



Sierra Outpost

February's "Coffee and Convos" features special guests

--Rebecca Swisher



We have two big updates regarding the upcoming **Coffee and Convos!**

- **Special Location:** For this upcoming Coffee and Convos, Saturday, February 3rd, starting at 9am, we will be meeting at **MINERS ROADHOUSE 140** meeting room (attached to restaurant).
- We will have **two special guests** from John C. Fremont Hospital! Matthew Matthiessen (CFO/CEO) and David Williams (Manager of Imaging Services) will be sharing about imaging services and JCFs new mammography suite. They have volunteered their time to come speak with us and we are looking forward to visiting with them about the new technologies.

As this is a special edition of our recurring Coffee and Convos gathering, coffee, tea, fruit, and pastries will be provided.

We will have our normal time to discuss our own topics, challenges, general thoughts etc, in addition to the special presentation.

Coffee and Convos

Day: Saturday

Date: February 3

Time: 9:00am

Miner's Roadhouse 140

5159 Hwy 140

January/February, 2018

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Co-Presidents' Corner

Happy New Year!

In a slightly more serious tone than normal for the President's Corner- you may have seen emails and Facebook posts regarding AAUW CA's vote on the Articles of Incorporation and changing AAUW CA to a Public Benefit Corporation.

Over the years our branch has participated in a variety of voter education-based activities from forums to the high school voter registration packets to tabling at events. The recent vote for AAUW CA to switch back to a Public Benefit Corporation did not pass due to only **four** votes. Those not following the AAUW CA vote may have seen the recent news regarding the tied vote in Virginia that led to their House of Delegates representative being drawn out of a cup. Both the AAUW CA vote and the Virginia vote remind us of the importance of not only being educated on the topics voted upon and their impacts, but also of the importance of participating in the voting process, whether it is showing up on polling day or being on the ballot yourself!

On January 21st, many members traveled to Sacramento, San Francisco, and other cities to participate in the Women's March. As individuals, our "fine print" may vary, but as a whole branch we agree on issues including equal pay for equal work, empowering women and girls, inspiring lifelong learning, and other topics



that are represented at the Women's March. Thank you for exercising your right to peaceful protest, standing up for what you believe in, and being an active participant in our democracy. To those who were not able to attend the March, fret not, we have got all kinds of activities lined up this year, our next one being our Coffee and Convo on February 3rd to be held at MINERS ROADHOUSE 140. We will have guest speakers from John C. Fremont discussing new technologies at the hospital including mammography machines and bone density scanners- STEM, women's health, and coffee. That's a win-win-win!



Rebecca
&
Maddie

Membership

Dina Lambert

Welcome to New and Returning* members

We give a hearty welcome
to...

Allison Byerley

Adbyerley@gmail.com

(Allison is the new minister
at the Methodist Church in
Mariposa.)

SIG: Book, International, and
Craft .

And a welcome back to:

Sue Overstreet *

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Rosemarie Smallcombe*

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Ruth Fruehauf*

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SIG: Book, International,
Gardening, and Hiking

Bring out your directories
and add their names.

Contact Dina if you missed
their contact info.

Events Calendar



February/March Activities

February 3	Coffee and Convos: 9:00am, Miner's Roadhouse 140
February 5	Board Meeting: 4:00pm, Mariposa Library
February 5	SIG-International Study: Home of Beth Tomsick
February 6	SIG Reading: 4:30pm, home of Helene Fiske
March 2	Cocktails and Convos: The Alley
March 3:	Tech Trek: Interviewing of candidates
March 5:	Board Meeting: 4:00pm, Mariposa Library
March 6:	Women's History Month Proclamation
March 6:	SIG Reading: 4:30pm, home of Helene Fiske

Fundraising

[Sandi Gabe](#)

Hot summer night for Morocco fundraiser rescheduled: **AUGUST 25, 2018**

Fundraiser:
Moroccan Nights
~~April 21~~
~~4pm~~
Mariposa Fairgrounds
August 25, 2018



Due to a conflict with another important Mariposa event on April 21, the *Moroccan Nights* Fundraiser has been rescheduled for August 25. Put this on your calendar and get prepared to create and enjoy an “evening in Morocco”. Sandi has a terrific team already

in the midst of planning the logistics: scenery, entertainment, food, auctions, and more less obvious but equally vital aspects of the event. If you have any ideas, talents, and/or auction offerings, please let [Sandi](#) know.

