

Sierra Outpost

Fundraiser 2019 coming soon!

Magical “Moroccan Nights”

Saturday, March 2

Salaam everyone!

Our flying carpet ride is just around the corner! The team has been working diligently to create the set so that you are transformed when you enter the fair-grounds. If everyone purchases or sells their tickets and donates an auction item we will be successful. We can still use your help in a couple of areas. Contact me if you can help.

- ◆ Create and decorate a small section of a bazaar booths (three). We even



have ideas, you just get to pick one and put it together.

- ◆ Donate a popup for the bazaar.
- ◆ **Donate an auction item.**

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Speech Trek 2019:

“How to Eliminate Violence Aimed at Our Schools”

February 26

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Fundraising

—Sandi Gabe

سلام What does it take to create Morocco?

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- ◆ **Sell tickets.** You should have received a set of tickets in the mail to purchase for yourself or to sell . You will also be able to purchase at the Chamber, Casto Oaks Tasting Room and online. **IMPORTANT**

What does it take to create Morocco?

It literally takes a village to pull this off.

Thanks to all the volunteers (and my family and friends) for spending days creating curtain rods and wooden frame supports, curtains, sanding, painting and gluing. Here is a bit of the process:

Have a vision and create a set design

- ◆ Paint 19 columns
- ◆ Create curtain rods and frames for the arches out of leftover wood
- ◆ Create, paint, stabilize, glue together and decorate 30 arches
- ◆ Collect and paint 160 vases. 102 done!
Only 58 left to go



- ◆ Sew 60 curtains
- ◆ Create tablecloths

Create materials to get the word out.

- ◆ Create flyers, tickets and signs
- ◆ Post everywhere! – Flyers, Facebook, Website!

Develop a good menu

- ◆ Kathy Sutherland and team are putting together the menu and will ask for additional help to create the delicacies.

Donate an auction item



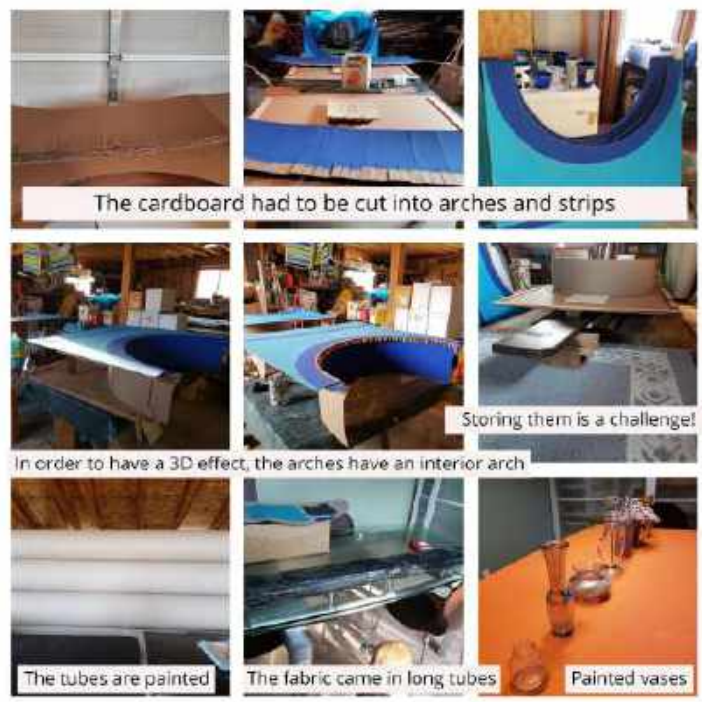
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Fundraising

—Sandi Gabe

What does it take to create Morocco?



Events Calendar

Mark your calendars

- February 5** **Board Meeting:** 4:00pm, Mariposa Library
- February 9** **SIG Hiking:** TBA
- February 9** **SIG Play Reading:** 9:30am, home of Jill Rowney
- February 21** **SIG Great Decisions:** 5:00pm, home of Peggy Shainberg
- February 26** **Speech Trek:** Fiester Auditorium, Mariposa High School

- March 2** **Moroccan Nights Fundraiser:** Mariposa Fairgrounds
- March 3** **SIG Garden:** Time TBD, Fresno Home and Garden Show
- March 4** **Board Meeting:** 4:00pm, Mariposa Library
- March 5** **Proclamation:** Woman’s History Month– 9:00am BOS
- March 8** **Program:** “Iron Jawed Angels” (film), Fiester Auditorium, Mariposa High School

- April 6** **State Annual Meeting and Speech Trek Finals:** San Diego
- April 16** **Program:** “Creative Aging, Part I: Be Prepared” (panel)
- April 25** **Program:** “50/50” (film) , Time/Location TBD

- May 18** **Program:** “Creative Aging, Part II: Be Positive” (interactive booths), 10:00am

- June 2** **Branch Annual Meeting** (new date): Time/Location TBD
- June 16-22** **Tech Trek Camp:** Fresno State University



Co-Presidents' Corner

Mid-year Check-up

—Dawn Johnson

This month I was considering three topics to write about:

- The Women's History Month theme: *Visionary Women: Champions of Peace & Nonviolence*. Wow. Lots to say there.
- The pillars of National AAUW's new strategic plan: economic security, education and leadership training for women. Wow. Lots to say there too.
- Rain

I chose rain because it was the shortest.

