



Sierra Outpost

Treasures in your garage?

--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 21-22 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



Friday-Saturday

October 21-22

Home of Helene Fiske

(4975 6th Street,
Mariposa)

sorting, and pricing on Thursday, October 20th, to be ready for our Friday afternoon opening, but we will take your treasures up to Friday morning.

...making a person feel good on multiple levels...

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,

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 be sure to get your name in early for your favorite time slot!

October, 2016

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Co-Presidents' Corner

Choose your own adventure

Many of us are probably familiar with the 1990's trendy literary series for middle schoolers - *Goosebumps*. Our kids, students, relatives, and even some of us, sped read our way through *Phantoms of the Auditorium*, *The Girl Who Cried Monsters*, *The Blob that Ate Everyone*, and *Escape from the Carnival of Horrors*. While these stories were spooky, silly, and always fun, some of the best editions let you decide which page to turn to next to see what surprise awaited the antagonist.

This method of interacting with readers introduced an element of excitement, anticipation, and continued engagement. While this was a novel (pun intended) idea for a young adult book series, we think it applies here and we hope you all also feel excited and we encourage you to *choose your own adventure* with your involvement in AAUW!

You can choose to participate at the local level with our upcoming fundraisers, the Yard Sale and Home Tour. Both of these are a great way to interact with the public as well as branch members while raising funds for our projects like Dinner with a Scientist! If you are politically passionate, you could join us for the Candidates' Forum in just a few weeks. If you are a bibliophile,

you could choose to participate in the Book Group, and perhaps squeeze in a *Goosebumps* book just in time for Halloween.

If you are feeling a bit more adventurous, the statewide program "Leadership: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow" will allow you to converse via conference call with AAUWers around the State as they read through *Leadership the Eleanor Roosevelt Way*.

For those of us ready to step out in to the great unknown (and by unknown I mean the wait time in a TSA security line), when you pledge to attend the National Convention, you will be entered to win a free registration! Or, if your page-turning adventure does not include travel, you can simply share info on your Facebook page from AAUW National's to help spread our message of empowering women and girls!

So when you get to the next chapter in your AAUW participation, we hope you are excited to choose your own adventure!



Rebecca
&
Maddie

2016-17 Calendar

Oct 3	Board Meeting (see pg. 6)
Oct 4	SIG- Reading Group
Oct 6	Dinner with a Scientist
Oct 8	Fall Membership Gathering
Oct 12	Candidates' Forum
Oct 13	Program (see pg. 5) Rescheduled to November 10th
Oct 15	SIG- Hiking (or 10/16 tbd)
Oct 21-22	Yard Sale
Oct 29	SIG- Hiking (or 10/30 tbd)
Dec 7	Speech Trek Kickoff
Dec 11	Holiday Party
Feb 22	Speech Trek Main Event
Mar 7	Women's History Month Proclamation
Feb/Mar	Tech Trek Interviews
May 7	Annual Meeting
May 20	Home Tour
May TBD	Tech Trek Ice Cream Social
June TBD	Tech Trek

Check the above calendar so that you can plan accordingly!

Membership

--Dawn Johnson

Saturday, Oct. 8

4:00 - 6:00 pm

Mariposa County Park

Fall into AAUW!



Welcome fall's cool temps and AAUW's hot plans at the Annual Gathering/Mixer on Saturday, October 8th from 4-6pm at the covered picnic pavilion at the Mariposa County Park.

- Get to know your Board of Directors, other leaders and new members.
- Sip harvest punch, both non-alcoholic and a teeny bit spiked.
- Snack on the bounty of your fellow members' culinary efforts.
- Pick up your 2016-2017 Member Directory, more widely used than the Sierra Tel phone book.

Please bring a finger food to share (enough for 6-8 at least).

Last name A-M: something savory

Last name N-Z: something sweet

Please respond to your Evite by clicking [here](#). And, remember, you can always bring a friend who wants to find out what on earth AAUW is!

Please tell us...

When one of our members could use some "good will."

Sometimes a member needs a note of support when something troubling has happened or a shout out when it is something great.

