



## Sierra Outpost

### HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS

--Dawn Johnson

### We're looking for...

...suggestions of community members to honor with a free membership in AAUW for 2016-17.

Because of our branch's great track record recruiting new members at public events, we have earned several free national memberships to offer to deserving folks. These candidates must be new (not renewing) members and meet the AAUW requirement of holding an associate's (or equivalent, e.g. RN), bachelor's, or higher degree from a regionally accredited college or

university. In addition, we'd be looking for people who have perhaps supported AAUW and its events in the past, believe in the mission and work of our branch and have enthusiasm and passion for getting involved with the community.

If you have someone who fits the bill, please contact Dawn, Sandi or Carolyn and let us know why!

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## Co-Presidents' Corner

### Yahoo! Our branch has new parents!!

For quite some time now, we have been letting our members know that it's time to pass the Presidency on.

Unfortunately, people have not been lining up for the job. We asked; we advertised; we explained; we suggested new ways to do things; we offered lots of support.

It was time for something different. So on March 29, we held an all-hands-on-deck "Town Hall" type of member meeting. It was not business as usual. No agenda; no minutes; no voting; no reports; no official leader.

It was a heart-to-heart open talk about how we can all work together to keep our branch alive. As Sandi expressed it, "AAUW is our baby and we don't want it to be an orphan." Heck, she even brought a baby doll there to prove it!

A committed group of members came. We talked about how things could be done differently and about how responsibilities could be shared. We heard good ideas and eloquent comments about how important AAUW is to us personally and to our community.

And so, in the end, we found a way. And our baby found new parents.

**We are excited to announce that Maddie Brown and Rebecca Swisher have stepped up to be Co-Presidents for 2016-17.**

The proposed slate of elected officers for next year is now nearly filled.

Co-Presidents: Rebecca Swisher and  
Maddie Brown

Secretary: Saralynn Nusbaum

Finance Officer: Dina Lambert

VP Programs: Leslie Bernacchi

**VP Membership: OPEN**



**Rebecca Swisher and Maddie Brown,  
Co-Presidential Candidates for 2016-2017**

**Just one more slot to fill. How about YOU?** The VP of Membership is a voting member responsible for collecting member renewals and dues, participating at Board meetings, organizing the two required member meetings (plus any optional events to engage members) and working with Dina to maintain the member database. Sue Gaunt has already volunteered to assist as Member Liaison. Let Dawn or Sandi know if you are interested. Remember, you can always share it!

Thank you to the members who came to support the branch and share their ideas. Thank you also to those who could not attend, but certainly care.

Thank you for taking on our baby. We couldn't be more excited about the talent, enthusiasm and dedication on next year's Board.

We are a creative, caring bunch and we proved it that evening.



*Dawn*

# Speech Trek

--Jill Harry, Coordinator

## Mariposa winner to compete at state level



Congratulations to Mariposa AAUW Speech Trek first place winner Claire Gorham. Her speech on Gender Bias and Inequality, which can be [viewed on YouTube](#), was entered into the state semi-finals contest. It was judged against 13 other first place branch winners.

The five judges included the Mayor of Burlingame, the President & Vice President of the Burlingame Historical Museum, a member of the Planning Commission who competed in speech both in high school and college, and the president of Toastmasters.

The judges named Gorham one of three state finalists invited to an all expenses paid weekend in San Mateo the weekend of April 15 to compete at the AAUW state conference. Gorham will perform her speech on Saturday, April 16, at noon. She is competing for first, second, or third place in the state and a prize of \$1,500, \$1,000 or \$500.

Gorham is 16 years old and a junior at Mariposa County High School. She lives in Bootjack with her parents and brother, as well as 5 cats, 2 dogs, and 12 chickens. She is the president of her local 4-H club, the secretary of MCHS's California Scholarship Federation chapter, and an active member of French club. This is Claire's second year competing in the AAUW speech contest. She is very honored to have reached the state level. She hopes to attend college at California Polytechnic State University at San Luis Obispo, Fresno State University, or UC Davis. She would like to become a veterinarian.

## Mariposa AAUW Calendar



**April:**

2	SIG: Wine Group	15-17	AAUW State Convention- San Mateo
4	Board Meeting: 4:00, Library	20	DWS planning meeting
5	SIG: Reading Group: 4:30	21	MES Battle of Books
11	SIG: International Study Group	23	SIG: Hiking Group
11	Equal Pay Day Resolution-CA Assembly	27	SIG: Craft Group

(See Master Calendar on [12](#) for a more complete schedule.)

