

## President's Message:

Remember those T-shirts back in the day that said "All I need to know about life I learned from. . . my cat, . . . my dog, . . . my girlfriend, . . . the movies"? We laughed, maybe we even wore one, but we know that the really important issues today are more than a cliché on a shirt. AAUW members have a great opportunity to learn about what really matters just by attending our monthly meetings. This year topics will include an update on Lucia Mar schools, Five Cities Self-Help Housing, Women Prominent in Our Local History and much, much more. As we begin the 2025–2026 Five Cities Pismo Beach Branch year, I hope you will plan to attend, bring a friend, or even better – bring two friends, share some social time and find out more about the things we really need to know about our area and our world. Welcome back, and I hope to see you on September 20. Mary Lee Weeks Co-President

### All I Need To Know About Life I Learned From My Girlfriend

*The best things in life are "girl things."*

*Never break a date with a girlfriend to go out with a man.*

*Great minds think alike, assuming they are female.*

*An understanding girlfriend is cheaper than a therapist.*

*You're perfect just the way you are.*

*There's a little wild woman in each of us.*

*What's a bad hair day between girlfriends?*

*Girls just want to have fun!*

*Gems may be precious but girlfriends are priceless.*



## September Events

- 5 11:30 a.m. Daytime Page Turners: Susan Brazil's home
- 8 6:30 p.m. Board Meeting; Zoom
- 9 6:30 Night Readers: Joan Florence's home
- 11 11:30 a.m. Lunch Bunch: Blue Moon over Avila
- 10 6:30 p.m. Night Readers: Rose Ann Steiner's home.
- 17 12:30 p.m. Finessing Femmes Bridge: Laurie King's home
- 20 10:00 a.m. General Meeting: Location & Topic TBA
- 22 7:00 p.m. Great Decisions: Jonica Bushman's home

## September Birthdays

Linda Lidberg  
Gaye Peltzman  
Maurina Kusell  
Pam Zirion

## October Preview

- 2 11:30 a.m. Lunch Bunch: Rancho Nipomo BBQ, Nipomo  
6 6:30 p.m. Board Meeting: Zoom  
18 10:00 a.m. General Meeting: Mesa Dunes Club House: Tech Trek Campers

## SEPTEMBER BRANCH MEETING

Welcome to 2025-2026 AAUW Year. Our first Branch General Meeting will be held on September 20 at 10 a.m. The location and topic are still to be determined. Specific details will be coming shortly. Mark your calendars and get ready to meet and greet your friends at this first meeting of the year. Look for a “message meeting alert” in the next week.

## MEET OUR LEADERSHIP TEAM

### Co-Presidents

#### Susan Gray

Bachelor of Arts from University of Mississippi in Linguistics, Language and Political Science

#### Patti Melsheimer

Bachelor of Arts Chapman University in History. Masters of Arts from University of Southern California in Gerontology and Public Administration

#### Mary Lee Weeks

Bachelor of Science from Sam Houston University in Criminology and Corrections. Masters of Arts from Sam Houton University in Criminal Justice



Susan Gray



Patti Melsheimer



Mary Lee Weeks

## BRANCH LEADERSHIP POSITIONS 2025-2026

### Co-Presidents

Susan Gray

Patti Melsheimer

Mary Weeks

### Co Secretaries

Pam Zirion

Jean Burns Slater

### Treasurer

Mary Jorstad

**Parliamentarian**  
**AAUW Funds**  
**Public Policy Coordinator**  
**Membership Coordinator**  
**Fund Raising Coordinator**  
**Program Committee Chairs**  
**Hospitality**  
**Communication and Publicity Coordinator**

Advertising: Directory & Newsletter  
Public Announcements  
Email Communication  
Directory  
Newsletter Editor  
Website Management  
Friendship Outreach  
Branch Ambassador  
Phone Tree Contact

**Inter-branch Council Representative**

**Branch Projects**

Scholarship CEO  
Tech Trek Chairperson  
Eager Readers  
Women in Herstory  
Gov Trek  
AVID Classroom Support

