



Sierra Outpost

AAUW Program- "Cap and Town Series" Cooking and Air Quality

--Karen Smith

Is your homemade lasagna contributing to air pollution? Learn about the potentially harmful effects of everyday household cooking emissions on indoor and outdoor environments. Find out what you can do to lessen the impact. Join us to hear---and talk to--- an expert in the field, Dr. Wolfgang Rogge from UC Merced's Sierra Nevada

When:

**Thursday
April 9
7:00 p.m.**

Where:

Miner's Roadhouse 140

Research Institute. This is the second program in our 'CAP AND TOWN' series, designed to bring you up close and personal with really interesting people who research really interesting things.

Be sure to bring your questions and a friend. Light refreshments will be provided.



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Dawn's Corner

Change is in the Air



CHANGES...

in the National Organization

April 15th is not just the day your taxes are due, it's the day that you make your wishes known about the very future of AAUW.

That is the opening day of online voting to elect national AAUW Officers and Directors and to approve proposed changes in the bylaws. The following is one of five initiatives on the ballot:

Proposed Change to Bylaws: **Eliminate the educational degree requirement for membership.**

This may be a change you feel strongly about. Make your opinion known.

To see details and rationales for the proposed bylaws changes, as well as the Director candi-

a. Go to [the election website](#). And click "Vote."

b. Enter your member number and voter PIN.

3. To receive a paper ballot and vote by mail instead, email or call AAUW at the numbers in #1 above.

CHANGES...

in the State Organization

April is also the time to vote for our state AAUW leaders. There are actually a few horse races going on! Learn about the candidates and their positions [here](#).

Help choose our California leaders.



...Eliminate the educational degree requirement for membership...!?

dates' bios and position statements, click [here](#). In a nutshell, here's how the voting will work:

1. You will need your member number and voter PIN for the national election.

There are 3 ways to get them:

- Find them on the mailing label of your 2015 Spring/Summer *Outlook* magazine.
- Email connect@aauw.org.
- Call 800.326.2289.

2. Vote online from April 15 – June 19.

1. Watch your inbox for an email with your voting PIN for the CA election.

2. Vote online from April 18 – May 8.

CHANGES...in Our Branch



We didn't want to be left out, so we're having an election too! The May newsletter will include the official list of nominees to be elected in June at our annual brunch meeting.

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Dawn's Corner

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But, so far.....we are fortunate to have the following members volunteer their candidacy for our elected Board positions:

Co-Presidents: Sandi Gabe and
Dawn Johnson

VP Membership: Carolyn Baker

Finance Officer: Dina Lambert

VP Programs: **Your name here**

Recording Secretary: **Your name here**

See [page 8](#) for descriptions of the two open positions. **The deadline to submit other nominations for these elected positions is**

April 15. Contact any Board member.

There are also appointed positions available. Check out the list of "job opportunities" in the front of your Directory to see what fires YOUR rocket and let me know.

The other change you will notice is a slight increase in your renewal dues because of a State increase approved by the CA membership last year. I know a few dollars won't stop you from continuing your membership because we are a great group!

See you at the polls.



Dawn

Mariposa AAUW Calendar

April

- 6 AAUW Board Meeting
- 9 AAUW Program:
"Cooking & Air Quality"
- 11 Bacchus Buddies
- 18 CA AAUW Annual Meeting
- 19 CA AAUW Leadership Development Day (SoCal)
- 19 Corks and Forks
- 21 Book Group

May

- 4 AAUW Board Meeting
- 17 Home Tour



June

- 1 AAUW Board Meeting
- 7 Annual Brunch/Picnic
- 11 AAUW Program
"Cap 'n Town"
- 14-20 Tech Trek camp
- 18-21 AAUW National Convention- San Diego

Other Interest Groups' meeting dates to be determined.

Inspire Life-long Learning

Fundraiser Event

--Sandi Gabe



Sunday, May 17
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

FORK IN THE ROAD – KITCHEN TOUR



Thanks to the homeowners who've agreed to be on the tour. Many of them are our AAUW members*!

