



Sierra Outpost

Are you harboring TREASURES in your garage?

--Sharon Enrico



October 13-14

Saturday/Sunday

Home of Helene Fiske

Cleaning out the corners of your house and making money for AAUW projects can make a person feel good on multiple levels! Our annual AAUW yard sale on Saturday and Sunday October 13-14 gives all of us just that possibility. Imagine a tidy closet or cupboard leading to a middle school girl heading off to Tech Trek- it's a win-win situation!

The yard sale will once again be held at Helene Fiske's garage on the corner of 6th and Jones, across from the elementary school. To make it convenient for everyone, Helene will allow people to drop off their donations a week ahead of time. Please, no adult clothing unless it is something special - it just doesn't sell. You can call or email either Helene (heleneandbill@yahoo.com) or Sharon (slenrico@sti.net) to make arrangements.

We will be setting up tables, sorting, and pricing on Friday, October 12th, and can bring your treasures up to Friday afternoon.

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I will be sending out an email towards the end of September to recruit volunteers for set up, selling, and clean up. We have such a fun time at this event so be sure to get your name in early for your favorite time slot!

Co-Presidents' Corner



Your co-presidents were “all ears” at the two well-attended planning meetings that we held for the Board and the members. Fueled by donuts for high-energy creative thinking, we were caught in a downpour of ideas from the “Thought Shower” activity. For those who missed it, participants raced to hang sticky notes responding to four questions:

- What should we keep as is?
- What should we keep, but modify (and how)?
- What should we stop doing?
- What new ideas do we have?

The walls were awash with yellow stickies! They are compiled in the chart “Thought Shower Results” on [pages 17-18](#). Everyone was given three votes **only** to choose the ideas they supported the most in each category. Oh, which one, which one?

It was easy to see that six priorities emerged from the downpour.

We Heard You Loud and Clear!

As much as we’d love to do ALL THE THINGS that were suggested by our creative AAUWers, our umbrella just isn’t big enough. In a special meeting, the Board has discussed what priorities and actions to pursue, being mindful of our purpose and our capacity.

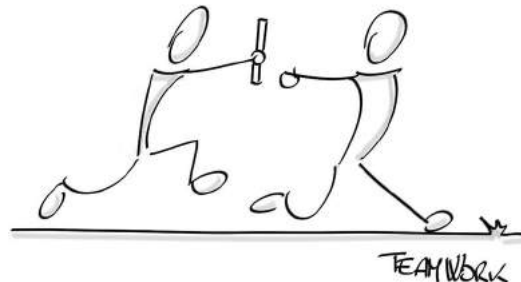
The priorities are summarized on the [next page](#), along with proposed actions that our branch might take to support each one.

Our thanks to everybody for their enthusiasm and input. Let’s roll!

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Proposed Branch Priorities and Actions 2018-2019

Evaluation Criteria

- Does it support the priority?
- Do we have the resources, especially people with the commitment to get it going?
- Does it have opportunities for member participation?
- Does it fill a need?
- Does it do what we do well?
- Does it align with AAUW's mission?
- Is anyone else already doing it? Can we partner?

Continue Tech Trek, Dinner with a Scientist, Speech Trek and Backpack projects with some modifications.	Give members, especially new ones, more ways to participate.	Partner with other organizations to expand our impact and avoid duplication of effort.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet with each project team to identify areas which might be enhanced. Design appropriate strategies. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review project plans to assure member participation component. • Reframe the "Cocktails/Coffee and Convos" as monthly "Member Meet-Ups." Improve attendance by varying the schedule and including brief programs and conversation starters on compelling topics as well as branch updates and social interaction. • Add a newsletter column: "How Can I Participate This Month?" • Encourage Special Interest Groups to open an occasional meeting to the whole branch. • Maintain opportunities for social events/activities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluate AAUW projects to spot overlaps with other community groups. Explore modifying the project or partnering. • Collaborate with at least one other organization to plan a joint project or program. • Identify AAUW member liaisons in other community groups to seek opportunities for collaboration and/or having a presence at their events.
Engage in more education and advocacy on non-partisan political and community issues.	Implement more initiatives that support adult women.	Build a stronger, sustained presence at the high school.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Host at least one non-partisan forum on candidates or ballot measures. • Expand branch awareness of AAUW's stance and action on public policy issues with regular legislative updates in the newsletter, through Member Meet-Ups and a Two-Minute Activist signup campaign. • Offer at least one program related to National AAUW's public policy goals. • Broadcast information on outside events that more activist-oriented members can participate in. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Offer a program on Financial Literacy for adults. • Dedicate a Member Meet-Up to learn about existing support programs for adult women and what gaps AAUW might fill. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify possible projects (i.e. AAUW auxiliary student group, AAUW service club, AAUW college mentorship program, etc.) and recruit a coordinator to launch one. • Schedule the MUSD Title IX Coordinator at a Member Meet-Up. • Explore partnering with Academic Booster Club or Kids First.