**Interest Sections**

Night Readers Book Group  
Great Decisions  
Lunch Bunch  
Daytime Page Turners

**Independent Interest Sections**

Adopt A Poll  
Quilters  
TBD (sharing food)  
Finessing Femmes  
Let's Talk Travel

Liz Wineman  
Mary Matakovich  
Jean Burns Slater  
Beth Hutton  
Kathy Cohon  
Board  
Maureen Kelly  
Susan Brazil  
Susan Brazil  
Mary Matakovich  
Linda Lidberg  
Linda Lidberg  
Jean Burns Slater  
Linda Lidberg  
Priscilla Alquist  
Pam Zirion  
Mary Matakovich  
Jean Burns Slater

Marjorie Ott

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Beth Hutton  
Kathy Cohon  
TBD  
Kathy Cohon

Rose Ann Steiner  
Jean Burns Slater  
[aauw5cpblunchbunch@gmail.com](mailto:aauw5cpblunchbunch@gmail.com)  
Jean Burns Slater

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Linda Lidberg  
Anna Zucker  
Rose Ann Steiner  
Mary Weeks

**Tentative 2025-2026 Program Schedule**

**September 20**, Saturday, 10:00 a.m.: Location and Topic will be announced through an email message.

**October 18**, Saturday, 10:00 a.m.: Mesa Dunes Club House: Tech Trek Campers and Parents

**November 15**, Saturday, noon: Bingo/Silent Auction: St. John's Church, Arroyo Grande

**December 13**, Saturday TBD: Private Home/Restaurant

**January 24**, Saturday, 10:00 a.m.: Mesa Dunes Club House: Public Policy "Voting Rights"

**February 21**, Saturday, 10:00 a.m.: Mesa Dunes Club House: Five Cities Homeless Coalition, Self Help Housing

**March 21**, Saturday, 10:00 a.m.: Mesa Dunes Club House: Women in History w/ Jim Gregory, historian

**April 20**, Monday 6:30 p.m.: Arroyo Grande Woman's Club: Annual Meeting, Elections, Scholarship and Tech Trek awards

**May 16**, Saturday, 10:00 a.m.; Jean Burns Slater's home: Officer Installation/AAUW Education Fellows

## BRANCH PLANNING MEETINGS

The 2025-2026 Board has been busy planning for the 2025-2026 year. In this newsletter there is solid evidence of these thoughtful plans. In late July the three co presidents met to assign various tasks, meeting again with past president Jean Burns Slater, followed by another meeting with the elected board members in preparation of the Branch Planning meeting on August 4.

The Board felt that communication with all Branch members was the key to a successful year and asked for a summary of each Board meeting to be placed in the monthly newsletter.



### Branch Planning Meeting Summary: August 4, 2026

Leadership Team, program dates and topics were assigned as listed in this newsletter. Project Coordinators reported on Tech Trek, Eager Readers, Women in Herstory, and AVID Classroom Support. Scholarship will submit their yearly report in a separate communication. GOV Tech is currently on hold by AAUW CA. The Year End Treasurer's report was presented, along with a working budget for 2025-2026, both of which are published in this newsletter.



Concern about the membership participation in our branch was discussed with the suggestion that each member bring a friend or two to the general meetings, showcasing our activities and support of our community. Currently there are 36 members. Pam Zirion was named Branch Ambassador. More publicity and inviting the public for our meetings was suggested.

Susan Gray offered a compelling presentation on the value of our contributions to AAUW Funds, a national AAUW program that provides education funds and research grants for women in higher education. A motion was passed by the Board to send \$2,000 of Branch fundraising to National AAUW Funds. This was a one-year contribution for 2025-2026 and was within the budget allocation.

Communications discussion covered the usefulness of information through the newsletter and appropriate email blasts. Member to member communication serves as a direct reminder of AAUW events and programs.

Meeting locations were discussed and based on the generosity of Carole Demsey and Sandi Modell, The Mesa Dunes Club House in Arroyo Grande was the choice for general meetings that are not held at private homes or those needing unique settings such as Bingo and Scholarship and Tech Trek award night. Board meetings will continue to be held via Zoom on the first Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. A quorum of 8 attendees will be required for Board action items.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

Current membership includes 36 members, with \$16 collected for our Branch activities from each dues paying member. Welcome back!