Tech Trek

--Cathy Owens & Barbara Silva



Gearing up for selecting our 2018 candidates

Thank you to everyone who volunteered to participate in a variety of capacities for Tech Trek preparation as interviewers, application scorers, and campus liaisons, as well as our coordinators, Naoko, Barbara and Cathy! The young ladies interested in attending camp this year have been diligently typing away on their applications- they have until

February 5th. Upon submission of their applications, which included thoughtful STEM-themed essays, our scoring team will take over and score the applications based on a preset rubric. A handful of members will be interviewing our bright Tech Trek applicants on Saturday, March 3rd.

AAUW Mariposa Activities Calendar 2017-18

August 2017

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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

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2nd: Board Meeting
5th: Dinner with a Scientist
7th: Coffee and Convos_(am)
13th-14th: Yard Sale

November 2017

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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

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2nd: Cocktails and Convos_(pm)
5th: Board Meeting
6th: Women's History Month Proclamation

April 2018

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2nd: Board meeting
7th: Coffee and Convos_(am)
27th-29th: State Convention

May 2018

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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)

We Sponsor Community Forums

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Membership

Dina Lambert

Coffee and Convo: Discussions ranging from the housing crisis to challenges of maintaining acreage as we ...ahem... age



Another successful Coffee and Convo was held at the Pony Express in Mariposa on December 2, 2017. We had many members attend with great topics to discuss. One of the more lengthy topics was about housing in Mariposa or to be exact ... lack of available housing in Mariposa County and the surrounding areas. The topic went even further into the housing crisis by adding some discussion on the difficulties in maintaining the acreage that some of us

own and have to deal with as we get older.

It's amazing how through a cup of coffee we have found ways to connect with each other and to learn something we didn't know about. We get to listen to intriguing stories and spend a couple of hours getting to know each other. If this sounds interesting to you then please join us for the next Coffee and Convo on February 3rd at 9:00am at the Miner's Roadhouse 140.



We Provide Opportunities for Women to Reach Full Potential

Membership

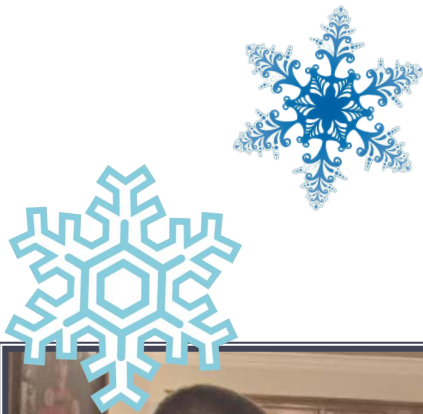
Dina Lambert



Holiday Bash - a festive gathering to feast and give

Mariposa AAUW sure knows how to “Jingle, Mingle, and Mix” at the wonderful Holiday Gathering hosted by Frank and Becky Mock on December 10, 2017. With well over 30 members, some bringing their spouse or guests, and one returning member (Ruth Fruhauf), a fun evening was had by all. All enjoyed the wine, Christmas punch, and appetizers. We had a mixture of savory and sweet appetizers (The Sergienko’s brought a “swavory” appetizer since it was both savory and sweet!).

We also proved the gift of giving is very much alive in our group. Many donated clothing and other items for the Mariposa Heritage House. Some gave cash donations for the programs sponsored by the Alliance for Community Transformations that include Mountain Crisis, Ethos, and Heritage House. We definitely made an impact on those less fortunate and provided a bit of cheer for their holiday.