# Fundraising: Home Tour

--Sandi Gabe



## A Room with a View.....

Our home tour planning is well underway. We have 8 houses confirmed.

This year we're expanding a couple of concepts from last year.

- ◆ Instead of just one gift basket, each of the special interest groups is coordinating a basket with a theme related to their interest. Everyone is welcome to donate to any basket. See the list below for themes and coordinators. The baskets will be displayed at the River Rock Inn and we'll encourage participants to stop by for lunch and buy a ticket.
- ◆ Next month you will notice some of us driving around with a home tour sign on our cars. Think of the additional exposure we'll get with zippy cars carrying our message. We're also going to add a date to our yellow road signs and put them out before the event.
- ◆ Many of you asked for additional tickets so you could sell a whole car full! We'll be distributing them to you in early April.

Tickets will also be available for purchase at the Visitors' Center (Hwys 140N and 49N) and, on the day of the tour, at the River Rock Inn. They'll be cheaper before the event (\$20.00) and \$25.00 at the door. Get yours early.

We had a great response to our call for volunteers. At this time we have enough docents and volunteers to bring appetizers/ dessert to the houses. Here's where we still need help. Contact Sandi Gabe for details or to sign up.

- ◆ Be a mobile advertiser! Drive around town, or park your car in a prominent spot with a magnetic home tour sign.
- ◆ Sell tickets. Sell tickets. Sell tickets. This is a great event to invite family and friends to and to show off our community. Make a party of it!
- ◆ Donate an item for a gift basket. Drop off items with the coordinator or at Sharon Enrico's house (Jones Street). If you drop off at Sharon's house, please indicate which basket(s) your items are for.

Basket #	Coordinator	Group	Theme
1	Mary Ripma	Hiking	Hiking items in a backpack
2	Kathy Sutherland	Corks and Forks	Wine tasting items
3	Anita Bothwell	Art Appreciation	Art Deco / 1920 / jazz basket
4	Sandi Gabe	Craft Group	Kids craft projects
5	Sharon Enrico	International	International Food
6	Saralynn Nusbaum	Book Group	Book theme
7	Micki Finney	Garden Group	Gardening items

## Tech Trek

--Naoko Kada & Debbie Peters

### Six girls from Mariposa selected for TT 2016

Debbie Peters



Tech Trek interviews were held on March 12, 2016 and we had a wonderful, enthusiastic and well-rounded group of girls. Interestingly enough, in this day and age, it was refreshing to find out that only half of them have their own cell phone. This was surprising, given that we thought all of

them would have to give them up while at camp. We want to give a big thank you to Betty Massey, Maddie Brown and Dawna Hunter for being our interviewers. They were encouraging and friendly, and made the girls feel at ease. We would like to congratulate those selected: Ruby Yager, Ava Dunlavey, Jasmine Lopez, Rylee Mayes, Emilee Cordero, and Coury Jones. Well done girls and we will see you all at the **Meet and Greet** in May!

## Dinner with a Scientist

--Marilyn Saunders

The Dinner with a Scientist team will convene an early planning session on April 20. If you are interested in working with the team this year, please contact Marilyn Saunders at this alternate email address: [mewsaunder@mac.com](mailto:mewsaunder@mac.com). We plan to talk to the

counselors at the high school in early April so we'll have some basic information and evaluation from the school. The April 20 session will include an evaluation from AAUW participants.

## AAUW at the State Level

--Sandi Gabe



One of the ways AAUW gains visibility and improves credibility with legislators is by making our presence known. On Monday, April 11, a resolution will be presented in the CA Assembly, marking April 12, 2016 as Equal Pay Day. This vote needs a big audience of AAUW members!! You can help demonstrate that AAUW is the largest organization advocating for Pay Equity by attending.

If you'd like to carpool to the event (Sacramento), contact Sandi Gabe.

## Membership

--Carolyn Baker & Bonnie Little

### Member Orientation Meeting to be topped off with doughnuts

Carolyn Baker

On Saturday, April 9 starting at 10 AM some of our newest members as well as many of our SIG (Special Interest Group) leaders will be munching on doughnuts and sipping coffee at Doughnuts-A-Go-Go as we review our Mariposa Branch of AAUW, its function, its many projects, its many special interest groups, and get to know a bit more about each other. By the way, this is not just for new members, if you

are a member who hasn't connected with an interest group as yet, and you think now might be the time, drop on by and check out what our Special Interest Groups have to offer. You might just make a new friend as well!

