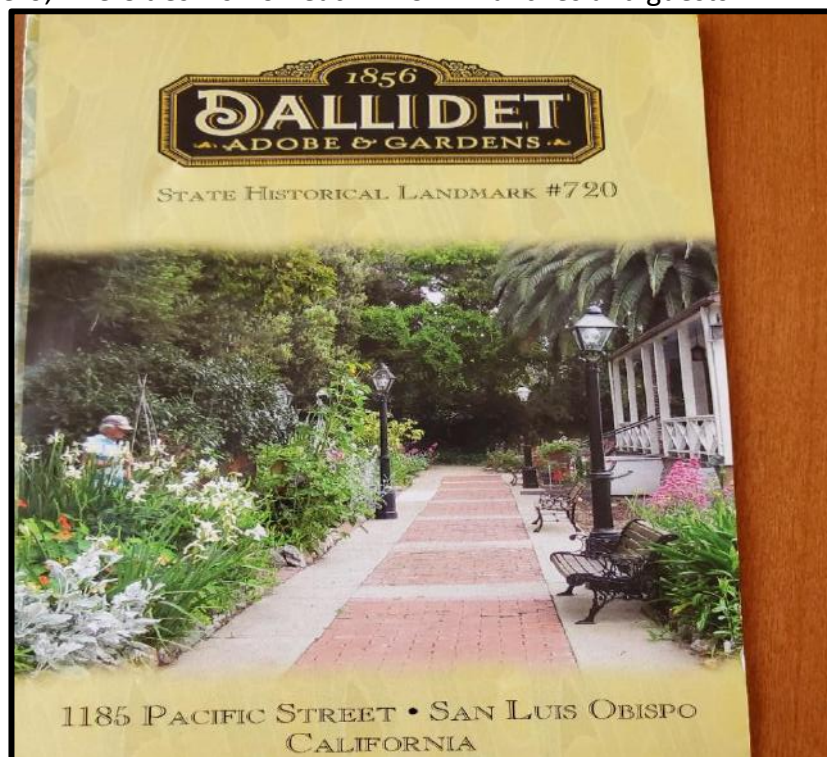


The Waves AAUW

September-October 2022- Volume 44 - Number 1

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President's Message The 2022-2023 year was off to a very informative start. The September 10 meeting, beginning at 10 am, was held at the Dallidet Adobe in San Luis Obispo. Central Coast AAUW Branch members and guests greeted **Sandi Gabe, CA AAUW President** for an informative discussion about state and national AAUW activities, grants, and programs at the beautiful Dallidet Adobe & Gardens in San Luis Obispo. This meeting was an excellent way to reconnect with local branches and with each other, while learning about state and national AAUW activities. It was good to see attendees from San Luis Obispo, Atascadero, Five Cities Pismo Beach AAUW Branches and guests. Jean Burns Slater



September Events

- 1 11:30 am Lunch Bunch
- 2 11:30 am Daytime Page Turners
- 6 6:30 pm Board Meeting Zoom
- 10 10 am General Meeting Dallidet Adobe
- 13 6:30 pm Night Readers
- 15 Newsletter Deadline
- 21 12:30 pm Finessing Femmes Bridge
- 26 6:30 pm Great Decisions

September Birthdays

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

October Birthdays

- 2 Beth Hutton
- 10 Linda Kime, Kathy Cohon
- 21 Susie Wedell 22 Rose Ann Steiner

October Events

- 3 6:30 pm Board Meeting Zoom
- 6 11:30 am Lunch Bunch
- 7 11:30 am Daytime Page Turners
- 10 7:00 pm General Meeting w/ SLO AAUW Zoom
- 20 Newsletter Deadline
- 24 6:30 pm Great Decisions

November Events Preview

- 5 12 noon Bingo/Silent Auction: St. John's Church AG
- 8 All Day Adopt a Poll
- 14 General Meeting w/SLO AAUW Zoom
- 15 6:30 Board Meeting Zoom (date change)

Let's Hear from the Students

Linda Lidberg, Tech Trek Coordinator

Another year of Tech Trek camps has come and gone. We were fortunate enough to send our nominated candidates to the in-person camps at UCSB for the first time in several years. Thanks to your efforts at fundraising for our branch we were able to fund this year's campers and have money set aside for next year's camps, too. I thought you would enjoy seeing some of the quotes shared in thank you letters from campers who attended camp in July.

