



Sierra Outpost

Women's History Month Proclamation

Our branch has the honor of accepting the Women's History Month Proclamation from the Mariposa County Supervisors on March 6th, beginning at 9am.

We are looking for branch members to accept the "Nevertheless, She Persisted," proclamation. This will consist of a handshake, brief one or two sentence "Thank you," and a group photo.

members and community. Only one person of the group will need to give the verbal "Thank you."

The Board of Supervisors meeting begins at 9am and the Proclamation is read within the first 20 minutes or so as part of the consent agenda. You are welcome to politely sneak out after or stay for the duration of the meeting to learn more about what's going on in Mariposa County.

...Nevertheless she persisted...

We would love to have many branch members on hand to accept the proclamation and represent the persistent presence our branch has working with, educating, and empowering our own

Tuesday, March 6
9:00am
Board of Supervisors' Meeting
Government Center
1500 Bullion Street, Mariposa

March, 2018

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Co-Presidents' Corner

Changing of the Guard

As we patiently wait for early March to turn into spring weather (Ok, a bit *impatiently* after this last storm. That snow and ice combo was tough to scrape off the windshield!), we are also approaching our normal annual changes for the branch. This is the time of year we begin to prep for next year. Yes, it goes by quickly! Over the next few months, you'll be seeing more info about how to get involved in new roles, and what said roles entail.

We would like to take this time to re-extend the ongoing open-ended invite to our branch board meetings. Popping in to an upcoming monthly meeting for about an hour is a great way to see what goes on at the board level.

While board roles vary in their time requirements and individual definitions, there is a role for every level of branch

member from branch newbie and writing aficionado to professional numbers cruncher and Excel wizard. Shared responsibilities will include attending board meetings once a month, keeping records for specific roles, attending the summer planning session, and setting goals.

We look forward to visiting with branch members about the various roles, and as we get closer to the official end of the year, we'll discuss these roles more. Here's a refresher on generalized voting board role responsibilities. There are additional non-voting ways to get involved, which we will discuss as well throughout the next couple of months. If something catches your eye and you would like additional information, feel free to call or email Maddie or Rebecca.



Rebecca
&
Maddie

Branch Leadership- Board Roles

Director at Large	Finance Officer	Membership VP	President	Program VP	Recording Secretary
Coordinate with Board to offer support to various projects	Maintain detailed, up-to-date financial records that could be shared if audited	Maintain membership records	Plan and conduct Board meetings	Arrange for appropriate programs for members and the community	Record minutes at Board meetings
Coordinate special projects or programs	Provide report on finances to Board and at general meetings	Send information and applications to prospective members	Write monthly column for newsletter	Schedule speaker(s), reserve venue, coordinate support services	Record appropriate business at each general meeting
Participate as full voting member of Board	Assume responsibilities for all money matters-national, state and branch	Prepare membership materials as needed	Act as liaison to other branches, State, and National	Work with Publicity chair to compose and distribute article(s) for each program to local media	Share minutes with Board members for edits and approvals prior to submitting to the newsletter
Potentially serve as inter-organization liaison with other community groups such as Soroptomists or Rotary	Work with Membership Vice-President to process membership dues and records	Seek opportunities to market AAUW to community	Maintain records for succeeding officers such as bylaws	Evaluate and review programs using attendee and member feedback	
Nominated by President(s), this role is voted on by the Board once the new year begins July 1st	Prepare and submit nonprofit status forms to IRS	Encourage increased membership via various media outlets	Keep Board current with policies and information from all levels of AAUW	Send thank you notes as needed	
	Work with Board to develop a budget based on branch goals and planned programs	Work with Board to plan at least three membership events including a new member orientation, a member mixer, and the Annual Meeting	Conduct annual planning session with branch leaders	Track member participation at events	
		Notify members of upcoming AAUW events	Work with Finance Officer and branch leaders to develop annual budget	Assure that photographs are taken of each event for use in publicity, website and newsletters	
		Assist with preparing annual member directory and assure distribution	Work with Webmaster, Publicity Chair, and all branch leaders to communicate AAUW activities to the branch and public		
		Write monthly column for newsletter			
		Coordinate Special Interest Groups			
		Work with Board on proposals to recruit and retain members			