If possible, please email either Bonnie Little or me so we'll be sure and have enough doughnuts for all of you!

### Getting to know Rosemarie, our newest member

I was born in the Colorado Rockies to a ranching and farming family. My parents, aunts and uncles taught me to respect and work with the land, to respect other people and to give back to the community.



**Rosemarie Smallcombe**

I graduated from UC Riverside with a BA in psychology which included a year at the American University of Beirut. Instead of pursuing a career in clinical psychology, I decided to attend San Francisco State University where I obtained a Masters in Research and Development in the Social Sciences.

When the OPEC oil embargo occurred, I was offered a position in SRI's Long Range Planning Service where I could utilize what I had learned in Beirut to assist the Institute's business clients. I stayed in the Planning Service at SRI for 9 years. While completing my MBA at Golden Gate University, Varian Associates offered me a

[Condensed from Rosemarie's website](#)

position in their International business operations where I managed a department responsible for Varian's regulatory compliance program for about 16 years. I then worked for another 9 years at Space Systems/Loral as Licensing Manager.

After Steve and I married in 1985 we bought a 40 foot sailboat and lived on it for 7 years, actively (and successfully) racing the boat in the San Francisco Bay. When we retired, we built a "green" home here in Mariposa and became active in the community. In early 2014, my desire to give back to the community lead me to run for District 1 Supervisor. As Supervisor, I regard the opportunity to serve the people of my district and of Mariposa County as a great honor and one I take very seriously.

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## Membership

--Carolyn Baker & Bonnie Little

# Membership Brunch:

Sunday, May 22, 2016

Save the date!!

## Women making a difference

### Fighting for the Environment:

### Women Making History

March is Women's History Month, making it the perfect time to celebrate women who are making history for conservation in 2016.

[Read about a few of today's conservation heroes.](#)



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**Interest Groups- Wine**

Contact [Kathy Sutherland](#)

**Corks and Forks head to O'Neals on April 2nd**

Saturday, April 2nd will find the Corks and Forks members heading to the Westbrook Winery in O'Neals. We'll taste six or seven wines, enjoy cheese and crackers and be entertained by wine maker Ray Krause's wit. We are thinking about having lunch at La Cabana, a great little Mexican restaurant in North Fork. Please contact Saralynn Nusbaum if you have any questions. We would love to have you join us!



**Interest Groups- Hiking**

Contact [Mary Ripma](#)



**Hikers enjoy wild flowers on trail to Hite Cove**

--Mary Ripma



We're looking for a leader for May's hike. Mary will not be able to make it.

<b>Next Hike:</b>	<b>Destination :</b>
<b>Saturday, April 23</b>	<b>To be determined</b>



### Interest Groups- Craft

Contact [Joan Lee](#)



## Crafting -a tamer project for this month!

The craft group is meeting on April 27th at Sandi Gabe's house. Sandi and Kathy Delaney are teaching us how to create an original cork board. Details will be sent to the members.



Anne Mahler is leading our May project on the 19th at her home. We'll be making the "Tin Man".



### Interest Groups- Garden

Contact [Micki Finney](#)

At our last meeting we discussed ideas for successful gardening. Here are a few tips to remember when planting your garden. Plant basil around tomatoes to repel hornworms.



Chives planted around roses and lettuce will repel aphids. Lavender deters slugs and thyme will deter both slugs and cabbage worms. Happy gardening!

### Interest Groups- International Study

Contact [Peggy Shainberg](#)



No updates were submitted from these three interest groups for this issue. Stay tuned for next month when we'll hear of their latest activities..