- "I had my intelligence being underestimated because I am a woman. So, I have been looking for a place that accepts me and for people who have been through what I have been through. And now that I have found it, I finally feel like I belong."
- "I heard that this camp was "life changing" but I underestimated how true these words actually were. I NEVER would have thought that 6 days could alter my life, but here I am. I am a changed person heading in a direction that will make for an amazing journey. I had always known that STEM was my passion, but now I have the tools and resources to get where I always wanted to be."
- "I learned many things at this camp, but the thing that I improved most on was gaining confidence. When I first attended this camp, I was really shy and nervous, but by the end I came out of my comfort zone."
- "In only a week I've learned and grown more than I thought possible."
- "I also learned a lot about perseverance, failure and friendship (also a little bit about independence and facing fears away from home)."
- "I really like how Tech Tek challenges me to meet new people and to use skills they taught us....They made us really think and didn't give us instant wins...really helped my thinking skills."

Fiscal Matters

Please see below the end of the Year 2022 Financial Report and the 2022-2023 Approved Budget

The November General Meeting

BINGO & SILENT AUCTION

When – Saturday, November 5

→ Doors Open 12:00 PM

→ Bingo Starts 1:00 PM

Where – St. John's Church

location: 959 Valley Rd, Arroyo Grande

More information on page 11



AAUW Five Cities Pismo Beach

September 6th, 2022

2022-2023 Budget

Operating Expenses	Proposed Budgeted	Month	YTD
Community Center Rent	\$96.00	\$96.00	\$96.00
Membership Directory	\$125.00		
Program Expenses	\$0.00		
Hospitality	\$0.00		
Insurance	\$202.00	\$202.00	\$202.00
Post Office Box Rental	\$166.00	\$166.00	\$166.00
President's Expenses	\$0.00		
Treasurer's Expenses	\$0.00		
Publicity	\$0.00		
Newsletter Expenses	\$10.00		
Out-going President's Pin	\$0.00		
Raffle/Bingo permit	\$30.00		
Annual State Renewal Fee	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
Membership adjustment			
Unencumbered funds	\$486.00		
EXPENSES	\$1,140.00	\$489.00	\$489.00

Account Balance 8/31/2022	\$39,435.12
Reserves (Tech Trek, Op. Exp.)	-26,752.10
Monthly reserve draws	-\$1,538.16
Monthly expenses	-\$202.00
Monthly income	
Remaining operating funds	\$10,942.86

Operating Income	Proposed Budgeted	Month	YTD
30 Memberships @ \$18	\$540.00		\$540.00
Advertising (12 Sponsors)	\$600.00	\$250.00	\$450.00
Operating Income	\$1,140.00		

Fundraising Income			
Fall Bingo and Silent Auction	\$0.00		
Adopt-a-Poll	\$0.00		
Total Fundraising Income	\$0.00		

Reserve 2022-2023	Carry Over	Distribution	Balance 22-23
Scholarship (10%)	\$0.00	\$391.50	\$391.50
Tech Trek (32.5%)	\$8,001.77	\$1,272.36	\$9,274.13
RIF (22.5%)	\$3,867.87	\$880.89	\$4,748.76
AAUW Funds (15%)	\$950.91	\$587.25	\$0.00
General Reserve (20%)	\$11,554.71	\$783.00	\$12,337.71
Total Reserves on Hand	\$24,375.26	\$3,915.00	\$26,752.10

Anticipated Fundraising Distribution 2022-2023 of \$3915.00			
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Fundraising Totals	\$3,915.00		