## **COMMUNICATIONS: SUSAN BRAZIL**

We are starting a new year with hopes of increasing our visibility as an active AAUW branch. As your Communication Coordinator I would like to encourage you to spread the word about all of the activities in which our branch participates. Any contacts with The Tribune, New Times, KSBY, etc. would be appreciated. Also, communication among members is important. Please let us know of any information you would like to share. Thank you.

Communication Committee: Susan Brazil, Linda Lidberg, Mary Matakovich, Priscilla Alquist, Pam Zirion, and Jean Slater.

## **FRIENDSHIP OUTREACH**

Summer for our AAUW members has presented some fun and some challenges! This may not be everything that happened, but here are a few tidbits to catch you up to date until we meet again for our first general meeting. Remember to offer rides to activities and meetings to our members who might need them such as Susan Brazil, Pat Muhlethaler, Laurie King and Nancy Sperling.

Mary Weeks had a fabulous trip to New York City with PCPA, seeing lots of famous sights and

interesting plays. Her favorite play was “Maybe Happy Ending,” which won two Tony’s. She is now off to Papeete to cruise the islands of Moorea, Bora Bora, and more! There is a reason she is chair of the Travel interest group for our Branch! 😎 Maurina Kusell took a trip to the Basque country in northern Spain and down the Rhone River in France. They also gathered family together for their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary and celebrated at the restaurant where they had their first date in LA. ❤️

Jean Burns Slater visited her granddaughter in New York City who was completing an internship at a private equity firm. Included in the East Coast trip was a visit to Washington DC, Smithsonian Museums and Shenandoah National Park. A fantastic combination of city and family, history and art, and nature!

Closer to home, Gaye & Ed Peltzman traveled up to Cambria with his sister and husband for a local stay-cation, staying in an ocean view motel! Kathi and Ted Pettersen in July celebrated their joint birthdays in their own backyard patio. Getting a group together at the Melodrama, with the Melsheimers, Pettersens, Peltzmans and Alquists, complete with big buckets of popcorn for each couple and the audience singing to Priscilla, was a delightful birthday celebration.

Advice from Joan Florence is “Action Absorbs Anxiety!” Look for her at all the local protests! She has enjoyed meeting nice people and is also educating herself by watching webinars on such topics most recently as climate change. If you’d like to partner with her at the next protests, give her a call!

Health concerns were also part of summer challenges. Marjorie Ott had a very successful knee replacement recently and reports she is very happy with much less pain. She followed all her doctor’s suggestions both pre-and post-surgery and felt that was part of the key to a good recovery. Carol Dempsey is having mobility challenges, as is her partner, Sandi. Linda Lidberg is continuing to have health issues, but planning travel trips later in the Fall. Gaye traveled to Colorado for a health procedure from her favorite specialist who had left our area and enjoyed some of the museums and gardens in the area. Kathi Pettersen fell over the summer. Her recovery was complicated by other health conditions at the time, but she is all beautiful again now! 😊 Priscilla and Jim Alquist had quite a surprise when they both caught Covid at a local social event. They hadn’t even been on a trip! Thanks to their Covid vaccinations it wasn’t a severe case, but they discovered that Paxlovid is no longer subsidized by the government! 😞 Ouch\$\$\$

Finally, let us give thanks to all the firefighting crews who fought the Gifford Fire so valiantly. Liz Wineman and Erica Hinojosa were both close to the fire, but escaped evacuation and loss. For that we can be most grateful!! 🎉

## SILENT AUCTION! BINGO, BINGO!

It's Bingo and Silent Auction time again! I know you're all excited to get together and raise money for our projects of Scholarship, Tech Trek, Eager Readers, and AVID Classroom Support!

Last year we raised over \$7500 for our projects, thanks to all of you who sold tickets, donated \$25 gift cards as Bingo prizes, talked to stores, establishments, and wineries, who kindly donated to AAUW Five Cities Pismo Beach. We had over 100 happy Bingo players to boot!