Dawn Johnson*

3978 Van Ness Road

Saralynn Nusbaum*

4836 Valley Oak Circle

Jill Rowney*

4131 Silver Bar Road

Janet Kottman*

4528 30 Royal Oaks Court

Rick & Jetty Uebner*

2877 Trower Road

Kris Casto*

6943 Highway 49 North

Elaine Seymour

3683 Apperson Mine Road

Linda Long

4917 Jacobs Road

Jim Witkopf

6965 Scott Road

George Radanovich

3830 Ben Hur Road

Sunday May 17th brings the opportunity to peek into ten fabulous indoor and outdoor kitchens in our first annual Home Tour. This event will also include a moveable feast of light appetizers and desserts along the way. Tickets are \$20.00 and can be purchased on our website or at any Tour Home. We will also be supplying you with a couple of tickets since we know it's easier to sell them if you have them in your hands. They'll be available at the April 9th program and at special interest group meetings. You can also contact me and I'll get them to you.

Details about the kitchens including pictures and a map will be posted on our website in mid-April.

Our success is in your hands! While we have an excellent organizing group, we still need some assistance both in getting prepared and on the day of the event. How can you help?

Be a docent! You'll get the inside scoop on the house that you're sitting while you help guide participants, take tickets and make sure the feast is well stocked.
(We'll supply the food!)

Help us cook! We'll be having a cooking party to get ready. We have the recipes and ingredients, we just need your help to put it all together.

Get the word out! You'll receive a flyer via email shortly. Plaster them around town. Send them to your family and friends. We're reaching out as far as Merced, Fresno and Oakhurst.

Share our Facebook invitation! Let's make this go viral so that everyone knows about the event.

Send Girls to Science/Math Camp

Membership

--Carolyn Baker

Time to Begin Thinking Ahead to the 2015-2016 Year

I know it is just April, but as your membership chair, this is when I start wondering how many emails, and phone calls I will have to make until I have collected everyone's AAUW dues for the new year. I am reminding all of you that our **AAUW dues for 2015-2016 are due on or before June 30th**. I suspect many of you bring your checks to the Annual Picnic (June 7th) so that you can have an opportunity to win the free year of AAUW membership. Don't worry. All checks received on or before June 7th are eligible for the drawing. Now is not too soon to send in your membership dues. I truly believe if we all pull together and encourage our fellow members we can get those checks turned in in a timely manner, and let me be the first to say that would make me as well as our treasurer Dina very happy!

Please be informed that our AAUW dues have increased by \$4 which means you will



need to make your check out for \$84. Remember that we do get a lot of 'bang for those bucks' as do the young girls and women who benefit from our AAUW programs.

Warm Welcome to New Members!



Anita Starchman Bryant
starchman-bryant@sti.net



Reva & Gary Colliver
garyco@sti.net



And Welcome Back!

Jetty Uebner - uebner@tds.net

Teach Women to Manage Their Money

Tech Trek

--Margaret Brandenburg

Mariposa takes advantage of another branch's cancellation and will send six girls to camp this year!

Thirty-four 7th grade girls from El Portal Elementary, Mariposa Elementary (MES), Sierra Foothill Charter (SFC) and Woodland Elementary were nominated by their teachers to apply for five scholarships. Seventeen submitted applications. The review committee of Dawn Johnson, Betty Massey and Debbie Peters, Carol Lee Rayle, and I identified 8 girls to be interviewed.

After the interviews on Saturday, March 28th, the interview committee of Dawn Johnson, Betty Massey and Debbie Peters selected the following girls to attend Tech Trek 2015: From Woodland-Clarice Hightower, Colleen Weinburke, and Heather Livingston. From MES- Jaylynn Dulcich, and Christina Hotchkin. Courtney McInnis was designated as alternate.

Sunday night I received an email from Becca Jennings, Fresno camp director. She said there had been a cancellation by another branch and would Mariposa like to send another student. We said yes, so that means Courtney will go to

camp and Annabelle Gilger who attends El Portal, now becomes the new alternate.

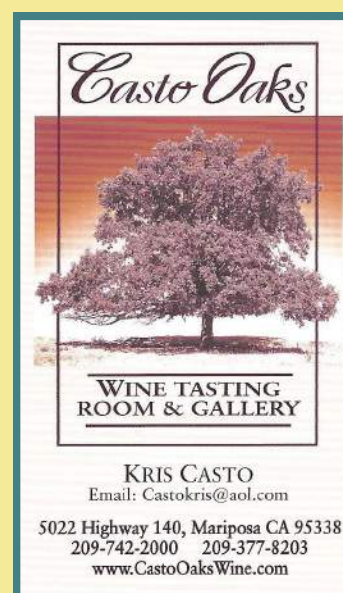


AAUW Mariposa members follow these girls as they make their way through high school and college. Whenever possible we encourage them in their studies and to seek academic and career opportunities. We celebrate their accomplishments. MCHS teacher Walt Heburn sent me this link to an interview with his daughter, Julie (TT2006).

