

## President's Message

Jean Burns Slater

Congratulations Five Cities Pismo Beach Branch members. We completed our fund raising for the 2022-2023 year with an income of \$9,062. We can rest and enjoy our branch activities without the shadow of necessary fund-raising. We are actively engaged with our local schools and community and we certainly know how to socialize. In planning for the rest of the year, nominations will be open for Branch leadership positions, suggestions are requested for a location for our May Annual Meeting to be held on Saturday, May 20 and volunteers are needed to help with our Eager Readers program of book distributions to Lucia Mar Elementary Schools. Five Cities Pismo Beach AAUW was well represented at the celebration of life for Maryln Corey. Engagement within our community and our strong fellowship is a trade mark of our branch. Thank you women of action and distinction.

## February Events

- 2 11:30 am: Lunch Bunch: Villa Cantina,
- 3 11:30 pm Daytime Page Turners: Jean Burns Slater's home
- 14 6:30 pm Night Readers: Maurina Kusell's home
- 15 12:30 pm Finessing Femmes Bridge: Linda Mabry's home
- 20 Newsletter Deadline
- 22 6:30 pm Scholarship Meeting
- 27 7:00 pm Great Decisions : Jeanne's home

## March Events Preview

- 2 11:30 am Lunch Bunch
- 3 11:30 am Daytime Page Turners
- 6 6:30 pm Board meeting: Zoom
- 11 10:00 am General Meeting: Nipomo Library
- 20 Newsletter Deadline

## February Birthdays

- 26 Erica Hinojosa

## No February General Meeting

### March General Meeting

Women in History -  
**Saturday, March 11 at 10AM**  
**Nipomo Library, 918 W Tefft St.,**  
**Nipomo**  
Come hear the stories about Frances Judkins, Ruth Paulding, and other local women.

## Upcoming February Board Meeting

The February Board meeting will be held on **February 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](mailto:jbslater2006@gmail.com) by **February 1** for it to be considered at the meeting. Suggestions are welcome for a Brunch location for the Annual Installation Meeting, May 20, at 10: a.m. Thank you!

## January Board Meeting Report

The January board meeting was held on **Monday, January 2 at 6:30 PM**, via ZOOM. This meeting met the quorum requirements. The Treasurer reported that our fund-raising efforts through Adopt a Poll and our Bingo/Silent Auction brought in a total of \$9,062.02. This completes our fund-raising efforts for the 2022-2023 year. Future program topics were discussed: **March** Women in History and nominations for elected officer positions to be presented Saturday March 11, at 10 am at the Nipomo Library. **April** Scholarship and Tech Trek Awardees and Election of Officers April 24, Monday at 6:30 pm at the Women’s Club **May..** Annual Meeting, Installation of Officers, May 20, Saturday, 10 am at a local restaurant or member’s home.

### AAUW Five Cities Pismo Beach Treasurer's Report for December

Operating Expenses	Proposed Budgeted	Month	YTD
Community Center Rent	\$396.00	\$300.00	\$396.00
Membership Directory	<b>\$90.00</b>		\$86.13
Program Expenses	\$0.00		
Hospitality	\$221.00	\$91.25	\$91.25
Insurance	\$202.00		\$202.00
Post Office Box Rental	\$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		\$30.00
Annual State Renewal Fee	\$25.00		\$25.00
Membership adjustment			\$87.00
Unencumbered funds	\$0.00		
<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$1,140.00</b>	<b>\$391.25</b>	<b>\$1,083.38</b>

Account Balance 12.31.2022	\$46,725.26
Reserves (Tech Trek, Op. Exp.)	-26,360.60
Monthly reserve draws	\$0.00
<b>Monthly donations</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>
Monthly expenses	\$499.16
Monthly income	\$1,612.00
<b>Remaining operating funds</b>	<b>\$20,863.82</b>

Motion: Unencumbered Funds to Rent & Hospitality  
 Donation: Distribution To Be Determined - Most Need  
 Income: Adopt A Poll & \$100 Donation Bingo&Auction