Events Calendar

September/October Activities



August 30	SIG Hiking: 5:00pm, GroveHouse
September 4	SIG Reading: 4:30pm, home of Helene Fiske
September 5	SIG Great Decisions: 5:00pm, home of Sandi Gabe
September 7	Member Meetup: 7:00pm, location TBD
September 8	SIG Hiking: North Dome
September 8	SIG Garden: 10:00am, home of Micki Finney
September 10	Board Meeting: 4:00pm, Mariposa Library
September 22	SIG Play: 10:00am, home of Dawn Johnson
September 25	SIG Art Appreciation: 5:00pm, home of Saralynn Nusbaum
September 30	SIG Wine: 4:00pm, home of Karen Rust
October 1	Board Meeting: 4:00pm, Mariposa Library
October 2	SIG Reading: 4:30pm, home of Helene Fiske
October 6	Member Meet-Up: 9:00am, Location TBD
October 6	AAUW Fund Luncheon: Time and location on page 6 .
October 7	SIG Hiking
October 7	AAUW Fund Luncheon: Time and location on page 6 .
October 13-14	Annual Yard Sale
October 17	Dinner With a Scientist

SHOUT OUTS

- Thanks for Jill Rowney for stepping up to take on the role of webmaster. It's fun to learn new things, even if they use mystical words like HTML.
- Hip, hip hooray to Jody Sergienko for accepting TWO appointed positions on the Board: Director at Large and Publicity Coordinator.
- Huzzah to Margaret Brandenburg for taking over the mailing of new member welcome packets.
- Applause for Dina Lambert for assembling the branch directory that you can pick it up at an upcoming Member Meetup!

Membership

[Dawn Johnson](#)

PUTTING OUT THE WELCOME MAT!



Welcome aboard to two new members!



Beth Waldow (who is actually a returning member)

Beth is Deputy District Attorney for Mariposa County and also earned a degree in Biology sometime in a former life. Felonies and frogs! Our members do have unusual backgrounds. Beth lives in Mariposa and is married to Supervisor Kevin Cann. Beth's phone is (209) 966-6465 and her email is bethwaldow@gmail.com. She is in Ride Circle J, the Darrah area.

Tiina Wilson

Tiina Wilson has visited a few of our AAUW gatherings lately and decided to join! Tiina has a background in women's clothing design in the Big Apple and is now retired. Tiina is interested in exploring several of our interest groups, so look for a new face. Her phone is (209) 742-7433 and email is wilson.tiina@gmail.com.



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Member Meetup

What's Happening with Cocktails/Coffee and Convos?

Oh no! Did our drop-in gatherings drop-off the calendar? Not at all. We are renaming them "**Member Meetups**" and changing the format a bit. Why? Well for one reason, we discovered that some people didn't know what "convo" meant and so they shied away. For another, we heard loud and clear that members wanted a somewhat more structured way to plug into branch activities.

We still want the "come-when-you-can" and "talk-about-what-you-want" informality of the C&C gatherings, but we intend to focus

some of them on specific topics with a brief program and branch news in addition to conversation starters. We will also schedule them for different days of the week in case some of you have lives on Friday night.

For you calendar devotees, here are the monthly dates (subject to change, because we are a flexible bunch). The venues, topics and times are TBD, so you'll still want to watch your newsletter and our website (www.aauwmariposa.com).



Dates for your calendar:

- Friday, Sept. 7
- Saturday, Oct. 6
- Wednesday, Nov. 7
- Saturday, Dec. 1
- Tuesday, Jan. 15
- Saturday, Feb. 2
- Friday, Mar. 1
- Saturday, Apr 20
- Thursday, May 2
- Saturday, June 1

AAUW FUND LUNCHEONS: HEAR DIRECTLY FROM THE SCHOLARS YOUR DUES SUPPORT

Plan on attending an AAUW Fund luncheon and hear firsthand from some AAUW California fellowship and grant recipients about their inspiring research and projects. "Raft up" with others for the drive to meet like-minded women from beyond our branch and munch on some pretty decent food!

- Saturday, October 6, 11:30am: Basque Cultural Center, South San Francisco
- Sunday, October 7, 11:30am: Danville Crow Canyon Country Club

Click [here](#) for details and to register. Deadline: September 26, 2018

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We Provide Opportunities for Women to Reach Full Potential

What Can I Do This Month?

Want to get involved? This new feature in the newsletter will suggest opportunities to participate. Some are small; some are not-so-small. All promise to reward you and our branch.