More revelers at the holiday party



Top: Jody Sergienko,
Co-Presidents Maddie
Brown and Rebecca
Swisher



Right: Kathy Sutherland and
Saralynn Nusbaum



Below: Angie Heiss and
Becky Mock



AAUW California

Rebecca Swisher

Get ready to be inspired- check out AAUW California's convention:



AAUW California's biennial convention will be **April 27-29, 2018** at the Irvine Marriott (18000 Von Karman Avenue in Irvine). The convention theme is "Educated. Reasoned. Active.". There has never been a time in which we have been more challenged to advance our mission, nor has there ever been a greater opportunity!

ing speakers, including plenary sessions on grassroots advocacy, women peacebuilders, advancing equity for all, and this year's Speech Trek competition: "How Can We Stand Up to Sexism?" And we will top it off with a celebration of the 20th anniversary of Tech Trek!

...There has never been a time in which we have been more challenged to advance our mission...

Celebrate the advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research we do to achieve equity for women and girls! Meet state and national leaders. Attend revitalizing workshops. Hear inspiring and entertain-

ing speakers, including plenary sessions on grassroots advocacy, women peacebuilders, advancing equity for all, and this year's Speech Trek competition: "How Can We Stand Up to Sexism?" And we will top it off with a celebration of the 20th anniversary of Tech Trek!

AAUW Mariposa has some funds available to support attendance at this event. If you are interested in going, please let Maddie Brown or Rebecca Swisher know so that they can bring your request to the Board.

Community Action

Members participate in Women's Marches throughout the state



We Send Girls to Science/Math Camp

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Interest Groups - Hiking

Contact Trish Darcy

Hike January 13, 2018

--Dawn Johnson

**Crystal clear views atop Mt. Bullion**

On a clear day, you can see forever. That's what the song lyrics say and it was true for the intrepid hikers who valiantly climbed up Mt. Bullion ("Knob") from the gate to the signal towers. Organized and led by Naoko Kada, the expedi-

tion included Helene Fiske, Gary and Reva Colliver, Dawn and Jay Johnson and Maddie, the Wonder Dog.

Although Maddie set a quick pace and it was a continuously uphill climb, we all had enough breath



Above: Gary Colliver and Jay Johnson

in our lungs for pleasant chatting. Along the way, Gary pointed out the names of the mountains and key Yosemite sites. The weather was wonderful and the views were excellent.

Our Fitbit watches reported 5.5 miles, 13,000 steps and enough calories burned to warrant a trip to the Bon Ton Cave for a few members of the group.

It was a lovely Mariposa morning. To be sure you are notified of the next outing, join the AAUW Mariposa Hiking Group by contacting [Dina Lambert](#), Membership VP.



Interest Groups - Hiking

Contact Trish Darcy

Photos from December's hike

--Rebecca Swisher



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Interest Groups - International Study

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

Korea's current affairs to be discussed

This year we have been looking at the Koreas. There is certainly a lot going on in that area. The Asian Art Museum in San Francisco currently has an exhibit on Korean couture and several of our members made the trip down to the Bay Area on January 16th to visit it. We will hear a report at a future meeting.



--Peggy Shainberg



...Discover the past, present and future of Korea in this first U.S. exhibition to consider Korean fashion as an expression of social and cultural values...

The February meeting will be at Beth Tomsick's house where she will lead a discussion on the current affairs of Korea, the Olympics, the possible political thaw between the two Koreas and show pictures of her family trip to Korea.

Interest Groups - Wine

Contact [Kathy Sutherland](#)

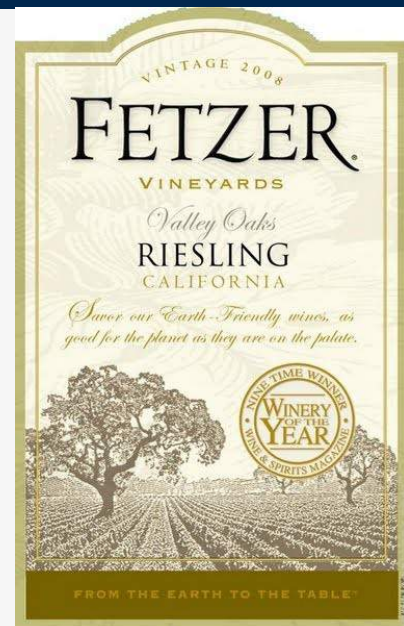


--Wendy Carman

Members of Corks and Forks gathered at the home of Wendy Carman and Dennis Waheed to check out a white varietal (for a change).

