



Sierra Outpost

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It's a Party! Annual Holiday Gathering



**Sunday
December 10
5:00 - 7:00 pm
Home of
Becky & Frank
Mock**

5277 Highway 49 North, Space 17,
Mariposa

Co-Presidents' Corner



Hello there! We are glad to see you were able to get untangled from the conglomeration of Christmas lights to click over and read through the December edition of the newsletter.

We have so many things to be thankful for and celebrate this year. While we are a small foothill community, the actions we take here as a branch ripple outwards to have a state-wide, national, and potentially international impact. The girls we send to Tech Trek each year, or perhaps someday their daughters or sons, may make ground breaking discoveries or step foot on Mars. While it is too soon to know the impacts of the children we reach through our many programs, it is not too soon to celebrate our accomplishments! Join us on Sunday, December 10th from 5pm to 7pm at the Mock home in Idle Wheels for just that. We will be sharing stories, photos,

potluck style snacks, and tasty beverages. As in the past, we will focus on a particular group (or groups) to share the holiday spirit with by having a donation drop box at the front door. See your evite for the formal details! This is a great opportunity for us to get to thank your significant other or close friend who kindly shares you with our Branch, so feel free to bring a plus one.

Happy Holidays to an amazing, selfless, and inspirational group of men and women.



*Rebecca
&
Maddie*

December/January Activities

- December 2** **Coffee and Convos:** 9:00am, Pony Espresso
- December 4** **Board Meeting:** 4:00pm, Mariposa Library
- December 5** **SIG Reading:** 4:30pm, home of Helene Fiske
- December 8** **Tech Trek Committee:** 3:30pm, Sweetwater Deli



Dec. 10  **Holiday Party** 5:00pm, home of Becky Mock 

- January 5** **Cocktails and Convos:** 5:00pm, The Grove
- January 8** **Board Meeting:** 4:00pm, Mariposa Library

Branch BINGO

Bingo Anyone?

It's time to put our best foot forward! AAUW California has thrown down the gauntlet and challenged branches to a virtual bingo game. Let's play! We have two opportunities to win and be acknowledged at the AAUW California convention in April. There's rumor of a prize too!

- Round 1 is October/November and December.
- Round 2 is January/February and March.

How can you get involved? There are several squares that we can fill if we have your help. Check out the [bingo board](#) on the AAUW California website.

Squares we need to fill!	How you can help
Include a link to the AAUW California website in your newsletter.	Jill can make this happen!
Increase your branch Facebook "Likes" by 10% during the round.	We started at 220. We need 22 "likes". Invite your friends to "like" our page.
Get 10 members of your branch to "Like" AAUW CA page.	The AAUW California page has a lot of activity that's worth following. If you "like" the page, let me know and we'll add you to the list.
Conduct at least 1 Get out the vote (GOTV) campaign or event	We need a volunteer to coordinate an event. There's probably not enough time for this round, but perhaps for next round.
Have at least 5 members contribute to AAUW Fund .	Donate now! There is no minimum!
Apply for a state project grant (need not be awarded).	Have a great idea? There is money out there to support it. Contact a board member if you have an idea.
Recruit at least 2 new members at a public event using Shape the Future .	Bring someone to the next Coffee and Convos on December 2nd and convince them to join at the reduced rate.

Tech Trek

--Cathy Owens & Barbara Silva



Tech Trek committee looking for more members

Naoko Kada, Barbara Silva, and Cathy Owens met last week to start gearing up for the 2018 Tech Trek camp. We will begin the process of nominating, interviewing, and selecting the girls in January. We would love to have more members join us on the committee. Our next meeting will be on Friday, **December 8** at the Sweetwater Deli at 3:30. Please join us! Call or email any of us ([Naoko Kada](#), [Barbara Silva](#), [Cathy Owens](#)) if you have questions.

Program

-- Becky Mock

DEEPER IN DEBT

The Student Loan Crisis

--Jill Rowney

Can students fund their higher education and still stay solvent?

Becky Mock guided us through AAUW's "Deeper In Debt" Power Point presentation that gave us such graphic evidence of the debt inequities. ([click here](#) for full presentation). AAUW's research reveals important data regarding the effects of securing college loans on women vs men, white vs color and the respective job prospects, earning power and ability to pay back loans. Many who are saddled with this debt are looking at a lifetime of indebtedness.

Becky also arranged to have a speaker to address the issue of student loan-debt and relate her experiences with the students. Traci Veyl, Financial Aid Director at Merced

College, introduced several ideas to avoid lifelong indebtedness:

- Consolidate all existing college loans that one may have.
- Consider attending a 2-year "junior" college which can often be free of any tuition charges.
- Speak with financial aid directors who can offer alternative means of financing.
- Financial Aid directors are aware of other grants, endowments, scholarships- many of which remain untapped (There is one endowment from the estate of Tillie Stroming for Mariposa students that is often overlooked).