1. Come to the first Member Meetup on Friday, Sept. 7!
2. Pick any job below to help with October's *Dinner with a Scientist*. Contact Marilyn Saunders (mewsaunders@me.com) to find out how to do it. Materials are already prepared and supplies will be provided or reimbursed.
 - Go with the girls on the bus (relive your youth!)
 - Attend the event as an **Observer** and witness the enthusiasim. Share your impressions at a Member Meetup.
 - Be the high school liaison: keep tabs on the supply of applications and refill as needed, collect them on 9/28 and shuttle them to Marilyn or her designee.
 - Receive the applications and enter the 50 students' application information into a spreadsheet (already created) by 10/3. Follow up on incomplete applications.
 - Print labels from the spreadsheet, stuff and mail envelopes going to 50 students and families by 10/5. Follow up on undeliverables.
 - Label and stuff folders for 50 students to use the day of the event. Likely to occur sometime from 10/10-10/16.
 - Videograph or photograph the evening; prepare something to share with members.
 - Help set up and clean up on the day of the event.
3. Attend the kick-off meeting for whatever SIG group(s) you joined.
4. Read the 2018-2019 branch plans in this newsletter. If you said, "I LOVE that idea," contact Dawn or Sandi to help make it happen.
5. Drop in at the September 7th Board of Directors meeting to see what we talk about (4:00 pm; Library).
6. Come to the Art Appreciation Group's **open session** to meet real artists from the big city ([see article for details](#)).

Project: Backpack

Cathy Owens & Karen Rust

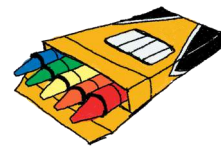


Delivered to students who could use an extra hand

Barb Silva, Judy Eppler, and Cathy Owens delivered 25 backpacks to grateful middle-schoolers at the J.C. Fremont Back-to-School Health Fair. The remaining backpacks were distributed to the schools in time for the first day of school.



--Cathy Owens



AAUW TAKES A STAND!

AAUW National published a statement to object to the nomination of Brett Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court. You've received an email, too, with ways to voice your opinion to Senators Kamala Harris and Dianne Feinstein. Get more information [here](#). What can YOU do? Call 1-855-973-0824. You will hear a brief script and then be automatically patched through to your senator's office. Once you're connected, identify yourself as a constituent and state your position on the appointment. You are encouraged to share any personal stories about what's at stake for you.

AAUW California (your state organization) strongly advocated for the successful passage of a bill clarifying the state law banning the use of salary history in the hiring process. California is the 6th state this year to pass legislation to address wage discrimination and the gender gap. The bill defines several terms in existing law, establishes that employers can ask for expected salary, and clarifies that prior salary cannot be used to justify pay disparity in compensations.

We Value Education

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Fundraising

Fundraiser: **Moroccan Nights** March 2, 2019 Mariposa Fairgrounds



Save the Date!!!!

Moroccan Nights –

Yes it's happening!!!!

March 2, 2019

Mariposa Fairgrounds

After a hiatus of nearly a year, we will begin planning our big fundraiser! You've had time to think about how to dress, to get belly dancing lessons and think about the wonderful experience you'll offer in the auction. If you haven't been sitting around pondering these things, you still have time to get ready! We have tried to set the date to avoid conflicts with other organizations but we can still use your help to get the word out. If you're part of a community organization that hosts events, please make sure that they are aware of our date so they can plan around it.

So what's the event about? In a nutshell - raising money to support our programs.

What can you expect?

- An imaginative backdrop complete with columns and arches and drapes in rich, deep colors.
- Fragrant food that will draw you into the event
- Visionary auction items that will be hard to resist and connect us with our friends, old and new
- Entertainment to help pass the time while we enjoy the yummys
- Scrumptious drinks to help pass the time while bidding on auction items
- And maybe a surprise or two

How can you get involved?

- Join the planning team. Our first meeting will be later in the fall. Let [Sandi Gabe](#) know if you are interested and you will be added to the email list.
- Sign up to participate once the plan is done. It's always a lot of fun and we have a great time.

AAUW - National

What is National AAUW Up To?

AAUW proudly launched its bold new strategic plan — *Beyond Aspirations: Advancing Equity for Women and Girls.*

The plan ensures that AAUW is 100 percent mission-focused with an eye toward meaningful impact for women and girls. What can our branch do to bring this home?

2018 Strategic Plan

Mission:

To advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.

Vision:

Equity for all.

Values:

Nonpartisan.
Fact-based.
Integrity.
Inclusion and intersectionality.

Strategic Focus Areas



Education &
Training

Addressing the barriers and implicit biases that hinder advancement of women.



Economic
Security

Ensuring livelihoods for women.



Leadership

Closing the gender gap in leadership opportunities.



Governance &
Sustainability

Ensuring the strength, relevance, and viability of AAUW well into the future.

Specific goals and objectives for each area are outlined in the full plan, available [here](#).