Events Calendar

March/April Activities



- March 2** **Cocktails and Convos:** 5:00pm, The Grove House
- March 3:** **Tech Trek:** Interview candidates
- March 5:** **Board Meeting:** 4:00pm, Mariposa Library
- March 6:** **Women's History Month Proclamation:** 9:00am,
Board of Supervisors meeting, Government Center
- March 6:** **SIG Reading:** 4:30pm, home of Helene Fiske
- March 10:** **SIG Hiking:** Eastman Lake (led by Sandi Gabe)
- March 18:** **SIG Wine:** 4:00pm, home of Carolyn Baker
- April 2:** **Board Meeting:** 4:00pm, Mariposa Library
- April 3:** **SIG Reading:** 4:30pm, home of Helene Fiske
- April 7:** **Coffee and Convos:** 9:00am, Pony Expresso
- April 14:** **SIG Hiking:** Merced River Trail to the South Fork
(led by Maddie Brown)
- April 19:** **Program:** JC Fremont Hospital Presentation (tentative)
- April 22:** **SIG Wine:** 4:00pm, home of Sandi Gabe
- April 27-29:** **AAUW State Convention:** Irvine, California

Fundraiser:

Moroccan Nights

Mariposa Fairgrounds
August 25, 2018

More news to come.



AAUW Mariposa Activities Calendar 2017-18

August 2017

Sun	Mo	Tue	We	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
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27	28	29	30	31		

7th: Board Meeting
 10th: Backpack Fill Day
 23rd: HS Voter Packets

February 2018

Sun	Mo	Tue	We	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3rd: Coffee and Convos(am)
 5th: Board Meeting

September 2017

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

March 2018

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

October 2017

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

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

November 2017

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3rd: Cocktails and Convos(pm)
 6th: Board Meeting
 14th: Fall Program

May 2018

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4th: Cocktails and Convos(pm)
 7th: Board meeting
 20th: Annual Meeting

December 2017

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

June 2018

Sun	Mo	Tue	We	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2nd: Coffee and Convos(am)
 4th: Board Meeting

January 2018

Sun	Mo	Tue	We	Thu	Fri	Sat
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21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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5th: Cocktails and Convos(pm)
 8th: Board Meeting

July 2018

Sun	Mo	Tue	We	Thu	Fri	Sat
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TBD- Planning Session
 6th: Cocktails and Convos(pm)

Membership

Dina Lambert

Coffee and Convos: Rock Down to Electric Avenue (aka John C. Fremont's new state of the art Equipment Suite) --Maddie Brown



On Saturday, Feb 3rd, our regularly occurring Coffee and

Convos gathering had the pleasure of hosting two John C. Fremont employees (3 if you count Rebecca!). Matt Matthesen, CEO and Interim CFO, and David Williams, Imaging Department Manager. The gentlemen started the morning by discussing Elizabeth Blackwell- the first woman to receive a medical degree in the United States. It was an interesting coincidence that this Coffee and Convos occurred on her birthday! Throughout the morning Matt and David shared developments in John C. Fremont's imagery and scanning department, including the new state of the art mammography suite and the new MRI, CT, and bone density scanning services. One of our main topics to discuss, mammograms, came with some very interesting facts. Hospitals must perform 600-700 per year to maintain federal certification. Each individual technologist must perform 200 per year to maintain his/her own

qualification. Additional interesting facts throughout the morning included the count of 5 out of 8 primary care providers in our community are women!

In addition to learning about the neat technologies available in our own community, Matt and David discussed the challenges, benefits, and even a few detriments (true realists!). John C. Fremont Hospital is self-funded. Over the last two to three years, the hospital has been working on a public paradigm shift, and through its success, our community has benefited! There has been an increase of local residents choosing our home town hospital, and through this the hospital is able to provide higher quality goods and services- a true win-win scenario. With the government mandate in 2030 for a new hospital, scheduling lab work, MRIs, and other types of appointments increases hospital revenue help provide funds to pay for the new hospital. If you have a primary care provider out of the area, you can request to have your prescriptions, lab work, and

different scans transferred to John C. Fremont as long as your insurance is okay with it!

While the morning was full of facts, figures, a bit of catharsis, and warm gooey freshly made cinnamon twists- there was one major take away, per Matt's catchy phrase. These new machines are *our* machines, and this hospital is *our* hospital. With a final shout out to AAUWers Rebecca and Bernadette, who work hard to ensure positive experiences across a variety of departments, Matt stated that our little hospital has seen a 100% increase in intakes over the last 4 years!