Appetizers and soup filled out the evening's repast.

Dry reisling was the evening's palate tester. The top choice was the Fetzer Riesling: not too sweet, nice mouth feel..."all that wine tasting talk. "



Interest Groups- Reading

Contact [Saralynn Nusbaum](#)



Our next meeting will be

Tuesday, February 6, 2018 at 4:30 pm

at the home of Hélène Fiske. We will be discussing

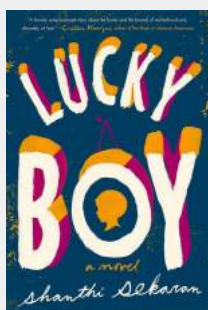
I Will Send Rain by Rae Meadows.



Book List for 2018

March:

Lucky Boy by Shanthi Sekaram



Behold the Dreamers

By Imbolo Mbue

Little Fires Everywhere

By Celeste Ng

Manhattan Beach

By Jennifer Egan

Everything I Never Told You

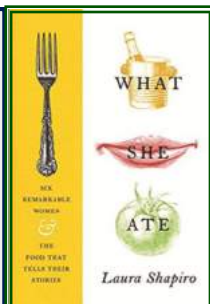
By Celeste Ng

Conversations with Friends

By Sally Rooney

Ordinary Grace

By William Kent Krueger



What She Ate by Laura Shapiro

Discussion Review

By Saralynn Nusbaum

What to do on a rainy afternoon? Meet with women to

discuss a good book; that's what we did this past Tuesday, January 9. Our focus? "What She Ate" by Laura Shapiro.

Author Laura Shapiro was a columnist at Newsweek for 16 years where she covered food, women's issues, and the arts. Her essays have also been featured in *The New Yorker*, *The New York Times*, *Condé Nast Traveler*, *Gourmet*, and *Slate*. She was interviewed a few months ago on PBS and that is where I first heard of the book.

In *What She Ate*, Shapiro has chosen to tell the food stories of six seemingly randomly selected women from literature and history. As she points out, biography tends to honor the old fashioned tradition of keeping a polite distance from

food. In contrast, Shapiro likens her method of research to standing in line at the supermarket and peering into the other carts. Her premise is that everyday meals constitute a guide to human character.

I confess I read the section on Eva Braun (cyanide and champagne) first. The more admirable women are Dorothy Wordsworth (lake fish), Rosa Lewis (pigeon pie), Eleanor Roosevelt (mutton and home economics and worst food ever served in the White House), Barbara Pym (wilted salads), and Helen Gurley Brown (diet Jell-o and in her own words a grown up anorectic).

The author doesn't share with us why she chose these women. While several of us enjoyed the book, some felt that Shapiro tried hard to make disparate stories adhere to a loose theme.



AAUW Mariposa Branch**Board Meeting Minutes****Mariposa County Library, January 8, 2018**

CALL TO ORDER: at 4:12 by Co-President Maddie Brown

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rebecca Swisher, Maddie Brown, Sandi Gabe, Dina Lambert, Becky Mock

Approval of Minutes from December: December minutes were submitted and distributed via email and approved.

