

President's Message

Jean Burns Slater

It is time to reflect on 2024-2025 and plan for 2025-2026. A quick reflection on last year and planning for 2025-2026 would be to:

- Complete the **Branch Survey** (p.15). Print it out, complete and mail or copy it out of this newsletter and paste it into an email attachment with responses and send it to jbslater2006@gmail.com
- Try the **Year in Review** (p 8-9) photo identification quiz (Answers are in this newsletter).
- **Renew your membership** (p.4) with the information included in this newsletter, sending your renewal dues as instructed.
- **Gather advertisers** (p. 11) for our directory & newsletter, using the included advertising letter.
- **Immigrant Study of San Luis Obispo** (p. 7)
- **Solicit donations** (p. 3) for our Bingo/Silent Auction event in November.
- Serve as a **Branch Leaders:** • *"No one can do everything, but everyone can do something!"* Max Lucado Share your skills with our Branch by serving as **Tech Trek Coordinator, Membership Coordinator, or Lunch Bunch Section Leader. We need you!**

June Events

- 5 11:30 a.m. Lunch Bunch: Ventana Grill
- 6 11:30 a.m. Daytime Page Turners: Susan Gray's Home
- 7 Return your Branch Survey: included in newsletter
- 10 6:30 p.m. Night Readers: Rose Ann Steiner's home
- 16 12:30 p.m. Let's Talk Travel: Greenhouse Coffee Shop Arroyo,
- 18 12:30 p.m. Finessing Femmes Bridge: Linda Lidberg's home Grande
- 24 7:00 p.m. Immigrant Study: Mission San Luis Obispo Parish Hall (p. 8)
- 30 Membership Renewal deadline

No June or July Board or General Meetings.

Next newsletter: September 2025

June, July, August Birthdays

- June** Carole Dempsey, Joan Florence
- July** Susan Brazil, Renee David, Kathi Pettersen
- August** Priscilla Alquist, Laurie King, Jonica Bushman



MAY 17 YEAR-END CELEBRATION, 2025-2026 OFFICER INSTALLATION and LUNCHEON

The End of Year Celebration was held at Priscilla Alquist's home. Lucia Mar Unified School District Board of Trustees President, Colleen Martin, was an honored speaker. Trustee Martin spoke about the demographics and recent advances of the Lucia Mar USD, including recent school site construction projects, new vocational education programs such as culinary institute and cosmetology salon, and New Tech High academic achievements.

Erica Hinojosa received the Named Gift Honoree award for her excellent work as Treasurer

Sandee Modell was recognized for arranging our meeting locations

Board members, program, and interest section leaders were recognized and thanked for their contributions.

The 2025-2026 Branch Officers installed were:

- * Co-Presidents: **Susan Gray, Patti Melsheimer, Mary Weeks**
- * Co-Secretaries: **Pam Zirion, Jean Burns Slater**
- * Treasurer: **Mary Jorstad**

Branch members brought side dishes and the Alquists provided the entrée that was a choice of chicken or steak. The event was held in a lovely setting with gracious hosts and guests. Thank you all for adding to the spirit of the celebration.

Branch Members enjoying the End of Year Celebration





Dear Branch Membership Chairs and Branch Treasurers,

I am pleased to announce that the dues increase on our recent AAUW California ballot passed with numbers exceeding the 2/3 vote that was required. As such, our new state dues will be \$30 effective July 1, 2025.

Please reach out if you have any questions. Thank you for all that you do on behalf of AAUW and your branch.

Charmen Goehring

AAUW California President

Five Cities Pismo Beach included this increase in its dues.

SILENT AUCTION!

On Saturday, November 15, we will have our annual fundraising Bingo & Silent Auction at Saint John's Church in Arroyo Grande. NOW is the time to begin asking for donations from businesses you frequent, including wineries, restaurants, nail salons, theaters, etc. Our patrons seem to enjoy bidding on experiences, such as overnight stays, wine tasting, skydiving, etc., and these items get the most activity. Think about what YOU would like to bid on and get that item donated please!

Pam Zirion

Kathy Cohon

LUNCH BUNCH, JUNE 5, THURSDAY 11:30 a.m.