2022-2023 Dues collected to date, 30 members: \$3150.00
2022-2023 Dues paid to State/National: \$2610.00
Branch portion of dues: \$540.00 (\$18/member)

AAUW Five Cities Pismo Beach
Treasurer's Report End of Year 2021 - 2022

Operating Expenses	Budgeted	Month	YTD
Community Center Rent	\$270.00		\$270.00
Membership Directory	\$125.00		\$95.43
Program Expenses	\$0.00		\$149.90
Hospitality	\$0.00		
Insurance	\$220.00		\$213.00
Interbranch Dues	\$40.00		
Post Office Box Rental	\$106.00		\$134.00
President's Expenses	\$0.00		
Secretary's Expenses	\$0.00		
Treasurer's Expenses	\$0.00		
Publicity	\$0.00		
Newsletter Expenses	\$10.00		
Out-going President's Pin	\$0.00		\$88.00
Raffle/Bingo permit	\$20.00		\$30.00
Unencumbered funds	\$236.00		
Membership adjustment			\$82.00
EXPENSES	\$1,027.00	\$0.00	\$1,062.33
Budget differential -- over budget			-\$35.33

Checkbook Balance 7/25/22	\$39,820.12
Reserves (Tech Trek, Op. Exp.)	-28,290.26
Monthly expenses	
Monthly income	
Remaining operating funds	\$11,529.86

Income	Budgeted	Month	YTD
IBC Refund			\$192.88
37 Memberships @ \$21	\$777.00		\$777.00
Advertising	\$250.00		\$400.00
Income	\$1,027.00	\$0.00	\$1,369.88

Fundraising Income			
Fall Bingo and Silent Auction	\$0.00		
Adopt-a-Poll	\$0.00	\$1,432.00	\$2,062.00
Sylvester's Fundraising		\$1,610.00	\$1,610.00
Book Sale			\$243.00
Total Fundraising Income	\$0.00		\$3,915.00

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Five Cities Pismo Beach September 10 General Meeting



October Board Meeting

The next board meeting of the 2022-2023 year is on **Monday, October 3rd at 6:30 PM**, via ZOOM
If you or your committee have an action item that needs to be placed on the agenda for this meeting please forward it to Erica Hinojosa **Tuesday, September 29** for it to be considered at the meeting.
Thank you!

October General Meeting

October Meeting: A Joint meeting with San Luis Obispo AAUW October 10, Monday, 7:pm:
A Virtual Meeting with the link and more details to be shared closer to the meeting date.
The topic focus is The League of Women Voters presentation on the November California ballot initiatives

San Luis Obispo AAUW Branch Invitation

SLO Branch of AAUW extends an invitation to Central Coast AAUW Branches to attend two virtual meetings the SLO branch has planned for October and November.

On October 10 @ 7 pm, SLO AAUW will be featuring the League of Women Voters who will be presenting on the November propositions in the California ballot.

On November 14 @ 7 pm, SLO AAUW will be featuring the SLO Food Bank presentation on issues of food insecurity in the county.

More information will be forthcoming for your planning purposes.

ADOPT A POLL

Members, friends, family, and any registered voters who might want to work the precinct for the **Tuesday, November 8th election**. We have been asked to staff two precincts again for this election. We are such fantastic workers that they can't do it without us! "Get out the Vote" is a focus for AAUW during this election so help us raise funds for our branch as well as support the organization's mission.

I don't have a location yet, but it will be in the South County. If you worked on the last election you do not have to re-register with the County Clerk's office. Below are the working shifts; we need eight workers per shift to cover the two precincts in addition to at least one all day worker and four half day workers.

