

The Waves AAUW

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President's Message

Jean Burns Slater

The holidays are upon us, starting with Halloween, a time to remember the dead, Veteran's Day honoring military veterans of US Armed Forces, Diwali Hindu Festival of Lights, Thanksgiving celebrating the harvest and blessings of the past year, Hanukkah celebration of Jewish culture, Christmas Christian celebration, Kwanzaa celebration of African-American culture. A time to appreciate the diversity of celebrations within our community and country.

We are an AAUW Branch that is appreciative of our members, our community support, our camaraderie. Our outreach projects support elementary readers, middle school scientists, high school scholars. We study world events, travel the world, sharing our knowledge, we break bread together, we read together and we sew and shuffle cards together. We run election polls to further democracy and we sincerely care about women and girls through research, education, and advocacy. I cannot think of a more diverse group of women with a common purpose. Thank you Five Cities Pismo Beach AAUW Members.

November Events

Late October/November Birthdays

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| 2 | 11:30 am Lunch Bunch: Mama's Meatball, San Luis Obispo | Rebecca Avila |
| 6 | 6:30 pm Board Meeting: Zoom | Andy Portney |
| 14 | 9:00 am Silent Auction Wrapping Party: Andi Portney's home | Connie Rodgers |
| 14 | 6:30 pm Night Readers: Linda Kime's home | |
| 15 | Last day to drop off Silent Auction Items | |
| 15 | 12:30 pm Finessing Femmes Bridge: Rose Ann Steiner's home | |
| 18 | 12 noon: doors open for Bingo/Silent Auction | |
| 20 | 1 :00 pm Let's Talk Travel: Greenhouse Coffee, A.G. | |
| 20 | Newsletter Deadline | |
| 27 | 7:00 pm Great Decisions: Priscilla Alquist's home | |

BINGO/ SILENT AUCTION

Topic: Fun and Fund Raising

St. John's Lutheran Church

Valley & Los Berros, AG

November 18 Saturday, noon

See page 2 for details

December Events Preview

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| 1 | 11:30 am Daytime Books | |
| 4 | 6:30 pm Board Meeting Zoom | |
| 7 | 11:30 am Lunch Bunch | 16 3:00 pm Holiday Gathering |

Upcoming November Board Meeting

The November Board meeting will be held on Monday, **November 6** at 6:30 PM, via Zoom. If you or your committee have an action item to place on the agenda for this meeting, please forward it to Jean Burns Slater, jbslater2006@gmail.com by **November 2** for it to be considered at the meeting. Thank you!

November General Meeting: November 18, Saturday noon

Event: Silent Auction and Bingo Fund Raising November 18, 2023

Saturday: Doors open 12 noon St. John's Lutheran Church

Address: Valley and Los Berros, Arroyo Grande

BINGO, BINGO, BINGO SILENT AUCTION Fun and Fund Raising

Plans for our afternoon of Bingo and Silent Auction on November 18th are moving along.

We hope all of you are selling tickets. The cost includes: 3 Bingo cards for each game, a Sack Lunch, Treats, Raffle Prizes and FUN! Additional Bingo cards are available for purchase that day. Doors will open at 12:00 noon for all to come, get seated, get lunch and bid at the Silent Auction.

This is our major fundraiser with which we provide camperships to Tech Trek, scholarships to High School Seniors and books for 2nd, 4th, and 6th graders. We need many people to come to play Bingo!!

- We are asking each member to pre-sell at least FIVE tickets. You can pick up tickets or get more to sell from Joan Florence. Please contact her. She will also have tickets at the General Meeting on October 28th.
- We still need helpers for the Bingo portion of the day. Sign-up sheets will be available on the 28th as well.
- We also still need items donated to the Silent Auction. Please attach the description note you were emailed with the name of the donor and value of the item before dropping it off at Priscilla Alquist's home (before Nov. 13th) or to Andi Portney's home (after the 13th). We need all items by November 15th!! As you receive an item, please inform Pam via email about the acquisition.

