



Sierra Outpost



Speech Trek 2019:

“How to Eliminate Violence Aimed at Our Schools”

Hello AAUW members! Speech Trek is back! High School students will be brainstorming, researching, collecting, and organizing their thoughts on eliminating violence aimed at our schools and assembling them into a 5-minute speech. They

—Kim Monson

will present their speeches at this year’s Speech Trek on February 26th at the high school auditorium. To help them present their best effort, AAUW members volunteer to coach them on their delivery. We all know a good speech when we hear one! No special skills are required and the time commitment is just a few hours. There will be a meeting for volunteers to go over the contest rules and coaching tips.

The first meeting with students was on Friday 11/30. At the next meeting, hopefully the week of January 7 when students return from winter vacation, I would really love to introduce the students to their AAUW coaches. **So, who is willing to work with some wonderful students presenting a speech about a really important topic?** What topic is that you ask? The official wording is, "How can we --students, parents, faculty, our communities, and organizations such as AAUW -- eliminate violence aimed at our schools?" What actions can we take to prevent another tragedy from taking place?" I expect to have many students interested in this one. The Member Meetup at Pony Espresso on December 1st will be dedicated to a discussion of this topic. The students are not the only people who should be thinking about this. To volunteer as a coach or to get more information, please contact Kim Monson at kimellen13@gmail.com or 966-2443.

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Member Meetup
Dates for your calendar:

- Saturday, Dec. 1
- Tuesday, Jan. 15
- Saturday, Feb. 2
- Friday, Mar. 8
- Saturday, Apr. 20
- Thursday, May 2
- Saturday, June 1

Co-Presidents' Corner

Makin' a list....

And checkin' it twice.

We have a lot of lists in our lives this time of year: gifts to buy for others, gifts we hope others will buy for us, shopping lists, To Do lists, chores lists, baking ingredients lists, etc.

What does that have to do with AAUW? Being a part of AAUW is like a Gift Exchange. You give something, but you get something too. What presents does AAUW have for YOU on its list?

- ◆ Being a part of something bigger than yourself
- ◆ Actively doing something that helps women and girls see paths in their lives
- ◆ Spending time with committed and creative people who share your values
- ◆ Exploring new interests

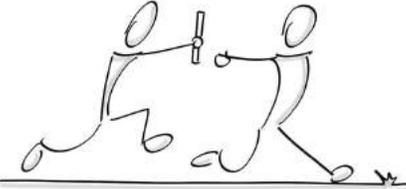
- ◆ Keeping your mind active and your skills sharp
- ◆ Knowing that you have made a difference in your own community

These are presents that keep giving all year long.

We're looking forward to unwrapping them with you.

Have a wonderful holiday season. Keep your lists short and your memories long.

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TEAMWORK



AAUW Mariposa

2018-2019 Branch Priorities

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.
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.

Events Calendar

December/January Activities



- December 1** **Member Meetup:** 9:00am, Pony Expresso
- December 3** ~~**Board Meeting:**~~ Canceled
- December 4** **SIG Book:** 4:30pm, home of Helene Fiske
- December 6** **“Creative Aging” planning meeting:** 2:00pm, home of Becky Mock
- December 8** **SIG Hiking:** 9:00am, contact [Trish Darcy](#)
- December 8** **SIG Play Reading:** 9:30am, home of Dawn Johnson
- December 12** **SIG International Study:** Contact [Ruthie Fruehauf](#)
- December 13** **SIG Great Decisions:** 5:00pm, home of Karen Smith
- December 14** **SIG Cooking:** 5:15pm, Methodist Church (downstairs)

December 16  **Holiday Party: 4:00pm, home of Sandi Gabe** 

2019

- January 7** **Board Meeting:** 4:00pm, Mariposa Library
- January 8** **SIG Book:** 4:30pm, home of Helene Fiske
- February 26** **Speech Trek:** MCHS Auditorium
- March 2** **Moroccan Nights Fundraiser:** Mariposa Fairgrounds

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.