Margaret Brandenburg has volunteered to be our **Good Will Ambassador** and send appropriate cards to our AAUW family. But this support system only works if YOU tell us who could use a boost or a pat on the back.

Please contact Dawn, Membership VP, at dawnandjay.johnson@gmail.com to share any news that we should know about and we'll take it from there.



Membership

--Dawn Johnson

Welcome Caroline and Izzi!

Hello to our two newest members, Caroline Fruth and Izzi Stalder.

They both work at Alliance for Community Transformations (ACT), an important social service agency for the county. We had the pleasure of partnering with ACT last year for the screening of "Half the Sky."



Caroline attended the University of San Francisco and earned a BA in Sociology. Be sure to contact her if you want to swap stories about living in Uganda!



Izzi earned her degree in Global Studies at California State University in Monterey Bay. You are sure to have seen her smiling face if you have ever attended CASA's Night of the Child fundraiser.

Since our 2016-2017 Member Directory had already gone to press before they joined, please add their names to your copy (which you are dying to pick up at the Oct. 8th Member Gathering/Mixer!).

We look forward to their involvement in all things AAUW.

Programs

--Leslie Bernacci

Made in Mariposa artisans present at our first monthly program

**Rescheduled to
November 10th**

**Thursday
October 13
4:30 pm
Miner's Road-
house 140
(5159 Hwy 140)**



Mariposa has a wealth of artists and artisans. You might be surprised to find out what wonderful items are actually produced here in Mariposa, by local residents. The first of our monthly programs will feature a relatively new organization, [Made in Mariposa](#).

Please reserve the second Thursday of the month for upcoming programs. All programs will be at the Miner's Roadhouse 140 at 4:30 pm.

Fundraising

--Sandi Gabe

It's time ... for a fresh idea!

Letting go of a good idea takes courage. The Fashion Show has had a good long run, with much fun and excitement and it put many dollars in our bank account. But, it's time for a change. After much discussion, the Fashion Show planning group decided to shift gears and explore



some new fundraising designs. Watch your email box and newsletter early next year for our great reveal! We'll still need your help to make it a success. Are you curious? Join the planning team when the idea is released. It's going to be fun!

Program: Dinner with a Scientist

--Marilyn Saunders

Plans for Dinner With a Scientist on track



Thursday, October 6, 12:00 noon

The format is a bit different this year. Mariposa High School girls will head to the UC Merced campus at noon. After touring the labs in the afternoon, they will dine with science professors and peer groups. Look for photos and details in next month's newsletter.

NOTICE!!! The **October 3rd board Meeting** has been relocated to the Mariposa Unified School District board room due to a scheduling conflict with the library. The meeting will still be held at 4 pm.

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We Provide Opportunities for Women to Reach Full Potential

2015 Auction Item Redeemed

Uebners cash in on the Brick Oven Pizza Dinner

--Saralynn Nusbaum

The Guests:

Rick & Jetty Uebner
Pat & Patti Reilly

The Mixologist: Don Melcher

The Chefs:

Don Melcher & Saralynn Nusbaum

The Menu:

Aperitif:

- ♦ French 75 cocktails

Appetizer:

- ♦ Corn fritters with sweet chili sauce

Salad:

- ♦ Grilled peaches and prosciutto with orange blossom

Pizzas:

- ♦ Fig, chevre, and prosciutto
- ♦ Homemade lamb sausage and feta, with romesco sauce
- ♦ Red cabbage with gorgonzola and nuts

Dessert:

- ♦ Homemade ice cream sandwiches

Beverages:

- ♦ Wente Riva Ranch Chardonnay
- ♦ Urban Legend Tempranillo
- ♦ Sierra Nevada Pale Ale
- ♦ Lagunitas IPA

The AAUW Safari Fashion Show led Rick and Jetty Uebner and Pat and Patti Reilly on a wood-fired pizza adventure. On Wednesday September 7, Don and I along with Augie Doggie and a small family of meat bees greeted our guests with French 75 champagne cocktails. Jetty and Rick were the winning



bidders for this extravaganza and Jetty suggested she invite folks we hadn't met. Pat and Patti were just delightful and we found out



Above L-R: Don Melcher, Rick & Jetty Uebner, Pat & Patti Reilly

that we'll have a chance to meet again at the Millpond Music Festival!

