



## Sierra Outpost

April, 2018

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**April Program:**

**Talk Tech with JCF**

**State-of-the-art imaging services available in Mariposa!**

--Becky Mock

**Thursday, April 19**

**4:30-6:00 pm**

**Miner's Roadhouse 140**

Join us for a free community program getting to know all about the new diagnostic equipment at John C. Fremont Hospital!

This program will discuss the technology behind new

equipment such as the bone density and mammography machines and discuss the positive impacts the technology will have on our community and the hospital.

Speakers include CEO Matthew Matthiessen, Imaging Manager David Williams, and Fremont Family Physician-PA Melissa Heyer.

**Don't miss this program as you'll be eligible to win a free mammogram or bone density test through a drawing following the program!**



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## Co-Presidents' Corner

### Changing of the Guard

We hope that everyone is safe and dry after the recent torrential downpours! It is during times like these that we see our community come together. Mariposa is home to those who call to check in on friends and family, buck the tree that fell in the neighbor's yard, and drive into town to get supplies for someone who is stuck at home. Witnessing these actions makes us grateful to be part of Mariposa.

We are also thankful to be part of AAUW, having felt encouraged during our time as Co-Presidents these past two years. We found that working together allowed us to manage the responsibilities of the

position while also enjoying the role and balancing other aspects of our lives. Because of this experience, we highly encourage you all to consider joining the Board! If you have someone with whom you would like to share a position's tasks, even better! As our term draws to a close, we look forward to helping AAUW in different ways and hope to have the opportunity to support you as you step into a leadership or board role!



*Rebecca*  
&  
*Maddie*

## Membership

Dina Lambert

Our Annual Meeting will be held Friday, June 1st at 4:00p.m. at the Gabe Home.

This event is held each year to vote for officers, wrap up the year, and enjoy each others' company.

Please mark your calendars. Additional details will be forthcoming as the date nears.

**Annual Meeting**

**Friday**

**June 1**

**4:00pm**

**Home of Sandi Gabe**



# Events Calendar



## April/May Activities

<b>April 2:</b>	<b>Board Meeting:</b> 4:00pm, Mariposa Library
<b>April 3:</b>	<b>SIG Reading:</b> 4:30pm, home of Helene Fiske
<b>April 7:</b>	<b>Coffee and Convos:</b> 9:00am, <u>Pony Expresso</u>
<b>April 14:</b>	<b>SIG Hiking:</b> Merced River Trail to the South Fork (led by Renea Kennec)
<b>April 14:</b>	<b>SIG Craft:</b> 2:30, home of Sandi Gabe
<b>April 19:</b>	<b>Program:</b> JC Fremont Hospital Presentation, 4:30-6:00pm, Miner's Roadhouse 140
<b>April 22:</b>	<b>SIG Wine:</b> 4:00pm, home of Sandi Gabe
<b>April 27-29:</b>	<b>AAUW State Convention:</b> Irvine, California
<b>May 2:</b>	<b>SIG Reading:</b> 4:30pm, home of Helene Fiske
<b>May 4:</b>	<b>Cocktails and Convos:</b> 5:00pm, <u>The Grove House</u>
<b>May 7:</b>	<b>Board Meeting:</b> 4:00pm, Mariposa Library
<b>June 1:</b>	<b>Annual Meeting:</b> 4:00pm, home of Sandi Gabe

### April 2018

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2nd: Board meeting  
7th: Coffee and Convos<sub>(am)</sub>  
27th-29th: State Convention

### June 2018

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1st: Annual Meeting  
2nd: Coffee and Convos<sub>(am)</sub>  
4th: Board Meeting

### May 2018

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4th: Cocktails and Convos<sub>(pm)</sub>  
7th: Board meeting

### July 2018

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TBD- Planning Session  
6th: Cocktails and Convos<sub>(pm)</sub>

## Fundraising

Sandi Gabe

### Hot Moroccan Nights

April 21

4pm

Mariposa Fairgrounds



--Sandi Gabe

Put your thinking caps on! It's time to start planning for our next fundraiser. We will need your help to transform the Building A at the Fairgrounds into our dream escape. Watch your email for invitations to help dye sheets, paint wallsapes and more. Included in the event will be our signature "experience auction" where we auction off the skills of our membership. This style of an auction was introduced to allow our local businesses to participate in our events without having to also donate their products. No one has to approach a business to ask for a donation! As

a byproduct, we have also seen our members get to know each other better as most of the auction items involve the participation of several people.