We Send Girls to Science/Math Camp



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SIG Overview

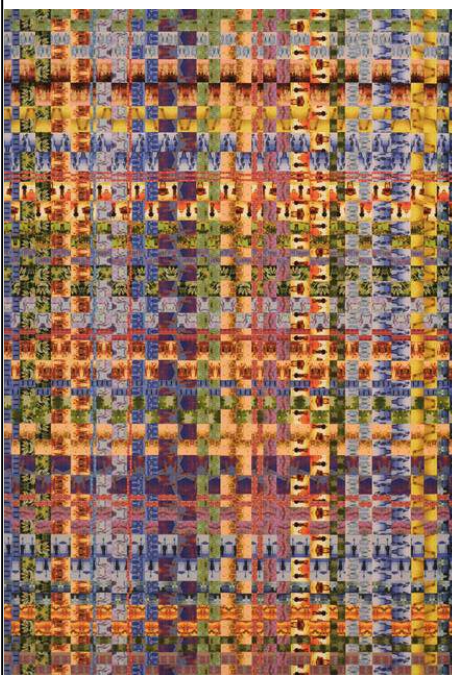
Special Interest Groups

<p>International Study <i>Ruthie Fruehauf</i></p>  <p>Learn about a country, a culture, and a people. We study one country each year and meet monthly.</p>	<p>Hiking Group <i>Trish Darcy</i></p>  <p>The hiking group meets monthly to enjoy each other's company while hiking new trails in and around Mariposa and Yosemite.</p>	<p>Cooking Group <i>Renea Kennec</i></p>  <p>The group will meet at a different members' houses and learn new cooking techniques or prepare an international food/meal.</p>
<p>Book Group <i>Saralynn Nusbaum</i></p>  <p>This group meets monthly to read nonfiction and fiction books.</p>	<p>AAUW Mariposa (CA) Branch Special Interest Groups 2018-2018</p> 	<p>Art Group <i>Ruthie Fruehauf</i></p>  <p>The Art group will meet bi-monthly. Using Yosemite as our lure, professional guest speakers will be invited to share with us their experience as an international art dealer, artist or curator.</p>
<p>Gardening Group <i>Micki Finney</i></p>  <p>The Gardening group meets to discuss a wide range of topics such as the challenges of gardening in the foothills.</p>	<p>Craft Group <i>Elaine Keeley</i></p>  <p>The group meets monthly to experiment with new craft techniques.</p>	<p>Political Action Group <i>Kim Monson</i></p>  <p>Non-partisan and thought-provoking. Members meet to share thoughts on hot topics that cross party lines, such as immigration policies, and actions people might take.</p>
<p>Wine Tasting <i>Kathy Sutherland</i></p>  <p>The Corks and Forks Wine group meets monthly to experience different types of wines and to enjoy them with great appetizers and meals paired to compliment the varietal being tasted.</p>	<p>Play Reading Group <i>Dawn Johnson</i></p>  <p>"The play's the thing!" Meets monthly to do cold readings of various plays that are shared by several California branches.</p>	<p>Great Decisions <i>Sandi Gabe</i></p>  <p>This discussion group will meet 6-8 times per year to discuss a set of topics developed by the Foreign Policy Administration (FPA).</p>

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SIG: Art AppreciationContact [Ruthie Fruehauf](#)

Art Group to host Brian Goss and Dana Hart-Stone Special event open to all members

- **Date: Tuesday, September 25**
- **Time: 5-7pm**
- **Place: Home of Saralynn Nusbaum**

RSVP before 9/18Email [Ruthie](#)

The Art Appreciation group is kicking off its season by inviting San Francisco professionals to come to Mariposa!

The Art group has a variety of activities in store for this year in an effort to provide access to the art world locally and a bit further afield. Our first event is open to all AAUW members and provides an exciting opportunity to engage in a private talk with Brian Gross of [Brian Gross Fine Art](#), a 35 year veteran of the San Francisco art world and his partner, artist, [Dana Hart-Stone](#).

Brian and Dana will field questions following a brief talk on their careers. Both have impressive backgrounds and we are lucky to get a chance to pick their brains and hear their unique perspective on the international art world.

The evening will include a slide show and discussion.

Refreshments and snacks will be available.

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SIG - Wine

Contact Kathy Sutherland



Time to celebrate!

--Jill Rowney

It was bubbly time with birthday cake. Time to celebrate a birthday (Eric Sergienko), the 100% containment of the Ferguson Fire, and clearer air to breathe! We sipped the bubbly without critique; we visited friends with intense conversation, and had a thoroughly lovely evening. Eric and their daughter produced Champagne reduction cupcakes and buttercream frosting (really worth trying!!) and if you happen to be a chocoholic, the Chocolate Torte is a recipe you definitely will want to try!

Champagne reduction buttercream frosted cupcake: [click here.](#)

Chocolate Torte [recipe](#)

Chocolate Glaze [recipe](#)



Leaping dog kept us entertained by jumping at the door at least two feet straight up.



Barbara and Dwayne Robinson and Jeff Gabe



Sandi Gabe and Cindy Harp



Hosts: Jody and Eric Sergienko



Sharon Moore and Joan McCamman

We Open Eyes

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SIG - HikingContact [Trish Darcy](#)

Grove House becomes the destination to kickoff the new year

----Trish Darcy

There was no hike in August; the fire really got in the way! The hiking group will meet on Thursday, August 30th at 5:00 at The Grove House to meet each other, welcome the new

members, have a cool beverage and plan the year. Those who wish can stay for "Acoustic Thursday".