Well, that is not completely true. I chose rain because it is currently pouring outside my office window. More importantly, rain also makes me think of Thought Showers and that makes me think of the branch meeting that launched our year. We asked everyone to shower us with ideas for what our most important branch priorities should be and how we should achieve them.

So now it's January and it is time for a mid-year check on how we are doing.

Let's take a look, in no particular order:

Priority: Continue Tech Trek, Dinner with a Scientist, Speech Trek and Backpack projects with some modifications

Accomplishments: Perfect score. We are halfway through the year and halfway through the projects. We met with the project chairs, discussed any changes or improvements, and created project plans and schedules.

Priority: Give members, especially new ones, more ways to participate.

Accomplishments: Looking good. We sent new members a welcome packet and personal invitations to AAUW events. We tested Member Meetups for informal member-driven gatherings and adjusted them as needed. We added a newsletter section called "What Can I do This Month" to encourage painless participation. We added several new Interest Groups which are always a friendly way for new people to engage.

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We Send Girls to Science/Math Camp

Co-Presidents' Corner

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Priority: Partner with other organizations to expand our impact and avoid duplication of effort.

Accomplishments: On track. We are working with ABC to build the mentoring program "Community Connections." We are inviting other organizations to participate in our Creative Aging program series. We have worked with the high school on Speech Trek and an upcoming film event.

Priority: Engage in more education and advocacy on non-partisan political and community issues.

Accomplishments: We hit this out of the park by organizing the well-attended and publicly broadcast Election Forum, including the only public debate on the TOT initiative. We also added a newsletter feature called "AAUW Takes a Stand" to highlight the advocacy efforts of our larger organization.

Priority: Implement more initiatives that support adult women.

Accomplishments: A work in progress. We are currently organizing a two-part program series "Creative Aging" that will offer many ideas for women entering "elderhood."

Priority: Build a stronger, more sustained presence at the high school.

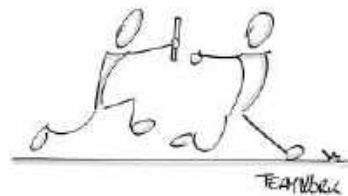
Accomplishments: Not bad. Certainly our beloved Dinner with a Scientist program fits the bill here, as does the new Community Connections teen mentoring program that we are exploring with ABC. There is probably more work to be done on this priority. Anyone interested?

So, in our case, it's not *Rain, Rain, Go Away*.

It's *Rain, Rain, We're Only Halfway*.

Put on your galoshes.

Dawn
&
Sandi



What Can I Do This Month?



Want to get involved?

Here are some easy ways:

- ◆ Join the Nominations Committee. Help us find leaders for AAUW next year so we do not ask YOU! Contact Sandi or Dawn by February 15.
- ◆ Sandi's "Help Wanted" list for Moroccan Nights is as eclectic as her imagination. There are lots of different things to do. If you can hold a paintbrush, you can help. [See pages 1-2](#)
- ◆ Sign up to host a 10-15 minute session for our May program "Creative Aging: Be Positive!" [See page 11](#). Contact Becky Mock (starmock@sbcglobal.net) to be involved OR send her the name of someone else you know who might want to be.
- ◆ Watch your email for opportunities to help with Speech Trek on February 26. Bonus: you will hear talented students speak about the compelling topic of violence in the schools.
- ◆ Save the Date of March 5 to attend the Board of Supervisors' meeting at 9:00 am and applaud the presentation of the AAUW-sponsored proclamation naming March as Women's History Month.

Member Meetup



Member *Meetup*

After much discussion, the Board decided to discontinue the Member Meetups in their present form. But that does not mean there won't be plenty of chances to mingle!

The Member Meetups were organized in response to the request for more regular opportunities for members to meet. But our mid-year review showed that participation was lower than we had hoped. We all have such busy lives!

Where, oh where, have the Member Meetups gone?

We will, however, re-purpose some of the Member Meetup topics into regular Programs, so you can still look forward to opportunities to touch base with each other and learn what the branch is up to.

Please keep an eye on the newsletter, our [website](#) and the branch [calendar](#) to be sure you do not miss all the good stuff coming up this spring.

Membership

[Dawn Johnson](#)

Shout Outs!



- Extra candy canes to **Sandi Gabe** for hosting the holiday party and giving us all fun icebreaker name tags to wear. Now we know who is naughty or nice.



- Deep bows to **Trish Darcy** and **Barb Silva** for continuing to coordinate Tech Trek with Sandi and Dawn despite an avalanche of new paperwork and procedures from National this year.