So what type of experiences have been successful experience auction items? Our top sellers are themed dinners and events. We've run the gamut from wild game dinners and pool parties to in-home concerts, basketball lessons, and document editing. Think about your passion and how to share it. Planning will begin in May. Watch your email for more details.

## Help Wanted

In search of members who would like to get involved in the branch at a board or leadership level. There are a variety of roles available. All roles can be shared with a friend or a stranger who will surely be your friend by the time the term is over. Terms start on July 1, 2018.

All elected board positions available: President, VP of Membership, VP Programs, Finance Officer, Secretary. While each role has its own

specific description, shared responsibilities include; attending monthly meetings, contributing to the newsletter, participating in budget planning, record keeping, setting goals and strategic planning.

**Hourly Rates and Wages:** Personal Growth, Feel-Goodism from Community Participation, and a good night's sleep after big activities.

We Send Girls to Science/Math Camp

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## Branch Leadership

Maddie Brown

# Changing of the Guard

Our branch is approaching our annual changing of the guard. At this time of year we begin looking for members interested in serving on next year's board, which runs July 1st, 2018 through June 31st, 2019. Though it seems like July is a long way off, it will be here before we know it. Each year at our Annual Meeting (to be held at the Gabe Home on Friday, June 1st, 4pm), we vote to approve the slate of elected officers, which includes President, VP of Programs, VP of Membership, Recording Secretary and Finance Officer.

In order to elect, we need nominations! We are open to nominations for all roles. Thank you to those who have already volunteered to serve on the board for next year. Nominations must be published in the newsletter one month prior to the Annual Meeting. In order to do so, we need all nominations in by the end of April in order to publish the slate for all members to see. If you need



a little more time to make up your mind, day-of nominations at the Annual Meeting are allowed as well. Roles can be shared to divide responsibilities comfortably and effectively. Please email Maddie or Rebecca if you are interested in a board role.

### President:



Plan and conduct Board of Director meetings, Preside at general meetings and social events, Write a monthly column and review newsletter articles for each issue, Act as liaison with all officers-branch, state and national, Maintain records for suc-

ceeding officers including-bylaws, handbook, etc , Work with the Board of Directors to set goals and strategic plans (priorities) for the year, Keep Board of Directors current with policies and information from all levels of AAUW, With the help from the Board of Directors, appoint committee chairs to fill vacancies as they arise, Attend AAUW-CA leadership events

### Membership VP:



Attend Board of Director meetings, Maintain membership records, Send information and application forms to prospective members as requested, Prepare membership materials for local branch as needed, Provide AAUW brochures in the community (library, etc), Write newsletter, website and newspaper articles to

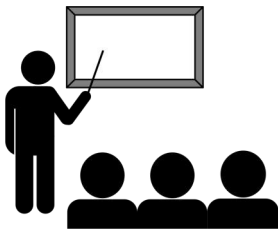


## Branch Leadership

Maddie Brown

encourage increased membership, Plan at least one membership orientation event each year, Send out invitations for membership event to lapsed & prospective members, Inform newsletter coordinator when new members join or potential members are interested in newsletter distribution, Attend AAUW-CA leadership events, Maintain local directory -deletions and additions, Distribute directory to board for review prior to printing, Provide final copy for proofreading by President, Make arrangements for printing final copy and distribution

### Program VP:



Attend Board of Directors meetings, With input from prior program surveys, arrange for appropriate programs for members and the community, including

scheduling speaker(s), reserving a venue and coordinating support services, Write an article before each month's program for the branch newsletter, local newspaper and website and coordinate publicity with Publicity Chair, Coordinate with program coordinators and/or hostess the list of duties prior to the meeting, Evaluate and review the year's programs by a survey of the members, Attend AAUW-CA leadership events, Prepare an end-of-the-year report for the President, Send thank you notes to event speakers, Track member participation in each event, Assure that photographs are taken of each event for use in publicity, website and newsletters

### Finance Officer (Treasurer):



Attend Board of Director meetings, Provide report on finances to Board of Director

and general meetings, Maintain branch records, Assume responsibilities for all money matters-national, state and branch, Work with Membership Vice-President to process membership dues and records, Prepare and submit annual tax returns, Work with Board to develop a budget based on branch goals and planned programs, Report on and revise budget status as necessary, Submit books for annual audit, Attend AAUW-CA leadership events, Prepare end-of-the-year reports

### Recording Secretary:



Attend Board of Director meetings and record minutes, Record appropriate business at each general meeting, Submit each year's minutes to Webmaster for posting on local website, Attend AAUW-CA leadership events

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We Provide Opportunities for Women to Reach Full Potential

## Project: Tech Trek

Cathy Owens, Barbara Silva, Naoko Kada

### Committee decides to send ALL five applicants!

Cathy Owens



Tech Trek interviewed five terrific seventh grade girls on a snowy morning in March - one via speaker phone due to the hazardous road conditions. The judges were wowed by all of the girls' poise, knowledge, and enthusiasm. Therefore, it was concluded that we would send all five to camp in June. The girls and their families will gather for an orientation meeting at Marilyn Saunders' home in late April.