Menu planning was all part of the fun and our

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2015 Auction Item Redeemed

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focus was on seasonal ingredients. The corn fritters, a Cooking Light recipe, though they didn't taste like it, featured fresh corn on the cob and jalapeno peppers. Accompanying the fritters, Patti and I enjoyed a glass of Wente Ranch Chardonnay, while the others opted for



a cold brew. We followed the corn fritters with grilled peaches on a bed of mixed greens draped with slices of prosciutto and finished with an orange blossom dressing.

Pizza time!! Actually pizza started on Monday since the dough for the pizzas was sourdough and the starter needs a few days to wake up. Several hours before dinner, we started up the oak-fired brick oven to bring it up to about 800 degrees and at about 6:30 it really was pizza time. At 800 degrees, those pizzas cook pretty quick, two minutes apiece! We keep the toppings fairly light as we like the

balance between the crispy crust and the flavorful toppings; these are nothing like Chicago deep dish pizzas! Urban Legend Tempranillo, from our vintner friends in Oakland, accompanied.



Chef Don transferred the coals from the pizza oven to the camp fire and we enjoyed a beautiful Mariposa sunset and homemade ice cream sandwiches.

Join us next year! I say it's always time for pizza!



Above: Always time for pizza? Rick Uebner certainly agrees!

2015 Auction Item Redeemed

Another AAUW auction item becomes a reality

--Carolyn Baker

The Baker Pentathlon

On August 30th, eight eager, and highly competitive team members showed up at the home of Dennis and Carolyn Baker. Micki and Dana Finney were also on hand to help with the officiating, as well as a few kitchen emergencies. After visiting the hydration station and partaking of some energy treats, the four couples were ready to begin the Pentathlon. The teams continued to rotate through the five grueling events of *9 Ball*, *Horseshoes*, *Ladder Golf*, *Darts*, and *Whack-a-Mouse*. After their hard-fought victories, they were treated to

appetizers and swimming which was followed by dinner and of course, the Presentation of Awards. Each first-place winner received a medal and the top team with the most first place medals just happened to be Glenn and Kathy Sutherland who purchased the event at last year's AAUW fundraiser. As Glenn and Kathy graciously accepted their trophies, everyone was treated to homemade ice cream and brownies. I'm not sure who had the most fun, but Dennis and I were certainly at the top of the list as this was such an energized, gracious, and fun group of people to host!



We Send Girls to Science/Math Camp



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Project: Voter Registration

--Jill Rowney

Birthday envelopes prepared and delivered



For the last several years Mariposa AAUW members have recognized our local high school teens on their 18th birthday, when they automatically assume adult responsibilities. "Birthday" envelopes are decorated and filled with information that teens should know as they become adults. Included in the envelopes are voter registration forms, "Now You Are 18" pamphlet from the Bar Association, and enticements such as a coupon for a free slice of pizza.

Envelopes were delivered to Mariposa High School counseling office. They then are presented to students on their individual birthdays. Thanks to Jetty Uebner (coordinator) and her crew.



Above L-R: Jetty Uebner, Sharon Moore, Jennifer Rider (MCHS counseling office) and Joan McCamman.



Left, L-R: Decorators extraordinaire Joan McCamman, Annie Mahle, Bonnie Little, Jane MacLean, Sharon Moore. Not pictured: Sue Overstreet and Jetty Uebner.

Mariposa AAUW

--Maddie Brown

Candidates' Forum

AAUW Mariposa is privileged to host a Candidates' Forum for both Mariposa County Unified School District Board Candidates and John C. Fremont Healthcare District Director Candidates.

This event is non-partisan and open to the public.

The MCUSD portion of the Forum will be an introductory session where each candidate will have several minutes to introduce themselves to constituents and discuss their hopes, goals, plans for their candidacy. This deviation is due to the majority of seats being unopposed and one of two opposed candidates being unable to attend. We look forward to learning about the candidates in



this adapted style.