One all day worker: 6:30 – Closing: **Still need 1**
Two 1/2 day workers: 6:30 am - 2:00 pm: **Still need 1**
Two 1/2 day workers: 2:00 pm – Closing: **Still need 2**
Eight workers: 6:30 am - 10:00 am: **Still need 3**
Eight workers: 9:45 am - 2:30 pm: **Still need 1**
Eight workers: 2:15 pm - 6:00 pm: **Still need 6**
Eight workers: 5:45 pm – Closing: **Still need 6**

Please email me at lswl@aol.com to reserve your space or sign up at one of our meetings or interest sections. Linda Lidberg

Lisette Cuevas 2022 AVID Scholarship Recipient

AAUW Scholarship Response August 2022

- 1. When you were announced at our AAUW April Meeting as one of our scholarship recipients, were you honored to be designated as one of the AVID winners?**

I was super excited, this was the very first scholarship which I had earned, so it felt really good not only being a recipient, but also being able to say that AVID had helped me and my peers succeed. I was also just very happy that all my efforts of scholarship applications were being acknowledged.

- 2. Are you personally proud to be an AVID student and a former member of the AVID Program at your high school? Please explain?**

I truly am proud of having been involved in the AVID program. Now that I am on my college campus, I can say that the AVID program helped me achieve this, through taking the SAT, AP classes, and just being there as emotional support during stressful times and the entire application process. Also, with having been the AVID president it helped me with my time management, planning, and socializing with others who I don't truly know, and now works as a conversation starter as I meet new people on campus.

- 3. Is there anything AAUW can do to improve our scholarship program?**

I truly don't think there is much to change, I really loved the intimacy of the interviews and how in depth they were, because it really felt like more of a casual conversation and true statement of character. The only thing, is that as some families are a bit busy, and the scholarship awarding meeting is also a club meeting, maybe we could be told that we could join or arrive around 15 minutes later than the time stated, because with ending the school day, needing to go home, get ready, and then go, there is a lot of stress.

- 4. Was the application overly demanding, or appropriate?**

I believe that the application was appropriate, it stated the necessary requirements, which were not impossible to achieve in a timely manner.

- 5. Was the interview fair and did it allow you to present your best self?**

I do think that the interview was fair, as I stated above, I liked how thorough we got with the questions. I also really liked that the club members had a good amount of questions already prepared to ask us, because when there aren't enough questions it makes the interviewee feel bad and unsuccessful if leaving before the allotted time for the interview. I also like how each club member took turns speaking, because it does not feel overly stressful or targeted.

- 6. Did you feel honored at the AAUW April Meeting, when you were presented along with the other recipients, and encouraged to speak about your dreams for the future?**

I did feel honored, I liked that there was a short statement made about each one of us, and that we then got to speak. What I had noticed was different in this meeting than all of the others I attended, was the fact that we got to introduce our guest, which I thought was super nice and really appreciates and acknowledges the efforts of the parents or guests who we choose to take to this meeting.

Once again, I just wanted to say thank you so much for all your help and efforts. I really do appreciate all the time that goes into helping each one of us succeed. I wish all of you the best in the future and hope that this program continues.

2022-2023 Calendar of Events

Please refer to the newsletter for a more complete & up-to-date listing of events.

SEPTEMBER

Board Meeting: **September 6, Tuesday** 6:30 pm Zoom
General Meeting: **September 10, Saturday** 10:00 am Central Coast Branch members and guests are invited to join together with Five Cities Pismo Beach AAUW in welcoming **Sandi Gabe, CA AAUW President** for a discussion on state and national AAUW activities, grants and programs Dallidet Adobe & Gardens 1185 Pacific Street San Luis Obispo, CA

OCTOBER

Board Meeting: **October 3, Monday** 6:30 pm Zoom
General Meeting: **October 10, Monday** 7:00 pm Zoom
Joint Meeting with San Luis Obispo AAUW: League of Women Voters presentation on the November propositions in the California ballot.

NOVEMBER

General Meeting: **November 5, Saturday** Bingo and Silent Auction Fundraiser.
Doors open, 12:00 noon, games start 1:00 pm St. John's Lutheran Church Arroyo Grande
Joint Meeting: **November 14, Monday** 7:00 pm Zoom
Joint Meeting with San Luis Obispo AAUW: SLO Food Bank presentation on issues of food insecurity in the county.
Board Meeting: **Change of Date: November 15, Tuesday** 6:30 pm Zoom

DECEMBER

Board Meeting: **December 5, Monday** 6:30 pm Zoom
General Meeting: **December 10, Saturday** Holiday Gathering, white elephant gift exchange, book exchange 3:00 pm. Lisa Walker's Home 520 Cameo Way, AG.