Many thanks to the members who helped with the selection process:

Application Scorers: Carol Hart, Jody Sergienko, Kim Monson, Peggy Shainberg

Interview Judges: Betty Massey, Kim Monson, Maddie Brown, Becky Mock

Thanks also to the school liaisons: Trish Darcy, Phyllis Weber, Jill Harry, Naoko Kada

Tech Trek Committee:

Naoko Kada, Barbara Silva, Cathy Owens

## AAUW California

### Ready for a Road trip?

#### Destination: AAUW California Convention

--Sandi Gabe

Passionate women. Inspiring conversations. An opportunity to learn. And...a place to wear your fancy clothes! What more could you ask for? How about financial support too? The AAUW Mariposa Board of Directors has earmarked budget dollars to send four additional members (\$1,000 each) to the AAUW California convention in Irvine, April 27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>, so it can be affordable as well. Rebecca Swisher, Dawn Johnson, and Sandi Gabe invite you to join them at the convention to laugh, learn and be inspired.

AAUW hotel rates (\$114/night) are guaranteed through April 4<sup>th</sup>. There are several convention packages to choose from. A basic convention package that includes all workshops and Saturday and Sunday breakfast is only \$224. You can add other meals or upgrade to a couple of other packages. So, if you spend 3 nights ( $\$114 \times 3 = \$342$ ) and purchase the basic convention package (\$224) your cost is \$566, leaving you plenty of money for transportation and food. Grab a buddy and share your hotel costs and it's even more attractive.

If you're convinced – register [HERE!](#)

## Interest Groups - Hiking

Contact [Trish Darcy](#)



### March hike to Eastman Lake

--Sandi Gabe

After braving the twisty drive down Ben Hur, we arrived at the Chowchilla River entrance to Eastman Lake. The hike was moderate with an undulating trail that follows the river initially before heading inland among the trees. We hiked almost to the mouth of the river and entrance to the lake in search of the nesting eagles. Binoculars sought out the nests on the far side of the river unsuccessfully. Thinking that we were going to be skunked (not literally), we were

excited when Bill reported seeing one flying down the river basin. With a renewed sense of adventure, we were encouraged to keep our eyes peeled on the way back where we were delighted to see an eagle hunkered down in a nest. Our pictures of him remain in our memory since his head and beak were only visible through the spotting scope. This is a great hike for dogs too. I'm sure that Maddie, Grizzly and Guinness have their own stories to tell!



L-R: Bill & Helene Fiske, Jay Johnson (with Maddie), Jeff Gabe (with Grizzly and Guinness), Karen Smith, and Sandi Gabe. Not pictured were Reva and Gary Colliver who continued hiking when everyone else turned back.

### April 14: Merced River Trail to the South Fork

Renea Kennec will lead the way!





## Interest Groups - International Study

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

### Korea's history and current affairs give rise to animated discussion



--Peggy Shainberg

We held our March meeting with Peggy and Margaret giving a presentation on Korean history. Everyone entered into the animated discussion. We always start with appetizers and a social half hour. The April meeting will be on food with our group preparing Korean dishes.



Margaret Erhart and Peggy Shainberg



## Interest Groups - Wine

Contact [Kathy Sutherland](#)

--Carolyn Baker

The head count was 21 with the Harps traveling from Monterey to get here in time for the tasting. We tasted 10 different Zinfandels with the winning wine being Dave and Sharon Moore's Bogle Old Vine Zinfandel. We had a variety of outstanding appetizers and since we were tasting the day after St. Patrick's Day, we also had some old Irish favorites including Mini Shepherds Pies and a Irish Cream Cheese Cake with Whiskey Caramel.



