



Sierra Outpost

AAUW Program- "Cap and Town Series" "Traveling the Silk Road on a Virtual Globe"

--- Dr. Ruth Mostern
UC Merced



"The history of travel, exchange, and politics across Eurasia covers tens of thousands of

miles of territory, many of the world's religions, dozens of languages, and the entirety of human history from hominid migrations to contemporary conflicts in Iran and Afghanistan. This talk introduces the Silk Road and explains how I teach about it to students at UC Merced using digital history

**Save the Date:
June 11, 7:00 pm**

techniques. Students in my class learn to use Google Earth to organize information about the Silk Road and to create maps that depict historical narratives. Each student completes an interactive digital map about the journey of one Silk Road traveler. I will talk about the Silk Road and showcase some of the students' work."

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Dawn's Corner

I've been babysitting my 18-month-old granddaughter this weekend and it reminded me of two things:

- (1) I don't have Mommy Muscles anymore.
- (2) She will grow up with absolutely no sense of career limitations.

Thanks, AAUW.

Believe it or not, we're winding down our year. But, to paraphrase the words of poet T.S. Eliot, we're going out with a bang, not a whimper. The biggest bang will be our first-ever Home Tour fundraiser, the *Fork in the Road* kitchen tour. Ten people are going to let us peek into their distinctive kitchens. There's food at each one. And wine at the end. What's not to like? Please support this. Purchase the tickets you have received and sell more to your friends. Come on May 17 and have a fun day. Kudos to Sandi Gabe for her creative leadership of this new project and its dedicated committee of many volunteers.

Plans are underway for the Annual Meeting/Brunch on June 7th. Look for an afternoon of munching, sipping, chatting, catching up and taking care of a little business. There's another great Cap 'n Town presentation planned by Karen Smith for the following week. Also in

June, Sandi Gabe and I will attend the National AAUW Convention in San Diego. So watch out for new ideas!!

And, of course, June includes the big Tech Trek week of fun and learning for SIX of our Mariposa girls. We owe Margaret Brandenburg and her team a *Thank You* for improving and implementing a very inclusive, thoughtful and unbiased selection process. June 19 is Visitors' Day at the camp, so come and see why AAUW is so proud of this project.

Last but not least, be sure to vote in both the National and State elections for the new officers to guide AAUW next year. Check their websites, your email and last month's newsletter for instructions on how to vote.

Well, this is about all I could write during my granddaughter's naptime. I hope to just talk to all of you on the Home Tour instead! See you then.



Dawn

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Fundraiser Event

--Sandi Gabe



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

FORK IN THE ROAD – KITCHEN TOUR



Do you like to peek into other people’s houses? Do you wonder what cool gadgets and designs you might be missing? If so, be sure to grab a ticket and a car load of friends and family for the Home Tour on Sunday May 17th. Tickets are \$20.00 each and you should have received two by mail to get you started. If you need more, they can be purchased on our [website](#) or at any Tour Home on the day of the

tour. There is no need to return unsold tickets. Wondering where to start? Check out the map on our website for locations and driving hints by [clicking here](#). We have ten beautiful indoor and outdoor kitchens across Mariposa County so you’ll want an early start and be at your first house at 10 am when the tour begins. Included in your admission price is a moveable feast of light appetiz-

ers and desserts to sustain you along the way. If you follow the suggested tour order (A-J) you’ll end the tour at the Casto home where we will have an opportunity to compare notes on what you enjoyed along the tour route as well as a taste of wine. Since this is our first home tour, we need your help to get the word out. Make it a special day by inviting family and friends! Please contact me with any questions.

Kitchen Tour Needs Donated Items!

--Dawn Johnson

Our “Fork in the Road” Kitchen Tour fundraiser is coming up fast. We want ours to be the best home tour you’ve ever been on.



One thing we are adding to keep tour guests engaged is a simple Treasure Hunt with a chance to win a basketful of kitchen goodies.

raiser by donating a small kitchen item for the basket? A towel? A gadget? A packet of spices? A bottle of fancy-pants olive oil? Whatever you want!

So we need the goodies!!!!

Can you support this fund-

We need your donated item by May 5. You can either:

- a. leave it in Karen Smith’s

- b. give it to Dina Lambert at a Jazzercise class
- c. drop it at the AAUW Board meeting on Mon May 4 from 4-5:30 pm at the library
- d. contact Dawn (dawnandjay.johnson@gmail.com) to make other arrangements.

Thanks for your help. And don’t forget to sell those tickets! See you on the tour.