John C. Fremont is a critical component for our immediate community and satellite communities throughout the county, as well as northern Madera County. As one of the traveling nurses observed, "It is a little hospital with a big heart." We hope to have Matt and David back to speak at a public program, so if you missed out this round, you're in luck! Unfortunately, we can't guarantee warm cinnamon twists.

Interest Groups - Hiking

Contact [Trish Darcy](#)



Hike December 9, 2017

--Rebecca Swisher

December 9th dawned sunny and cold, perfect for that day's hike. The even terrain of Briceburg Trail West

allowed for many opportunities to enjoy the scenery and to learn more about each other, and the conversations meandered easily from topic to topic as the sun began to peek over the cliffs. We paused by a rock face to listen to the echo of the rushing water bounce off the granite and rested by the bend in the North Fork before returning the way we came.



Editor's note: Rebecca's lovely write-up of the December hike got buried amongst my December files and didn't surface until the January issue was already published. Here it is with one of the photos taken. Please accept my humble apologies.



February's snowshoe hike cancelled due to unseasonably warm weather and NO SNOW!!

It is a bit difficult to go snowshoeing without any snow. As Badger Pass is

not going to open this season, it looks like this adventure may have to wait until next year.



March 10 destination: Eastman Lake

Sandi Gabe will lead a hike at Eastman Lake- Be prepared for snowy vistas!



April 14: Merced River Trail to the South Fork

Maddie Brown will lead the way!

We Provide Opportunities for Women to Reach Full Potential

Interest Groups - Wine

Contact [Kathy Sutherland](#)

Italian red wines featured

--Jill Rowney

Hostess, Renea Kennec and her husband Rod, are planning a trip to Italy this summer and wanted a preview to some of the wine they might encounter. The Italian wines



we found available here in California tended to be light- not nearly as robust as our traditional red wines here- be they a cabernet, zinfandel, or one of the blends. With that in mind, we looked for variety in sweetness and very subtle flavors. Thanks to Willy Rust for these great photos!



Cheers! Left-Hostess, Renea Kennec. Above: Jill Rowney, Renea, Karen Rust, Carolyn Baker. Right: Kathy Sutherland analyzing subtle characteristics of the wine

Interest Groups - International Study

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

Korea's history and current affairs to be discussed



The International Study Group is still looking at the Koreas and enjoying the Olympic games. Our next meeting in March will cover history and current affairs. Here are photos of our last "field trip" to the exhibition in San Francisco from Beth Tomsick .

--Peggy Shainberg



Above: Margaret Erhart, Wendy Carman, Nancy Martin, Beth Tomsick, and Jeanne MacDonald at the Korean exhibit in the Asian Art Museum in San Francisco.



Interest Groups- Reading

Contact [Saralynn Nusbaum](#)

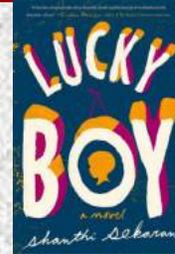


Our next meeting will be

Tuesday, March 6, 2018 at 4:30 pm

at the home of Hélène Fiske. We will be discussing

Lucky Boy by Shanthi Sekaram.



2018 book selections we have not yet read:

10:04

By Ben Lerner

Behold the Dreamers

By Imbolo Mbue

Conversations with Friends

By Sally Rooney

Everything I Never Told You

By Celeste Ng

Little Fires Everywhere

By Celeste Ng

Manhattan Beach

By Jennifer Egan

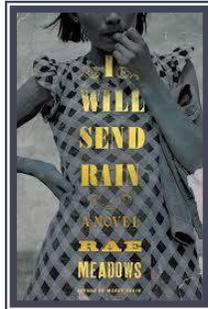
Ordinary Grace

By William Kent Krueger

Wonder

By R.J. Palacio

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***I Will Send Rain* by Rae Meadows**

Discussion Review

By Trish Darcy

We met in February to discuss *I Will Send Rain* by

Rae Meadows. This is the author's third novel and is the story of a family living in the panhandle of Oklahoma during the dust bowl. They are faced with many challenges which they have to solve creatively. Each family member approaches the stresses in a different way. The marriage is in danger as the husband and wife struggle with their own demons. The teenage daughter is in need of a mother who does not know how to help her daughter. The younger son is mute and suffers from dust pneumonia, which was common during the Dust Bowl. The group was in consensus about enjoying the book. The author did an excellent job

with characterization, giving us just what we needed to get to know each one. She was able to paint a picture of what life was like without going into long drawn out descriptions. The story draws you in to see how this family handles the stress of the Dust Bowl while staying strong. It was decided that people were "land proud" at that time since they had built their farms with their own sweat to make a profit. This made it difficult for them to just throw in the towel and walk away. Anyone interested in historical fiction would surely enjoy this novel.