## Interest Groups- Reading

Contact [Saralynn Nusbaum](#)



Our next meeting will be

Tuesday, April 3, 2018 at 4:30 pm

at the home of Hélène Fiske. We will be discussing

*Wonder* by R.J. Palacio



## 2018 book selections we have yet to read:

**May:**

**10:04**

By Ben Lerner

**June:**

***Everything I Never Told You***

By Celeste Ng

**July:**

***Little Fires Everywhere***

By Celeste Ng

***Behold the Dreamers***

By Imbolo Mbue

***Conversations with Friends***

By Sally Rooney

***Manhattan Beach***

By Jennifer Egan

***Ordinary Grace***

By William Kent Krueger

[Click here for a complete list of titles selected for 2018.](#)



## *Lucky Boy* by Shanthi Sekaram

### Discussion Review

By Sandi Gabe

Immigrants to the United States can take many paths. *Lucky Boy* shares the tale of two families who collide in this novel of adoption, hope, and despair. The author, Shanthi Sekaran, explores illegal immigration and adoption in her first book, *Lucky Boy*. Her writing is beautiful and poetic and made for an easy read.

Soli arrives from Mexico, undocumented and pregnant, having survived a harrowing trip across the border. Finally arriving in Berkeley, she makes contact with a cousin who takes her in and helps her find a job as a nanny to a Berkeley family.

Kavya, whose parents immigrated to the United States from India before she was born, is struggling to get pregnant. She and her husband, Rishi turn to adoption after being unable to conceive. After the birth of her baby, Soli's life is turned upside down when she ends up in a detention center and separated from her son, Ignacio, (Nacho) after a traffic stop. Nacho, now "Iggy" ends up in the home of

Kavya and Rishi for a "temporary" placement which turns to permanent as Soli is unable to defend her parental rights from detention.

While the book certainly is about journeys and strangers, adoption and motherhood, above all it is about ups and downs of luck and the accidents of circumstance. We learn that one traffic stop, one unfortunate encounter with the law and lives can change lives forever.

The book gave us an opportunity to tackle issues of privilege, immigration, family dynamics, adoption and ultimately the fate of Ignacio. Was he "Lucky" to have two women who loved him unconditionally? Sekaran's handling of this situation, though humanistic and ultimately uplifting, does not oversimplify or sugarcoat the wrenching difficulty of such a situation.

The circumstances feel well-researched, but Sekaran never lets that research get in the way of what is, at its core, a gripping story.

Thumbs up!



## A succulent spring project for the Craft Group

Elaine has a great project to launch the vernal season. The Craft Group is meeting at Sandi Gabe's home on April 14 at 2:30.

Contact [Sandi](#) if you are planning to come. You will be using wine corks, so start collecting!



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## AAUW Mariposa Branch

### Board Meeting Minutes

#### Mariposa County Library, March 5, 2018

**CALL TO ORDER:** at 4:05 p.m. by Co-President Maddie Brown

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Rebecca Swisher, Maddie Brown, Dina Lambert, Becky Mock, Sandi Gabe, & Bernadette Davis.

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

**Guest: Dana Tafoya with JCF PRIME**

JCF PRIME Introduction, looking to have a Back to School Clinic Fair & Health screening for kids  
Would like to possibly do a joint backpack project as incentive for children to come. Maddie will follow up with project leaders of the Backpack Project. Also have questions for Doucette at JCF about process of event.

**PROJECT UPDATES:**

**The Learning Club: *Maddie Brown***

The school does not have the resources to expand the program and AAUW volunteers have been limited so a motion was made to stop the AAUW pilot of the program at this time vs at the end of the year. Rebecca Swisher motioned to stop the pilot, Sandi Gabe seconded, all in favor, none opposed. Rebecca will contact Nancy Martin to discuss.

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

Interviews were done March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Currently they are looking to send 4 girls with 1 alternate. A motion was made to pay for 5 spots. Currently 4 spots were paid for. Maddie Brown motioned for the money for 5 spots be paid, Sandi Gabe seconded, all in favor, none opposed.

**REPORTS:**

**Membership: *Dina Lambert***

AAUW Mariposa currently has 95 total members.  
Annual Meeting will be June 1<sup>st</sup> 4pm at the Gabe House.

**Publicity: *Maddie Brown for Cindy Harp***

No report.

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**Treasurer's Report: Submitted by Sandi Gabe**

Discussion of February/March report:

February (revised) - \$30.00 Dues income added.

March:

Expenses: \$5.00, which were for Google, \$5.00 Bank account, \$86.00 Awards, \$3600.00 Tech Trek (4spots were paid for).

Income: \$30.00 Dues

Motion to move \$ from general account designation to specific account to cover 2018 expenses.