Operating Income	Proposed Budgeted	Month	YTD
31 Memberships @ \$18	\$540.00		\$558.00
Advertising (12 Sponsors)	\$600.00		\$700.00
Operating Income	\$1,140.00	\$0.00	\$1,258.00

Fundraising Income			
	Gross	Expenses	Net
Fall Bingo and Silent Auction	\$7,657.93	\$107.91	\$7,550.02
Adopt-a-Poll	\$1,512.00	\$0.00	\$1,512.00
<b>Total Fundraising Income</b>		<b>\$107.91</b>	<b>\$9,062.02</b>

Reserve 2022-2023	Carry Over	Distribution	Balance 22-23
Scholarship (10%)	\$0.00	\$391.50	\$0.00
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
<b>Total Reserves on Hand</b>	<b>\$24,375.26</b>	<b>\$3,915.00</b>	<b>\$26,360.60</b>

Anticipated Fundraising Distribution 2022-2023 of \$3915.00		
Scholarship (10%)	\$391.50	This amount is added to the Carry over from 2021-2022
Tech Trek (32.5%)	\$1,272.36	
RIF (22.5%)	\$880.89	
AAUW Funds (15%)	\$587.25	
General Reserves (20%)	\$783.00	
<b>Fundraising Totals</b>	<b>\$3,915.00</b>	

**2022-2023 Dues collected to date, 31 members: \$3255.00**  
**2022-2023 Dues paid to State/National: \$2697.00**  
**Branch portion of dues: \$558.00 (\$18/member)**

## Friendship Outreach

Friendship outreach: Priscilla Alquist mentioned several of our members and friends who need a kind word from us. They are: Susan Opava, Nancy Sperling, Pat Muhlethaler, Wendy Robinson

## January General meeting

On January 17, Tuesday, 4:30 pm via Zoom, South County Librarians Margaret Kensinger Klopfer and Kate McMillen guided attendees through the resources of the Library Home page that lead a viewer to social media introductions and a vast array of opportunities available from the library. This meeting attracted AAUW members from Paso Robles, Morro Bay and San Luis Obispo Branches. The timely topic was **Understanding Social Media** and **An Introduction to SLO County Library Resources**. In addition to the library web site, the following web sites were suggested to search out balanced and factual news:

<http://www.slolibrary.org>

[AllSides | Balanced news and media bias ratings. Unbiased ...](https://www.allsides.com)

<https://www.allsides.com> › unbiased-balanced-news

[Snopes.com | The definitive fact-checking site and reference ...](https://www.snopes.com)

<https://www.snopes.com>



Margaret



Kate



slolibrary.org Home page, tutorial tab in far-right corner of home page

On tutorial tab, drawn down to Social Networks and Media

## Lunch Bunch

Lunch Bunch  
106 E. Branch St., Arroyo Grande  
Contact Joan Knowlton

Thursday, Feb. 2

[jknow98@gmail.com](mailto:jknow98@gmail.com) or 805-773-2845

Villa Cantina  
Reservations required by **Jan. 31**



## Tech Trek



Teacher nomination forms for Tech Trek candidates have been sent to Lucia Mar Middle School science and math teachers. The deadline for applications is February 10th so it is hoped we will have multiple candidates to interview on Sunday, March 26th. There will only be 8 camps this year rather than the 11 camps of the past as a few University/College sites will no longer serve as hosts for the camps. While we have requested 6 camper positions, we may not be able to send that many as camp numbers were adjusted to accommodate the missing three camps and the branches that fed into those camps. We will receive notice of how many girls we can send on January 25th.

Linda Lidberg  
Tech Trek Coordinator

## **COOKING TOGETHER**

We have our Branch projects; local, state, and national, and we have our fun and social events. We want to reissue to our members an invitation to come and cook together. We meet on the second Saturday of each month at members' houses, prepare and eat a meal, and enjoy the evening. Each hostess plans a menu, shops, and sets up work stations so we can prepare our meal. Each guest brings an apron, a favorite drink, \$10-15 contribution for the hostess' expenses, and willingness to help make dinner to share.