The John C. Fremont portion of the Forum will be our standard Q & A format where questions are submitted by the public and collated by an

AAUW member to ensure each question is not specific to a certain candidate and create an opportunity to compare answers from all.

Candidates unable to attend their respective Forum are able to send a surrogate to share information about said candidate. Surrogates do not participate in the Q & A session.

If you are interested in lending a hand at the Forum and have not had a chance to reach out yet, please contact Caroline Fruth (caroline.fruth@gmail.com) or myself (maddie.s.brown@gmail.com).

A special thank you goes to Kris Casto for her guidance in getting this forum up and running.

Thank you all for your interest expressed so far and patience while we gathered the RSVPs from candidates. Feel free to reach out if you have questions.

Details:**Candidates' Forum****Wednesday, October 12th****5:15 pm- MCSUD Candidates****6:30 pm- JCF Candidates****Mariposa County Government Center****Supervisors' Chambers****5200 Bullion St, Mariposa, CA****To Page 1**

California AAUW

--Dawn Johnson

State perspective on ballot initiatives

Fall 2016

WHAT DO OUR 17 BALLOT PROPOSITIONS SAY AND DO?

How do they affect your life?

Nancy Mahr, Co-Chair
Public Policy Committee

A total of 17 measures have qualified for the November 2016 ballot. In addition, there may be county or city measures in your area to be voted on locally. Several propositions amend the state Constitution. Some amend current law (statutes); others create new laws. One is an advisory vote, asking voters' opinions. One is a referendum, seeking to overturn a current law.

Not all of the propositions address issues that relate to AAUW principles, priorities and mission. Five of the seventeen are relevant to AAUW, and we have taken positions on those five. The remainder are categorized as "no position." However, it is important to understand each measure in order to make an educated vote.

The information below gives a summary of each proposition. The AAUW position is noted for each of the five relevant measures, along with the rationale for the position. At the end, there are some references where you can find additional information on any of the propositions.

SUPPORT

51 (Statute): Authorizes \$9 billion in general obligation bonds for K-12 school construction and modernization, funds for community college buildings, funds for facilities for charter schools and technical education programs.

SUPPORT: adequate and equitable funding for high quality public education for all students

52 (Statute and Constitutional Amendment): Requires two-thirds vote of Legislature to amend a current law that imposes fees on hospitals; fees are used to obtain federal matching funds for Medi-Cal. It directs fees and matching funds to uncompensated care provided by hospitals and to children's health coverage. It eliminates the law's ending date.

SUPPORT: guarantee equality, individual rights and social justice for a diverse society; increased access to quality, affordable health care

55 (Constitutional Amendment): Extends the Prop. 30 (passed by voters in 2012) income tax on high earners through 2030 – currently set to expire in 2019. This will generate \$ 8–11 billion per year to be used for public schools and community colleges, health care for low-income families, and local public safety. The public can track expenditures at www.trackprop30.ca.gov. This does not add new taxes, but continues taxes already in place.

SUPPORT: Support for a strong system of public education; access to quality, affordable health care; guarantee of equality, individual rights and social justice for a diverse society. AAUW supported Prop 30 in 2012.

58 (Statute): Amends 1998's Prop. 227 (which requires children in public schools to be taught in English) to allow public school students who speak limited English to be taught for a defined period of time in languages other than English. Districts using this option must develop an accountability plan and involve a parent advisory committee. Parents may opt out of the program.

SUPPORT: support for a strong system of public education that promotes gender fairness, equity and diversity

OPPOSE

53 (Constitutional Amendment): Requires statewide voter approval before state may issue bonds of over \$2 billion to finance a single project. Prohibits dividing projects into segments to avoid public vote. Includes clause that if other bond measures on the ballot that conflict with this measure, and both that measure and this measure pass but this measure gets more votes, then the other measure is null and void ("poison pill clause").