For our June Lunch Bunch, how about a beautiful restaurant with excellent views of the ocean in Pismo Beach? A little fancier restaurant, The Ventana Grill, specializes in..... you guessed it - fresh seafood with lovely views. It is located at the north end of Pismo Beach, close to Shell Beach. 2575 Price St. in Pismo Beach. 11:30 on Thursday, June 5th. Notify Carole Dempsey at medipharmix@aol.com if you can join us. You won't be disappointed.



Lunch Bunch May 1, 2025 Vic's Creek Saloon

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL



AAUW Five Cities Pismo Beach 2025 – 2026 Membership Renewal

Our mission and focus:

“Advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.”

Welcome and thank you for joining the Five Cities Pismo Beach Branch of AAUW for another year to advance the AAUW mission, while making new acquaintances and renewing long-term friendships! This year you might consider joining an additional project or interest section to meet new friends and explore new interests.

- Dues are \$120 for the 2025 – 2026 year: (National \$74, State \$30, Branch \$16) Membership dues are tax deductible.
- Make checks payable to **AAUW Five Cities Pismo Beach**.

Return the following form with your annual dues and any supplemental payments by **June 30, 2025** to:

AAUW Membership
Five Cities Pismo Beach AAUW
P.O. Box 1604
Pismo Beach, CA 93448

Dues	\$120
Dual Member	16
Name Tag	\$ 12
Total	\$ _____

or

Susan Brazil
55 Broad St. #229
SLO, CA 93405
209-747-6663

IF YOUR DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION IS THE SAME AS LAST YEAR, FILL IN YOUR NAME ONLY.

Questions? Please call or email Susan Brazil 209-747-6663 susanbrazil@sbcglobal.net

Name: _____

Corrections:

Address: _____ **Zip** _____

Phone: _____ **Cell:** _____ **Email:** _____

BRANCH PROJECTS: Check your interest/s

____ **Scholarship** ____ **Tech Trek** ____ **Gov Trek** ____ **AVID classroom Support**
____ **Eager Readers** (books into elementary classrooms) ____ **Women in History**

INTEREST SECTIONS: Check your interest/s

____ Night Readers Book Group	____ Great Decisions	____ Lunch Bunch
____ Travel Talk	____ AVID Support in Classroom	____ Adopt a Poll
____ Daytime Page Turners	____ Quilters	____ Night Readers
____ Cooking Together	____ Finessing Femmes (Bridge)	



FRIENDSHIP OUTREACH

It was wonderful to see 20 Branch members at our Year End Installation party on the 17th, including a few not often see: Laurie King, Nancy Sperling, and Susie Wedell. Erica Hinojosa, our Honored Named Recipient, arrived after her son's sports event. Her husband and son helped move the tables and chairs prior to the event, providing room for the crowd. They stayed to see a rocket launch from Vandenberg from the Alquist's backyard!

A thank you from Colleen Martin, guest speaker at Year End Installation Party follows:

"Dear Priscilla and the members of the 5 Cities Pismo Beach AAUW,

Thank you for the opportunity to share all the good things going on at Lucia Mar. I could have gone on and on.

It was wonderful to hear all the impactful work your chapter is doing for our students.

The al fresco lunch was delicious and delightful. Thank you for your support. With gratitude - Colleen"

Liz Wineman missed the party, as she had a round-up on her ranch to manage! Pam Zirion's vacation, just before our big party, was to Savannah for a Girl Scout Roundup reunion for three days and then a tour of Charleston with Road Scholar. Pam missed the gathering as her return plane had issues and her flight home was delayed! Carol Dempsey and Sandy Modell couldn't join us due to unexpected health and mobility issues. We are so sorry and wish them well.

Several members enjoyed fabulous adventures this month! Susan Gray and Jeanne L spent several weeks in Greece with Smithsonian Tours, participating in adventurous hikes, investigating ancient ruins, and braving rough sea kayaking! Gaye and Ed Peltzman had an exotic trip to Bali but returned with Covid and are recuperating at home. Traveling in the U.S. looks more appealing at this point! As Jim Alquist claims, "We do live in a place that others come to vacation!!"

Maureen Kelly's mother passed away recently. She was 102 years young! Imagine all the innovations she saw in the past century! A card was sent to Maureen with our deepest condolences.