In addition, many of you assisted with jobs such as: creating lunches, selling extra Bingo cards, wrapping and setting up Silent Auction items, and giving out door prizes. It is quite a production and takes place this year on Saturday, November 15th at 12:00 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Arroyo Grande. We have a different space for Silent Auction due to St. John's beginning a preschool on their property. It is a larger room with plenty of space for items and is also connected to the Bingo area.

A special thanks to Pat Muhlethaler who has again kindly donated her garage as the Silent Auction delivery and wrapping location. We will be wrapping Auction items on November 6th at 9:00 AM.

At our General Meeting, September 20th, there will be signup sheets for your assistance as well a packet of tickets for each member to sell to your friends and neighbors. We request that members donate a \$25 gift card for Bingo prizes, as we cannot give cash as prizes.

Coming soon in your email will be copies of letters for Silent Auction donations, receipts, and descriptions for you to print and hand out to businesses when you ask for donations.

**Questions? Call Pam Zirion or Kathy Cohon**

## LUNCH BUNCH, SEPTEMBER 11, THURSDAY 11:30 a.m.

Come on down for lunch by the beach! Normally we meet on the first Thursday of the month. However, to avoid the Labor Day holiday week, this month our gathering will be on Thursday, September 11, 2025.

**Blue Moon Over Avila** 460 Front Street, Avila Beach  
Thursday, September 11, 2025 11:30 a.m.

You be the judge as to whether their beignets are the best...

**RSVP no later than Sunday, September 7, 2025** to [aauw5cpblunchbunch@gmail.com](mailto:aauw5cpblunchbunch@gmail.com)

*To be added to or removed from our Lunch Bunch e-mail distribution list, please send your request to [aauw5cpblunchbunch@gmail.com](mailto:aauw5cpblunchbunch@gmail.com).*



Old Juan's Cantina August 7



Ventana Grill June 5



Another successful year at Tech Trek!. Our six selected girls enjoyed a busy but awesome week at UCSB in July. They will be sharing their experiences with us at our October meeting. I had the privilege of working registration this year and was able to see in person the excitement as 100 girls and their families helped get them settle into their dorm rooms. (I was dumbfounded by all the "stuff" 12 and 13 year olds need for a week away from home!) Several of our Branch members assisted with monitoring classrooms when the dorm monitors attended a common meeting: Pam Zirion, Mary Matokvich, Jean Burns Slater, Mary Weeks, Liz Wineman, Susan Gray, Susan Brazil, and Kathy Cohon. I was also present when the girls left camp at the end of their week. They were all exhausted but happy; their schedule all week is hectic but exciting and full of hands-on STEM activities. They were also exchanging email addresses and cell phone numbers and making plans to keep in touch with their roommates and classmates.

I have been honored to be the Branch Tech Trek Coordinator for a number of years and it is with a heavy heart that I step down from that role. I know that someone will step up to fill this vacant position so that more girls can experience the joy, friendship, and awesome learning experience offered at Tech Trek camp in the future.

Linda Lidberg



## 2025 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS NIGHTS



**New Tech High**

The fruits of our labor were clearly displayed when our high school Scholarship Awardees received their recognition at the senior awards night at their respective high schools and our Tech Trek young women went off to summer science camp at the University of California Santa Barbara. We made this all possible.



**Nipomo High**



**Nipomo High**

## NATIONAL AND AAUW CA MESSAGES

**Be in the know and on top of the action**



With all the recent changes to Title IX and assaults on DEI at the Federal level, it can be hard to keep up. The California Online Branch invites you to join us on September 17, 2025, from 5:30 to 7 pm, for an in-depth review of the past, present, and future of Title IX. This panel, presented by the AAUW Washington Online Branch, will feature scholars in the fields of Political Science, Athletics, and Student Affairs.

Please see below for more information and a link to a Google Form for registering. To receive the Zoom link to attend, you must pre-register.

Thank you,  
Gail Swain, AAUW CA Online Five-Star Branch President  
Cathy Foxhoven, CA Online Program Vice President  
Kathi Harper, CA Online Public Policy Chair

## AAUW WA Online Branch Program on Title IX

September 17, 2025,  
5:30 pm – 7:00 pm PST

Our panel presentation will explore the historical evolution, current landscape, and future implications of Title IX, with a focus on its impact on gender equity in education, athletics, and beyond.