OPPOSE: the "poison pill" clause could nullify Proposition 51, which AAUW is supporting

California AAUW

State perspective on ballot initiatives

California PERSPECTIVE

NO POSITION

AAUW CA has no position on the following measures because they do not directly relate to AAUW public policy priorities:

54 (Statute and Constitutional Amendment): Requires bills to be in print for 72 hours before being acted upon, except in cases of public emergency. Requires recordings of all proceedings of the legislature (except closed sessions) to be posted on the Internet.

56 (Statute and Constitutional Amendment): Increases tobacco tax by \$2 per pack. Increases the tax on tobacco products by \$2 per pack for cigarettes and commensurate increases for other tobacco products and e-cigarettes that contain nicotine. Revenues would go to existing health care programs, tobacco use prevention programs, research on tobacco-related disease, law enforcement, and early childhood development programs. Revenues would be excluded from Prop 98 funding requirements.

57 (Statute and Constitutional Amendment): Increases parole opportunities for persons convicted of nonviolent felonies once they have served their basic terms and passed screening for security. About 25,000 state felons could seek parole under this measure. Provides that judges instead of prosecutors would determine if criminal defendants under 18 years old should be tried in juvenile or adult court. This measure is partly in response to the federal directive for California to reduce its prison population.

59 (Advisory Vote): This seeks voter opinion on California elected officials using their influence to overturn the Citizens United decision by the U.S. Supreme Court, the decision which removed political spending limits on corporations and unions. It specifically cites the proposal of a federal constitutional amendment to reverse the court decision.

60 (Statute): Requires adult film performers to use condoms. Imposes various health requirements on adult film producers.

61 (Statute): Prohibits the state and state agencies from paying more for prescription drugs than prices paid by US Dept. of Veterans Affairs. This changes the current system of negotiated drug prices between the

state and drug companies. Certain Medi-Cal drugs are exempted. Because the impact on drug prices and availability is in dispute, AAUW is not taking a position.

62 (Statute): Repeals death penalty for murder and replace it with life without possibility of parole. Requires an increased percentage of wages earned in prison by such inmates to be paid in victim restitution. Applies retroactively to current death penalty cases.

63 (Statute): Prohibits possession of large-capacity ammunition magazines; requires background checks and Dept. of Justice authorization for ammunition purchases; requires lost or stolen guns to be reported to law enforcement.

64 (Statute): Legalizes marijuana and hemp use for adults over 21. Institute tax on marijuana sales (15%) and cultivation. Exempts medical marijuana from some taxation. Designates state agencies to license and regulate the marijuana industry.

65 (Statute): Redirects money collected by retail stores from selling carryout bags (those replacing single-use plastic bags) to fund grants administered by Wildlife Conservation Board. [This measure is void if voters defeat Prop. 67, rejecting the current plastic ban law.]

66 (Statute): Sets time limits on state court death penalty reviews, which serve to speed up the process. Appellate attorneys will be appointed quicker, rather than having inmates wait five years or more. Additionally, appointed attorneys who handle noncapital appeals will be required to accept death penalty appeals to speed up the process. Increases amount of death row inmates' wages to go to victim restitution.

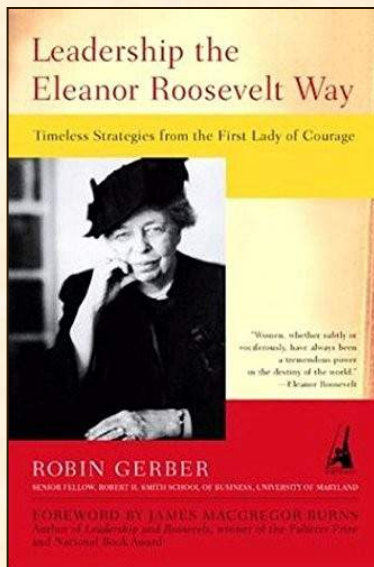
67 (Referendum): This is a public vote on SB 270, which bans the use by grocery and certain other retail stores of single-use plastic bags; it also allows stores to sell recycled paper bags and reusable bags. This law was approved by the Legislature and the Governor. A YES vote ratifies the law and means that you want the ban on single-use plastic bags to remain in effect. A NO vote means that you want the law to be overturned.