- ◆ You've got things to say, right? Join the free-wheeling conversations at the **Member Meetups**. Share your thoughts on school violence (could it happen here?) on **Dec. 1 at 9:00 am at Pony Espresso** and then save the date of **Jan 15 at 5:00 pm** (location and topic TBD) for more conversation that could go anywhere.
- ◆ Volunteers opportunities abound like the smells of spices for our **Moroccan Nights fundraiser**. See the article on [page 6](#) in this newsletter for the myriad ways you can bring this event to life. Belly dancing costume not required.
- ◆ **Help us plan a new series of programs on "Creative Aging."** You don't have to be old or creative to participate. Dec. 6th at 2:00 at Becky Mock's.
- ◆ **Sign up as a coach for the Speech Trek contest.** Spend just a couple of hours helping a high school student organize his/her ideas on school violence and blurt them all out in five minutes. Contact Kim Monson at kimellen13@gmail.com for more info.
- ◆ **Get your Christmas shopping done.**

Membership

[Dawn Johnson](#)

Welcome to our new members!

Whoo Hoo! We have new faces in our midst (well, we will when we get their photos!). Please add these names to your AAUW Directory.

Amanda Johnson

Phone: 209-347-9402

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Amanda earned her Ed.D. from the University of the Pacific and is currently the Director of Special Education for the Mariposa Unified School District.

Wyrinda Harper

Phone: 209-742-7675

Email: cwharper@sti.net

Wyrinda earned her B.A. from UC San Diego and was referred by Jetty Uebner.

We Send Girls to Science/Math Camp

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Membership

[Dawn Johnson](#)

Shout Outs!

- ◆ APPLAUSE to the people who stepped up to participate in Community Connections as mentors to our high school students: **Beth Waldrow, Ruthie Fruehauf, Sandi Gabe and Judy Eppler, along with last month's volunteers, Trish Darcy and Barbara Silva.** We asked and they answered! So can you. Contact Dawn or Sandi for more info.
- ◆ HUGE thanks to **Trish Darcy, Cathy Owens and Barbara Silva** for getting several shy and not-so-shy Tech Trek girls to share their camp experiences at the November Member Meetup. Question: What did all the girls forget to pack? *
- ◆ HATS OFF to the planners who are meeting with Sandi and Dawn to organize a program series on Creative Aging: **Becky Mock, Saralynn Nusbaum, Cindy Harp and Judy Eppler.** Ponce de Leon will join us next week. So can you. Next planning session is Dec 6th at 2 pm at Becky Mock's.
- ◆ Bravo to **Trish Darcy** who organized an opportunity for Jazzercise folks. See [page 10](#).

*Answer: Their pillows!



Member Meetup

Member *meetup*

Tech Trek alumni remember and share

At the November Member Meetup, we were enchanted by four Tech Trek alumni who shared details and even a few secrets about their experiences at camp. After hearing their stories, we were confident that their week at camp made a positive impact on them. All members were deeply impressed with these girls, and proud of this program we provide for young women of Mariposa. —Cathy Owens



We Sponsor Community Forums

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Fundraising

—Sandi Gabe

The planning team met on Saturday, December 1st to put the finishing touches on the set design and a work crew continued into the afternoon painting, cutting and sewing in preparation for the March event. The ambitious scene design is already underway and you



can be a part of transforming the fairgrounds into a magical wonderland or creating a special experience auction item.

There are several ways you can lend a hand to help. **Contact Sandi Gabe if you want to:**

- **Donate an experience auction item** – Include the type of experience and the number of people who can participate.
- **Donate a BIG item for a live auction**
- **Sign up to help set up**
- **Sign up to help clean up**
- **Paint a wall scene** – You'll be supplied with black paint, paintbrushes and the outline of a scene on butcher paper. Paint it and cut it out!
- **Donate a 10x10 pop up**
- **Coordinate a Marketplace booth or table.** Get your friends together to decorate one of four pop ups or a marketplace table. We have the ideas, you get the stuff together! There will be a prize for the best theme.

Moroccan Nights

When:

March 2, 2019

Where:

Mariposa Fairgrounds

What does it take to transform the fairgrounds into a space fit for Moroccan Nights?