PROJECT UPDATES:

Tech Trek: *Maddie Brown for Naoko Kada, Cathy Owens, & Barbara Silva*

Outcome of call for volunteers:

Two volunteers for excel spreadsheet

15-20 volunteers overall

No one has volunteered to shadow for taking over Tech Trek next year

Next Tech Trek planning meeting is Friday, January 11, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. at the Sweetwater Cafe

REPORTS:

Membership: *Dina Lambert*

4 new members, 3 of who are rejoining

About 30 people attended the holiday party

Publicity: *Maddie Brown for Cindy Harp*

No report

Treasurer's Report: *Sandi Gabe*

Review of revised November report:

Moved charge for Yard Sale signage from Yard Sale Income to Marketing Expense

Dina Lambert first, Becky Mock seconded, all approved, with no nays or abstentions

Motion passed to approve revised November report

Discussion of checking account fees:

AAUW is being charged a fee for every transaction

We have the option to change from a community checking account to a business checking account

Sandi Gabe made a motion to switch to business checking account, Rebecca seconded, all in favor, none opposed

Motion passed to approve change in account type

Discussion of December report:

Dina Lambert motioned to approve December report, Becky Mock seconded, all in favor, none opposed

Motion passed to approve December report

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Fundraiser: Sandi Gabe

Next planning meeting is on January 23, 2018 at Sandi Gabe's house

Volunteers are working to acquire supplies

Sandi Gabe plans to have the work outline finalized by the 23rd.

T-shirt Update: Maddie Brown

Lady Bug will honor previous prices

Discussion held regarding process for collecting orders and money

Sandi Gabe will figure out the electronic ordering/payment details and report back

Branch BINGO (January – March): Sandi Gabe

Discussion was held regarding how to potentially accomplish these tasks

NEW BUSINESS:**Digitizing Historic Minutes**

Saralynn Nusbaum has binders with historic minutes

Sandi Gabe stated that we are required to keep minutes forever

Discussed plan to scan and save to electronic format (e.g., Google Docs)

Maddie Brown and Rebecca Swisher will perform this task later this year

Sandi Gabe motioned to digitize, Rebecca seconded, all in favor, none opposed

Motion to digitize AAUW Mariposa Board meeting minutes was approved

Incorporation Vote

Sandi Gabe sent out the e-mail to branch members to remind them to vote

AAUW California needs 100% of those who vote to vote to move from mutual benefit to public benefit due to rules of mutual benefits

Members need to vote January 9-11, 2018 either electronically or via phone

Presentation by John C. Fremont (JCF) Hospital Imaging Department

Sandi Gabe reported that JCF Imaging Department manager wants to come to an AAUW meeting to discuss the new mammography machine

Suggestion was made for him to come to Coffee / Cocktails and Convos as a guest speaker

Maddie Brown will coordinate the AAUW side of this

Rebecca Swisher will coordinate with JCF

The Learning Club

Sandi Gabe reported that the Director of Instruction, Elaine Keeley, is a member who is with the Merced School District

She is willing to do one session on new math for The Learning Club tutors

Maddie Brown will follow up with this option

Discussion was held regarding taking a further look at who can coordinate this project

We need to ensure that communications and structure are in place

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We will re-examine this program in June 2018

Women's History Month Proclamation

Theme: Nevertheless She Persisted

Rebecca Swisher will coordinate

Rebecca Swisher will e-mail Marilyn for guidance on this process

OTHER UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Countywide Community Health Assessment

January 18th in Mariposa – 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

January 19th in Greeley Hill – 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

This is being done by the Health Department to assess community needs, including education, housing, healthcare, etc.

Sandi Gabe motioned that this information be e-mailed out to all AAUW Mariposa members, Dina seconded, all in favor, none opposed

Maddie Brown will send an informational e-mail to all members

Member Directories

Dina Lambert stated that she still has directories to distribute

Discussion regarding how to get to various groups (e.g., SIG members)

Dina Lambert will mail any remaining packets

UPCOMING EVENTS:

January

11th Tech Trek Meeting

23rd Moroccan Nights Meeting

February

3rd Coffee and Convos (Maddie Brown to head up this event)

5th Board Meeting (Sandi Gabe will be absent)

March

2nd Cocktails and Convos (Miner's Roadhouse) (Rebecca Swisher will head up this event)

5th Board Meeting

Rebecca Swisher motioned for the meeting to be adjourned, Sandi Gabe seconded, all in favor, none opposed

The meeting was adjourned by Co-President Maddie Brown at 5:26 p.m.



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