



Sierra Outpost

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Annual Fall Membership Mixer

--Dina Lambert

Membership Mixer

Saturday, September 30

2:00-4:00pm

The Alley

Downstairs Patio

The much anticipated Fall Member Mixer is scheduled for Saturday, September 30th from 2:00 – 4:00pm at The Alley located in downtown Mariposa. We will meet in the backyard patio area where we can talk, sip on a beverage, and munch on something sweet or savory. This is a member event to get to know your Board of Directors, other leaders and new (and old) members. This is also an opportunity to bring potential new members to learn about our local branch and our projects / programs. Please bring a finger food to share (enough for 6-8 people). Last name A-M: something sweet. Last name N – Z: something savory.

- Meet the 2017 – 2018 Board of Directors and members
- Pick up your 2017 – 2018 Member Directory
- Vote on the 2017 – 2018 proposed budget (published in the August Newsletter)
- Food, Drink, and Conversation!

Please respond to your EVITE Invitation by clicking [here](#).

See you soon!

Co-Presidents' Corner

AAUW Action

While thinking about our message for this newsletter, we searched for an inspirational quote that we could link to our branch's current state and future goals. It turns out that was easier said than done. There are some fantastic, empowering sentiments as well as some dull, alienating ones floating around the Internet. One site, which we really hope did not misquote its authors, provided the following passage.

"I've learned that you shouldn't go through life with a catcher's mitt on both hands; you need to be able to throw something back." – Maya Angelou

That is exactly what AAUW Mariposa members do and will continue to do. When we find out that our neighbors are in need, we look for ways to support them. When we learn that our schools need help, we provide additional supplies for the classrooms. And

when we realize the impact that we can have on the children in our community, we take off the catchers' mitts entirely so that our hands are free to stuff backpacks, fill voters' registration packets, and provide experience auction items to fund Tech Trek.

We do all of these things, while at the same time enjoying each other's company, discovering new talents, and learning about ourselves. There are many opportunities to continue giving and receiving this month, and we look forward to these events and to seeing you all there!



Rebecca
&
Maddie

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| Sept 1 | Cocktails and Convos: 5:00pm, The Alley |
| Sept 5 | SIG Reading: 4:30pm, home of Helene Fiske |
| Sept 9 | SIG Hiking: Details tbd |
| Sept 11 | Board Meeting: 4:00pm, Mariposa Library |
| Sept 16 | SIG Craft: Planning meeting, 10:00am, home of Annie Mahle |
| Sept 30 | Membership Mixer: 2:00-4:00pm, The Alley |
| October 5 | Dinner With a Scientist: UC Merced |
| October 7 | Coffee and Convos: 9:00am, Pony Espresso |
| October 13-14 | Yard Sale |



Fundraising

--Sandi Gabe

Fall housecleaning can benefit us all!

--Sharon Enrico

Cleaning out the corners of your house and making money for AAUW projects can make a person feel good on multiple levels! Our annual AAUW yard sale on Friday and Saturday, October 13-14 gives all of us just that possibility.



Imagine a tidy closet or cupboard leading to a middle school girl heading off to Tech Trek- it's a win-win situation!

The yard sale will once again be held at Helene Fiske's garage on the corner of 6th and Jones, across from the elementary school. To make it convenient for everyone, Helene will allow people to drop off their donations a week ahead of time. Please, no adult clothing unless it is

something special - it just doesn't sell. You can call or email either Helene (heleneandbill@yahoo.com) or Sharon (slenrico@sti.net) to make arrangements.

We will be setting up tables, sorting, and pricing on Thursday, October 12th, to be ready for our

Friday morning opening, but we will take your treasures up to opening hour.

I will be sending out an email the beginning of October to recruit volunteers for set up, selling, and clean up. We have such a fun time at this event that you should be sure to get your name in early for your favorite time slot!

Project: Backpack

--Cathy Owens/Karen Rust



The Backpack Committee has wrapped up another successful project, ensuring that 51 students start their school year with high quality backpacks and school supplies. This year's backpack project was especially meaningful, as we expanded the project to include students of all ages who



lost their homes in the Detwiler Fire. Thank you to the 17 members who contributed school supplies, the 11 members who contributed cash donations, and the 12 members who lent a hand at the Backpack Fill Party. We are grateful for everyone's participation, and for helping us give students every opportunity to thrive in school. Special thank yous for generous donations go to our community friends, the Soroptimists and the Mariposa Community Foundation.