Additional information on all propositions can be found on the California Secretary of State's website: www.sos.ca.gov.

Something different!

Participate in a state-wide “virtual” book club

AAUW-CA is trying something new and different and YOU can participate. It's a state-wide initiative to study the concept of Leadership: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow.



What's different?

It's a “virtual” book club. One book will be selected each year to cover the three topics. Year One covers yesterday's leadership, examined through the remarkable Eleanor Roosevelt.

How will it work?

- Obtain the book Leadership the Eleanor Roosevelt Way by Robin Gerber.
- Read one chapter a month and discuss it with other interested AAUW members throughout California in a free, monthly, dial-in conference call.
- The calls are scheduled for the 4th Tuesday of every month from 7-8:30 pm (or as long as you find it interesting.)
- First call is scheduled for September 27th, but if you miss it, dial in the next month on October 25th.

Dial in: 1-877-885-3221

Passcode: 7770040.

This is an experiment to allow members to connect and interact over an important AAUW mission.

Try it! How can you lose? The first chapter is only 11 pages.

Interest Groups - International Study

Contact [Peggy Shainberg](#) or [Carolyn Baker](#)



On Tuesday, September 13, the International Group meet at Ginger Foster's home and we began our study of Turkey. Peggy Shainberg and Ginger Foster got us off to a great start by sharing a glimpse of Turkey's interesting and very intertwined history.



Interest Groups - Wine

Contact [Kathy Sutherland](#)



Our September Wine Tasting at the Sutherland home was lots of fun. Thirteen of us sampled lots of delicious hors d'oeuvres, tasted Sauvignon Blancs, and got to know each other. Opinions really varied as we tasted, but we all agreed that the best

wine is the one that you like to drink. After the meat bees disappeared, we ventured out to the deck where we watched the full moon rise, and finished with desserts and coffee.

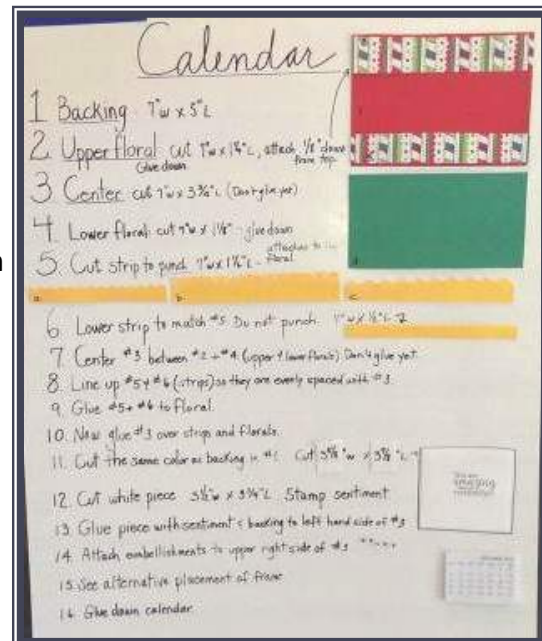
We are now looking forward to a year of fun, casual get-togethers. Carolyn and Dennis Baker will host our October wine tasting. The date will be announced soon.

Interest Groups - Craft

Contact [Joan Lee](#) or [Sandi Gabe](#)



2017 is just around the corner and the craft group is ready! Under Annie Mahle's leadership the group created unique calendars to share with family and friends – or maybe to keep. Cute paper, glue dots, embellishments all wrapped with a little creativity led to a variety of looks. Maybe you will be lucky enough to get one!



Interest Groups - **Hiking**Contact [Mary Ripma](#)

September's hike to Nelder Grove

A much larger group turned out for this Sunday outing. Judging from the photos, it was a great day with wonderful scenery! Note that the hiking dates listed below are on Saturdays. BUT if you prefer Sundays, please let Mary know.