Maurina Kusell just celebrated her 50th wedding anniversary. There are several anniversaries coming up next month, so do keep Priscilla posted!

Linda Lidberg shared an unusual experience she had at a new business in SLO. It is a unique floating personal spa that helps you relax and takes pain away for at least a little while. Quite different, so do ask her about it! Enjoy our lovely local weather before it changes! Priscilla Alquist



SCHOLARSHIP

Each of the following young women will receive a \$2,500 scholarship from Five Cities Pismo Beach Scholarship Corporation for a total of \$25,000. The funding for this extraordinary level of scholarship support was provided by private donations, branch fund raising, and withdrawal from the Morgan Stanley Investment Account. The directors were so impressed with the quality of applicants that they elected increase the scholarship amount to assist these young women in pursuit of their education.



2025 Scholarship Awardees

Five Cities Pismo Beach AAUW Members, you are investing in the future! Thank you.

2025 Scholarship Awardees:

Emma Reasner New Tech High

Cynthia Leon Nipomo High AVID

Jocelyn Luis Marinez Arroyo Grande High AVID

Adilia Leiva Arroyo Grande High AVID

Molly McLaughlin Arroyo Grande High

Rilee Luevano-Baker

Nipomo High

Brittany Plazola Arroyo Grande High AVID

Brynn Termeer Arroyo Grande High AVID

Emme Landers Arroyo Grande High

Kinsie Colbourn Arroyo Grande High



Tech Trek



Six middle school students from Lucia Mar received scholarships to attend the Tech Trek summer camp, thanks to the local Chapter of the American Association of University Women (AAUW).

These seventh graders were nominated by their math or science teachers for their passion and potential in STEM subjects, as well as for displaying maturity, responsibility, persistence, and the ability to collaborate with peers.

After being nominated, each student participated in an interview with a panel of three AAUW members before being awarded a scholarship to the camp. Sophia Lopez, Paige Benson, Grace Faour, Nelly Hernandez Lopez, Aria Martinez, Katelyn Lager and alternate Annika Hadley will attend a residential week-long STEM camp at UCSB this summer!

SUPPLIES FOR AVID CLASSES

“Keep marching! Keep marching!”

This is the chorus from the finale of “Suffs”, a two-time Tony-award winning play about early suffragists that just closed on Broadway.

Keep marching. Keep optimistic. It’s a Pep talk. It’s for us, too.

We’ve done a lot this year and always look forward to a relaxing summer and then doing our good works again next year. Our newest project was providing supplies for AVID classes and it was quite successful. We budgeted \$1000 for supplies for senior classes at the three high schools: Arroyo Grande High has 233 AVID seniors; Nipomo High has 107 AVID seniors; and New Tech has 55 AVID seniors. The supplies were divided proportionally, New Tech (1unit); Nipomo (2units); Arroyo Grande (4units) and delivered the second week in May.

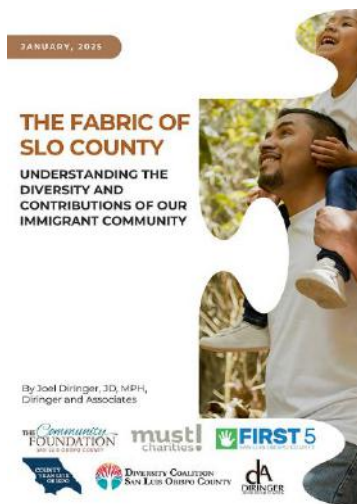
The board will decide at the summer planning meeting if and how much we can provide AVID for the 2025–2026 school year. Yay us! University women helping students and teachers.

Let’s keep marching forward.

Enjoy the summertime

Kathy Cohon

IMMIGRANT STUDY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY



THE FABRIC OF SLO COUNTY

Understanding the Diversity and Contributions of our Immigrant Community

Joel Diringer, JD, MPH, from Diringer and Associates, will present “The Fabric of SLO County, Understanding the Diversity and Contributions of our Immigrant Community” at Mission San Luis Obispo Parish Hall, 751 Palm Street, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401 on Tuesday, June 24, 2025 at 7:00 pm. Learn about the findings of this report directly from the study leader Joel Diringer. Please join us.