- ◆ 15 arches
- ◆ 17 columns
- ◆ 80 yards of curtains
- ◆ 60 yards of table cloths
- ◆ Marketplace tables
- ◆ Color, color, color!

- **Join the food team** – Contact Kathy Sutherland who is coordinating our feast again this year. She'll need help creating and serving Moroccan style goodies to entice our guests.

We Provide Opportunities for Women to Reach Full Potential

AAUW– Local

Community Connections Mentoring Program

connects community members with high school students who might be in need of a positive adult role model in their life for whatever reason.



AAUW is getting involved - meeting one of our member goals of partnering with other organizations. Several AAUW members have signed up to participate in this joint venture among ABC, MCHS, and Sierra Quest Human Services.

Trish Darcy and Barbara Silva attended the first training session. Trish said: *"We attended the training from Quest on November 19th. We have one more training to go before we get our student. The training was informative, helpful, and reminded us that there are children out there who need a positive adult role model in their life. These students don't have the support at home that they may need to be happy, successful members of our society. They may just need that extra love and attention to build their self-esteem. That could be you! You can make a difference for them."*

Judy Eppler, Ruthie Fruehoff, Sandi Gabe and Beth Waldow and joined Trish and Barbara Silva from AAUW at the second training session held on Monday, November 26th.

If this sounds like the perfect opportunity to get involved here is what to do:

- Step 1: Contact Kathleen Leonard <kleonard@mcusd.org> to receive an information packet and have any questions answered.
- Step 2: Fill out an informational form

provided by Kathy and turn it in to her.

- Step 3: Get cleared as an MCHS volunteer. (Anyone who is already a cleared volunteer for MCUSD - fingerprinting and TB testing done - is one step ahead as that part does not need to be repeated.)

For those who aren't cleared volunteers:

- ✓ Receive a LiveScan fingerprinting form from Kathy. Fingerprinting is done at the Sheriff's office Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1-4 PM and is paid for by MCHS and ABC.
- ✓ Show proof of negative TB test or have a TB test taken. The health department's free. The TB clinic is the 2nd Tuesday of the month and the reading is the 2nd Friday of the month.

Step 4: Attend a **training with Sierra Quest Human Services to learn skills on how to interact with high school students**, find out what kind of topics are good to discuss - and when it might be best to alert a counselor. **This will take a couple of hours either on a week night or a Saturday - whatever works.** Kathleen will have more information on upcoming training sessions.

Step 5: Mentors will be matched with students (identified by MCHS counselors and other staff - all volunteers). **Mentors will be asked to interact with them at least once a month** (take them to lunch, take them to a community event, etc). ABC will provide \$20/month per mentor for this - plus a little extra to celebrate birthdays.

AAUW-State

AAUW California Public Policy Priorities to be adopted

AAUW California Public Policy Priorities support our mission and provide the basis for action and advocacy. This year the Public Policy Committee is reviewing the priorities and making changes to guide AAUW California in 2019-2021.

New priorities will be adopted by a vote of AAUW California members in the spring of 2019.

These are the current priorities:

- **To achieve economic self-sufficiency for all women AAUW CA advocates:**

Pay equity, fairness in compensation, benefits, and economic justice.

Equitable access and advancement in employment, including vigorous enforcement of employment antidiscrimination statutes.

Strengthening retirement benefits and programs, including pension improvements, and protecting Social Security from privatization or reduction in benefits.

Programs that provide women with education, including financial literacy, training, and support for success in the workforce.

Strengthening programs that encourage career development and earning potential, including career and technical education, access to postsecondary education, and welfare job training.

Policies that promote and support work-life balance, including child and dependent care.

- You can be part of the process!
- Share your feedback on what priorities are important by completing an online survey. The survey lists the priorities and provides an opportunity to agree with the current statements or to offer suggestions for changes.
 - Click [HERE](#) to start the survey.

- **To support a strong system of high-quality public education, AAUW CA advocates:**

Adequate and equitable funding for high-quality public education for all students, including preschool.

Increased support for programs that break through barriers for women and girls in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) fields.