Attendees were given postcards, pens, addresses and time to write to our three representatives in Washington to express our concerns and suggestions for legislation.

AAUW Mariposa Activities Calendar 2017-18

August 2017

Sun	Mo	Tue	We	Thu	Fri	Sat
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7th: Board Meeting
 10th: Backpack Fill Day
 23rd: HS Voter Packets

September 2017

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

October 2017

Sun	Mo	Tue	We	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2nd: Board Meeting
 5th: Dinner with a Scientist
 7th: Coffee and Convos(am)
 13th-14th: Yard Sale

November 2017

Sun	Mo	Tue	We	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3rd: Cocktails and Convos(pm)
 6th: Board Meeting
 14th: Fall Program

December 2017

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

January 2018

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

February 2018

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

March 2018

Sun	Mo	Tue	We	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2nd: Cocktails and Convos(pm)
 5th: Board Meeting
 6th- Women's History Month Proclamation

April 2018

Sun	Mo	Tue	We	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2nd: Board meeting
 7th: Coffee and Convos(am)
 27th-29th: State Convention

May 2018

Sun	Mo	Tue	We	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4th: Cocktails and Convos(pm)
 7th: Board meeting
 20th: Annual Meeting

June 2018

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

July 2018

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

Interest Groups - **Hiking**

Contact Trish Darcy

Perfect hiking conditions for exploring a local trail

--Saralynn Nusbaum



It was a perfect autumn day on Saturday November 12 for a local hike on Harris Road in the Ponderosa Basin area. Don and I along with Augie Doggie were joined by Renea Kennec, her pups Riley and Beau, Jeff and Sandi Gabe, Grizzly and Guinness, and Helene and Bill Fiske.

The hike was recommended by Chery Davis in her book "Mariposa Hiking Adventures"

Volume 4. I bought the book because I love to hike and sometimes prefer to hike locally rather spending time in the car to hike in Yosemite. This hike is roughly 5 miles on a good dirt road through gently rolling hills. The hills are covered with pine and oak tress yet there are some wonderful distant views including the William Sell Memorial Bridge and some ridges and hills behind it.



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Interest Groups - International Study

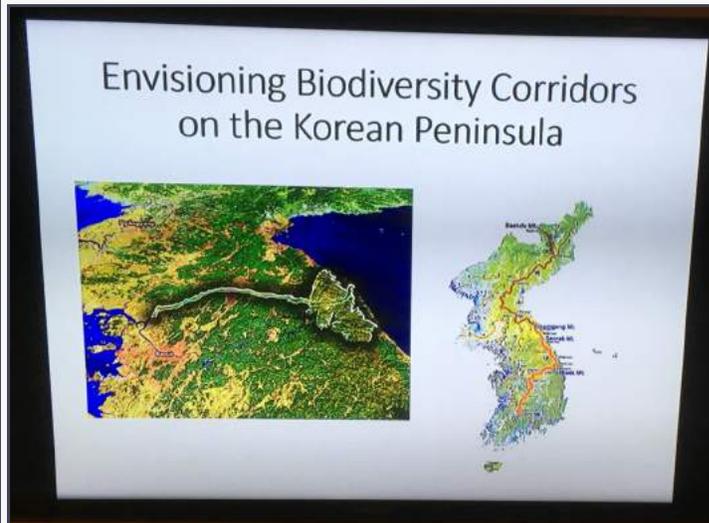
Contact [Peggy Shainberg](#) or [Carolyn Baker](#)

Looking at Korea's geography

Garynreva hosted an interesting presentation on geography of the two Koreas. Our group is planning a trip to the Asian art museum in January to see the Korean couture exhibit .



--Peggy Shainberg



Interest Groups - Wine

Contact [Kathy Sutherland](#)



Cabernet or Zin? Merlot or Petite Sirah? Members of Corks and Forks met at the home of Jill Rowney on the

Sunday evening of November 5 to check their palates AND enjoy each other's company.

We tasted two of each Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Petite Sirah, Pinot Noir, and Zinfandel, and attempted to match the sampling to its varietal. We didn't keep score, but some of us were pretty accurate! To kick it up a

notch, we also attempted to match the wine we tasted to the description on its label.

That task was a bit more esoteric... Cherry: Bing or Black? Really?! "...Offers aromas of **cherries, tobacco** and warm baking **spices** with a hint of **oak**. Zesty and complex..."

No matter what the score, we were all winners of a good time with a great group of friends.

--Jill Rowney



Interest Groups- Reading



Contact [Saralynn Nusbaum](#)

The reading group met in November to suggest titles of books to read in 2018. This resulted in a very enticing list that had to be narrowed down to just 11. We will make our final selections and publish the "official" list next month. We also will be discussing alternate meeting times so more members will be able to participate in the discussions.