This month's dinner, a celebration of the Lunar New Year, was Saturday, January 14, at 5:00 at Pam Zirion's house.

RSVP to Pam, and come join us. We hope you will. Cheers, Kathy Cohon and Pam Zirion



## Women In History Herstory

### Women in History Portrayals

This March we will again present our Women in History portrayals to elementary classrooms in Lucia Mar USD. If you would like to do a portrayal, remember that we have scripts and some costumes to help you prepare to become your woman in history. Join us, please.

Kathy Cohon



## **AAUW California Celebrates Black Women in History for Black History Month, February 2023**

Nancy Major, AAUW California Public Policy Committee

Many Black women have made significant contributions to history, thought, society, innovation, science, government, civil rights, women's rights, and much more. For Black History month we celebrate the achievements of but a few:

Sojourner Truth, a former slave, became an outspoken advocate for abolition, temperance, and civil and women's rights (1797-1883).

Rosa Parks and Claudette Colvin (age 15) helped initiate the Civil Rights movement by refusing to give up their seats to white men on Montgomery, Alabama buses. Their actions inspired resulted in the U.S. Supreme Court ruling that bus segregation was unconstitutional.

Dorothy Jean Dandridge was an actress, singer and dancer, the first African American film star to be nominated for the Academy Award for Best Actress for her performance in *Carmen Jones* (1954).

Katherine Johnson, a brilliant mathematician, was one of three Black students to integrate West Virginia's graduate schools. Her greatest contribution was to space exploration through her calculations synching Apollo's Lunar Module with the lunar-orbiting Module. She also worked on the Space Shuttle. (1958-1986)

Madam C.J. Walker was considered the wealthiest African-American businesswoman in America (1911-1919), by developing and marketing a line of cosmetics and hair care products for Black women. She hired 40,000 "ambassadors" to sell her products.

Shirley Chisholm was the first Black woman elected to Congress in 1968. She served as a representative from New York for 14 years, was the first Black candidate to run for president in the 1972 race, and founded the Congressional Black Caucus in 1971 and the Congressional Women's Caucus in 1977.

Mae Jemison became the first Black woman to fly to space on the space shuttle Endeavour. She was also the first Black woman admitted to the astronaut training program, in 1987.

Toni Morrison released her novel *Beloved* in 1987, winner of the Pulitzer Prize, based on the true story of an African American enslaved woman. In 1993, Morrison became the first Black woman to win the Nobel Prize in Literature.

Oprah Winfrey, born into poverty in rural Mississippi to a single teenage mother, molested as a child and pregnant at 14, became the most influential woman in the world by many accounts. An American talk show host, television producer, actress, author, and philanthropist, she was the richest African-American of the 20th century and was once the world's only black billionaire.

## 2023 BINGO & SILENT AUCTION 2023 Please Mark Your Calendars

**When – Saturday, November 18, 2023**

**Where – St. John's Lutheran Church** 959 Valley Rd, Arroyo Grande

Friday, November 17 – silent auction and bingo set up at Saint John's at 2:30 PM.

Monday or Tuesday, November 13 or 14th a wrap party to organize silent auction items. Place and time to be determined. More information to be posted later.

Please put this information in the back of your brain so you can think about soliciting donations and gathering goodies.

Cheers,

Kathy Cohon and Pam Zirion



### AAUW CALIFORNIA LOBBY DAYS

AAUW California will hold our 2023 Lobby Days on **March 21, 2023** and **March 22, 2023**.

This is a wonderful opportunity to meet your legislators, inform them about AAUW and what your branch is doing for their constituents, and advocate for their support of our priority bills. By completing this survey, you will let us know that you want to participate.