### Interest Groups- Art

Contact [Margaret Brandenburg](#)

### Interest Groups- Card Making

Contact [Anne Dolchanczyk](#)

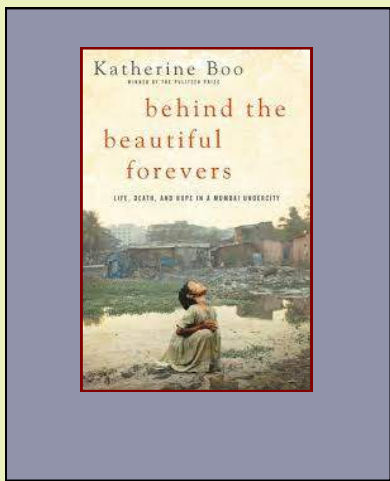
**Interest Groups- Reading** Contact [Saralynn Nusbaum](#)



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

at Helen Fiske’s home on  
 4975 6th Street. Sharon Enrico will  
 lead a discussion on:

***Behind the Beautiful Forevers***  
 By Katherine Boo

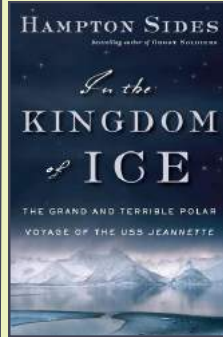


**Discussion Review**

***In the Kingdom of Ice***

By Hampton Sides

----Jill Rowney



In the late 19<sup>th</sup> century, the public had a fascination with the uncharted “waters” of the North Pole, and was lead to believe the current theory of the day (*no pun intended*) that there existed a warm current that flowed from Japan,

(much like the Gulf Stream in the Atlantic) to the North Pole, causing an open polar sea. One “simply” had to punch through the outer layer of ice to sail freely across the North Pole. In that vein of thinking, the ill-fated voyage of the USS Jeanette was launched. The ship and crew had unlimited funds backing her (thanks to James Gordon Bennett, wealthy owner of the newspaper, the *New York Herald*) and wanted for very little. However, communication was virtually non-existent and, after being trapped in the ice for two years, Jeannette’s hull finally gave way. At that point, the crew’s fight for survival began

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

- [Big Magic](#) By Elizabeth Gilbert
- [Blue Jasmine](#) By Kashmira Sheth
- [Bobbed Hair and Bathtub Gin](#)  
By Marion Meade
- [Flight Behavior](#) By Barbara Kingsolver
- [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

(As of publication date, the next title has not been selected. Contact Saralynn for April’s reading title.)

in earnest. The story of their desperate struggle read like a fiction thriller. Author Hampton Sides wove direct quotes from logs and journals with factual information gleaned from years of research into a seamless adventure that kept us rapt to the very end.

In our discussion, we marveled at the strength and determination of the explorers in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century. Would people of today be as willing and/or as able to withstand such adversity in the quest for survival? Would a wife be able to maintain a constant, loving vigil for over three years without a word from her husband in such dangerous circumstances? Would a crew be able to follow unquestioningly, the leadership and directions of their captain? We all decided it was definitely a good read and would recommend adding it to anyone’s book list.

# Are You Biased against Women Leaders?

*Reprinted from AAUW National Site*

If asked, most of us would say that discrimination against women in the workplace is wrong and unacceptable. Unfortunately, research shows that treating women and men equally in hiring decisions, job evaluations, and leadership positions is more of an ideal than a reality. So if we agree that sex discrimination is wrong, why is it still happening? One answer is that many of us harbor unconscious biases that can affect our judgment, even though we may be unaware of them. Uncovering these unconscious, or implicit, biases can be the first step to eliminating them.

So how do we uncover them? AAUW has collaborated with Project Implicit and Harvard University researchers to create a test that looks at the mental associations we make between gender and a variety of concepts, many of which affect our beliefs about women in positions of leadership.

We all have implicit bias.

Psychology research shows that most Americans tend to automatically associate positivity with white people and negativity with African Americans, an association that has pervasive effects on our society. Studies of racial bias were some of the first to use implicit measures, which allow for the investigation of attitudes or associations that people may consciously deny, reject, or even be unaware of. Studies using the Implicit Association Test (IAT) have shown that most people more easily associate men with science and women with the arts, men with careers and women with homemaking, and men with being leaders and women with being supporters.

## Bias matters.

Perhaps unsurprisingly, given the pervasive gender associations documented by researchers, academic scientists who evaluated identical résumés belonging either to “John” or “Jennifer” perceived Jennifer as less competent. They were less likely to offer to mentor Jennifer and were more likely to say they would hire John to be a lab manager. What’s more, when asked what starting salary they’d offer the two candidates based on the same résumé, scientists proposed a salary that was \$4,000 (13 percent) higher for John than for Jennifer. And female scientists showed the same type of bias against Jennifer that male scientists did.