This panel will provide attendees with a deeper understanding of the legal, cultural, and political dimensions of Title IX—from its 1972 origins to the most recent developments in 2025.

Panelists will share insights on enforcement trends, lived experiences, and strategies for upholding gender equity in the face of evolving interpretations and challenges.

Panelists include:

- Dr. Dorothy McBride, professor emeritus of political science at Florida Atlantic University
- Dr. Julie McCleery, Co-Director, UW Center for Leadership in Athletics, College of Education
- Dr. Domanic Vanthom, WSU Vancouver, Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs and Deputy Title IX Coordinator

To register click [HERE](#). This will take you to a Google Form. Complete it and then 48 hours before the presentation you will receive the Zoom link. Remember you must pre-register to receive the Zoom link to attend.

Join us for this informative and timely VIRTUAL Program!

## SCHOOL BOARD PROJECT

AAUW CA School Board Project Enters the Next Phase

May 1, 2025

The School Board Project is entering its next phase, focusing on monitoring school boards for compliance with California laws. The AAUW California Public Policy Committee is collaborating with the Public-School Defenders Hub to ensure our members have the tools to be effective monitors and reporters.

The toolkit for this phase includes (additional items will be added as they become available):

- A video presentation on April 24, 2025, co-sponsored by AAUW California Public Policy Committee and the Public School Defenders Hub ([HERE](#)).
- The slide deck for the presentation ([HERE](#)) provides valuable information on all current relevant laws, roles and responsibilities of board members, and guidelines for filing complaints for non-compliance.
- Link to Public School Defenders Hub website for more information and resources ([HERE](#)).

If you have any questions about this project, please email [publicpolicy@aauw-ca.org](mailto:publicpolicy@aauw-ca.org).

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."

Help monitor our local School Board.

Lucia Mar USD Board of Trustees Calendar 7:00 p.m. 602 Orchard Street, Arroyo Grande



September 2

September 16

October 7

October 21

November 18

December 16

***"Silent acquiescence in the face of tyranny is no better than outright agreement" by C.J. Redwine.***

**We cannot stay silent**



Message from AAUW's National Senior Director of Communications and Marketing

Today, I want to talk to you about how civil rights in education are under threat — and not just in higher ed. [From K-12 to college campuses, students are being denied the protections they deserve.](#)

[What AAUW is doing:](#)

At this critical moment for civil rights in education, AAUW is rising to meet the challenge — guided by our 2025 strategic priorities:

**1. Funding Higher Education**

- Providing fellowships and grants to women from underserved communities and underrepresented fields like STEM.
- Supporting women scholars and researchers, especially in higher education.

**2. Removing Barriers to Success**

- Defending Title IX and civil rights laws that guarantee inclusive, safe, and accessible educational environments for all students — from K-12 to higher education.

**3. Strengthening AAUW's Reach**

- Evaluating and improving our engagement strategies to grow organizational sustainability and member-driven action.



**What you can do:**

Back-to-school should mean **back to safe, equitable learning environments.** [Help us protect civil rights in education — from classrooms to campuses.](#)

# An Open Letter to Working Women: The Attacks on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Are Attacks on Us — It's Time to Act

[Jocelyn Frye](#), [Fatima Goss Graves](#) | Jun 18, 2025 Institute for Women's Policy Research

Dear Working Women,

We are under attack. Across the country, extremist politicians and corporate billionaires are working to eliminate hard won protections for working women. They claim they are fighting what they call “illegal DEI,” but we know the truth: this manufactured hysteria is an attack on all women in the workplace.

Executive orders and government actions are making workplaces less safe for women, rolling back civil rights enforcement, erasing our progress, and blocking our efforts to achieve fair wages and have a fair shot to succeed in good-paying jobs. Companies are following suit. These moves threaten to unravel decades of safeguards for all women workers, especially Black women, immigrant women, and women of color. They're designed to knock us down – out of leadership, off the ladder to better jobs, and further from economic security.

We must fight back now. When they say they are attacking “illegal DEI” they are actually targeting the protections that help us receive fair pay, stay safe from workplace harassment, access leadership roles, and get caregiving support. If we don't course-correct, we are letting politicians put this nation's economy and our livelihoods at risk.