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1eODngjbZv8>

Of course Tech Trek doesn't just magically happen. Each year hundreds of AAUW members, first in California, and now 12 other states, devote hours to making this dream come true for 7th grade girls. Mariposa members are generous with both money and time. Thank you to Cathy Owen and

Barbara Silva for helping the Woodland students complete applications and offering encouragement. I'd like to thank Henrietta DeGroot for supporting students at SFC and designing the application review form. Thank you for patiently making so many changes to accommodate the requests from Dawn, Naoko and me. Last but not least, I am immeasurably grateful to Naoko Kada for meeting with MES students, for testing the application form more than once, then receiving, blinding and scanning all 17 applications, and for being such a wise counsel.



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Tech Trek

--Dawna Hunter

Girls to Develop Their Own App!

Thanks to the collaboration of Verizon and MIT, an exciting new core class is to be at all Tech trek camps this summer! Piloted last summer at just a few Tech Trek locations, this new App-development class experienced such success, it will now be offered at every Tech Trek camp. The girls will be developing their own APP for a phone or tablet in a class that meets 3 hours a day for 5 days during camp.

Here is a link to the article on the [AAUW website](#).

Here is the link to the [White House webpage](#) with the entire fact sheet on STEM.



Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Speech Trek

--Dawn Johnson

And the State Winner Is....

Well, unfortunately, not our candidate.

BUT, our first place champ Claire Gorham placed FIFTH in the overall state competition! Considering how many branches submit their winners to the state finals, that is a commendable result indeed. Claire will receive a monetary award from CA AAUW in addition to the \$150 First Place prize that our branch awarded her at our November competition.

Claire's speech on the thought-provoking topic "College: Is It Worth the Time and Money?" To view Claire's presentation, click [here](#).



We should all be proud of Claire and of the members and coaches who devoted much time and energy to our Speech Trek competition.



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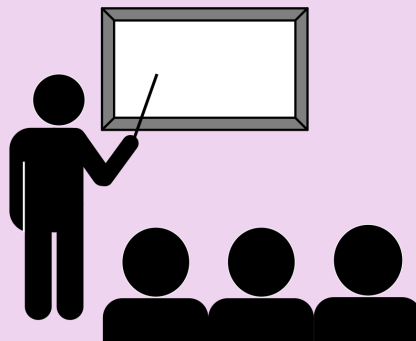
AAUW-State & National



Leadership Development Day

Off to School!

Since AAUW is committed to education, it makes sense that its leaders should go to school every once in a while. Fortunately, the state organization took that mandate seriously and developed a "Leadership Development Day" for all branch officers and members to brush up on their leadership and management skills. Workshops included topics such as Holding Effective Meetings, Managing Change, Conducting Strategic Planning, Resolving



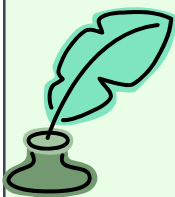
Conflict, etc. The sessions were presented by state officers and members of the CA Leadership Team, including our very own Sandi Gabe, who looked *très professionnel* and, by all accounts,

--Dawn Johnson

wowed her audience.

Four branch members made the trip to Hayward for the workshops, including Dawn Johnson, Carolyn Baker, Janet Kottman and Anita Bothwell. We all returned with nuggets of information about leadership in general and AAUW in particular. It was worthwhile to connect with other committed AAUW members who were able to spend a day improving their ability to impact their communities.

Can you glean the gist of a discussion and write it down?



Would you like to become more involved with AAUW by becoming a board member? The position of **Recording Secretary** is now available. Duties include attending the monthly board meetings (currently held at 4:00 p.m. in the Mariposa library the first Monday of the month), recording the minutes, typing them up, and forwarding them to the president. You'll be in on the discussions about future projects and events and get to work with terrific people. It's a great way to learn about and become more involved with this wonderful organization.

Are you good at finding interesting people to talk about interesting things?