We have scheduled Lobby Days to take place while the Legislature is in session. There are three possible meeting scenarios, and we will do our best to match AAUW teams with their districts and their preferences:

- 1) In-person meeting at the Capitol (ideal for branches in and around Sacramento)
- 2) In-person meeting with staffers in the district office
- 3) Virtual meeting

Please complete the signup form so that we can learn your preferences and make plans for a successful, impactful AAUW California Lobby Days. Your voices are needed to bring about the changes AAUW is committed to.

**You MUST complete the signup form in order to participate.**

[Click HERE to sign up for Lobby Days.](#)

A mandatory webinar training session will be held via Zoom on  
**March 20, 2023 (7-9 pm).**

Participants will receive training materials prior to the webinar.

**You MUST attend the webinar in order to participate.**

Please register for the webinar below.

[Click HERE to register for the training webinar.](#)

Please contact us at [publicpolicy@aauw-ca.org](mailto:publicpolicy@aauw-ca.org) if you have any questions.

Thank you for helping share AAUW's voice on the issues you care about.

## **News from California State Branch Support Committee**

Linda Lidberg attended the State Branch Support Committee on Zoom and reported on the following:

- The Annual California AAUW meeting will be on April 22, 2023. More info will be coming.
- National AAUW is working on streamlining their bylaws. Nothing was said about how that would translate to state and local branches though. See page 9 for potential National bylaw changes
- The decision was made at National not to have a vote on changing membership requirements this year. They will try again next year. Only 400 votes determined the outcome last time.
- A video has been created for the opening of Gov Tech and Nancy Pellosi is the opening presentation.
- On **January 25th**, the Membership Committee invited members to the webinar "Growing AAUW California." Sharing new ideas to energize and grow your branches will be the focus. What might be in store for 2023 for your branch? Be part of this energizing discussion!!!
- The webinar planned for early February will focus on recruiting leadership **Finding new leaders - Branch Support is offering the webinar, "Take Me to Your Leader(s) – How to Find Them and What if You Can't?"** Add this **February 7th** webinar to your calendar. It will be the first of two on





policies that enable women's success. You may wonder why we have a resource on a term we're all familiar with: Because even with all our understanding, there's still something we can learn.

### Equity vs. Equality

Although these two words have the same root, they do not mean the same thing. They are often used interchangeably, even though they differ in meaning. Equality means everyone gets the same access to — or amount of — something. Equity, by contrast, is about everyone having equal access to what they need to be successful. And those needs can be quite different.

You may be familiar with [Angus Maguire's images](#) of three children standing on boxes to watch a ballgame over the fence. In the first image, each of the children has one of the same-sized box: **equality**. However, because the children are different heights, the shortest child still can't see. In the second image, the tallest child, who does not need a box to see over the fence, gives theirs to the shortest of the children, enabling all of the children to see over the fence: **equity!** The key difference here is fairness in the distribution of resources (the boxes) to each child enabling them to all achieve their goal (seeing the game).

Mission: To advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy. AAUW needs all these things together — diversity, inclusion, equity and belonging — for our branches to continue to grow and thrive.

## AAUW NATIONAL BOARD NEWS

The National Board of AAUW is proposing some significant changes in the National Bylaws, which will be posted as a proposal for a vote in the spring. These revisions include:

- Revising the wording describing AAUW's charitable purpose.
- Eliminating the requirement for 60 days' notice before board approval of a dues change.
- Having board officers elected by the board, not the membership.
- Eliminating any reference to conventions when discussing meetings of the membership.

### COMMUNITY EVENT

Woman's Club of Arroyo Grande Presents

## BINGO TIME

Saturday, January 28, 2023

St. John's Lutheran Church  
Valley Rd at Las Berros Rd.

Doors Open at 12 pm

\$30 gets you:

- A box lunch
- 8 bingo games
- 6 raffle tickets

Raffle prizes between each game

The opportunity to bid on the:

- Silent auction items
- The \$100 Money Hat
- The Pop- Jewellery Shop

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