JANUARY

Board Meeting: **January 3, Tuesday** 6:30 pm Zoom
General Meeting: **January date dependent on partnership with Lucia Mar School District**
Media Influences; how the media works, how it influences and methods of determining accurate information from the media: possible panel of educators Location: TBD

FEBRUARY

Board Meeting: **February 6, Monday** 6:30 pm Zoom
No General Meeting

MARCH

Board Meeting: **March 6, Monday** 6:30 pm Zoom
General Meeting: **March 11, Saturday** Women in History, Title IX presentation, Elected Officer Nomination 10:00 am Nipomo Library 918 W Tefft St, Nipomo, CA

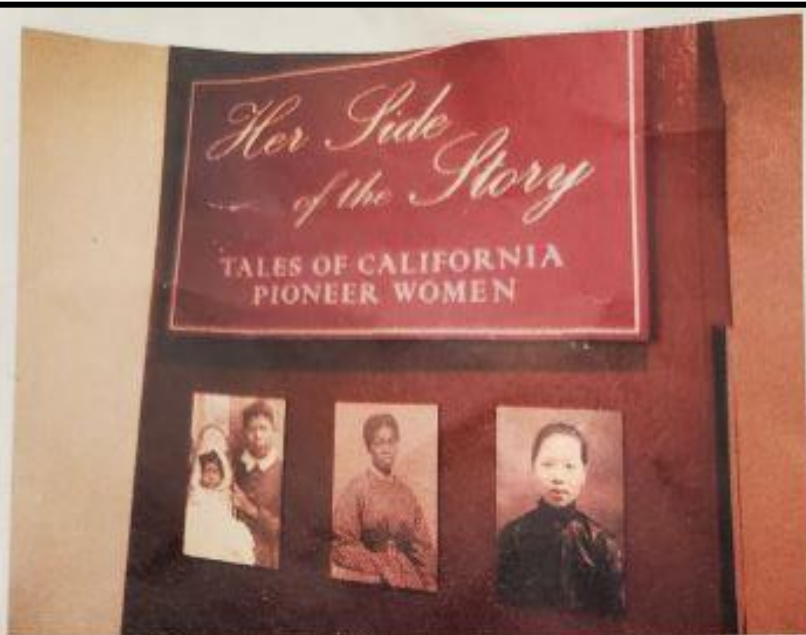
APRIL

Board Meeting: **April 3, Monday** 6:30 pm Zoom
General Meeting: **April 24, Monday** Scholarships; Tech Trek; Elections 6:30 pm Woman's Club, AG

MAY

Board Meeting: **May 1, Monday** 6:30 pm Zoom
General Meeting: **May 13, Saturday 10-12 noon** Annual meeting, Installation of Officers, socializing Location: Local Restaurant

CHECK IT OUT!



HER SIDE OF THE STORY

A new museum exhibit at the Spooner Ranch House in Montaña de Oro State Park offers tales of women who made California home in the years just before and after statehood. The traveling exhibition, open seven days a week, features portraits of female pioneers and first-person accounts of the hardships, joys, and lives of those who traveled by land or sea to settle here during the mid-nineteenth century.

Through October 9 // centralcoastparks.org

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BRANCH LEADERSHIP POSITIONS 2022-2023



President	Jean Burns Slater
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AAUW Funds	Mary Matakovich
Public Policy Coordinator	Patti Melsheimer
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Program Committee Chairs	Executive Board and Individual Chairs
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Email Communication	Linda Lidberg
Newsletter Editor	Vacant _____
Website Management	Linda Lidberg
Friendship Outreach	Priscilla Alquist
Phone Tree Contact	Mary Matakovich
Branch Transportation Contact	Vacant _____
Inter-branch Council Representative	Linda Lidberg