The **VP of Programs** arranges occasional "learning sessions" for our members to get together and hear about topics of general interest through speakers, films, panel discussions, etc. on anything from travel to politics to mountain living. The VP's job is to

- determine the schedule of programs for the year (usually 4-6),
- arrange the logistics (easily done with a couple of emails to our "regular" meeting place) and
- promote the event to all.

We have a robust list of possible programs that we generated from a member survey last year and, more often than not, our own members step up to do the presentations. So there's no shortage of ideas! The programs engage our group with a pleasant mix of learning and face time. Bring your stamp to them and help us continue to be lifelong learners.

Provide Opportunities for Women to Reach Full Potential

Public Policy

--Dawn Johnson

AAUW Sponsors Proclamation

It was famously penned that "Well-behaved women rarely make history." Thankfully, we are reminded of that every March with *Women's History Month*. This year, our Public Policy Chair, Marilyn Saunders, arranged for the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors to officially proclaim its support and endorsement of *Women's History Month* at its March 3rd meeting.



Supervisor, Kevin Cann reads the proclamation as president, Dawn Johnson looks on.

This is the first time AAUW has sponsored the proclamation. Dawn Johnson accepted it on behalf of our branch and several members



showed their support by attending, including Karen Smith, Kris Casto, Robin Hopper, Jill Rowney, Noel Morrison, Sue Overstreet and Georgia Gallagher. Although Marilyn was instrumental in preparing the proclamation, she was not able to attend the presentation.

It was a packed house for the BOS meeting that day, so we reminded many community members of the unsung stories of women's contributions to history. It's too easy to forget how we got where we are today and why we want to keep encouraging young girls to be sure history doesn't repeat itself.

Bonnie Newman
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Auction Items

Card-Making Class

--Anne Dolchanczyk

Sara Robison was the high bidder on our card making prize at the fashion show. Georgia Gallagher, Carol Sill and I went to Sara's home and met with six ladies and made several cards. Everyone seemed to enjoy the activities and left with many unique cards to use.



Dinner at the Enrico's

bought by Kathy & Glenn Sutherland, Judy & Tom Gibbons (although Judy was sick that evening and had to get hers as take out) and Rosemary Caballero and Bob Majors.



Auction Items

4 (Four!) Hours of Weeding



--Dawn Johnson

Here I am, working off my auction donation, which was 4 hours of weeding. Lucky for me, my husband bought it and he hasn't been too strict about monitoring my hours.

Interest Groups

Craft Group



March 30th found several members of the Craft Group on Sandi Gabe's back deck, enjoying the balmy weather, fantastic views, great camaraderie and they produced these beautiful eggs as well!



Photos by Sandi Gabe

Interest Groups

Wine Group

--Dina Lambert



Corks and Forks enjoyed tasting Viognier and nibbling on a delicious assortment of appetizers on Sunday, February 15th at the home of Dina and Ken Lambert.

Viognier is similar to Chardonnay but tends to be less acidic and have more natural aromatics such as peach, pears, and violets. The Viognier grape probably originated in Croatia (in ancient times Croatia was known as Dalmatia)

and made its way to the Rhone Valley where it became quite popular and was the only grape permitted for the French wine Condrieu. The grape has also grown in popularity in the United States and Canada with the California Central Coast being the leader with over 2,000 acres of the grape. The next Corks and Forks tasting will be at the home of Wendy Carmen on April 19, 2015 where we will all enjoy a sampling of fine Prosecco.



Garden Group

--Micki Finney

After a winter break, the garden group resumed its meetings and tours at Jill Rowney's house on March 28. The changing face of gardening in Mariposa is our primary focus this year. Discussions for upcoming meetings will include what each of us has done to prepare our yards and gardens using less water, more drought tolerant plants, and hardscapes. For more information about the garden group contact Micki Finney.



The native iris above left (Iridaceae douglasiana) bloomed profusely- but all agreed that the 'Bridal Wreath' spirea above right stole the show in Jill's yard that day.

Sponsor Community Forums

Interest Groups



--Emily Archer

Thanks to Burney Stephens, we had a very good discussion on **Unbroken** by Lauren Hillenbrand. Everyone enjoyed this book and felt it was a "must read". Also a thank you to Janet Kottman for hosting our group in her lovely home.

