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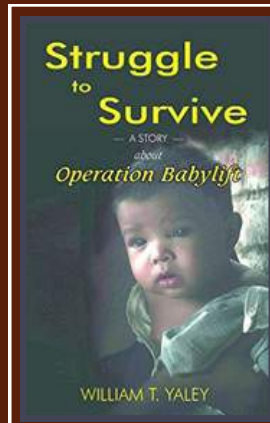
January Program:

"Operation Babylift"

January 14

4:30 p.m.

Miner's Roadhouse 140



AAUW hosts author of Struggle to Survive

Next in our program series, we will hear author William Yaley as he describes the gripping story of Operation Babylift, an often overlooked period of American history. In his book, Struggle to Survive: A Story About Operation Babylift, Yaley captures the intense drama of the two months preceding President Gerald Ford's Operation Babylift. The fall of Saigon is imminent. There is not much time left to evacuate the children, many of whom are "Amerasians." Bill, a former Marine lieutenant in Vietnam, is able to grasp the reality of their story with a personal understanding of the challenges and hardships they faced. Yaley's book is high drama, based on historical facts. It represents American compassion and courage at its very best.

Please join us on January 14, 2016 at 4:30 at the Miners Roadhouse 140 in Mariposa, CA. As with all of our programs this event is free and open to the public.

January, 2016

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Happy New Year!

Co-Presidents' Corner



Dawn and Sandi are busy recovering from the holidays and hope that you had an opportunity to enjoy family and friends this holiday season. They'll be back in force for the February newsletter!

Mariposa AAUW Calendar

January, 2016

- 4 Board Meeting- 4:30 at Library
- 5 SIG: Book Group- 4:30 at Helene Fiske's
- 11 SIG: International Study Group
- 14 AAUW Program- "Operation Baby Lift"
- 16 SIG: Hiking Group
- 21 Speech Trek- Coach Orientation Meeting- 5:15 at MCHS
- 26 SIG: Craft Group- at Anne Dolchanczyk's
- 26 Speech Trek- Coaches meet assigned students- 3:00 at MCHS



(SIG = Special Interest Group)

(See Master Calendar on page 9 for a more complete schedule)



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Speech Trek

--Jill Harry

Coaches sought for this year's event

Thanks to all who responded to a recent email request asking for volunteers to act as Speech Trek coaches for high school students. Your help is much appreciated.

If you did not respond, please know I need more coaches and one of them could be you!

Have you ever watched a speech before -- any kind of speech -- and had an opinion about it? Then you are qualified to coach! Being a Speech Trek coach for a student simply means giving your assigned student advice and encouragement on their speeches, most importantly on their presentation and delivery. Students are expected to do all the research, writing, and editing on their own. Time commitments are minimal and don't start until late January with the event itself happening the evening of Wed, Feb 24. Specifically, what becoming a coach means:

- Attend two meetings---an orientation meeting on Jan 21 at 5:15 PM at the high school to learn about the contest and the coach's role and a second meeting on Jan 26 at 3 PM for coaches to meet their assigned students.
- Review your student's rough draft--help with organization of thoughts, etc. Can be done via email.
- If possible, listen to your student's speech via phone, Skype or in person and help with delivery
- If possible, join your student for a practice



Wednesday

February 24th

6:00 pm

MCHS Fiester Auditorium

run-through on the auditorium stage Feb 17 or 18. These will be scheduled for lunchtime or after school.

- If possible, come and cheer your student on at the contest itself
- If you can do most but not all, please let me know as we can probably work around it.

This year's subject is

"Gender Bias and Inequality".

Wow, there are a lot of directions this topic can go. Teacher liaison Bryan Starchman and I recently met with students and gave them this [five page list of links](#) to get them thinking outside the box about how they might want to tackle this topic, taking it way beyond pay equality and breaking the glass ceiling. There are plenty of gender biases about men, too. Take a look at the list.

Thanks so much in advance for considering helping with this worthwhile event. Writing a speech and public speaking are such important skills for our high school students to practice and master.

Thanks even more for contacting me with a "yes," you are willing to help!

Jill Harry, Speech Trek Coordinator

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Fashion Show

--Sandi Gabe

Auction 2014 Item: *Putting on a new face!*



Margaret Brandenburg, Annie Mahle and Joan Lee joined Sandi Gabe to create colorful and unique masks from gourds, an auction item from last year's event. Perhaps they showed up under someone's Christmas tree this year!

Membership

AAUW Holiday Bash a smash!

--Jill Rowney

A good crowd braved the cold and wet to enjoy another holiday celebration. The fires were glowing and there was plenty of room to circulate and visit with everyone. There were even a few decorations (as NOT promised!) Thanks to Sharon Enrico for coming early to help with the festive set-up.

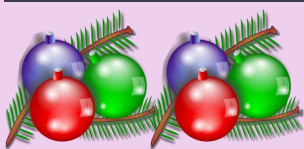


Left: Sharon checks out the cranberry punch

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Send Girls to Science/Math Camp

Smiles, good company, yummy food and more revelry at Jill's.



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Sponsor Community Forums

Interest Groups- Craft

Contact Joan Lee: 209.966.2505



The next project for the Craft group will be on January 26th. We will meet at Anne Dolchanczyk's home. Our project will be Alcohol Ink on Tile.