Thank you for assisting us in:

~Selling tickets

~Getting items donated

~Signing up to help with jobs

~Acquiring a gift card to give as a Bingo Prize

Kathy Cohon & Pam Zirion



Tech Trek Leadership

Linda Lidberg will be finishing up her Tech Trek leadership this year. Our Branch is requesting for a Branch member or two to work side by side with Linda this year and take over the responsibility for leading the program in 2024-2025. This program is immensely valuable and we do need a member/s to work with Linda and keep this program viable. Thank you. Please call Linda to volunteer or with your suggestions for leadership.

Tech Trek Thank You

Dear Five Cities Pismo Beach Branch,

I am very thankful for this amazing opportunity you have provided me with! I am so honored to even be selected for the awesome scholarship to go to Tech Trek.

I've learned a lot over the week in my core class and the other core classes. The one thing I've really enjoyed was learning more about getting into college. That subject interested me deeply. I also enjoyed making new friends.

To be more detailed, I learned about college costs and how to work through it with a college counselor and to always work ahead so you don't get left behind in the future. To be more specific about making new friends, I bonded with people using food and sleep topics like with my roommate, for example.

In the end, I thank you again so much. I have learned to really appreciate and take advantage of this exciting opportunity. Again, thank you so very much.

Tech Trek Camper,
Zoe Purdy



December Holiday Gathering

Date: **December 16, Saturday 3-5 pm**

Location: **Priscilla and Jim Alquist's home.** Priscilla and Jim have graciously agreed to host our annual holiday gathering at their home in Arroyo Grande.

Event: **Sharing holiday** treats, honor lifetime members, share our Branch history and perhaps have a bit of entertainment. Festive clothing, wrapped white elephant surprise gifts and good cheer are the plan.

Please mark your calendar for **December 16, Saturday, 3-5 pm.**

Dust off your festive clothing and surprise gifts to trade.

Eager Readers

Beth Hutton, Eager Reader Branch Project chairperson, is working with Scholastic Books Company to purchase books for various reading levels. Books for 2nd, 4th, and 6th graders will be purchased for distribution in the spring to three Lucia Mar USD elementary schools. Out of a budget of \$6,978, \$2913.50 will be spent for book purchases. Thank you Branch members for raising funds for our Eager Readers.



Library Bill of Rights: Book Banning Antidote

The American Library Association affirms that all libraries are forums for information and ideas, and that the following basic policies should guide their services.

- I. Books and other library resources should be provided for the interest, information, and enlightenment of all people of the community the library serves. Materials should not be excluded because of the origin, background, or views of those contributing to their creation.
- II. Libraries should provide materials and information presenting all points of view on current and historical issues. Materials should not be proscribed or removed because of partisan or doctrinal disapproval.
- III. Libraries should challenge censorship in the fulfillment of their responsibility to provide information and enlightenment.
- IV. Libraries should cooperate with all persons and groups concerned with resisting abridgment of free expression and free access to ideas.
- V. A person's right to use a library should not be denied or abridged because of origin, age, background, or views.
- VI. Libraries which make exhibit spaces and meeting rooms available to the public they serve should make such facilities available on an equitable basis, regardless of the beliefs or affiliations of individuals or groups requesting their use.

VII. All people, regardless of origin, age, background, or views, possess a right to privacy and confidentiality in their library use. Libraries should advocate for, educate about, and protect people's privacy, safeguarding all library use data, including personally identifiable information.

Adopted June 19, 1939, by the ALA Council; amended October 14, 1944; June 18, 1948; February 2, 1961; June 27, 1967; January 23, 1980; January 29, 2019. Inclusion of "age" reaffirmed January 23, 1996.

Friendship Outreach

Good News:

Kathi Pettersen just donated to Scholarship in honor of her 50th anniversary in AAUW! She has been very active in the organization over the years, including being President of her local branch in the Bay Area in the past. Congratulations Kathi!!

There is a lot of traveling going on with our members right now, as the weather cools and the colors change. More to come later as these folks return! Hint: hula skirts and kilts might be shown off upon their return!!!

Health Updates:

Judy Zaretska is feeling quite well and still waiting to hear the results from her surgeon.