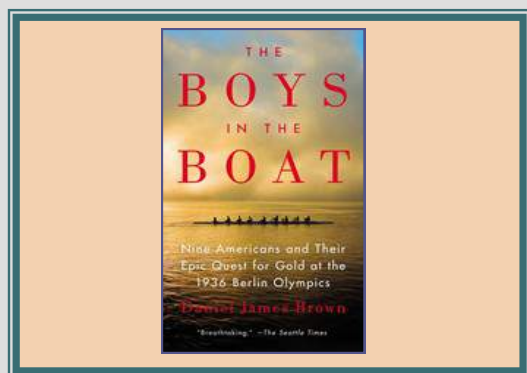
Our *next meeting will be*

Tuesday, April 21st at 4:30.

We will be discussing

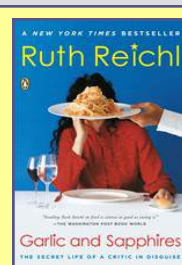
Boys in the Boat

By Daniel James Brown



This month we will meet at the home of Sharon Enrico on **5019 Jones Street**.

Titles Selected for 2015:



Garlic and Sapphires

--Ruth Reichl



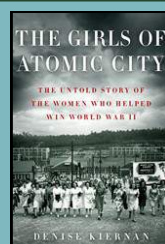
All the Light We Cannot See

-Anthony Doerr



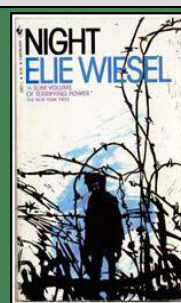
The Pecan Man

-Cassie Dandridge Selleck



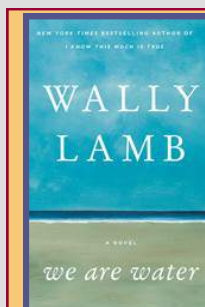
The Girls of Atomic City

-Denise Kiernan



Night

-Elie Wiesel



We Are Water

-Wally Lamb

Thank you, Alicia!

For these past years, Alicia Vila-Chaponot has opened her home each month, graciously hosting our book club's discussions. She and her husband, Bob, have sold their beautiful home and are relocating to an adult community

where activities abound and facilities are close by. Rather than drive 10 miles to get to Jazzercise, she'll be able to walk! We expect a thorough report as well as an open invitation! Best wishes to you and Bob.

Provide Opportunities for Women to Reach Full Potential



Board Action- March, 2015

The Board of Directors meetings are typically the first Monday of the month at 4:00 at the library. As always, everyone is invited to attend and see what we do! If you would like to be on the agenda at any time, please let Dawn know. If you have any questions, would like to have a copy of the minutes or more information on any Board actions, contact Dawn.

Now Let's Get Down to Business.....

Highlights of March, 2015 meeting :

- Approved the Feb 2 meeting minutes and Feb. 28 Treasurer's Report.
- Heard report on Membership. Currently 99 members. Discussed dues increase to \$84/yr and agreed to put notification of such into April newsletter. Discussed candidates for Honorary Memberships afforded by Shape the Future. No action taken.
- In the absence of the Finance Officer, there was no discussion of budget.
- Heard report on Fundraising. Plans are progressing well for the May Home Tour. Committee has a detailed action plan.
- In report on Public Policy, Board was notified that the branch is sponsoring a proclamation by the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors to declare March as Women's History Month.
- Programs VP reported high attendance at Feb program on clean water in Peru. No program for March but two Cap 'n Town events are planned for upcoming months.
- In "Other Reports", heard a report of a meeting with Alliance for Community Transformations. Discussed overlapping goals and possible partnerships. May focus on a summer TED talk type of film event.
- Reminded Board of the March 21 Leadership Training Day in Hayward. Four members have registered.
- Received update on ongoing *Tech Trek* selection process, including changes to the scoring of the application and the types of essays.
- Action Items (non-routine):
 - Voted to direct the Finance Officer to transfer money from the general fund to cover accounts which are in negative balance because they do not generate revenue.
 - Voted to fund an additional two Tech Trek participants if slots become available and we have additional qualified candidates.
 - Voted to expend \$1600 from the approved budget for Leadership Development for stipends to send 2 members to the AAUW 2015 National Convention in San Diego.
- Under "New Business", announced that Sandi Gabe and Dawn Johnson will offer their candidacy for Co-Presidents for 2015-16. In the absence of a Nominating Committee, other Board members asked to offer their candidacy by March 16. Tabled discussion of allocation of Gabe matching funds donation. Discussion focused on using for upgraded name badges.