That is why **The 75 Million** is launching a national campaign and call to action: to reaffirm that working women are essential to our nation's economic strength and future.

Here's what we will do – together: **The 75 Million** campaign will hold policy makers accountable as they block policies that support working women. We'll help you talk with your coworkers about what really matters – fairness, safety, and opportunity – and support your leadership as you get organized. And we will urge business leaders and our favorite brands to live up to their stated values by taking real action to ensure fair treatment for all women, not just corporate staff but for the women working in their stores, factories, fields, trucks, and warehouses.

Women make up half the workforce. We are breadwinners, innovators, caregivers, and leaders. We decide how and where our families spend our hard-earned dollars. And we refuse to let a small group of extremists decimate our hard-fought progress and dictate our future.

Women are the backbone of this economy. And politicians want to take away our choices and freedom. Don't let them. Speak up – in your workplace, your community, and online.

We are working women. We are organized. We are watching. And we are demanding better.

[Join us.](#)

Signed,

[A Better Balance](#)      [American Civil Liberties Union](#)      [Center for Law and Social Policy](#)      [Equal Rights Advocates](#)  
[Feminist Majority Foundation](#)      [Justice for Migrant Women](#)      [MANA, A National Latina Organization](#)  
[National Asian Pacific American Women's Forum](#)      [National Coalition on Black Civic Participation: Black Women's Roundtable](#)  
[National Employment Law Project](#)      [National Employment Lawyers Association](#)      [National Institute for Workers' Rights](#)  
[National Partnership for Women & Families](#)      [National Women's Law Center](#)      [Paid Leave for All](#)  
[UltraViolet](#)      [Women Employed](#)



# YEAR END TREASURER 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	\$ 14.60	\$16.24
Raffle/Bingo permit	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$0.00
State Renewal Fee	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$0.00
EXPENSES	\$1,291.42	\$1,487.20	-\$195.78

Account Balance 6.30.25	\$43,860.24
Reserves ( <i>Tech Trek, Op. Exp.</i> )	(\$33,623.10)
Unencumbered funds	\$0.10
Monthly expenses	
Remaining operating funds	\$10,237.24

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	\$ 51.59	10% allow
Less Tax	\$ (206.99)	
	\$ 8,064.35	

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	-\$ 333.96	\$8,064.35
Adopt-a-Poll	\$1,210.00		\$1,210.00
Program Donation	\$300.00		\$300.00
Fundraising income	\$9,908.31	\$-333.96	\$9,574.35
Reserve 2024-2025	Carry Over	Distribution	Balance
Scholarship (15%)	\$0.00	\$1,436.15	\$1,436.15
Tech Trek (36%)	\$2,618.30	\$3,446.77	\$ 6,065.16
Eager Reader (24 %)	\$4,595.43	\$2,297.84	\$6,893.27
AVID Classroom Support (5%)	\$1,000.00	\$ 478.72	\$1,478.72
AAUW Funds (15%)	\$1,067.05	\$1,436.15	\$2,503.20
Gen. Reserve (5%)	\$14,767.88	\$ 478.72	\$15,246.60
Total Reserves on Hand	\$24,048.75	\$ 9,574.35	\$33,623.10

Fundraising Distribution 2024-2025		
Scholarship (15%)	\$1,436.15	*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%)	\$3,446.77	
Eager Reader (24%)	\$2,297.84	
AVID Classroom Support (5%)	\$ 478.72	
AAUW Funds (15%)	\$1,436.15	
General Reserves (5%)	\$ 478.72	
Fundraising Totals	\$9,574.35	

# AAUW FIVE CITIES PISMO BEACH 2025-2026 PROPOSED BUDGET

Operating Income	25-26 Budgeted	YTD	YTD Vs. Budget
35 Memberships @ \$16	\$560.00		\$560.00
Advertising (7 Sponsors)	\$450.00		\$450.00
Unencumbered Funds	\$257.00		\$257.00
Operating Income	\$1,267.00	\$0.00	-\$1,267.00

Fundraising Income 2025-2026			
	Gross	Exp./Tax	Net
Fall Bingo and Silent Auction			\$0.00
Adopt-a-Poll			\$0.00
Program Donations			\$0.00
Total Fundraising Income	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