Nancy Sperling is relieved that her husband is back home and that they are getting home health services. The plan is to move to The Oaks at Nipomo on Mary St off Teft on Friday, October 27. They will be in Room 237 and would love cards and later visits after they have settled in

For a short time, Wendy Robinson is at Avila Senior Living at downtown SLO, 459 Marsh St., SLO, 93401. She loves cards but no visitors at this time. Her husband, Russ, has been quite ill but is now back home. Wendy and Russ will be moving to Austin, Texas in early November to be near her daughter and son-in-law.

Members, please give me a call or send me a message so I can share your good news or health concerns with others, if you'd like. Priscilla Alquist

Membership

Susan Brazil, Membership Coordinator, announced that we now have 37 members. Amanda Sherlock has joined the Branch as well as Nazaree Jackson who is new to the area. AAUW-ca has begun monthly Peer Meetings which will provide membership support to the branches as well as methods for attracting college students and mentoring for members. A program "Leaders on Loan" will also help with Branch support. And a comprehensive membership Tool Kit is available on the AAUW-ca.org website

Bylaws Review

Parliamentarian Update

New Bylaw articles have been provided by AAUW National. A committee, lead by Parliamentarian Liz Wineman, will compare our bylaws with National Bylaws. The Board agreed to review our Bylaws and amend ours to align with National's this year. Next year we will review Branch Policy and Procedures.

Great Decisions: Prepare to Discuss the World

Great Decisions Discussion Group's last meeting of the year will be on **November 27, Monday, 7 pm**, with participants presenting trends in Latin America at Priscilla Alquist's home.

Peru: Kathi **Argentina:** Jeanne **Chile:** Patti **Brazil:** Liz **Guatemala:** Priscilla **Ecuador:** Joan
Bolivia: Jean **Costa Rica:** Gaye

Consider joining in the world discussions of Great Decisions, recognizing the importance of community conversations of global events and topics. If interested in joining for 2024, contact Priscilla

Questions: palquist@gmail.com, jbslater2006@gmail.com

Mama's Meatball: Lunch Bunch: November 2

November is traditionally ham and turkey month, but Lunch Bunch is going to take its chances with meatballs. And not just meatballs, but lasagna, spaghetti, and other Italian favorites. Join us for Lunch Bunch at 11:30 am at none other than Mama's Meatball in the Creamery at 570 Higuera St. in SLO. The date is Thurs. Nov. 2nd. Take a peek at their menu at mamasmeatball.com and come join us for both the food and the fellowship. An email will be sent out as a reminder soon along with parking directions.

Let's get in the holiday spirit so we can have a really great turnout heading into our Holiday Lunch Bunch at Santa Maria Inn in December.

Please email Carole Dempsey ASAP at medipharmix@aol.com with your acceptance



October Lunch Bunch: Bamboo, Bamboo Susan Brazil's fortune cookie: "Education will never be as expensive as ignorance"

Let's Talk Travel

The travel group met for the first time in October and discovered that what we bring to the travel experience and what we take away are varied and unique to each of us.

We have collected some exciting ideas for going forward, so please join us for our next meeting on Monday, November 20 at 1 PM at Greenhouse Coffee Company, 1064 E. Grand Ave., Arroyo Grande.

Wishing you safe and happy travels! Mary Lee Weeks marylee35@aol.com

Scholarship

The Scholarship Directors held their first meeting of the year on October 11 at the home of Rose Ann Steiner. Scholarship Directors include: Priscilla Alquist, Joan Florence, Erica Hinojosa, Beth Hutton, Maureen Kelly, Maurina Kusell, Patti Melsheimer, Marjorie Ott, Kathi Pettersen, Jean Burns Slater, Rose Ann Steiner. Marjorie Ott is serving as Chief Executive Officer, supported by Vice President Erica Hinojosa, Secretary Beth Hutton, Chief Financial Officer Maurina Kusell.

In 2023, nine scholarships of \$2,000 each were awarded to outstanding applicants, \$18,000 in total. Applications for the 2024 year will be distributed in early December, with an application deadline of March 4. This year students will be able to email their applications to the Scholarship Board. Scholarship Directors thank Branch members and donors for their generous support of the Five Cities Pismo Beach AAUW Scholarship Corporation.