A summary of this report is also available in English and Spanish on The Community Foundation of San Luis Obispo web site: cfsloco.org

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YEAR IN REVIEW

MATCH THE PHOTO WITH THE DESCRIPTION BELOW



#1



#2



#3



#4



#5



#6



#7



#8



#9



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#12



#13



#14

Place your photo guess number next to the activity description.

Hint: not every description has a matching photo.

_____ Scholarship Discussion _____ Adopt a Poll _____ Night Readers

_____ End of Year Celebration: Installation of Officers _____ Mission Based Topic Title IX

_____ Silent Auction _____ Member Spotlight _____ Mission Based topic: Afghan Refugee

_____ Tech Trek Awardees _____ Bingo _____ Eager Readers

_____ Holiday gathering Cal Poly Choir _____ AAUW CA Public Policy

_____ Women in History _____ April: Annual Meeting, Tech Trek, and Scholarship Recipients

_____ Lunch Bunch _____ Mission Based topic: Housing Solutions

_____ Mission Based topic: Project 2025



APRIL TREASURER'S 2024-2025 REPORT

AAUW Five Cities Pismo Beach

Operating Expenses	24-25 Budget	YTD	YTD Vs Budget
Meeting Rent (<i>Church, 2xWomen</i>)	\$393.00	\$393.00	\$ 0.00
Membership Directory	\$140.00	\$126.12	\$13.88
Program Expenses (<i>Zoom</i>)	\$167.58	\$335.16	-\$167.58
Hospitality	\$140.00	\$198.32	-\$58.32
Insurance	\$183.00	\$183.00	\$0.00
Post Office Box Rental	\$182.00	\$182.00	\$0.00
Business Expenses (<i>copies, ledger</i>)	\$30.84	\$ 29.77	\$1.07
Raffle/Bingo permit	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$0.00
State Renewal Fee	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$0.00
EXPENSES	\$1,291.42	\$1,502.37	-\$210.95

Account Balance 1.1. 2025	\$44,014.68
Reserves (<i>Tech Trek, Op. Exp.</i>)	(\$33,183.09)
Unencumbered funds	\$0.10
Monthly expenses	(\$22.58)
Remaining operating funds	\$10,809.11

Bingo/Auction Sum	In Progress	Drafted
Tickets Sales	\$3,250.00	
Bingo Sheet Sales	769.31	
Silent Auction	3,812.00	
Donation	567.00	
Square Fees	(75.38)	

Expenses TBD** (773.63) 10% allow
Less Tax (206.99)
\$7,342.31 Estimated

**\$300 Church rent in Operating Expenses

\$51.59 Reimbursement to date: Need additional expenses/receipts

Operating Income	24-25 Budgeted	YTD	YTD Vs. Budget
39 Memberships @ \$13	\$507.00	\$507.00	\$0.00
Advertising (12 Sponsors)	\$550.00	\$650.00	-\$100.00
Unencumbered Funds	\$0.10		\$0.10
Operating Income	\$1,057.10	\$1,157.00	\$99.90

Fundraising Income			
	Gross	Exp./Tax	Net
Bingo/Silent Auction	\$8,398.31	\$-1,056.00	\$7,342.31
Adopt-a-Poll	\$1,210.00		\$605.00
Program Donation	\$300.00		\$300.00
Fundraising income	\$9,908.31	\$-1,056.00	\$8,247.31
Reserve 2024-2025	Carry Over	Distribution	Balance
Scholarship (15%)	\$887.03	\$1,237.10	\$2,124.13
Tech Trek (36%)	\$2,618.30	\$2,969.03	\$5,587.42
Eager Reader (24 %)	\$4,595.43	\$1,979.35	\$6,574.78
AVID Classroom Support (5%)	\$1,000.00	\$412.37	\$1,412.37
AAUW Funds (15%)	\$1,067.05	\$1,237.10	\$2,304.15
Gen. Reserve (5%)	\$14,767.88	\$412.37	\$15,180.24
Total Reserves on Hand	\$24,935.78	\$8,247.31	\$33,183.09

Fundraising Distribution 2024-2025		
Scholarship (15%)	\$1,237.10	*New Allocations for this fiscal year: \$1,000 from General Reserves to AVID; contribution to National AAUW Funds of \$1,750, naming one gift honoree and \$1,000 to Funds to be made.
Tech Trek (36%)	\$2,969.03	
Eager Reader (24%)	\$1,979.35	
AVID Classroom Support (5%)	\$412.37	
AAUW Funds (15%)	\$1,237.10	
General Reserves (5%)	\$412.37	
Fundraising Totals	\$8,247.31	

ADVERTISING IN FIVE CITIES PISMO BEACH AAUW BRANCH NEWSLETTER AND DIRECTORY

Use this sample letter to solicit advertising.