Our next hike will be on Saturday, September 8th to Spillway Lake led by Trish. It is off the Tioga Toad in

Yosemite near Tuolumne Meadows.

The October hike will be on Sunday, October 7th led by Rebecca. Place to be determined.

SIG: CookingContact [Renea Kennec](#)

Cooking group is off to a gourmet start!

----Jill Rowney

We met at Renea Kennec's home to explore ideas and what direction we'd like to go.. We discussed the main purpose is to learn something new- be it technique, be it a unique experience, or simply learning about what different cooking methods do to the same food, or explore different brands of butter- as all have different % of salt and whey and fat. The host could select a new recipe to try or invite a guest cook to share.

Renea treated us to a feast of braised salmon with a saffron pilaf side, kale salad, tomatoes and vinaigrette, and a watermelon/mint/feta cheese "salad". As if that weren't enough,



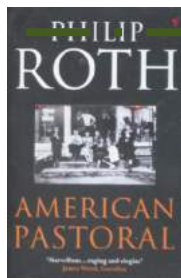
she then produced fresh strawberry-infused cupcakes

Next month Jill Rowney will have us cooking buckwheat crepes with egg and ham, the street fare of Brittany, France.

SIG - Reading

Contact [Saralynn Nusbaum](#)

Our next meeting will be
Tuesday, Sept 4, 2018 at 4:30 pm
 at the home of Hélène Fiske. We will be discussing
Little Fires Everywhere by Celeste Ng



Discussion Review of

American Pastoral

By Philip Roth

--Saralynn Nusbaum

Last May, we lost two brilliant American writers, Philip Roth and Tom Wolfe. I suggested that we select a work from one of these authors for our August discussion. We chose *American Pastoral* by Philip Roth.

American Pastoral is set in the tumultuous 60's. The book is narrated by Nathan Zuckerman, a writer and fictional alter ego for Philip Roth. Nine of Roth's novels are narrated by Nathan Zuckerman, a novelist whose career closely parallels that of his creator. His protagonist is Seymour "Swede" Levov, a high school sports legend who has grown up to embody almost every aspect of the American dream. He is married to a former Miss New Jersey, operates a successful business, and comes across as a bastion of propriety and stability, almost a

poster boy for happy and uncomplicated Jewish assimilation into the mainstream of American life, until everything goes terribly wrong.

Our discussion focused not just on the story but on the life of Philip Roth. In the course of a very long career, Roth took on many guises, mainly versions of himself, in the exploration of what it means to be an American, a Jew, a writer, and a man. More than just about any other writer of his time, he was tireless in his exploration of male sexuality. Over the years, Roth has been accused of being a misogynist; literary scholars have argued that Roth had an "enormous rage and disappointment with womankind", for Philip Roth, women were either "vicious and alluring" or "virtuous and boring". Our

2018 book selections we have yet to read:

Behold the Dreamers

By Imbolo Mbue

Conversations with Friends

By Sally Rooney

Manhattan Beach

By Jennifer Egan

Ordinary Grace

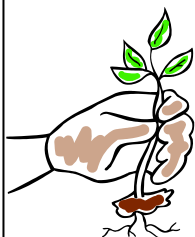
By William Kent Krueger

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

group did not find Roth's portrayal of women in this novel reflective of these views.

American Pastoral is the first book in a trilogy including "I Married a Communist" and "The Human Stain." I love Roth's writing and plan to read all!

We meet next on Tuesday September 4 to discuss "*Little Fires Everywhere*" by Celeste Ng. Ruthie Fruehauf will lead our discussion.

SIG: GardenContact [Micki Finney](#)**What is flourishing in your garden?**

The garden group is ready to plan for the next growing season! They'll meet at Micki's house on September 8 at 10:00am. Be ready with ideas and share this year's successes. Anything growing exceptionally well during the heat of August? Happy gardening,

SIG: International StudyContact [Ruthie Fruehauf](#)

--Ruthie Fruehauf

International group breaks with tradition and selects two courses of study for the year

The International Club is very excited about two choices they have made for study this year. Among proposed topics for consideration were Scandinavia, French Colonies, Cuba, Iran and then the impact of the changing climate on the world.

Our group has decided to focus two fall sessions on the topic of climate change



and the world followed by an in-depth study of the country of Iran. We are very excited to expand our interests and knowledge about Iran and also climate change. It was pointed out that this is the most international of topics as it affects countries worldwide

Thought Shower Results



What do we do well and want to KEEP AS IS?