Protection of programs that meet the needs of girls and women in all levels of education, including sexual health education.

Vigorous enforcement of Title IX and all other civil rights laws pertaining to education.

Opposition to the use of public funds for nonpublic elementary and secondary

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AAUW-State

education, and for charter schools that do not adhere to the same civil rights and accountability standards as required of other public schools.

Support for and adequate funding that gives women and disadvantaged populations access to higher education, including two-year degree programs and vocational training.

- **To guarantee equality, individual rights and social justice for a diverse society, AAUW CA advocates:**

Self-determination of one's reproductive health decisions.

Freedom from violence and fear of violence,

including bullying, sexual harassment, human trafficking, and gun violence, in all aspects of life.

Increased access to quality, affordable healthcare, and family planning services.

Strengthening California programs, including affordable housing, that improve the lives of children in families living at or below the poverty level.

Support for United Nations programs that address human rights and women's and girls' issues.

Freedom in definition of self and family, and guarantee of civil rights for all family structures.

Vigorous protection of and full access to civil and constitutional rights for all.

AAUW-National

AAUW is taking action for Title IX: So can you!

The Department of Education has announced a plan to make sweeping changes to Title IX's regulations, which would have significant implications for students' civil rights. Over the next 60 days, we have an opportunity to weigh in with the Department of Education on their proposed changes.

Go to [Action Alert](#) and add your name to this letter:

Dear Secretary DeVos:

Title IX is essential to ensuring that our schools are free from discrimination, including sexual harassment and violence. But the Department of Education's proposed changes would weaken students' Title IX protections by narrowing the definition of sexual harassment to potentially exclude much of the abuse students ex-

perience and limiting when schools will respond to reports of sexual harassment and violence. In addition, the rule would put in place school processes that make it harder for students to come forward and receive the support they need when they experience sexual harassment or assault. These changes would ultimately make our schools less safe.

As Secretary of Education, you have the power to address this critical civil rights issue and help make schools safer and more equitable for all students. I join with the American Association of University Women (AAUW) in urging you to withdraw the Notice of Proposed Rule-making on Title IX and to work to ensure schools protect students from sex discrimination by fully enforcing, not rolling back, Title IX's protections.

AAUW-State

How to help AAUW victims of the Camp Fire

We don't have to tell you anything about the devastation of the Camp Fire, but we can share with you that it has upended the worlds of all the AAUW members of the Paradise/Chico branch.

Of the 45 members who live in Paradise, 42 lost their homes.

Our own Mariposa branch understands the impact of fire better than some. Whereas our bylaws prevent us from raising money for the cause, you can certainly help your fellow members as an individual. AAUW CA (the state organization) is organizing three ways for individuals to help:

1. Send gift cards. The branch president (one of the three who did not lose their homes) is in touch with its members and suggests that the most useful thing would be gift cards from stores like Target, Penny's, Macy's, K Mart, CVS, Rite Aid, Safeway, Raley's, Walmart. etc. Send them to:

AAUW of California
1331 Garden Highway, Suite 100
Sacramento, CA 95833

They will be forwarded to a Paradise branch contact for distribution.

2. Know of any lodging? Members from Paradise need places to stay. If you know of a house or rooms to rent in northern California, please call Carol Holzgrafe at 530-774-4009 or email her.

at carol@holzgrafe.com.

3. Donate through a recognized 501(c)(3) organization:

Nvcf.org. The North Valley Community Foundation.

For animals: Nvadg.org. The North Valley Animal Disaster Group.

Below: One of our own members, Trish Darcy, took it a step further and organized this opportunity at her Jazzercise class:

Here's a way to help the fire victims in Paradise!



AAUW (American Association of University Women) of California is collecting gift cards to help the victims of the Camp Fire up north. I have already sent off one envelope with gift cards and will be sending another one on December 1st. If you would like to help, you can do so in 2 different ways:

- 1) Donate a gift card (available at Rite Aid here in town). They are suggesting Target, Penny's, Macy's KMart, CVS, Rite Aid, Safeway, Raley's, and Walmart.
- 2) Donate money and I will buy the gift cards. (Cash is preferred, but you can write checks to Trish Darcy if needed.)