Five Cities Pismo Beach Branch AAUW
P. O. Box 1604
Pismo Beach, CA 93448



Dear Manager,

Are you interested in an inexpensive advertising opportunity for your business that will also benefit our community? If so, the Five Cities Pismo Beach Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) can provide this.

For a contribution of only \$50, your ad will appear in our annual Member Directory and our monthly online newsletter. Our members spread the word about our advertisers to friends and family as well. Moreover, your contribution will help us continue our important projects in the local community. Our fundraising activities support three on-going programs that benefit students in the Lucia Mar Unified School District.

1. College Scholarships. These are awarded to girls graduating from our local high schools to help cover the cost of their first year of college. This year we awarded scholarships to ten accomplished young women who have worked hard to excel in both academic and extra-curricular activities, including volunteer work. Each young woman will begin a pathway to attend or attend a four-year college or university in the fall.
2. Tech Trek Scholarships. These awards enable local middle-school girls, nominated by their math or science teachers, to attend a week-long residential science camp devoted to hands-on experiences in the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) fields. Such experiences can be critical in encouraging girls to pursue their science and math interest in high school and college and lead them to careers in STEM fields. The girls from our branch typically attend Tech Trek Camp at the University of California, Santa Barbara campus.
3. Eager Readers: Through this program AAUW purchases books that are donated to students in Grades 1 through 6 to select elementary schools within the Lucia Mar Unified School District. Branch members visit the schools and encourage students to select a new book to take home and keep. For some children this is the first book they have owned. This is true book gifting. Approximately 600 books were distributed to over 600 students in 2024-2025.

If you decide to join us in this worthwhile effort, simply send your ad or business card and a check for **\$50**, made out to **AAUW Five Cities Pismo Beach**, to **P. O. Box 1604, Pismo Beach, CA 93448-1604** by August 30, 2025.

Web site: fivocitiespismo-beach-ca.aauw.net nonprofit 501(c)4 organization: #95-3394860
Thank you kindly for considering our request.

Name and Position

Phone

SCHOOL BOARD PROJECT

Local community members, fueled by Mom's for Liberty and The Harvest Church in Arroyo Grande, are urging school districts throughout San Luis Obispo County to align with President Donald Trump's executive orders such as "keeping men out of women's sports." The Lucia Mar Unified School District was inundated with speakers on this issue during the last two school board meetings, with one student's comments garnering nationwide attention. The culture wars are here in our local district.

AAUW concerns include keeping schools safe for all children.

Here are some things you should know:

- Current law (Plyler v Doe 1982) held that all children, even undocumented, have a constitutional right to free public education
- In 2011, DHS issued the "Sensitive Locations" policy, which prohibited raids from certain places including schools
- Although the President has attempted to revoke the order, Executive Orders and Actions cannot change statutes or regulations
- There are currently 4 lawsuits challenging the attempted revocation; 3 from churches have been successful so far, 1 from a school in Denver has resulted in a denial of a request for a temporary injunction
- Current law also prohibits ICE entry on campuses without a warrant
- Even if they have a warrant to enter, that does not entitle them to have access to private/protected student records
- The US Dept of Ed recently sent out a "Dear Colleague" letter to all school districts threatening to withhold funding if they do not eliminate DEI, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. (You can read the letter here: <https://www.ed.gov/media/document/title-ix-enforcement-directive-dcl-109477.pdf>)
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Here are two things you can do:

- Urge your school boards/districts to issue a "Safe Zone" Resolution – template can be found here: [Guidance on Immigration Issues | NEA](#)
- Engage your branch members in a postcard-writing campaign to their school boards with following message: WE STAND WITH Immigrant students LGBTQ+ youth

Help monitor our local School Board.