CATEGORY	TOPICS MENTIONED	# VOTES	COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS
Projects	Dinner with a Scientist	16	Good programs to promote women's interest in technical professions
	Tech Trek	9	
	BackPack Project	5	
	Speech Trek	3	Not held last year
Membership	Coffee/Cocktails and Convos	10	
	Special Interest Groups	8	
	Holiday party	7	
	Keep social connections	2	Promotes good mental health
Fundraising/ Finance	Fundraisers	8	Fantastic fundraisers; Yard Sale is great; They encourage teamwork; Have lower price items at the fundraisers
Communications	Newsletter	4	
	Emails	1	Prefer specific requests for a single task
	Technology		Use even more for communication
	Publicity to community		Increase publicity; Stay local and non-partisan

What should we KEEP, BUT MODIFY?

CATEGORY	TOPICS MENTIONED	# VOTES	COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS
Projects	BackPack Project	10	Distribute in other ways; Publicize AAUW's involvement more; Join with other groups; How can we stand out?; Work through schools to best serve target group
	Speech Trek	6	More student involvement; Offer bigger prize; Different topic
	Tech Trek	5	Send as many girls as we can; too expensive, send fewer; Improve communications with students and families; Work with students on paperwork; More participants but maybe less awards; work out kinks
	Dinner with a Scientist	2	
Programs	Change topics and schedule	13	Have fewer; Facilitate better attendance and member participation; Do popular topics like travel; Alternate times & days; Use more packaged AAUW programs
Membership	Integrate Cocktails and Convos with member meetings	7	Monthly
	Improve retention	4	Find out why people left
	Welcome new Members	2	Improve diversity; improve welcoming and "onboarding" of new members; Find out what new members are looking for
	Build awareness of Special Interest Groups	2	Integrate better with AAUW mission; give new members more info on SIGs
	Continue open idea sharing		
Fundraising/ Finance	Fundraisers	2	Bring back Home Tour
	Enhance Newsletter		Add more national and state info; Add "Two Minute Activist" info
	Expand Facebook		Use FB more
	Update Website		Keep it current
	Publicity to community	1	Publicize AAUW's political positions more
	Promote AAUW's mission	1	Be sure all projects and programs match National's strategic plan and publicize that to members and community

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What should we **STOP DOING**?

CATEGORY	TOPICS MENTIONED	# VOTES	COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS
Projects	High School Voter Packet	25	Change to broader civic engagement; Discontinue as a stand alone
Programs	Regular programs	2	Stop all; Attendance is too low
Membership	Stop ignoring working women	8	Don't distinguish between working and retired members
Communications	Publicity to community		No politics

What **NEW IDEAS** should we try?

CATEGORY	TOPICS MENTIONED	# VOTES	COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS
Projects	Adult/Senior Education	14	Help women get into existing training programs; Facilitate childcare, transportation, books, etc. for women in training programs; Bring Merced college extension classes to Mariposa; Work with ROP; Mentor adult women; Help with GED; Break down barriers for WOMEN, not just girls;
	Outreach to High School Students	10	Create AAUW Auxiliary group to engage students in all our projects to create year-to-year continuity; Sponsor high school service projects; Involve high school students in AAUW work; Work with counselors to offer college/career training; Participate in H.S. career day; Brunch for Juniors with AAUW women; Scholarship programs; One on one mentoring
	Partner with other organizations on new projects	9	Partner on projects with similar goals and targets (backpack, Soroptimist prom dress and women's re-entry programs; Determine AAUW liaisons in other organizations; Attend other organizations' events;
	Outreach to Non-STEM, Non-college bound students	9	Reach out to girls not interested in STEM; Offer leadership training in other areas; Mentor girls whose parents are not college-educated' Scholarships in non-STEM areas
	Financial Literacy	8	Financial Literacy for adult women; Financial planning for parents and students to meet college expenses
	Civic Education	6	Programs to encourage H.S. students to vote; Education on broader civic responsibilities
	Women's History Month	2	Expand program
	Title IX	1	Examine issues at local level
	Tech Trek Mentoring		Create an e-club for TT alumni; Have TT girls at meetings and serving at a tea
	Health Education		Fitness, nutrition, anti-smoking education
	Tutoring		
Programs	Music in classroom		Ukuleles, guitars
	Political and Legislative Advocacy/ Education	8	Hold forums on ballot measures (TOT increase) and nonpartisan elections (School Board); Focus on candidates' positions that affect women; Educate people and encourage voting in non-political, non-partisan ways; Focus on legislative advocacy; Local politics: what should people be concerned about? Educate about Brown Act; Officially endorse candidates and issues
	Climate Change	3	
Membership	AAUW Research	1	
	Member Meetings	14	Routine, whole group meetings; Have quarterly or monthly meetings (more votes for quarterly); Do branch business at social meetings; Have informal, light-hearted meetings; more social events; Short program at each meeting
	Member engagement/opportunities to participate	5	Welcoming committee or Big Sister partner and mentor program for first year; Match with current member based on interests; Find ways to build more participation
Communications	Growth		Consider recruiting more men
	Social Media		Increase use of social media
	Overall communications	3	Keep liberal/conservative out of AAUW messages; Keep politics out of AAUW
	Marketing	1	AAUW t-shirts for public events; Have booth at community events
	Publicity to community	2	Regular column in Gazette on women's issues; Share the AAUW mission in non-partisan ways

Chocolate Torte (super rich!!)