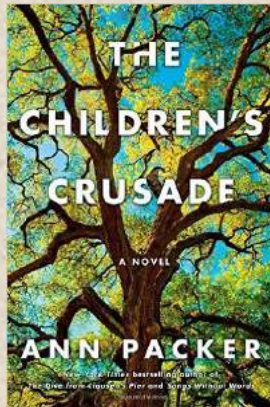


Saturday 10/15
Saturday 10/29
No hikes in Nov or Dec
Saturday 1/21
Saturday 2/25

Saturday 3/18
Saturday 4/22
Saturday, 5/20

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We Provide Opportunities for Women to Reach Full Potential

Interest Groups- **Reading**Contact [Saralynn Nusbaum](#)

Our next meeting will be

Tuesday, October 4, 2016 at 4:30 pm

at Helene Fiske's home (4975 6th St)

where we will discuss

The Children's Crusade

by Ann Packer

**September 6th Discussion of****Bobbied Hair and Bathtub Gin by Marion Meade****--Review by Jane MacLean**

The AAUW Reading Group welcomed old and new members and a guest to the home of Marilyn Saunders in Mariposa on the first Tuesday in September. Jane MacLean lead a discussion of Bobbied Hair and Bathtub Gin: Writers Running Wild in the Twenties by Marion Meade. The book combines biographies of four women writers: Zelda Fitzgerald, Edna St. Vincent Millay, Dorothy Parker, and Edna Ferber when they were first gaining fame. Two of them won Pulitzer Prizes, the nation's highest literary honor. This was during the first decade after women won the vote, almost one hundred years ago. Although much of what we take for granted now hadn't then been invented, their lives seemed quite modern in many ways. The First World War had just ended

and the book group surmised this led many people to "live for the moment." Several readers thought that the style of combining biographies was confusing but helped clarify the time in which the subjects lived. It became clear how extravagance led to the economic collapse at the end of the 1920s.

While history was the focus this month, the selection for October discussion is a novel. Fiction or nonfiction, the group discussion is always wide-ranging and lively. Guided by Saralynn Nusbaum, this AAUW Special Interest Group has continued at an exciting pace throughout the year. It is almost time for members to suggest materials for next year. Got suggestions?

AAUW Mariposa Branch Board Meeting Minutes Library, August 1, 2016

CALL TO ORDER: at 4:03 by Co-President Maddie Brown

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dawn Johnson, Sandi Gabe, Maddie Brown, Rebecca Swisher, Leslie Bernacchi, Marilyn Saunders, Dina Lambert, Saralynn Nusbaum, Bonnie Little, Debbie Peters, Cindy Harp, Carolyn Fruth.

Approval of Minutes from August 2016 board meeting: Minutes were previously submitted, approved by email, & published in June newsletter. Rebecca moved and Bonnie seconded.

PROJECT UPDATES:

Dinner with a Scientist: Marilyn Saunders

The event has been scheduled for Thursday October 6. We anticipate 45-50 girls will participate with 38 scheduled for lab tours; last year 19 went on lab tours. Yosemite High in Merced will be sending 10 girls; Reedley AAUW may want to replicate the event and they will be sending 2 girls. The name "Dinner with a Scientist" is trademarked so we may need to change the name to "Mariposa Dinner with a Scientist." This year we will not have chaperones attend the meeting but the Academic Boosters Club may send a chaperone and 2 representatives from the school will attend including Dr. Lori Ritter. The UC Merced Provost will be in attendance.

Statewide Reading Project: Sandi Gabe

The AAUW California program committee has introduced a three year study of leadership. The program is named "Yesterday, Today, & Tomorrow". This year the focus will be "*Yesterday*" and the book "Leadership the Eleanor Roosevelt Way" by Robin Gerber will be discussed in monthly conference calls. The calls will take place on the fourth Tuesday of every month and one chapter will be discussed monthly. *We will promote the event locally through our newsletter and our Facebook page. We will also discuss at our fall gathering on October 8.*

Backpack Project: Maddie Brown

14 of our members stuffed 46 backpacks on Monday August 8. This is the first year we identified and notified the students in June rather than August. The gift registry worked well; we had 17 different school supplies listed on the registry totaling 1,125 items and 993 of the items were donated by 15 of our members. AAUW purchased the balance at a cost of \$229. We received \$670 in cash, \$200 from our members and \$470 from the community. Total cost for the project was \$1,412.24, with \$670 in cash donated; the net cost for the project was \$742.