Daytime Page Turners

Busy schedules have postponed Daytime Page Turners from meeting in November. They will resume their book discussion on December 1, meeting at Mary Weeks home and discussing *Secret Lives of Church Ladies* by Deesha Philyaw. New members are welcome. A listing of selected books to be read is available from Jean Burns Slater, jbslater2006@gmail.com



**AAUW Five Cities Pismo Beach
September 2023 Treasurer Report**

	23-24 Budget	23-24 YTD	YTD Vs Budget
Operating Expenses			
Meeting Rent (<i>Church, 2xWomen</i>)	\$486.00	\$93.00	\$393.00
Membership Directory (40)	\$95.70	\$95.70	\$0.00
Program Expenses (<i>Zoom</i>)	\$149.90	\$149.90	\$0.00
Hospitality	\$116.20		\$116.20
Insurance	\$245.00	\$185.00	-\$60.00
Post Office Box Rental	\$176.00	\$176.00	\$0.00
Treasurer's Expenses (<i>20 Stamps</i>)	\$13.20		-\$13.20
Newsletter Expenses	\$10.00		-\$10.00
Raffle/Bingo permit (exp. Dec)	\$0.00		
Annual State Renewal Fee	\$25.00		-\$25.00
Membership adjustment	\$0.00		
<i>Undistributed Unencumbered funds</i>	\$0.00		
EXPENSES	\$1,317.00	\$699.60	\$617.40

Account Balance 10.1.2023	\$41,194.05
<i>Reserves (Tech Trek, Op. Exp.)</i>	-30,711.27
Monthly reserve draws	\$0.00
<i>Unemcumbered funds</i>	-\$112.10
Monthly expenses	-\$346.90
Monthly income	\$0.00
Remaining operating funds	\$10,023.78

2023-2024 Dues collected to date, 36 members: \$3688 (\$3504)
*37 Roster Members (1 Dual - fee not yet received from National)
2023-2024 Dues to State/National: \$3036
Branch portion of dues: \$468 (\$13/member)

	23-24 Budgeted	YTD	YTD Vs. Budget
Operating Income			
36 Memberships @ \$13 (37)*	\$455.00	\$468.00	\$13.00
Advertising (11 Sponsors)	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$0.00
Unencumbered Funds	\$262.00	\$262.00	\$0.00
Operating Income	\$1,317.00	\$1,330.00	\$13.00

Fundraising Income			
	Gross	Exp./Tax	Net
Fall Bingo and Silent Auction	\$7,657.93	\$469.91	\$7,188.02
Adopt-a-Poll	\$1,512.00	\$0.00	\$1,512.00
Sylvesters	\$1,210.00	\$0.00	\$1,210.00
Total Fundraising Income	\$10,379.93	\$469.91	\$9,910.02

Reserve 2023-2024	Carry Over	Distribution	Balance
Scholarship (10%)	\$0.00	\$991.00	\$991.00
Tech Trek (32.5%)	\$3,714.78	\$3,220.76	\$6,935.54
Eager Reader(22.5%)	\$4,748.76	\$2,229.75	\$6,978.51
AAUW Funds (15%)	\$0.00	\$1,486.50	\$1,486.50
General Reserve (20%)	\$12,337.71	\$1,982.00	\$14,319.71
Total Reserves on Hand	\$20,801.25	\$9,910.02	\$30,711.27

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Tech Trek (32.5%)	\$3,220.76	
Eager Reader (22.5%)	\$2,229.75	
AAUW Funds (15%)	\$1,486.50	
General Reserves (20%)	\$1,982.00	
Fundraising Totals	\$9,910.02	



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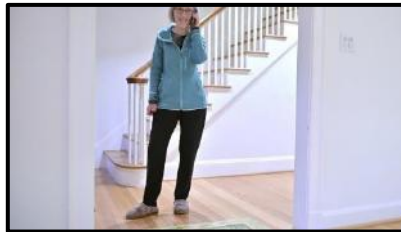
Our 24 California fellows and grantees will each record a 5–8-minute presentation on their study or project. Topics include Women’s History, Medical Sociology, Gender, Race and Ethnicity, and others.