Put them in the envelope at Jazzercise by Friday, November 30th and I'll ship them on up to help people out.
Thanks for your help!

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>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>Chess, Anyone?</p>  <p>Contact <u>Kim Monson</u></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>

Interest Groups - Hiking

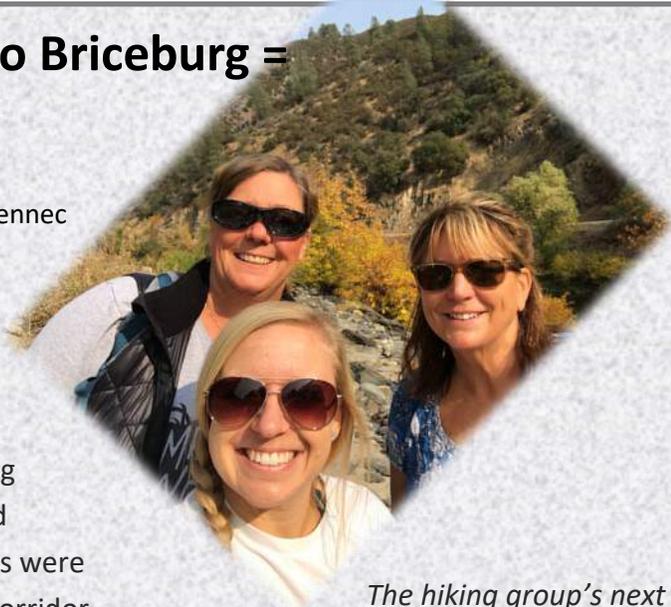
Contact [Trish Darcy](#)



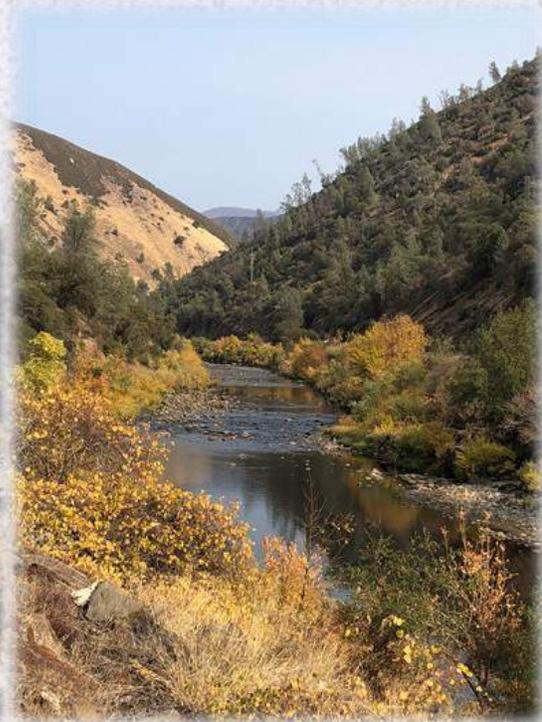
'Switchback' to Briceburg = a great hike

—Renea Kennecc

November's hike was planned for the Hite's Cove trail but our small group quickly realized that the trail was closed due to unsafe conditions. Trish, Lizz, and I switched gears and traveled to Briceburg to wander up the Merced River on the old historic railroad grade. Beautiful fall colors were on full display as we moved up the river corridor towards Slate Creek Bridge. All brilliant variations of yellows, oranges, and gold were demonstrating their last showing of the year. We hiked a little over six miles, stopping along the way to let our dog friends, Riley and Beau, jump in the river. Great hike!



The hiking group's next hike is December 8th. Rebecca will be organizing and we will hike the Stockton Preserve.



We Provide Opportunities for Women to Reach Full Potential



Forestiere Underground Gardens are really Cool.... Literally!