From: The whimsical bakehouse (How to make cakes that taste as good as they look)

By Kaye Hansen and Liv Hansen

“Every bakery worth its salt has its own version of this traditional bittersweet, dense cake. Here is ours. It sells well year-round, but we can’t make enough for Passover because not only is it decadently rich, it is also flourless. Truffle cake, when eaten while still warm, has a silky-smooth, almost light texture very different than after it has been chilled. Either way it is sumptuous.



Grease and flour one 9x2-inch round pan and line bottom with parchment paper.
Preheat the oven to 350°

Combine in a heatproof bowl placed over hot water:

- 8 oz. (2 sticks) unsalted butter
- 6 oz. semisweet chocolate
- 6 oz unsweetened chocolate

Stir until melted, then cool 5 to 10 minutes.

In the bowl of an electric mixer at high speed, use a whisk attachment to beat:

- 5 large eggs
- ½ cup sugar
- 2 tsp. pure vanilla extract

Continue beating until triple in volume and the batter forms a ribbon when the beaters are lifted.

Meanwhile in a saucepan, heat to a full boil:

- ½ cup sugar
- 1/3 cup light corn syrup

Remove from the heat and slowly beat the hot syrup into the eggs with the mixer at low speed. Beat at medium speed until the batter reaches the top of the bowl, about 8 minutes, then decrease the speed to low and beat in half of the chocolate mixture. Before it is fully incorporated, take off the whisk attachment and fold in the remaining chocolate by hand.

Pour the batter into the pan. Place the pan in a larger pan and fill the larger pan halfway with hot water. Bake for 40 minutes. The cake will look wet. Cool the cake on a wire rack for 15 to 20 minutes, then turn it out of the pan onto a cake round. Cool completely then chill before glazing.

Serve cake at room temperature.

Chocolate Glaze

This basic recipe for chocolate glaze icing comes from Luiz Silva, my much-loved son-in-law, but I added a little more cream to make it easier to work with. It is a delicious, easy, and elegant covering for almost any cake. With the addition of 2 cups of hot cream and $\frac{1}{4}$ cup Grand Marnier, it makes a fabulous dessert sauce for ice cream or plated desserts.

In a metal bowl over hot water, melt:

3 pounds semisweet chocolate, cut into small pieces

In a saucepan, warm over medium high heat:

1 quart heavy cream

10 oz (2 $\frac{1}{2}$ sticks) unsalted butter

$\frac{1}{2}$ cup light corn syrup

Stir until the butter melts, then continue to heat to just before the boiling point. Slowly pour the scalded liquid over the melted chocolate, whisking constantly until smooth. Strain the icing through a fine sieve. The icing can be used immediately or cooled and refrigerated for up to 2 weeks. If it has been chilled, reheat slowly in a double boiler before using.

Yield: 11 cups



Yes, this photo is from the party. Those are Jody's hands. Note the perfect presentation of yummy desserts and those amazing [cupcakes](#)! Definitely another reason to have champagne on hand!!!

**AAUW Mariposa Branch
Board Meeting Minutes
Mariposa County Library
August 6, 2018**

Call to Order: At 4:06 p.m. by Co-President Sandi Gabe

Roundtable Introductions: Done by those present who explained their current roles and AAUW interests.

Jetty Ubner, Voter Registration Project
Becky Mock, Programs
Jill Rowney, Newsletter Editor
Sandi Gabe, Co-President
Dawn Johnson, Co-President
Rebecca Swisher, Co-Secretary
Bernadette Falany-Davis, Co-Secretary
Marilyn Saunders, Dinner with a Scientist
Barbara Silva, Tech Trek
Cathy Owens, Tech Trek & Backpack Project
Cindy Harp, Member
Dina Lambert, Finance Officer
Jody Sergienko, Publicity Chair

Approval of Minutes from June: Sandi Gabe moved that the June 2018 minutes be approved with the following update: "The Annual Meeting was held and the list of officers as presented were approved by those present." Dina Lambert seconded. Approved by all present with no nays or abstentions.

2019 Planning:

Reports:

Membership Report, Dina Lambert

AAUW Mariposa currently has 80 members. 10-15 members didn't renew. She is working on the directory.

Treasurer's Report, Submitted by Sandi Gabe & Dina Lambert

June 2018 and 2018 End of Year:

Expenses: \$19.50 Bank Service Charge; \$5.00 Google; \$63.58 Membership Meeting Postcards.

Income: \$435 Dues; \$60 Donation (Dawn Johnson furniture sale donation).

Notes:

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Bank Service Charge of \$9.50 on 6/6/18 needs to be investigated. It appears that we are being charged for each transaction despite the fact we have a business account. Dina agreed to look into the matter with the bank.