Project: Voter Registration

--Jetty Uebner



Moore, Kathy Sutherland and Jetty Uebner. This year's envelopes included birthday greetings from AAUW, a voter registration card and a Grizzly Coupon from the Pizza Parlor for a free slice of pizza and a drink. The artistic talent was flowing as was the humor. Jill Harry then delivered the packets to the high school's registrar, Rose Ann Weinburke, later that day.

On August 23rd, seven members of AAUW met at the home of Jetty Uebner to decorate and stuff "birthday" envelopes for the students of Mariposa County High School and Coulterville High School who turn 18 years old this year. The participants attending were Jill Harry, Dawn Johnson, Naoko Kada, Becky Mock, Sharon



Left: Jill Harry and MCHS registrar, Rose Ann Weinburke

Board position filled

--Maddie Brown



"A budget is not just a collection of numbers, but an expression of our values and aspirations"- Unknown. Thank you, Sandi, for filling the role of Finance Officer for 2017-2018!

Fundraising

--Sandi Gabe

An Evening in **PARIS** auction item

--Sandi Gabe

When was the last time you went to an outdoor movie or drive-in? There aren't too many left in California, so Carolyn and Dennis Baker were in for a treat when they redeemed their *Evening in Paris* auction item for dinner and a movie at Entropy's Edge Outdoor Theater, managed by Jeff

and Sandi Gabe. Following a tasty dinner prepared by Jeff (who also doubles as the local chef), Dennis and Carolyn weighed the options of a romantic comedy, western, or adventure flick and settled on the action-packed movie, The Gunman starring Sean Penn. Fresh hot popcorn and a



little wine accompanied the movie while Grizzly and Guinness, the local four-legged bouncers, kept watch to assure that no wild animals joined in the festivities. The

theater will go dark for the rest of the year and may reopen in the spring after the next fundraiser. Watch here for details on future openings.



We Sponsor Community Forums

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AAUW Mariposa Activities Calendar 2017-18

August 2017

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7th: Board Meeting
 10th: Backpack Fill Day
 23rd: HS Voter Packets

September 2017

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1st: Cocktails and Convos(pm)
 11th: Board Meeting
 30th: Fall Mixer

October 2017

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2nd: Board Meeting
 5th: Dinner with a Scientist
 7th: Coffee and Convos(am)
 13th-14th: Yard Sale

November 2017

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3rd: Cocktails and Convos(pm)
 6th: Board Meeting
 14th: Fall Program

December 2017

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2nd: Coffee and Convos(am)
 4th: Board Meeting
 10th: Holiday Gathering

January 2018

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5th: Cocktails and Convos(pm)
 8th: Board Meeting

February 2018

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3rd: Coffee and Convos(am)
 5th: Board Meeting

March 2018

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2nd: Cocktails and Convos(pm)
 5th: Board Meeting
 6th- Women's History Month Proclamation

April 2018

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2nd: Board meeting
 7th: Coffee and Convos(am)
 27th-29th: State Convention

May 2018

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4th: Cocktails and Convos(pm)
 7th: Board meeting
 20th: Annual Meeting

June 2018

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2nd: Coffee and Convos(am)
 4th: Board Meeting

July 2018

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TBD- Planning Session
 6th: Cocktails and Convos(pm)

Interest Groups - Hiking

Contact [Mary Ripma](#)

Hikers escape the August heat

The Hiking Group took advantage of the high country in August as they hiked the two miles to Gaylor Lakes in Yosemite. The cooler air and blue skies were refreshing. A group of five started the hike with a challenging 500 foot gain to the ridge where



Pictured above(L-R):
Trish Darcy, Cathy
Owens and Lori Tierney

Right: Lizz Darcy, Cathy
Owens, Renea Kenec,
Lori Tierney and Trish
Darcy



--Lizz Darcy



they were rewarded with stunning views of Mt. Dana and Kuna Crest. After a 200 foot drop to Middle Gaylor Lake the group admired the calm, deep blue waters and the splashes of wildflowers along the trail. A rock in the meadow of green was chosen as the lunch spot where there was talk of kitchen and home remodels. The usual view of the Cathedral Range was hazy with smoke, but the group made the best of it admiring the beauty surrounding them. It was a perfect Saturday spent in a beautiful place with wonderful company.

Tutoring Project planning session is on!