Lucia Mar USD Board of Trustees Calendar

7:00 p.m. 602 Orchard Street, Arroyo Grande

June 10

June 17

August 5

August 19

September 2

September 16

October 7

October 21

November 18

December 16



We cannot stay silent



AAUW-CA Public Policy Newsletter

AAUW of California Public Policy Presents: Answers to Questions About Transgender Allyship

AAUW's mission is to advance gender equity for all girls and women as girls and women have historically been marginalized on the basis of gender. But feminized and gender-based forms of marginalization are intersectional, which means that, for some, marginalization occurs in many ways at the same time. For transgender women and girls, they must, at the very least, deal with the same kinds of misogyny that many cisgender (1) women face on a daily basis AND, at the same time, deal with the kinds of hatred and erasure that comes along with being trans and nonbinary in the United States in this political moment.

When AAUW says that we support ALL girls and women, that means we always support transgender girls and women, and that we offer them extra support right now, at a time when their need is greatest.

As AAUW California has responded by engaging in personal and public advocacy for transgender rights and protections, the Public Policy team has also been fielding questions about how to best have conversations about transgender rights and issues. We started this guide to share out some of this guidance more broadly.

This guide is for anyone who wants to continue to be an ally to transgender and nonbinary people. It is meant to be a complement to existing guides, such as those produced by well-known gender equity and transgender and nonbinary support organizations such as:

[The Trevor Project](#)

[PFLAG](#)

[GLAAD](#)

[HRC](#)

[Amnesty International](#)

While some of the existing guides already contain important information about inclusive language and terminology, the AAUW of California Public Policy guide is unique in that it specifically focuses on how to have everyday conversations about transgender and nonbinary social and policy issues, offering sample responses to common questions that members have encountered as they are engaged in allyship and advocacy work.

This guide is also a living document that will be updated regularly, based on AAUW California members' and users' questions. So if you have questions that you would like to see addressed, questions that you have as someone trying to be a better ally to transgender and nonbinary people and/or questions that you have encountered that you were not sure how to answer, please click [THIS LINK](#) to submit them. You can also access this link using the "Question Submissions Form" button on AAUW- CA Public Policy. **The AAUW of California Public Policy Trans Allyship guide has launched!** Check it out by clicking [HERE](#).

Being a good ally involves a lifetime of unlearning and relearning. This means that allyship work should be active, engaged, and ongoing. It should be driven by the wants and needs of the communities that you seek to be an ally to, for, and with.

Doing public policy, advocacy, and allyship work will most certainly require you to have conversations across difference. These conversations can be uncomfortable and difficult, but they are extremely important.

We thank you for having these conversations with others, for engaging in advocacy, and for using your power and privilege for the benefit of all. We hope that this guide is useful for you as you continue to engage in this important work.

Year in Review Photo Matching Answers

#12 Scholarship Discussion

No match Adopt a Poll

#11 Night Readers

#14 End of Year Celebration: Installation of Officers

#6 Mission Based Topic Title IX

#2 Silent Auction

#1 Member Spotlight

3 Mission Based topic: Afghan Refugee

#5 Tech Trek Awardees

#10 Bingo

#4 Eager Readers

No Match Holiday gathering Cal Poly Choir

#8 AAUW CA Public Policy

#7 Women in History

#13 April: Annual Meeting, Tech Trek, Scholarship Recipients

#9 Lunch Bunch

No Match Mission Based topic: Housing Solutions

No Match Mission Based topic: Project 2025



BRANCH SURVEY: IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO SHARE YOUR OPINION

2024-2025 AAUW Five Cities Pismo Beach Branch Member Survey

To best meet the needs of our Branch members, our Board is asking for your input in the following areas. Please respond to this survey by June 7 and send it to Jean Burns Slater, AAUW Branch President, jbslater2006@gmail.com. Because this is a word document, you can respond by copying this survey and bolding, underlining, or highlighting your answers and sending it back as an answered attachment to Jean. Or you can also print this survey, complete, and send to Jean Burns Slater 3132 Meadowbrook Lane, San Luis Obispo, CA 93405 Thank you.

Name _____ Contact number _____

Our Branch Communication

Do you receive the monthly newsletter through email? Yes No

Do you access our webpage fivecitiespismobeach-ca.aauw.net Yes No

Do you read the monthly newsletter? Yes No
If no, please explain.

