includes a bitter childhood, depicted through the unkind actions of a childhood classmate within the sulky zone of adolescence.

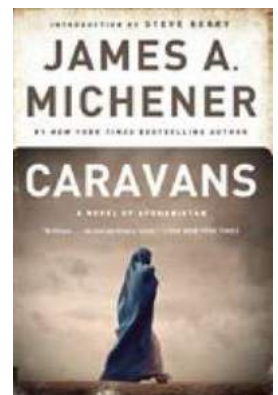
- The **December 6<sup>th</sup>** book selection is **Call Them by Their True Names**, by Rebecca Solnit. This nonfiction book discusses politics, police shootings, gentrification and more. ~ Jean Burns Slater

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### Night Readers

- **Caravans**, by James Michener
- Meets **Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>** (Tuesday) at **7 PM** at the home of **Rose Ann Steiner**.

Written over 50 years ago and set in Afghanistan, the novel offers the modern reader insight to the diplomatic, political, and cultural origins of the conflicts in that country. The plot centers on the mysterious disappearance of a young American woman who had married an Afghan citizen, and the US diplomatic efforts to locate her. The evening Book Club is currently filled to capacity. ~ Sandra Ku, chairperson



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### Great Decisions

The Great Decisions discussion group has concluded the 2019 discussion year. If you are interested in joining Great Decisions for the **2020** year, please contact Priscilla Alquist or Jean Burns Slater. This is a great way to stay connected in current political policy decisions and share ideas with fellow Branch members. Each discussion evening opens with a video highlighting the discussion topics, followed by a lively discussion, based on the reading guide.

**AAUW Paso Robles Branch Fundraiser**  
**IT'S GRAPEFRUIT TIME AGAIN, AND PECANS, TOO!**

What scholarship fundraiser is both fun and healthy? It's the sale of cases of Texas Ruby Red Grapefruit, of course! This year, the cases, which hold between 18-21 delicious sweet Texas grapefruit, will be \$20 – perfect for your holiday pantry and your holiday giving.

You may also order one-pound packages of shelled Texas pecan halves for \$16. The deadline for ordering both is November 18, 2019.

Please help support our scholarship efforts. The “fruit and nuts” will be delivered the first week in December.

Place your order with Pat Stevens (805-239-1774), [pstevens4044@gmail.com](mailto:pstevens4044@gmail.com).



If you are not able to eat grapefruit, please consider buying a case as a donation for Loaves & Fishes.



**BINGO TICKETS**

November is fast approaching and we **NEED ALL TICKETS SOLD!** Get your bingo tickets now by contacting Joan Knowlton (805-773-2845). Five tickets in each envelope at \$20.00 per ticket will help us meet our fundraising goal. ~Joan Knowlton

The **DECEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE** is **NOVEMBER 20<sup>th</sup>** at **8:00 PM**

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# EXTRA! EXTRA! READ ALL ABOUT IT !!

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

**Our Silent Auction and Bingo Extravaganza is just around the corner!**

**In about a month, the event will happen November 23rd, 12:00 PM at St. John's Church in Arroyo Grande .**

## Have you.....



- **Picked up your tickets** from Joan Florence?
- **Sold** your minimum 5 tickets?
- Gotten some **items donated** for the Silent Auction?
- Figured out some **gift cards** you can donate for Bingo Winners?
- Signed up to **assist with Bingo**?
- Signed up to **help with Silent Auction**?

**We ALL need to help.** As we stated before, we enrich young people's lives with our scholarships, Tech Trek seminars, and RIF for the elementary schools in LMUSD.

## Remember these dates:

- **November 14<sup>th</sup>** – all Silent Auction items due to Marilyn Corey's home
- **November 19<sup>th</sup>** – wrapping items for Silent Auction at Marilyn's '
- **November 23<sup>rd</sup>** – 9:30 AM - Set up for Bingo at St. John's.

**Doors open at 12:00 noon. Games begin at 1:00 PM.**

Kathy Cohon  
Pam Zirion



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