Our next novel discussion will be led by Sandi Gabe and will be on March 6. The novel we will be discussing is *Lucky Boy* by Shanthi Sekaran.

AAUW Mariposa Branch Board Meeting Minutes

Mariposa County Library, February 5, 2018

CALL TO ORDER: at 4:20 p.m. by Co-President Maddie Brown

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

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

PROJECT UPDATES:

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

Interviews are scheduled for March 3rd from 09:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

There are approximately 15 applicants.

Discussion was held regarding the idea that members may be interested in learning more about what the Fresno campus will be doing.

The Learning Club: Maddie Brown

Maddie Brown has a phone call scheduled with Nancy Martin this evening (02/05/2018).

REPORTS:

Membership: Dina Lambert

AAUW Mariposa currently has 97 total members.

No other report.

Publicity: Maddie Brown for Cindy Harp

No report.

Treasurer's Report: Submitted by Sandi Gabe; Reviewed by Maddie Brown

Discussion of January report:

Expenses: \$5.00, which were for Google

Income: None on report; Dina stated we received \$15.00 district portion from dues, so January report will have to be updated.

AAUW Mariposa bank account was changed from a Community Account to a Business Account per December's meeting discussion.

Sandi has requested that she be sent e-mail from Tech Trek coordinators to initiate payment for our campers. Cathy Owens is aware of this need.

Due to a lack of voting members present as well as the need to update the January statements, we will need to approve January's treasurer's report at March's Board Meeting.

Fundraiser: Submitted by Sandi Gabe; Reviewed by Maddie Brown

The fundraiser has been rescheduled for August 25th.

The next planning meeting is to be determined.

Coffee/Cocktails & Convos Location: Maddie Brown

Next event is Cocktails & Convos.

Discussion was held regarding location. Decision was made to keep it as is since we will be able to meet outside in the near future.

We will meet at the Grovehouse in March.

T-shirt Update: Maddie Brown

No report.

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NEW BUSINESS:

2018-2019 AAUW Mariposa Board and Leadership

Discussion was held regarding the need to begin a recruitment campaign.

Rebecca and Maddie will not be able to be co-presidents again due to work and school.

The board is in agreement that most roles could be "job shared" to reduce individuals' workloads. However, this would also mean recognizing that each role only has one vote, so in essence those sharing a role would also share a vote (e.g., Maddie and Rebecca currently count as one vote).

State Convention Registration

April 27-29, 2018

Early Registration: March 8th

Registration: March 9th – April 13th

Late Registration: After April 13th

Rebecca will send e-mail to members to remind them about having funds to support attendance at this.

Craft Group Lead (Mirror Hiking Group Set-Up)

Rebecca will follow up with this SIG to see if they would like to be set up like the Hiking SIG.

Programs

Discussion was held regarding ideas for our upcoming program

Decision was made for us to take the presentation that was done by John C. Fremont at this month's Coffee & Convos and add to it to create April's program

Proposed Date: April 19

OTHER UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Women's History Month Proclamation: *Rebecca Swisher*

Rebecca Swisher reported that the draft of this document has been completed. She will send to Maddie Brown for editing and then submit the finalized proclamation to the Board of Supervisors for their March meeting.

Digitizing Historic Minutes

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

UPCOMING EVENTS:

March

2nd Cocktails & Convos (Grovehouse)

5th Board Meeting

April

2nd Board Meeting

7th Coffee & Convos

Tentatively 19th Program (Health Focus)

Dina Lambert motioned for the meeting to be adjourned, Becky Mock seconded, all in favor, none opposed.

Co-President Maddie Brown adjourned the meeting at 4:57 p.m.



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		Publicity	Cindy Harp
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		Speech Trek	OPEN
		Tech Trek	Cathy Owens Barbara Silva
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