Since it's not the best time of the year to show off one's garden, the AAUW Garden Group decided to hit the road and check out the Forestiere Underground Gardens. WOW, what an



turned out to be worthless —Karen Smith
hardpan, so he worked for other citrus farmers. So, what to do with the land he bought? He decided to build an underground home patterned after the ancient catacombs near his home town of Filari, Sicily. No plans were put on paper; each room and passageway was created in Forestiere's mind as he worked. Using a pick, shovel and a wheelbarrow he dug, chipped and carved the unforgiving hardpan for 40 years, all in his spare time.

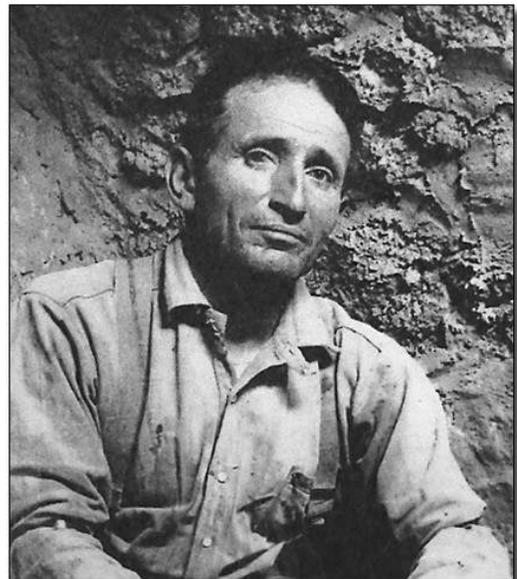
Forestiery never married, no surprise! He died in 1946 at the age of sixty-seven. After his death, the Underground Gardens were opened to the public as a museum.

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“To make something with a lot of money, that is easy; but to make something out of nothing - now that is really something.” — BALDASSARE FORESTIERE

incredible place. The gardens feature nearly one hundred chambers, passageways, courts and patios dug beneath the hardpan soil. Fruit-bearing trees planted below the ground poke through openings at ground level. Some of the trees and grape vines are 100 years old. Baldassare Forestiere actually lived underground, benefiting from cooler temperatures during the high heat of the Fresno in summer as well as warmer conditions during winter.

Forestiery, a Sicilian immigrant, came to America in 1901 to pursue his dreams of becoming a citrus farmer. The 80 acres he purchased



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Over the years after his death, the parcel has been whittled down to today's not quite five acres. This whittling down in size came partly from inheritances that split up the grounds. His siblings mostly considered his lifework just a bunch of holes in the ground.

If you haven't been to Forestiere Underground Gardens, do so! We plan to return in the spring when the citrus trees are blooming. In the meantime, we gardeners who are so lucky to have Mariposa hardpan are busy digging underground gardens on our properties, with backhoes though.



It's a fascinating place, full of mystery and intrigue. The gardens are listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is CA State Historical Landmark No. 916.

SIG: Play Reading

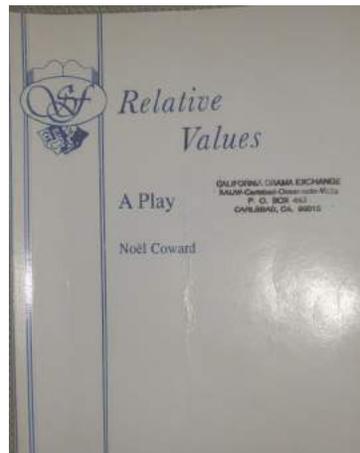
Contact [Dawn Johnson](#)

Six of us laughed our way through a reading of "Relative Values," a satire by Noel Coward about the intrigues of manor life in post-war Britain (um, yes, that would be WW II).

The play had a decidedly "upstairs-downstairs" flavor with plenty of jokes based on the snobbery and reverse snobbery of the English social classes. The hardest part (besides trying to read with a British accent) was to be egalitarian in assigning the roles of servants and aristocrats to avoid class warfare!



"Relative Values"



One newspaper reviewer called the dialogue "flabby," which is a splendid word, but not a fair description in our minds. We enjoyed the language and the classic comedic plot with its inevitable surprise ending of long lost sisters finding each other....and not being what they had pretended to be.