## We can reduce bias!

Fortunately, studies suggest that it may be possible to reduce bias in our minds and in our workplaces. One study found that systematic consideration of personal judgments can help combat bias in the evaluation of women in leadership positions, while another study of university professors found that a program of anti-bias education improved the environment in their departments.

Knowing about the unconscious associations and connections we hold is the first step toward correcting our biases. That’s why AAUW is conducting our own original research on people’s associations between gender and leadership, and you can contribute by participating online. All results are anonymous.

**Take 10 minutes to fight gender bias. Take the test\***

Click on the above then follow the prompts.

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Provide Opportunities for Women to Reach Full Potential



### 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
- 17** Program – Miner's Inn 4:30
- 24** Speech Trek
- 23** AAUW Regional Mtg
- 29** Board Meeting

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

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- 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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Update 1/7/16

**Meeting Minutes**  
**AAUW Mariposa Board of Directors**  
**February 29, 2016**

**CALL TO ORDER:** at 4:07PM by Co-President Dawn Johnson

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Dawn Johnson, Sandi Gabe, Carolyn Baker, Bonnie Little, Jill Harry, Karen Smith, Cindy Harp, Maddie Brown, Leslie Bernacchi, and Dina Lambert

Dawn introduced new board members for the 2016/17 year:

- Leslie Bernacchi – VP Programs.
- Maddie Brown – VP membership. Dawn noted that Maddie is a former Tech Trek participant.
- Sue Gaunt has volunteered to be the membership liaison for the 2016/17 year.

**Approval of Minutes from February 1, 2016 board meeting:** Minutes were previously submitted, approved by email, & published in March newsletter.

**REPORTS:**

**Membership:** Carolyn Baker and Bonnie Little

Supervisor Rosemarie Smallcombe, one of the Speech Trek judges, joined following the event. The Honorable Michael Fagalde has also expressed interest in joining our branch.

Plans are underway for an April new membership event to be held at the donut shop in Pioneer Center.

A young member event, at The Alley, is being planned.

Our goal is to enroll three new members by June 30.

An idea for a possible spring event is a nursery tour to take place at Creekside Nursery. The coordinator for the garden special interest group will be contacted.

Other types of member events were discussed, possibly a murder mystery themed one.

The annual membership brunch is scheduled for May 22. We are considering various venues in town.

Through the Shape the Future membership campaign we have five free memberships available to us; suggested candidates for free honorary memberships were Kim Monson, high school teacher, Lydia Lower, Greeley Hills principal, Carol Reiter, Mariposa Gazette editor, Yvonne at goldrush-cam.com and Mike Fagalde, Superior Court Judge

**Programs:** Karen Smith

There were 30 attendees for The Chinese Silk Road program held on Wednesday February 17. The speaker was Dr. Ruth Mostern of UC Merced.

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John McCammon, past California Condor Coordinator, will be our speaker on March 10 and the topic is The Plight of the Condor. The program will take place at the Miner's Roadhouse 140 at 4:30PM.

Letha Goger is interested in presenting a program on women in Africa; this will probably be scheduled in the fall.

In conjunction with the Audubon Society, Joan Lee's daughter-in-law will be presenting a program on owls. We will publicize in our newsletter.

Based on our successful screening of the documentary, "Half the Sky", in partnership with Mountain Crisis Services, we may consider showing "The Hunting Ground" concerning campus sexual assault. We will have an opportunity to preview it at the State Convention in April.

**Publicity:** Cindy Harp

We had pre and post coverage for Speech Trek in the Mariposa Gazette and will have a cover photo and additional photos in the Sierra Sun Times.

The Mariposa Gazette also provided coverage for the February Chinese Silk Road and there will be an article publicizing the March "Plight of the Condor" program.

Guidelines for article publication are on our website in the members' only section. The password is aauwmariposa.

**Fundraising:** Sandi Gabe

The home tour is scheduled for Saturday May 14. The theme is "A Room with a View" and we have 8 houses confirmed. This year's brochure will be in newspaper format, a sample was displayed. Each of the interest groups will be providing a gift basket. We are considering the River Rock for a "buy your own" lunch stop and gift basket raffle. There will be a pre-tour scheduled for May 13. Docents and cooks are needed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Dina Lambert

The 2/29/16 Treasurer's Report was circulated. To review, contact the Board Secretary for a copy.  
Income - \$10 for ads.