How can we improve the newsletter?

Do you read the distributed email blasts? Yes No
If no, please explain.

Do you use the printed Directory? Yes No
If no, please explain.

Do you access the AAUW California Website: aauw-ca.org Yes No

Our meeting location and attendance

Do you attend the general meetings? Yes No
If no, please explain

When would you prefer we hold our monthly meetings? Circle your preferences.

Time: Morning Afternoon Evening

Day Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

Where would you prefer we hold our meetings? _____

We currently hold monthly meetings with a general topic.
For 2024-2025 the topics are in parentheses

September: Tech Trek students (Homeless Solutions)	October: Mission based topic (Title IX)
November: Bingo/Silent Auction	December: Holiday gathering (Cal Poly Choir)
January: Mission based topic: (Afghan refugee)	February: Mission based topic: (Project 2025)
March: Women in History	April: Annual Meeting, Tech Trek, and Scholarship Recipients
May: Installation of Officers, End of Year Celebration	

Highlight or check the meeting topics above that you feel strongly about.

Please comment regarding the relevancy of these meeting topics.

Our Social Connections

Do you belong to an interest group?	Yes	No
If yes, please list the interest groups that you attend.		

Do you feel connected to other AAUW Branch members?	Yes	No
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Do you feel comfortable in introducing friends to join our Branch?	Yes	No
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What suggestions do you have to increase our accessibility and appeal to new members?

Our Mission Based Activities

Please rate the following topics on a scale of 1 to 5 with 1 being of little or no importance and 5 as very important, an integral part of the AAUW branch and mission. If you are willing to support this activity with your resources or time, please indicate in the space provided:

AAUW Funds: AAUW offers educational funding to promising women each year in seven categories of fellowships and grants

1 2 3 4 5

Willing to support this activity	Yes	No
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Public Policy: Establishes policy directives that will guide our members, inform our legislative priorities, serve our mission to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, and are consistent with our values of achieving fair and equitable opportunities for our diverse society

1 2 3 4 5

Willing to support this activity	Yes	No
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Five Cities Pismo Beach Scholarship Corporation: Awarding scholarships to local high school senior women

1 2 3 4 5

Willing to support this activity Yes No

Tech Trek: A STEM enrichment program that is a weeklong summer camp at a college or university that offers girls entering 8th grade to explore the world of STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math)

1 2 3 4 5

Willing to support this activity Yes No

Eager Readers: Yearly distribute new books to typically 600 elementary students in low socio-economic areas

1 2 3 4 5

Willing to support this activity Yes No

Gov Trek: A state-wide virtual program for high school junior and senior girls designed to elevate the next generation to pursue careers in public service and elected office.

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Willing to support this activity Yes No

Women in History: Portrayal of American women in history that have made an impact of U.S. History

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Willing to support this activity Yes No

AVID Classroom Support: Provide supplies for the day-to-day teaching in the AVID Classrooms. AVID stands for Advancement Via Individual Determination. AVID's mission is to close the opportunity gap by preparing all students for college and career readiness and success in a global society.

1 2 3 4 5

Willing to support this activity Yes No

Great Decisions: Members discuss a wide range of global current events and issues

1 2 3 4 5

Willing to support this activity Yes No

School Board Project: Encourages members to become vigilant observers of their district's school board meetings, and to contact assigned AAUW CA school Board liaison if it appears that they are not meeting their obligations for all students.

1 2 3 4 5

Willing to support this project? Yes No

Please respond to this survey by June 7 to Jean Burns Slater, AAUW Out Going Branch President, jbslater2006@gmail.com
Thank you.

GREETINGS TO OUR GENEROUS COMMUNITY SUPPORTERS!



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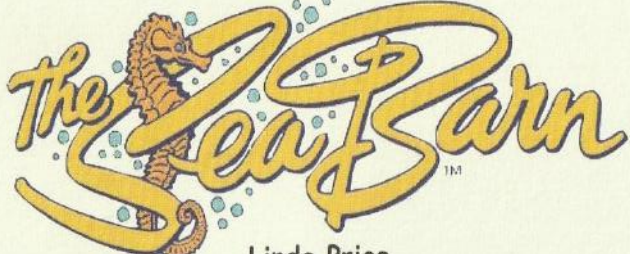
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