Membership

--Carolyn Baker

I hope everyone has **June 7th** marked on their calendars because the Annual Meeting/Brunch is right around the corner and I'm sure this is one event that you will not want to miss! There will be the traditional "fun and bubbly" plus some exciting surprises! I'm hopeful that our venue will be the Lushmeadows meeting room but I haven't gotten an official nod on that yet. I will keep you posted. Wherever we meet, the festivities will start at noon and continue until 3pm. Hope to see all of you

Annual Meeting/Brunch

When:
Sunday, June 7

Time:
12:00 noon-3:00 pm

Where:
Lushmeadows (tentative)

there!

Congratulations (and "Thank You") to two of our members (**Mary Ripma** and **Saralynn Nusbaum**) who have already turned in their dues checks and are eligible for the free membership drawing! In their case the early bird won't be getting any worms, but possibly a free AAUW Membership valued at \$84. Turn in your dues \$ by or on June 7th and you too can be in the drawing!

Mariposa AAUW Calendar

<p>May</p> <p>3 Bacchus Buddies Wine Group</p> <p>4 AAUW Board Meeting 4:00 pm @ library</p> <p>11 International Study Group</p> <p>17 Fork in the Road Home Tour 10:00 am-4:00 pm</p> <p>19 Reading Group Meeting</p> <p>Other Interest Groups' meeting dates to be determined.</p>	<p>June</p> <p>1</p> <p>7</p> <p>11</p> <p>14-20</p> <p>19</p> <p>18-21</p>	<p>AAUW Board Meeting 4:00 pm @ library</p> <p>Annual Brunch/Meeting</p> <p>AAUW Program "Cap 'n Town" 7:00pm @ Miner's Roadhouse</p> <p>Tech Trek camp @ CSU Fresno</p> <p>Visitors' Day at Tech Trek camp</p> <p>AAUW National Convention @ San Diego</p>
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Tech Trek

--Dawn Johnson

Tech Trek DOES Make a Difference!

Since we just completed the extensive and careful process of selecting SIX girls to attend this year's Tech Trek STEM camp at CSU Fresno, we were especially happy to receive this rewarding letter from the parent of a former Tech Trekker.....



Hi,

My daughter, Julie Hebern, participated in Tech Trek many years ago and it was one of the activities that inspired her to pursue an Aeronautical Engineering degree. She is at Cal-Poly Pomona finishing her 4th year (one more to go). She has a paid internship this coming summer with Northrup-Grumman (<http://www.northropgrumman.com/Pages/default.aspx>) and has just started her senior project which is being sponsored by them.

She was interviewed on "The Old Town Mariposa" show, and I thought you might

want to see it. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1eODngjbZv8>

Thank you for offering this program and keeping it going. It has made a difference for my daughter. (Julie still has the rocket she built at Tech Trek at home in her bedroom.)

Thank you,

Walt Hebern, NBCT

Media Teacher

Julie Hebern attended the camp in 2006. How many girls since then have we influenced?

Dinner With a Scientist- 2015

--Marilyn Saunders

Mariposa AAUW has co- sponsored the successful *Dinner With a Scientist* (DWS) events for Mariposa girls in both 2013 and 2014. We anticipate working once again with Trish Gilger of Mariposa Youth Impact Project. The coordinating team is already at work to schedule the 2015 DWS. It will again be held at the UC Merced campus. The initial planning meeting will be on



May 13, 2015 at 4:30 pm at Marilyn Saunders's home.

We look forward to having broad AAUW member participation again this year. Please let Marilyn know (209-742-5134 or mwsaunders@earthlink.net) if you plan to attend the initial planning meeting! We are known for a quality program and intend to maintain that high standard.

Teach Women to Manage Their Money

Programs

--Dawn Johnson

April Program: **Cooking and Air Quality- What a Surprise!**



The April 9th program arranged by Programs VP, Karen Smith, turned out to be a complete surprise. In spite of sparse attendance due to spring vacation, those who came were treated to a fascinating presentation by Dr. Wolfgang Rogge of UC Merced. The event was part of Karen's clever *Cap 'n Town* series designed to expose us to interesting research being done right in our own back yard by the talented experts who live right in our own community.

Dr. Rogge gave an engaging and understandable explanation of his extensive research on the varying impact of different styles of cooking, types of foods and kinds of cooking equipment on air quality. It was particularly interesting to hear exactly how the experiments were set up and how variables were controlled. Remember *The Scientific Method* that you had to study? It is alive and well. Some of his results may have been guessable; some were complete surprises. The biggest takeaway for the audience was: Eat out more!

Looking Towards Next Year

--Dawn Johnson

We will be officially electing members to fill the 2015-16 Board positions at the June 7th Annual Meeting/Brunch. These people will be guiding the branch toward its mission of keeping our community projects impactful and relevant while still having fun, enjoying other like-minded women and feeling rewarded.