We’re making it easier for you to see the presenters and choose which one you want to invite to your branch by posting their presentations on our website. In one click you will be able to watch them all whenever and as often as you want.

For 2023-24, these **recordings will replace the typical Fund events that we have had in the past.** In late October, you’ll be notified when the videos will be available. They will be available until April 20, 2024.

We will accept AAUW Fund speaker requests starting November 1, 2023.

Claudia Goldin wins Nobel economics prize for study of gender pay gap



Of the 93 economics laureates honored, Goldin — a Harvard University professor — becomes just the third woman to win the award.

By: AP via Scripps News *Posted at 5:27 AM, Oct 09, 2023 last updated 7:29 AM, Oct 09, 2023*

The Nobel economics prize was awarded Monday to Harvard University professor Claudia Goldin for research that has advanced the understanding of the gender gap in the labor market.

The announcement went a tiny step to closing the Nobel committee’s own gender gap: Goldin is just the third woman to win the prize out of 93 economics laureates. She has studied 200 years of women's participation in the workplace, showing that despite continued economic growth, women's pay did not continuously catch up to men's and a divide still exists despite women gaining higher levels of education than men.

“Understanding women’s role in the labor market is important for society. Thanks to Claudia Goldin’s groundbreaking research, we now know much more about the underlying factors and which barriers may need to be addressed in the future,” said Jakob Svensson, chair of the [Committee for the Prize in Economic Sciences](#). Goldin does not offer solutions, but her research allows policymakers to tackle the entrenched problem, said economist Randi Hjalmarsen, a member of the prize committee.

"She explains the source of the gap, and how it's changed over time and how it varies with the stage of development. And therefore, there is no single policy," Hjalmarsson said. "So it's a complicated policy question because if you don't know the underlying reason, a certain policy won't work."

However, "by finally understanding the problem and calling it by the right name, we will be able to pave a better route forward," Hjalmarsson said.

Goldin had to become a data sleuth as she sought to fill in missing data for her research, Hjalmarsson said. For parts of history, systematic labor market records did not exist, and, if they did, information about women was missing.

"So how did Claudia Goldin overcome this missing data challenge? She had to be a detective to dig through the archives to find novel data sources and creative ways to use them to measure these unknowns," Hjalmarsson said.

In Goldin's analysis, a woman's role in the job market and the pay she receives aren't influenced just by broad social and economic changes. They also are determined partly by her individual decisions about, for example, how much education to get.

Often young girls make decisions about future work by looking at their own mother's participation, each generation "learning from the successes and failures of the preceding generation," Hjalmarsson said.

The process of evaluating prospects as times change "helps explain why change in labor market gender gaps has been so slow," she said.

Of receiving the Nobel, Goldin, 77, "was surprised and very, very glad," Ellegren said. Her award follows the awards in medicine, physics, chemistry, literature and peace [that were announced last week](#).

[The world is closer to gender parity, but not the US](#)


The economics award was created in 1968 by Sweden's central bank and is formally known as the Bank of Sweden Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel.

Last year's winners were former Federal Reserve Chair Ben Bernanke, Douglas W. Diamond and Philip Dybvig for their research into bank failures that helped shape America's aggressive response to the 2007-2008 financial crisis. Only two of the 92 economics laureates honored have been women.

A week ago, Hungarian-American Katalin Karikó and American Drew Weissman won the Nobel Prize in medicine. The physics prize went Tuesday to French-Swedish physicist Anne L'Huillier, French scientist Pierre Agostini and Hungarian-born Ferenc Krausz.

U.S. scientists Mounji Bawendi, Louis Brus and Alexei Ekimov won the chemistry prize on Wednesday. They were followed by Norwegian writer Jon Fosse, who was awarded the prize for literature. And on Friday, jailed Iranian activist Narges Mohammadi won the peace prize.

The prizes are handed out at awards ceremonies in December in Oslo and Stockholm. They carry a cash award of about \$1 million. Winners also receive an 18-carat gold medal and diploma.




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