Interest Groups- International Study

Contact Peggy Shainberg: 209.966.2076

Our next meeting, January 11th, will be on the art and music of Brazil plus any current events happening in the country.

**Interest Groups- Hiking**

Contact Mary Ripma: 831-334-2223



Our next hike is slated for January 16th. Time and place have yet to be determined.

Interest Groups- Wine

Contact Kathy Sutherland: 209-742-6131

CORKS AND FORKS

After a short break to enjoy the holidays, the Corks and Forks Wine tasting group will once again meet in January to taste wine, sample delicious food, and enjoy each other's company. Wendy Carman will be our hostess. The date will be announced soon.

**Interest Groups- Art**

Contact Margaret Brandenburg: 559.760.1431



On Hiatus for the holidays. Stay tuned.

Interest Groups- Garden

Contact Micki Finney: 209.966.4644



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Interest Groups- Reading

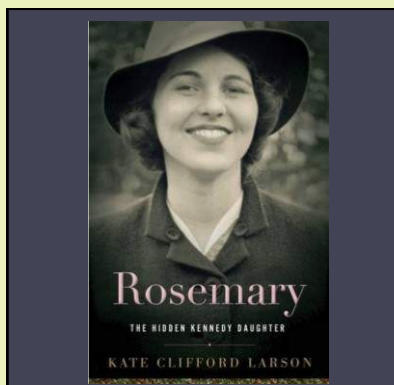
Contact Saralynn Nusbaum: 510.913.6994



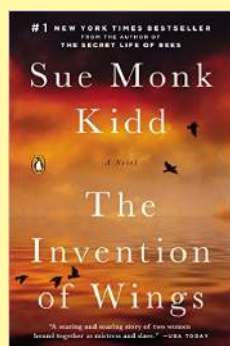
Our next meeting will be
Tuesday, January 5, 2016
at 4:30 pm

at Helen Fiske's home on
4975 6th Street. Andria Matala will
lead a discussion on:

Rosemary:
The Hidden Kennedy Daughter
By Kate Clifford Larsen



February's book for discussion:



The following are titles from which we will
consider in selecting our reading choices for the
year:

[Behind the Beautiful Forevers](#)

By Katherine Boo

[Big Magic](#)

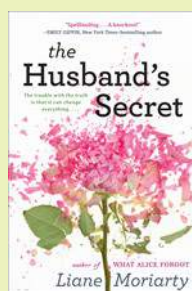
By Elizabeth Gilbert

[Blue Jasmine](#)

By Kashmira Sheth

[Bobbed Hair and Bathtub Gin](#)

By Marion Meade



Discussion Review

--Saralynn Nusbaum

On Tuesday December 1, Helene Fiske once again welcomed us into her beautiful home to discuss the provocatively titled book *The Husband's Secret* by bestselling author Liane Moriarty. Moriarty's novels generally offer a wry take on modern life but with *The Husband's Secret*, she explores more serious issues including infidelity, marital miscommunication, and parental grief. Despite the serious subject matter, Moriarty's sense of humor does bubble up. Interestingly, some in our group found the novel to be comical while other found it to be quite serious. This discussion led us to consider what makes a novel commercial fiction as opposed to serious fiction. I don't know that we reached a consensus but we all found the book enjoyable. I'd recommend it for a rainy day in front of the fire with a tasty beverage.

We meet next at Helene's on Tuesday January 5 at 4:30PM to discuss *Rosemary: The Hidden Kennedy Daughter* by Kate Clifford Larson. I just finished it and it's fascinating!

[Flight Behavior](#)

By Barbara Kingsolver

[In The Kingdom of Ice](#)

By Hampton Sides

[The Goddess Pose](#)

Michelle Goldberg

[The Senator Next Door](#)

By Amy Klobuchar

[The Thousand Autumns of Jacob de Zoet](#)

By David Mitchell

[Whiplash](#)

By Catherine Coulter

[The Children's Crusade](#)

By Ann Packer

[Between You & Me](#)

By Mary Norris

[Wild](#)

By Cheryl Strayed

[Plenty Ladylike](#)

By Claire McCaskill



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2015-2016 CALENDAR

- 04** Independence Day
26 Board Planning Mtg

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- 04** Board Meeting
14 Program – Miner's Inn
18 M.L. King Day

- 04** Birthday Card Project (HS Voter Registration)
11 Back Pack Fill
13 Half the Sky Movie
17 Board Meeting

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- 01** Board Meeting
15 Presidents' Day
18 Program – Miner's Inn
24 Speech Trek
23 AAUW Regional Mtg

- 07** Labor Day
10 Member Mixer
18/19 Yard Sale
22 AAUW Regional Mtg
28 Board Mtg
30 Dinner with a Scientist

SEPTEMBER 2015						
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- 07** Board Meeting
10 Program – Miner's Inn
27 Easter Sunday

- 07** Program – Miner's Inn 7pm
12 Columbus Day
31 Halloween

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- 04** Board Meeting
15-17 AAUW State Convention

- 11** Veterans Day
14 TEDx Event
21 Fashion Show
26 Thanksgiving Day

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- 02** Board Meeting
08 Mother's Day
14 Home Tour
22 Brunch 2-4 pm
30 Memorial Day

- 13** Holiday Party
25 Christmas Day

DECEMBER 2015						
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