The bank statement and budget report balance match at: \$12,787.63

June Beginning Balance: \$13,226.96

June Ending Balance: \$12,787.63

Sandi Gabe presented the June 2018 Treasurer's report. Dina Lambert moved to accept the report as presented. Becky Mock seconded. Approved by all present with no nays or abstentions.

July 2018 and 2019 Starting Balance:

Expenses: \$5.00 Google; \$25 for Meeting Location Fees; \$1,817.70 Tech Trek; \$632 Dues; \$1 Misc.

Income: \$1,052 Dues (National, State, District); \$1,157 Tech Trek.

July Beginning Balance: \$12,787.63

July Ending Balance: \$12,515.93

Dina Lambert presented the July 2018 Treasurer's report. Sandi Gabe moved to accept this report. Becky Mock seconded. Approved by all present with no nays or abstentions.

SIG Groups, Dawn Johnson

New Groups: There are five new SIG groups this year.

Sign-Up Results: Members have signed up for their SIGs of interest. The mailing lists for all SIG groups have been updated.

SIG Chairs Meeting: A meeting of the SIG Chairs is being held after this board meeting to allow for a review of the purpose of SIGs, the basic procedures for running them, and how to tie SIG activities into larger mission.

Member Meeting: Sandi Gabe & Dawn Johnson

Being held Saturday August 11th at MPUD at 9:00 a.m.

Project Updates:

Tech Trek, Barbara Silva & Cathy Owens

What Happened: AAUW Mariposa sent five of the five students who applied, and coordinators felt that the target population was met. The D.C. trip occurred this year at the same time, which decreased the number of applicants.

What Could be Done Differently: The group discussed a couple ideas, including increasing

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the number of applicants, improving communication with students and parents, and making it more competitive and more of an honor to attend by decreasing the number of students we send, particularly during the years with a D.C. trip. One point to consider is the need to review cost per impact provided by this project.

Dinner with a Scientist, *Marilyn Saunders*

Date will be October 17th. Last year, UC Merced donated most of the items, but their donation policy has changed this year, so AAUW will likely need to cover more of the costs. Trish is planning to recruit the scientists. Hannah will recruit the professors. Marilyn will speak with Jill about money from ABC. The bus reservation and down payment have been submitted. We usually send 35-40 (maximum of 50) girls to this event. This year, Marilyn will likely be looking for volunteers to help with set up prior to the event.

Backpack Project Wrap Up, *Cathy Owens*

What Happened: There was a great response from the registry. There are a total of 62 backpacks ready to go: 40 went to the JCFHD Health Fairs and 22 are for the schools. Cathy will be participating in this Saturday's Back to School Fair event, which is the rescheduled date. Supplies in the backpacks are from the 6th-8th grade supplies list.

What Could be Done Differently: Cathy mentioned that AAUW Mariposa should consider how to manage this project in the future due to the increasing number of organizations who are donating backpacks. She suggested that we could distribute solely the school system to assure reaching our target population. She would also like to find a 3rd Co-Chair.

High School Voter Registration Packets, *Jetty Ubner*

What Happened: Packets were made for students turning 18. The flyer from the Bar Association that we have used in the past is no longer published: the information is all online. In order to fill out FASFA applications, students need to be registered to vote, and therefore, the State of California is pushing sophomores (16 year olds) to pre-register to vote.

What Could be Done Differently: Based on recent changes, we need to review what to do differently this year. If continued, Jetty has requested that we find a new Coordinator.

Fundraisers, *Sandi Gabe*

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We Provide Opportunities for Women to Reach Full Potential

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The upcoming fundraiser is Moroccan Nights Theme. (This was postponed last year because of scheduling challenges, and we did not need the funds.) Sandi is looking at rescheduling this event for this spring.

Yard Sale

The yard sale will be Oct 13-14. Details will be released later.

Thought Shower:

a.k.a. brainstorming and pre-planning

Those present at the board meeting participated in this task, reviewing what we would like to do this year. This process will continue at Saturday's Member Meeting. The aim is to have 2-3 primary objectives for the year and then work to involve an increased numbers of members in these projects.

Brainstorming Topics:

Participants were asked to write multiples suggestions for any of three general areas: What we do well and should keep as is; What we should keep but modify and how; What we should stop doing; What new things we should do

Prioritization:

Everyone voted for their top three topics in each area

Consolidate, Discuss & Summarize Results:

Dawn and Sandi reviewed the outcomes of votes.

Next Steps:

Continue the thought shower at the meeting this coming Saturday

Project chairs and board members will provide brief updates of last year's events (45 seconds) at Saturday's meeting to help set the stage

Sandi and Dawn will summarize the responses and draft goals and actions for review

Upcoming Events:

August

8/6 (6 pm) SIG Chair meeting – Grove House

8/11 (9am) Member Town Hall and Listening Tour - MPUD Office

8/11 Backpack Distribution - JCF


Move to Adjourn: Rebecca Swisher moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:53 p.m. Seconded by Bernadette Falany-Davis. Approved by all present with no nays or abstentions.



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