Tech Trek - \$3,600

DWS - \$452.88

Sandi Gabe motioned for the money to be moved. Rebecca Swisher seconded, all in favor, none opposed.

Beginning Balance: \$17,043.87

Ending Balance: \$13,377.87

February reviewed & March submitted.

Rebecca Swisher made a motion to approve the treasurer's report, Becky Mock seconded, all in favor, none opposed.

**Fundraiser: Sandi Gabe**

The fundraiser has been rescheduled for August 25<sup>th</sup>.

The next planning meeting is to be determined.

**Programs: Becky Mock**

The April Program is being presented by the hospital. The following folks will be presenting: Matthew Matthiessen, Chief Executive Officer; David Williams, Imaging Manager; Melissa Heyer, PA, Fremont Family Physicians. They will be telling us about new diagnostic equipment that is now at the hospital and other things that the hospital is doing to better serve the community. A discussion about inquiring about the availability of a donation of mammogram or bone density test, happened during the meeting. Bernadette will talk with Matthew about the possibility of this. After the meeting was over, it was confirmed. They have agreed to let us have a drawing to give away a free mammogram or bone density test, whichever the winner might need. The program will be Thursday, Apr. 19 at the Miner's Roadhouse 140 at 4:30 pm.

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**NEW BUSINESS:****2018-2019 AAUW Mariposa Board and Leadership**

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).

May 1<sup>st</sup> will begin publicizing for new board members.

**State Convention Registration**

April 27-29, 2018

Early Registration: March 7<sup>th</sup>

Registration: March 9<sup>th</sup> – April 13<sup>th</sup>

Late Registration: After April 13<sup>th</sup>

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

A motion was made to pay \$1000 for up to 5 people to attend the state convention. Sandi Gabe made a motion to approve the money for state convention, Maddie Brown seconded, all in favor, none opposed.

**Craft Group: Maddie Brown**

Elaine Keely will be chairing, information via email has been sent out for the craft group.

**AAUW National Strategic Plan Discussion**

Will discuss at next month’s meeting.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:****April**

2<sup>nd</sup> Board Meeting

7<sup>th</sup> Coffee & Convos

19<sup>th</sup> JCF Tech Talk @ 4:30pm at Miners Roadhouse.

**May**

4<sup>th</sup> Cocktails & Convos

7<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting

Dina Lambert motioned for the meeting to be adjourned, Bernadette Davis seconded, all in favor, none opposed. Co-President Maddie Brown adjourned the meeting at 5:26 p.m.

# AAUW: Amador Branch

American Association of University Women - Amador (CA) Branch

46th Annual AAUW

# Home Tour

## Jackson: Tour Through Time

Homes &  
Historical Sites



**Tickets \$25**

**Local ticket outlets after March 16th**  
*(\$25 cash or check only)*

- Martel @ Claypool's Gift & Home
- Ione @ Ione Pharmacy
- Pine Grove @ Pine Cone Drug
- Plymouth @ Amador 360

*Tickets the day of Home Tour \$28 at local outlets or Jackson Civic Center*

**Tickets by mail \$25 prior to April 14th**  
*(check only)*

AAUW Home Tour  
PO Box 811  
Sutter Creek, CA 95685  
(209) 267-9129

Tickets \$25 online via Brown Paper Tickets:  
[amador-ca.aauw.net](http://amador-ca.aauw.net)

**Proceeds Benefit the AAUW Amador (CA) Branch Scholarship Fund**  
Questions? Contact (209) 245-6052 or [chapman@volcano.net](mailto:chapman@volcano.net)

AAUW Amador would like to invite all Mariposa branch members to its 46th Annual Home Tour. Awesome Spring weather has been ordered to showcase a perfect Sierra Foothill road trip to Amador County.

Proceeds from the tour benefit the Amador Branch scholarship program for local girls and women. Junior high girls have opportunities to attend Tech Trek, and scholarships are provided each year at the community college and upper division levels.

Tickets are available by mail after March 16, 2018. For more information refer to the flyer here or visit our [website](#), call 209- 245-6052, or email [chapman@volcano.net](mailto:chapman@volcano.net)



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Director at Large	<a href="#">Pam Gingold</a>	Social Media	<a href="#">Maddie Brown</a> <a href="#">Sandi Gabe</a>
		Speech Trek	<b>OPEN</b>
		Tech Trek	<a href="#">Cathy Owens</a> <a href="#">Barbara Silva</a>
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