BRANCH PROJECTS

Scholarship CEO	Priscilla Alquist
Tech Trek Chairperson	Linda Lidberg
Eager Readers (books into the classroom)	Beth Hutton
Women in Herstory	Kathy Cohon

INTEREST SECTIONS

Night Readers Book Group	Rose Ann Steiner
Great Decisions	Priscilla Alquist/Jean Burns Slater
Lunch Bunch	Joan Knowlton

INDEPENDENT INTEREST SECTIONS

Adopt A Poll	Linda Lidberg
Daytime Page Turners	Jean Burns Slater
Quilters	Linda Lidberg
Cooking Together	Anna Zucker
Finessing Femmes	Rose Ann Steiner

Out and About/ Travel Talk
Morning Coffee Gathering

Public Policy

When Women Vote, We Change the Conversation!

Since 1881, AAUW has been a leading voice promoting education and equity for women and girls. AAUW encourages women voters to get involved in the political process and gain a better understanding of the impact legislative action can have on our lives.

The recent US Supreme Court *Dobbs* decision on abortion has stimulated action in many states across the nation, including California. Our legislature passed and Governor Newsom signed AB1666 which will enable a woman coming into California to receive an abortion to be protected from lawsuits originating in her home state. This bill was co-sponsored by AAUW CA! A further step protecting a woman's right to make personal medical decisions is a Constitutional Amendment, Proposition 1, which will be on the November 8 ballot. It would amend the California Constitution to prohibit the state from denying or interfering with an individual's reproductive freedom in her most intimate decisions, which includes the fundamental right to choose to have an abortion and the fundamental right to choose or refuse contraceptives.

AAUW CA supports this Constitutional Amendment. Congressional races are particularly important this November. Redistricting after the 2020 Census has changed the boundaries of many Congressional districts. In the current partisan climate, we need to be aware of what is at stake in both our national and state upcoming elections. Your current member of Congress may no longer represent you – be sure to become informed soon on the candidates for Congress in your district. As you sort through all this, please reflect on priority issues affecting us, our daughters, and granddaughters, and evaluate candidates' positions on these issues.

If you are a leader in your branch, make your October program a focus on the election. You may want to consider a Candidates Night. Before a partisan election, AAUW branches may host candidate forums to which **all** major-party candidates in that election are invited. AAUW branches with 501(c)(4) status must make a thorough and good faith effort to ensure the participation of at least two candidates for a specific office but may proceed with a forum if only one candidate accepts. AAUW branches with 501(c)(3) status may only proceed with a candidate forum event if at least two

candidates have accepted the invitation.

Here are resources to get helpful, non-partisan information:

- AAUW CA website: aauw-ca.org Public Policy section will soon have more detail on priority issues and questions to ask of candidates.
- AAUW website: aauw.org/policy/advocacy/tool-kit Ideas for branch activities, C/U partners, and specifics for 501 c 3 and 501 c 4 branches.
- CA Secretary of State website: www.sos.ca.gov voter info, Ballot Initiatives.
- State and County Voter guides – mailed to all registered voters in October.
- www.wedrawthelinesca.org – maps of newly re-drawn congressional districts

Register to vote, if you haven't already! And if you have recently moved you need to update your information with your County Registrar of Voters! Voting is a powerful tool to bring about change!

The **November**
NEWSLETTER
DEADLINE is
October 20th

BINGO TICKETS

November is fast approaching and we **NEED ALL TICKETS SOLD!** Get your bingo tickets now by contacting Kathy Cohon or Joan Knowlton. Five tickets in each envelope at \$25.00 per ticket will help us meet our fundraising goal.

Our Silent Auction and Bingo Extravaganza is just around the corner! The event will happen November 5th, Saturday, 12:00 PM at St. John's Church in Arroyo Grande.

Have you.....

- **Picked up your tickets** from Kathy Cohon or Joan Knowlton?
- **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 summer programs, Eager Readers, and Women in History for the elementary schools in LMUSD.

Kathy Cohon

Pam Zirion

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