Mariposa AAUW Treasurer's Report 3/31/2015						
	Mar-15	Fiscal YTD	Fiscal Budget	YTD Variance		
Beginning Balance	\$ 9,325.11	\$ 6,590.33				
INCOME						
Dues 2014/2015						
National	\$ 12.25	\$ 4,255.50	\$ -	\$ -		
State	\$ 16.00	\$ 1,528.00	\$ -	\$ -		
District	\$ 7.50	\$ 1,224.00	\$ 1,300.00	\$ (76.00)		
Total Dues 2014/2015	\$ 35.75	\$ 7,007.50	\$ 1,300.00	\$ (76.00)		
Donations						
Undesignated	\$ -	\$ 705.00	\$ 750.00	\$ (45.00)		
Designated:	\$ -		\$ 750.00	\$ 21.80		
Backpack	\$ -	\$ 771.80				
Fundraisers						
Bunco	\$ 550.00	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ (2,000.00)		
Yard Sale	\$ -	\$ 1,608.23	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 108.23		
Boots and Bling (TT)	\$ -	\$ 6,286.92	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 2,286.92		
Apparel Sales	\$ -	\$ 70.37	\$ 50.00	\$ 20.37		
Ads	\$ 100.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ -		
Craft Sales	\$ -	\$ 125.00	\$ 200.00	\$ (75.00)		
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 685.75	\$ 16,824.82	\$ 10,800.00	\$ 241.32		
EXPENSES						
Dues 2014/2015						
National Dues	\$ 12.25	\$ 4,231.00	\$ -	\$ -		
State Dues	\$ 16.00	\$ 1,512.00	\$ -	\$ -		
Total Dues Expensed	\$ 28.25	\$ 5,743.00	\$ -	\$ -		
Administration						
Directory	\$ -	\$ 273.06	\$ 325.00	\$ 51.94		
Insurance	\$ -	\$ 362.18	\$ 330.00	\$ (32.18)		
Postage	\$ -	\$ 49.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 51.00		
Member Events						
Mixer	\$ -	\$ 171.99	\$ 150.00	\$ (21.99)		
Holiday Event	\$ -	\$ 33.51	\$ 50.00	\$ 16.49		
Programs						
Facilities	\$ -	\$ 81.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 69.00		
Hospitality	\$ -	\$ 53.90	\$ 150.00	\$ 96.10		
Projects						
Backpack	\$ -	\$ 1,256.05	\$ 1,200.00	\$ (56.05)		
Tech Trek	\$ -	\$ 4,150.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 350.00		
Speech Trek	\$ -	\$ 398.42	\$ 400.00	\$ 1.58		
Dinner w/ Scientist	\$ -	\$ 263.10	\$ 400.00	\$ 136.90		
Voter Education	\$ -	\$ 168.15	\$ 50.00	\$ (118.15)		
Funds Assessment	\$ -	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00	\$ -		
Leadership Development	\$ 240.00	\$ 240.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,760.00		
Marketing	\$ -	\$ 283.25	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 916.75		
Equipment	\$ -	\$ 35.93	\$ 100.00	\$ 64.07		
Miscellaneous	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 450.00		
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 268.25	\$ 13,672.54	\$ 11,665.00	\$ 3,735.46		
Ending Balance	\$ 9,742.61	\$ 9,742.61				

Happy Birthday to:**April:**

24 Debra La Notte
29 Jetty Uebner



Community Events Calendar

April:

15 MyIP Wine-Tasting
17 Arts Night- High School
25 Mariposa Symphony
Fiester Auditorium-7:00pm
26 Mariposa Symphony
Ahawahnee Hotel-2:00 pm

30 MCHS Chorus Concert:
"100 Years of Magic"

May

19 MCHS/Community Chorus
Concert

June

MCHS Graduation

AAUW- Mariposa

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The Sierra Outpost, newsletter of the Mariposa Branch of AAUW, is published on the 1st of each month. It is available online in pdf format. If you cannot access the on-line copy please contact Jill Rowney. Deadline for submissions is the 25th of the month. Send information/questions to editor: jillrowney@yahoo.com