The proposed slate, as of publication, is:

- Co-Presidents: **Sandi Gabe and Dawn Johnson**
- Membership VP: **Carolyn Baker** (assisted by **Bonnie Little**)
- Finance VP: **Dina Lambert**
- Programs VP: **Karen Smith**
- Secretary: **OPEN** (Peggy Shainberg will serve as back-up)

There is still time to be placed on the proposed

slate. Contact any Board member. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor at the annual meeting.

Additional appointed positions will be filled as the Board coalesces and plans the 2015-16 year. If you'd like to be considered for any of those positions as listed in the Directory, please contact any current Board member.

Your Turn?

-Jill Rowney

Is this the year you can step up to the plate and offer more of your talents in a leadership position in our AAUW branch? Think about it! We all make a huge difference and the more who participate, the more our branch reflects our membership and the needs of our community.

Sponsor Community Forums

Interest Groups

International Study Group



“Guest Speaker” Valerie Lazlo (above) gave us background information on Hungary and shared her family connections there.

--Peggy Shainberg



Rena Colliver and Sharon Moore enjoy further discussion on Hungary at our last meeting at Janet Kottman’s home.

Wine Group

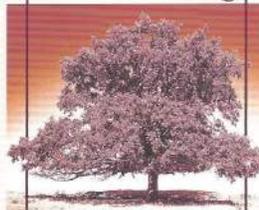
--Saralynn Nusbaum



Prosecco was the wine chosen by our hosts Wendy Carman and Dennis Waheed and it was a lovely way to while away three hours this past Sunday with our Corks and Forks group. Joining us were Dina Lambert, Jeff Gabe, Lynn and Cindy Harp, Don Melcher and Saralynn Nusbaum. Prosecco is a sparkling wine produced in Italy from the glera grape. Glera is a highly productive grape that ripens late in the season. It has high acidity and a fairly neutral palate, making it ideal for production of sparkling wine. Prosecco has become quite popular; it is light bodied, low in alcohol, and reasonably priced when compared to other sparkling whites. The group sampled five different wines and, of course, a selection of delicious appetizers. It is

said that Prosecco’s aromatic profile is characterized by white peaches with an occasional soapy note. Only the winning wine, a *Ruffino*, brought by Lynn and Cindy Harp had much of a nose. *Masquerade*, brought by Dennis and Wendy came in second. Jeff noted that this wine had a round feel in the mouth. Others tasted were *Headsnapper*, *Kirkland*, and *Lamarca*. We ended the evening with a delicious and refreshing strawberry dessert. Dawna Hunter will host our next gathering, date TBA. Cheers!

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Interest Groups



--Emily Archer

We had such a great discussion last evening on **The Boys in the Boat.** Thank you Sharon for leading us through an in-depth discussion of this book. This certainly was a book we would all recommend. The video you showed of the boys from 1936, gave us a visual understanding of the Olympics in Germany in 1936. Also, thank you Sharon, for hosting us in your lovely home.

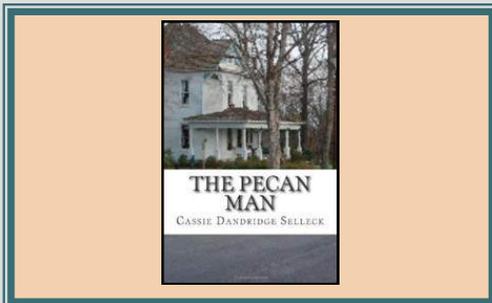
Our *next meeting will be*

Tuesday, May 19th at 4:30.

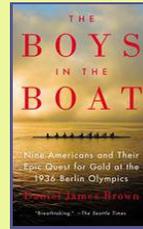
We will be discussing

Pecan Man

By Cassie Dandridge Selleck.



Carolyn Baker will be our discussion leader and Saralynn Nusbaum will host our discussion in her home at 4836 Valley Oak Circle.



The Boys in the Boat

By Daniel James Brown

Discussion Review

-- Sharon Enrico

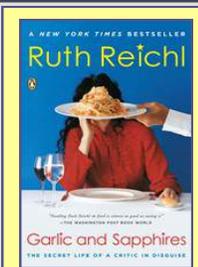
We had a full house for our book group on Tuesday. We started with the following Youtube book trailer which gave an inspiring start to our discussion.

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=n58w0BctOvs>

Several people had some knowledge of rowing and others knew little at all. But all agreed this book left us with more than just the basics. Brown wrote not only about the sport, and one man's involvement in that sport, he managed to create an area of interest for everyone. There was world history, personal triumph, family dynamics, political intrigue, school rivalry, long lasting love and friendship, and a satisfying ending to boot.

A good read!