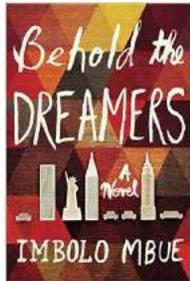
An even bigger surprise? One of us demonstrated an astonishing talent for reading with drunken hiccups.

The next gathering of the Play Reading Group is December 8 at 9:30 at Dawn's house.

SIG - Reading

Contact [Saralynn Nusbaum](#)

Our next meeting will be
Tuesday, December 4, 2018 at 4:30 pm
 at the home of Hélène Fiske. We will be
 discussing *Small Fry* by Lisa Brennan-Jobs



Discussion Review of *Behold the Dreamers* By Imbolo Mbue

The Book SIG met on November 6 at Helene Fiske's home. We discussed one of the Oprah's Book Club novels, *Behold the Dreamers* by Imbolo Mbue. The story chronicles the experiences of Jendi and Neni Jonga and their son Liomi, who immigrate to the United States from Limbe, Cameroon. Jendi goes to work as a chauffeur for a wealthy Lehman Brothers executive, Clark Edwards, in 2008. The novel follows the Jongas' quest for US citizenship and the Edwards' family journey through the 2008 economic crisis. Our group enjoyed reading the book, and felt it was about important and critical issues surrounding the immigration system in the United States. However, the characters or situations often seemed to only scratch the surface of the immigration issues. This became more apparent as the group discussed different parts of the story. We all felt that we needed to know much more, especially about our immigration laws, to help understand what the Jongas experienced.

We chose our next novel for discussion, *Small Fry* by Lisa Brennan-Jobs, the memoir of Steve Jobs' oldest daughter. The next meeting will be on December 4 at 4:30.

2018 book selections we have yet to read:

Conversations with Friends

By Sally Rooney

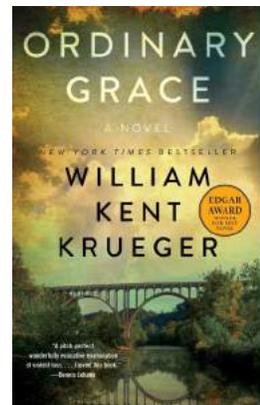
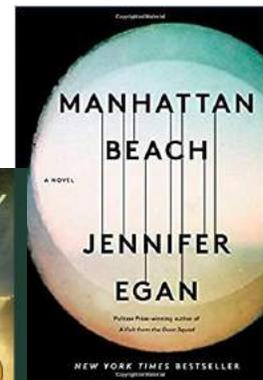
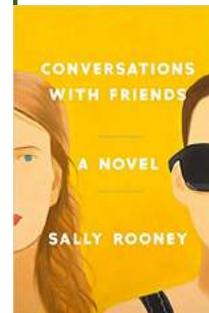
Manhattan Beach

By Jennifer Egan

Ordinary Grace

By William Kent Krueger

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





This month's focus on the history and literature of Iran

The International group met at the lovely home of Kim Monson. We studied the history and literature of Iran in our continuing discussion of this fascinating country.



Kim prepared a detailed review of the early Iranian empire. We were all surprised to learn how large it was. We learned about the origins of paisley textiles which originally

come from Iran, the silk road and how the Iranians were the middlemen in the silk market. They became skilled weavers and using the raw silk from China, created the fine woven silk of the style that is used today.

Peggy discussed some literature with us and really recommended this book as an excellent window into present day Iran:

Searching for Hassan, An American Family's Journey Home to Iran, by Terrance Ward, recommended by Reza Abrahamzadeh

We look forward to continuing our discussion of Iran and its culture the 2nd Wednesday of each month. To come are Iran's arts and Architecture, food and cuisine, politics, religion and more. Please feel free to join us at international@aauwmariposa.com



Above: A bas-relief at Naqsh-e Rostam, depicting the victory of Sasanian ruler Shapur I over Roman ruler Valerian.