Expenditures - \$5,400 for Tech Trek, \$325 for Speech Trek, and \$199 for Maddie Brown's attendance at the state convention. The outstanding UC Merced check issued for the Dinner with a Scientist program has cleared.

Ending cash balance - \$8,907.

Dawn moved to approve the Treasurer's Report and Karen seconded the motion.

**PROJECT UPDATES:**

**Tech Trek:** Dawn Johnson

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We had eight candidates apply for the six positions this year; applications were submitted today and are in the process of being reviewed. Apparently the timing of Tech Trek conflicts with a Washington DC field trip. Betty Massey, Dawna Hunter, and Maddie Brown will conduct face-to-face interviews with the candidates on March 12.

**Speech Trek:** Jill Harry

The program was held on February 24. Of the eight candidates five presented. Jill will survey teachers to determine whether the event should be held in February or November. Candidates typically come from Brian Starchman's class. Jill will continue as coordinator for the 2016/17 year. We will know the topic for next year in April. \$39 in donations were received at the program. The program finished on budget.

**ACTION ITEMS (non-routine):**

Sandi received a request from a Mariposa County High School sophomore to fund her attendance at The National Students Leadership Conference. Sandi made a motion to discuss the request and Karen seconded. A discussion ensued, Dawn called for a vote, and the board declined to fund the request. Our response to the student will be that we do not fund individual requests. In a side conversation, we did discuss whether we want to have our own scholarship program.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Mandatory Bylaws Amendments:** Dawn/Sandi

The branch bylaws were sent to the membership via email for approval on February 27. Thirty days' notice is required for approval and two thirds of the membership must approve. Sandi made a motion that we leave the survey open for 30 days and Dawn seconded the motion. Because this is an electronic vote, we will calculate the approval results on the basis of the number of surveys opened and number of Yes votes entered.

**Women's History Month Proclamation**

Marilyn Saunders prepared a proclamation to be presented to the Board of Supervisors in recognition of Women's History Month, March 2016. Members are encouraged to attend the March Board of Supervisors meeting on March 1 where Debbie Peters will accept the proclamation.

**Assignment of Branch Buzz**

March – Karen Smith

April – Dina Lambert

**State Convention**

The convention will be held in San Mateo April 15 – 17. Maddie Brown and Cindy Harp will be attending along with Sandi and Dawn. Sandi and Dawn will be presenting workshops. There will be a speaker discussing a Fresno pay/equity case. Speech Trek winners will be presenting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Review Goals status

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The 2015-16 Goals and Actions document which was developed at the annual planning meeting, was circulated, discussed, and updated. To review, contact the Board Secretary for a copy.

### **Board Recruitment action plan: All**

The President/Co-President position has not been filled for the 2016/17 year. The branch is legally required to have an administrative contact for national (currently the president/copresident), a treasurer, and a recording secretary. It was agreed that the branch will have an urgent town hall meeting to discuss the future of the branch and its leadership. The meeting is tentatively scheduled for March 29 at the Miner's Inn at 5:00 pm.

The next board meeting will be held on April 4 at 4:00PM at the library.

The meeting was adjourned by Co-President Dawn Johnson at 6:03PM.

## **Items for sale. Proceeds to benefit Mariposa AAUW projects**

These items from Mary Ripma missed the Garage Sale last fall, so she's giving us members first chance at picking up a good deal. It is a little difficult to tell, but behind the Elliptical Trainer, underneath the dog crate pictured at right is the drop-leaf table.

For Sale: **Solid oak dining table** with drop sides and 4 extensions to seat up to 12 persons. Good condition, 1950 vintage. Includes two chairs. \$100.00 OBO. Can deliver locally.

For sale \$200.00 OBO: **Schwinn Fitness 420 Elliptical Trainer**. All in good working order, purchased in 2009 for \$700.00. Can deliver locally.

Contact Mary Ripma: [ripma@hotmail.com](mailto:ripma@hotmail.com) .



## **Judges needed at MES "Battle of Books"**

Help MES make their first Battle of Books a huge success! They are still looking for more judges for this fun day of reading-centered competition. Important: date change!! Due to unforeseen schedule conflict, the Battle is now set for Thursday, April 21, 9:00-11:30 and 12:30-2:00. So you can finish your taxes and still help MES students and teachers! Please contact Naoko at 742-5785 or [nkada@mac.com](mailto:nkada@mac.com) if you can volunteer.

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