Our **next meeting will be**

Tuesday, December 5, 2017 at 4:30 pm

at the home of H el ene Fiske. We will be discussing *The Professor and the Madman* by Simon Winchester.

We Open Eyes

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AAUW Mariposa Branch

Board Meeting Minutes

Mariposa County Library, November 6, 2017

(pending approval)

CALL TO ORDER: at 4:04 by Co-President Maddie Brown

MEMBERS PRESENT: Maddie Brown, Rebecca Swisher, Sandi Gabe, Marilyn Saunders, Cindy Harp, Dina Lambert, Becky Mock, Bernadette Davis.

Approval of Minutes from Oct^{2nd}. Minutes were submitted, reviewed, and approved via email and in meeting, no major corrections just additions.

PROJECT UPDATES:

Yard Sale: *Reported on by Maddie for Sharon*

Yard Sale was on October 13th and 14th. It went really well! Made \$3609.00 there were several large nonmember items that helped with sales. Sandi recommended more large/bigger signs for the next time. Maddie made a motion to buy more signs for up to \$100. Bernadette 2nd. Approved by all present, with no nays or abstentions.

Dinner with a Scientist: *Marilyn Saunders*

Was held on October 5th. Went well, had a smaller group of 30 girls this year. Will look at next year dates ahead of time and speak with various teachers, so no events conflict with the time. Spoke with UC Merced and would like to keep it to Mariposa girls. Will look at cost for next year as UC Merced covered costs this year that they won't be in the future. ABC had offered to fund part of the event, but because UC Merced covered a larger portion of the costs, we did not need their contribution this year.

The Learning Club (formerly Tutoring Project): *Reported on by Maddie Brown for Nancy*

Maddie met with Sara Cox, after-school coordinator, working on a packet. 2nd day of tutors is not needed. 1 day per week is what the school would like. Look at sending a card/form in the classroom folder in order to share info about the student and any concerns. Maddie suggested a sign in sheet, with time in & time out. Sandi suggested that we haven't defined the program, so we can have measurable goals. Let's work on putting something together about success criteria for program once the details of the program are finalized.

Tech Trek: *Reported on by Maddie Brown*

Had a meeting towards the end of October. Naoko will head Tech Trek up this year with the help of Cathy and Barbara. Will need people to do Tech Trek in the coming years. This will be a good year to help to learn the ropes. Count sent in on Oct 29th to reserve 5 spots in camp.

Finance Discussion: All

Sandi is annotating the budget with assumptions so that we understand what expenses and income were expected. Donations from other organizations should be captured in the project budgets.

FUNDRAISER UPDATES: *Sandi*

Will have a meeting towards end of November about the spring fundraiser that will likely be held April 21st. Will be moving forward with the Moroccan Nights theme.

REPORTS:

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Membership: Dina

We are currently at 91 members. Coffee & Convos was held on Oct 7th & Cocktails & Convos on Nov 3rd. Working on 2-3 possible new members.

Publicity: Cindy Harp

Will be sending an updated email about how to properly communicate dates and info if needing it publicized.

Programs: Becky Mock

Deeper in Debt theme on how student loan debt disproportionately affects women. Will be on November 14th at 4:30pm at Miners Inn. Becky will follow up with Merced college counseling office. There will be Power Point presentation for the event. Maddie will pick up postcards to send off.

Treasurer's Report: Sandi

Beginning Balance: \$13,411.90

Ending Balance: \$17,260.26

Becky motioned and Rebecca 2nd to approve treasurer's report. Approved by all present, with no nays or abstentions.

Action Items

Verify/Formalize Sandi's appointment to Finance Officer. Rebecca motioned and Dina 2nd. Approved by all present, with no nays or abstentions.

New Business

AAUW T-shirts: Looking into cost. Maddie will follow up with Lady Bug embroidery. Will work on an order form that has detailed info about when order needs to be received so that only 1 order will be made.

CA Assembly Bill 10: Will look at info and see how this will affect the future.

Branch Bingo: Sandi discussed. Will be for the months of Oct, Nov, Dec. & then Jan, Feb, March. Reviewed the bingo board and discussed the various ways for the branch to achieve BINGO.

Announcements

None

Upcoming Events:

November	-14 th Fall Program – Deeper in Debt.
December:	-2 nd : Coffee and Convos (Maddie)
	-4 th : Board Meeting
	-10 th : Holiday Party will be held at Beck Mocks home at 5pm.
January	-5th: Cocktails and Convos to possibly move to the Grove House for better seating and ability to hear conversation now that the weather is too cold to sit outside at The Alley.
	-8 th : Board Meeting

The meeting was adjourned by Co-President Maddie Brown at 5:48PM. Sandi motioned to close, Rebecca 2nd. Approved by all present, with no nays or abstentions.



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