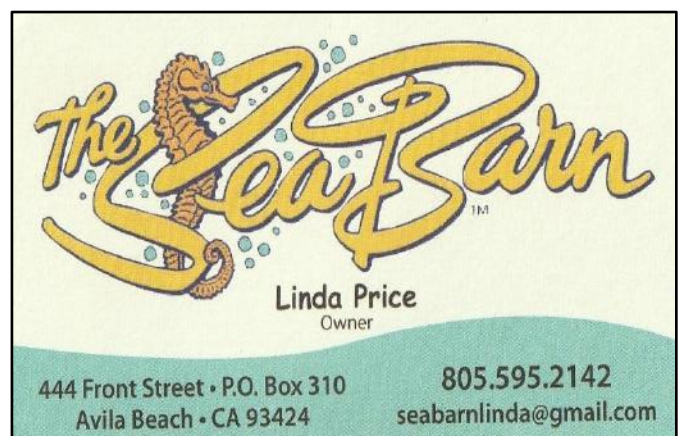
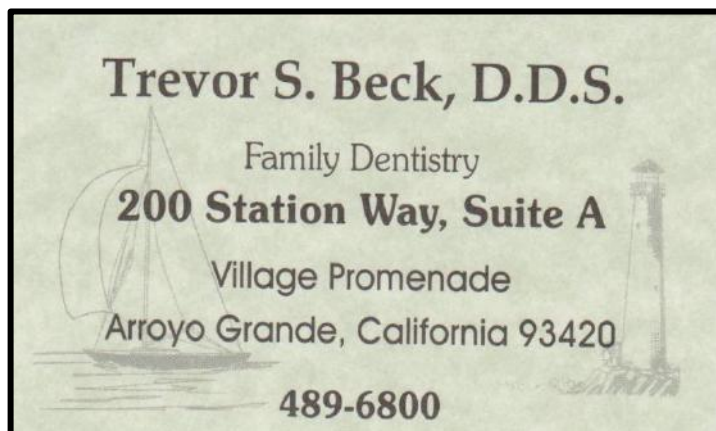
	25-26 Budget	24-25 Spend	Budget VS Spend
Operating Expenses			
Meeting Rent (Church, 1xWomen)	\$393.00	\$393.00	\$0.00
Membership Directory	\$140.00	\$126.12	\$13.88
Program Expenses (Zoom)	\$267.58	\$335.16	-\$67.58
Hospitality	\$200.00	\$198.32	\$1.68
Insurance	\$201.00	\$183.00	\$18.00
Post Office Box Rental	\$192.00	\$182.00	\$10.00
Business Expenses	\$36.42	\$14.60	\$21.82
Raffle/Bingo permit	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$0.00
Annual State Renewal Fee	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$0.00
EXPENSES	\$1,485.00	\$1,487.20	-\$20.20

Reserve 2025-2026	Carry Over Available for 25-26	Distribution for 26-27	Balance
Membership Carryover	\$320.00		\$320.00
Scholarship (15%)	\$1,436.15		\$1,436.15
Tech Trek (36%)	\$6,065.16		\$6,065.16
Eager Reader (24%)	\$6,893.27		\$6,893.27
AVID Classroom Support (5%)	\$1,478.72		\$1,478.72
AAUW Funds (15%)	\$2,503.20		\$2,503.20
General Reserve (5%)	\$15,246.60		\$15,246.60
Total Reserves on Hand	\$33,623.10		\$33,623.10


Account Balance 8.4.25	\$45,333.25
Reserves (Tech Trek, Op. Exp.)	\$ (33,623.10)
Unemcumbered funds	\$0.10
Monthly expenses	\$ (25.00)
Remaining operating funds	\$11,685.25

Fundraising Distribution 2024-2025	
Scholarship (15%)	\$0.00
Tech Trek (36%)	\$0.00
Eager Reader(24%)	\$0.00
AVID Classroom Support (5%)	\$0.00
AAUW Funds (15%)	\$0.00
General Reserve (5%)	\$0.00
Fundraising Totals	\$0.00

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