**AAUW Mariposa Branch
Board Meeting Minutes
Mariposa County Library
November 5, 2018**

Pending Approval:

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

Members Present: Dawn Johnson, Co-President, Sandi Gabe, Co-President, Jody Sergienko, Publicity, Becky Mock, Programs, Bernadette Falany-Davis, Co-Secretary, Dina Lambert, Treasurer

Members Absent: Rebecca Swisher, Co-Secretary

Approval of Minutes from October: October 2018 Board Meeting Minutes were approved via email poll via Doodle.

Finance: *Dina Lambert*

Dina presented the 2018-2019 budget approved by membership via online ballot. Please look at the November newsletter for more information.

Approval of Treasurer's report

Beginning balance \$11,806.98

Ending balance \$14,134.38

Sandi moved to accept this report. Jody seconded. Approved by all present with no nays or abstentions.

Updates:

Membership, *Dawn Johnson*

Member Meetups

- Jody will be unable to do December meeting. Sandi will follow up with other possible hosts.
- Have had smaller turnouts. Will send more reminders to help increase participation.
- Upcoming November 7th meeting with Tech Trek girls, hoping to have it well attended.

Directory Update:

All have been mailed via Dina. Discussion about mailing all member directories in the future years.

Programs: *Becky Mock*

Election Forum recap (Dawn Johnson)

- Very successful, was standing room only.
- Very robust supply of volunteers
- Lots of compliments

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- Was the only Measure M forum.
- Had both Radio & Gazette coverage.

Creative Aging Program (Sandi/Becky/Dawn Johnson)

Dawn Johnson explained that they are working on this 3-part series. Planning meeting 11/14 @ 1pm at Becky's home.

The proposed topics are:

February 12th Financial

March 12th Health

April 16th Community resources.

Jody requested a promotional flyer for the program

Dina to send agenda for a similar program we offered in a previous year

ABC Partner Projects - Sandi/Dawn

Discussion was brought by Jill Harry at previous meeting, will follow up with her about proposals and planning and AAUW's potential role for the following: Community Connections Mentoring Program

Career Night

Meeting 11/13 @ 2pm, at Pony Espresso

Projects/ Fundraising:

Dinner with a Scientist October 17, 2018: (Report Submitted by Marilyn Saunders and Read by Sandi Gabe)

Marilyn Saunders reported that three people volunteered to participate in this project.

Need to look at ways to get more involvement.

Marilyn will report at future meetings.

Will review budget.

Yard Sale: *Sandi & Dawn Sharon Enrico*

Made \$2,632.00

Next year will be Sharon's last year hosting the event.

Might want to consider holding the Yard Sale every other year after Sharon's departure.

Publicity Update: *Jody Sergienko*

Currently working on individual spreadsheets for all AAUW events, including the Creative Aging forums, and working on updating contact spreadsheet. There was really great publicity & coverage for the Election Forum.

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Priorities - how are we doing? *Sandi Gabe & Dawn Johnson*

The consensus was felt that we are currently on track with the goals that were discussed at the beginning of the year

Newsletter Discussion: *Dawn Johnson*

Is the newsletter too long? Do we feel that it needs to be more condensed? Discussion was had with various opinions and inputs. The consensus was that it was valuable and its current format was working because people can skip around and read what interests them.

Branch Buzz Assignment: *Sandi Gabe*

Dawn Johnson will do the Branch Buzz for November 2018 and send it to the Leadership and SIG e-mail addresses. Dina Lambert will do December Branch Buzz.

Open Agenda: No new business

Upcoming Events:

- November 3 SIG Play Reading: 10:00am, home of Dawn Johnson
- November 5 Board Meeting: 4:00pm, Mariposa Library
- November 6 SIG Book: 4:30pm, home of Helene Fiske
- November 7 Member Meetup: 5:00pm, Mariposa Library (Tech Trek)
- November 10 SIG Hiking: Hites Cove, Renea Kennec
- November 11 SIG Garden: Forestiere Underground Gardens tour, contact Karen Smith
- November 14 SIG International Study: Details TBA contact Ruthie Fruehauf
- November 18 SIG Cooking: 10:00am, home of Karen Rust
- December 16 Holiday Party at 4pm at Sandi Gabe's home.

Meeting Adjourned @ 5:45pm

Approved by all present with no nays or abstentions.



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