Planning Session
Wednesday, Sept. 6
5:00 pm
Sweetwater Deli

Mark Your Calendars! We will have our first *planning* session for The Tutoring Project on Wednesday, September 6th at 5pm at Sweetwater Deli (across from Pizza Factory). This planning session will align the existing Tutoring Project with AAUW goals and bylaws. Luckily for us this project came

from an AAUWer who was already passionate about helping youth in our community succeed in school, which is right up our alley! We're right on track and will most likely just be covering the fine print and formalizing branch rules and regulations. After the planning session the information will be voted on by the board, and once approved, we will be all set to have members officially join in! If you're not able to join the planning session, stay tuned for our follow up emails for how to be a tutor/mentor!



AAUW Mariposa Branch

Board Meeting Minutes

Library, August 7, 2017

CALL TO ORDER: at 4:08 by Co-President Rebecca Swisher

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rebecca Swisher, Maddie Brown, Marilyn Saunders, Sandi Gabe, Dina Lambert Bernadette Davis, Becky Mock, Carol Hart

Approval of Minutes from Planning Session: Minutes were submitted, reviewed, and approved via email, no major corrections just additions. Rebecca moved and Bernadette seconded the motion to include the approval in these minutes. Approved by all present, with no nays or abstentions.

Welcome to Director at Large: Pam Gingold!

PROJECT UPDATES:

Speech Trek: *Maddie Brown/Rebecca Swisher*

No Speech Trek for 2018 because there was no volunteer to chair. We will revisit having this project next year. Maddie will contact the high school to inform them of this decision.

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Backpack Project: *Cathy Owens/Karen Rust*

Expanded Backpack project to include Detwiler Fire, which will provide an additional 14 backpacks.

Fill Date: Aug 10th @ 5:30 at MES.

We will be contacting Mariposa Community Fund for support with the cost of the additional backpacks. This will be approximately \$450 and will go towards the children who suffered lost or damaged homes during the Detwiler fire.

Dinner with a Scientist: *Marilyn Saunders*

Still on for October 5th. All ready to go. Would be good to have people who are interested in learning the behind the scenes. If you would like to participate, contact Marilyn via email only.

Tutoring Project

Maddie Brown provided an update from Nancy Martin

Working on a tentative date for a planning session to keep goals aligned with AAUW Branch goals.

Voter Registration Packets

Maddie Brown provided an update from Jetty Uebner

All set up for August 23rd mid-morning at Jetty's home. Rebecca will e-mail Jetty to find out if she needs/wants help with recruiting volunteers.

FUNDRAISER UPDATES: *Sandi Gabe*

Yard Sale set for October 13th and 14th. Discussion was held regarding donating items to the Detwiler fire victims. Consensus at this time is that once people have places to live, some of the bigger items might be useful. We will continue to monitor the needs that come from this event. A general discussion ensued regarding dates and goals for the coming year's fundraisers.

REPORTS:

Membership: *Dina Lambert*

Currently have 89 members. Dina is updating the member directory.

Publicity: *Maddie Brown provided a report for Cindy Harp*

Maddie will be taking pictures on Thursday for Backpack project to give to Cindy for an article in the Gazette.

Please give advertising information to Cindy well in advance so that she can put it in the right place at the right time.

Programs: *Becky Mock*

Discussion held regarding ideas for programs: Security for fake spam calls, Barriers to education for women; Program in a Box from AAUW

Looking at a time in Mid-November for the first program.

Treasurer's Report: *Dina Lambert*

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Budget – Beginning Balance for July 2017 was \$15,183.22.

Reviewed July 2017 income and expenses.

Board discussed the budget for FY17/18. Discussed upcoming member events. Changes were made to the F17/18 budget draft.

Motion to approve July Budget & Annual budget included in Treasurers Report: 1st Maddie, 2nd Becky.

ACTION ITEMS

Calendar Review

Board Member will be heading the Cocktail & Convos and Coffee & Convos events.

Sep 1st – Cocktail & Convos - Maddie

Oct 7th – Coffee & Convos - Dina

Nov 3rd – Cocktail & Convos - Rebecca

Dec 2nd – Coffee & Convos – Becky

NEW BUSINESS:

P.O. Box for Branch, so all mail is more formal.

Will table this idea for the time being.

Announcements

None

Assignment of Branch Buzz:

In the branch buzz email, please encourage SIG coordinators to reference the online calendar to avoid scheduling conflicts.

September – Rebecca

Upcoming Events:

Aug 10th – Backpack Fill Day

August 23rd – Voter Registration Packets

September 1st – Cocktails & Convos

September 11th – Board Meeting (rescheduled due to Labor Day holiday)

Mixer Event

Working on location and date/time.

The meeting was adjourned by Co-President Rebecca Swisher at 5:24PM. Dina moved and Maddie seconded the motion. Approved by all present, with no nays or abstentions.



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