Titles Selected for 2015:



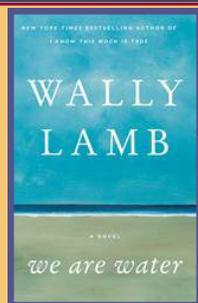
Garlic and Sapphires

--Ruth Reichl



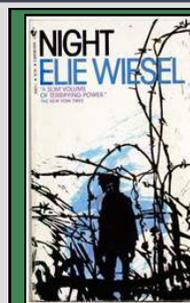
All the Light We Cannot See

-Anthony Doerr



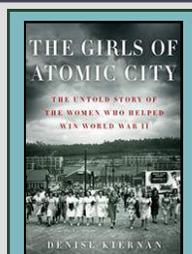
We Are Water

-Wally Lamb



Night

-Elie Wiesel



The Girls of Atomic City

-Denise Kiernan



Board Action- April, 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 April 6, 2015 Board of Directors' meeting:

- Approved the March 2 meeting minutes and March 31 Treasurer's Report. In reviewing the Treasurer's Report, it was noted that General Funds money had been transferred to zero out negative balances for projects which do not generate revenue (e.g. Speech Trek). The report form has been modified to show such transfers.
- Heard report on Membership. Currently 99 members. Candidates for Honorary Memberships (3) afforded by the national *Shape the Future* program must be selected at the May Board meeting. Some names suggested. Discussed preliminary plans for the June annual meeting/brunch. Theme will be honoring the founding members; possible sites were considered.
- Heard report on Fundraising. Plans are progressing well for the May Home Tour of 10 kitchens. Two tickets are being distributed to each member to buy/sell. The brochure and map are nearly ready for the printers; website is live; docents have been secured; publicity is extensive; food planning is underway.
- Programs VP reported that everything is ready for April 9 program on Cooking and Air Quality. Next Cap 'n Town event in June will be about a UCM project to study the influence of the Silk Road.
- In "Other Reports", heard a report on the March Leadership Development Day attended by four members, a description of the Women's History Month proclamation by the BOS and an announcement that our branch's Speech Trek contestant earned fifth place in the state competition.
- Tech Trek Coordinator Margaret Brandenburg gave a special report updating the Board on the *Tech Trek* program and the selection procedures. After a comprehensive process including interviews, six girls and one alternate were chosen and notified. Board members were invited to a "get acquainted" party for both new and old campers on May 16 @ Miner's Inn @ 2:00. All members are invited to Visitors' Day at camp on June 19.
- Under "New Business", members were reminded of upcoming national and state elections and informed of a fundraiser for youth programs hosted by our *Dinner with a Scientist* program co-sponsor, MyIP. It was confirmed that the list of open Board positions and proposed candidates was published in the April newsletter.

Mariposa AAUW					
Treasurer's Report					
4/30/2015					
	Apr-15	Fiscal YTD	Fiscal Budget	YTD Variance	
Beginning Balance	\$ 9,742.61	\$ 6,590.33			
INCOME					
Dues 2014/2015					
National	\$ -	\$ 4,255.50	\$ -	\$ -	
State	\$ -	\$ 1,528.00	\$ -	\$ -	
District	\$ -	\$ 1,224.00	\$ 1,300.00	\$ (76.00)	
Total Dues 2014/2015	\$ -	\$ 7,007.50	\$ 1,300.00	\$ (76.00)	
Donations					
Undesignated	\$ -	\$ 705.00	\$ 750.00	\$ (45.00)	
Backpack	\$ -	\$ 771.80	\$ 750.00	\$ 21.80	
Tech Trek	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00			
Fundraisers					
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	\$ 50.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 50.00	
Craft Sales	\$ -	\$ 125.00	\$ 200.00	\$ (75.00)	
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 300.00	\$ 17,124.82	\$ 8,800.00	\$ 2,291.32	
EXPENSES					
Dues 2014/2015					
National Dues	\$ -	\$ 4,231.00	\$ -	\$ -	
State Dues	\$ -	\$ 1,512.00	\$ -	\$ -	
Total Dues Expensed	\$ -	\$ 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	
Phonevite	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 25.00	
Member Events					
Mixer	\$ -	\$ 171.99	\$ 150.00	\$ (21.99)	
Orientation	\$ 27.75	\$ 27.75	\$ 50.00	\$ 22.25	
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	\$ 1,181.52	\$ 5,331.52	\$ 4,500.00	\$ (831.52)	
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	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,760.00	
Marketing	\$ -	\$ 283.25	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 916.75	
Equipment	\$ 9.99	\$ 45.92	\$ 100.00	\$ 54.08	
Miscellaneous	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 450.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 1,244.26	\$ 14,916.80	\$ 11,765.00	\$ 2,591.20	
Ending Balance	\$ 8,798.35	\$ 8,798.35			

Happy Birthday to:

May:

- 5 Jill Rowney
- 6 Anita Bothwell
- 13 Letha Goger
- 15 Jacqui Dozier
- 17 Lisa Carisio
- 23 Naoko Kada
- 25 Ruth Shane



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