Rock the Vote/Candidate Forums: Maddie Brown

Our AAUW branch is hoping to host forums in October for the John C Fremont Hospital Board election, MCUSD Board (District 2) election, and an information session for the upcoming bond measure to help fund Mariposa County Schools (Measure L). Kris Casto will work with Carolyn

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Fruth and Maddie Brown to transition leadership of the program. Alex Keeton, of the California Teachers Association, will attend our next board meeting to discuss the bond measure.

FUNDRAISER UPDATES:

Fashion Show: Sandi Gabe

The date is November 12 and the theme is "It's Time". The next committee meeting will be held at Sandi Gabe's home on Wednesday September 28th at 4PM. To date only four auction items have been contributed. Cindy Harp will be the MC and Dawn Johnson will do "AAUW infomercials" throughout the fashion show, some featuring Tech Trek girls.

Yard Sale: Maddie Brown

The yard sale will be held on Friday October 21 from 1-4PM and Saturday October 22 from 9-2 at the home of Helene Fiske. Sharon Enrico will send an email to the membership and she will create flyers. We do not accept donations of clothing.

REPORTS:

Membership: Dawn Johnson

There were six attendees at our September 8 Meet & Greet. Dawn explained the programs we support and she distributed welcome packets. We have 13 new members bringing our total membership up to 90. Margaret Brandenburg will be our Good Will Ambassador; in this roll she will send cards to our members, on behalf of our branch, as life events are experienced. Good Will Ambassador briefings will now become a standing item on the monthly board agenda. Notifications will be sent to Dawn and she will advise Margaret and the board. Our fall gathering will be held on October 8 from 4PM – 6PM at the county park; the theme is "Fall into AAUW." The cost to use the park is \$15 along with insurance and a one day permit to serve alcohol; Dawn will purchase decorations and members will be asked to bring appetizers. Instead of wine and champagne, we will provide punch. Directories will be distributed and Rebecca will launch the year by speaking about our projects. Dawn is also planning an ice breaker game. We have an opening for a membership liaison.

Publicity: Cindy Harp

Cindy will send an email to members advising when she needs posts and how to format. Cindy also stated that she would update the publicity calendar for 2016-17 so people would know the deadlines for submitting articles. On Monday, Wednesday, and Friday a blast is sent by the new chamber coordinator, Kyle. An article publicizing the yard sale will be run in the Gazette in the October 13 & 20th editions and a banner ad will be placed in the Sierra Sun Times (goldrushcam.com).

Programs: Leslie Bernacchi

Six programs are in the works for the year. All are tentatively scheduled for Thursdays at 4:30PM at the Miners Roadhouse. Leslie will be attending a presentation at UC Merced on rivers and is

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hoping to incorporate a program on water. The dates and topics* are listed below:

2016

- ♦ October 13 – Made in Mariposa
- ♦ November 10 – China
- ♦ December 8 or January 12 2017 – Finances for Women

2017

- ♦ February 9 – Meet the Authors
- ♦ March 9 – screening of Misconception (tentative and possibly in conjunction with another community organization and previewed by board subcommittee prior to screening)
- ♦ April 13 – water, possibly screening of Last Call at the Oasis

*depending upon the availability of the speakers, the topics may need to be shifted to other dates

Treasurer's Report: Dina Lambert

The August financial statements were approved, Bonnie moved and Leslie seconded. As of August 31, our ending cash balance is \$11,827.

NEW BUSINESS:

Our directories are being printed and will be distributed at our fall meeting on Oct. 8, see membership report above.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The October 3 board meeting will be held at MCOE.

National conference early bird registration – 1/15/17

Assignment of Branch Buzz:

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

October – Leslie

November – Bonnie

The meeting was adjourned at 6:04PM by Co-President Maddie Brown.





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