- Best Camper Awards go to **Cathy Owens, Phyllis Weber, Jill Harry, Carol Hart, Lizz Darcy, Becky Mock, Sara Robison, Peggy Shainberg, Dawn Pederson, Judy Eppler, and Dawna Hunter** for stepping up to help Tech Trek by working with the schools, reviewing and scoring the applications and interviewing the students. It really does take a village. Glad we have one!



- Oscar nominations to **Becky Mock, Margarita King, Kendra Wilde, Marilyn Saunders, Cindy Harp** and **Phyllis Weber** for volunteering to coach student speakers for the Speech Trek contest on February 26. We asked; they answered. It's amazing!

Project: Tech Trek

—Trish Darcy



Tech Trek is up and running and we are on our way to selecting our 5 lucky girls to attend this year's camp. The dates of the camp at Fresno State this year will be June 16 -22. Currently the teachers at the school sites are completing the nomination forms to be returned to our committee. At that time liaison members from our branch will go to each site and meet with the nominated girls to show them a video and give them an over-

view of the camp. At this meeting they will be given the application and information for their essay. These amazingly talented girls will complete the application and wow us with their essays to try and get an interview. We have a committee ready to rate the applications and essays as well as a committee to interview the girls. Once interviews have been completed and scored, all score sheets will be tallied and we will then know our 5 lucky Tech Trek campers for 2019! There are many members who have stepped up to help out in one or more parts of this process and their assistance is greatly appreciated.

Membership

Dawn Johnson

How to get someone else to do the work... or We need a Nominations Committee



Hard to believe, but it is already time to start thinking about our next AAUW year and who will have the privilege of leading us.

Our bylaws require that we form a 3-member Nominations Committee to recruit candidates for the elected positions on our Board of Directors (President, Secretary, VP of Finance, VP of Programs and VP of Membership).

Joining the Nominations Committee is a short-term role, perfect for someone



who is outgoing and persuasive enough to buttonhole some fellow members who would be enthusiastic about helping Mariposa AAUW. We will need a slate of officers by May 1.



Help us find the people who can decide the future of our branch. **Contact Sandi (sandi.gabe@hotmail.com) or Dawn (dawnandjay.johnson@gmail.com) by Feb 15** if you would like to be on the committee and share ideas for potential candidates with us.



HOLIDAY BASH AT SANDI'S

—Sandi Gabe



The weather was mild allowing us to spill out on the deck for some food and gab and fresh air. There were so many appetizer choices that it was easy to end the evening as stuffed as a plum date. Kim Monson tried out a recipe for Moroccan Nights



and all were in favor of including the sweet/savory combination. Our hosts (ok, just Sandi) felt like it was a good opportunity to be silly and dress as an elf. Watch the yard sale next year; you just might pick up a good deal.



Programs

Coming soon— Reserve the date on your calendar!

Creative Aging Part I: Be Prepared

Tuesday,
April 16, 2019 5 pm
Miner's Roadhouse 140

—Becky Mock

Are you retired, close to retirement, or do you see retirement out in the distant future? No matter what your situation, our **Creative Aging Part I: Be Prepared** Program scheduled for Tuesday, April 16, at 5pm at the Miner's Roadhouse 140 will help you effectively navigate the myriad of decisions facing you. Our panel of experts will present simple, effective ways to meet your needs, creating peace of mind for you and allowing you to concentrate more on the fun side of retirement. (More on that in the second installment, **Creative Aging Part II: Be Positive** on Saturday May 18.)

Our current list of proposed topics includes **Financial Planning, Wills and Trusts, Elder Scams and Safety, Cyber Security, ID Theft, Insurance, Elder Law, and Emergency Preparedness**. We plan to include an interactive session with suggestions on how and where to keep pertinent information for our relatives and emergency personnel in the event we are unable to provide that information ourselves. These topics will be presented by local experts and the specific list of presenters will be finalized soon.

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend this very useful program. It is open to the public, so invite friends and relatives to participate. See you then.

We're looking for speakers for Part 2!

Creative Aging Part 2's theme is

BE POSITIVE.

We have great plans for a "choose your own adventure" event featuring lots of booths for members to explore different ways to make "elderhood" creative and rewarding—anything from brain exercises to volunteer opportunities to storytelling.

Would YOU or someone you know like to host a 15-min session on a fun, interactive creative aging topic?

Contact Becky Mock at star-mock@sbcglobal.net

Project: Speech Trek Contact Kim Monson



Speech Trek 2019 is underway. We currently have five young ladies signed up to give their speeches about violence in the schools. Special thanks go to Becky Mock, Margarita King, Kendra Wilde, Marilyn Saunders, Cindy Harp and Phyllis Weber who have volunteered to coach the girls. The girls will send their completed drafts to their coaches for suggestions so they can get on with memorizing and working on their presentation in rehearsals. Judge Mike Fagalde, Supervisor Rosemary Smallcombe and School Board member Judy Eppler have committed to judge the competition. Everyone is encouraged to attend the competition and hear what our students have to say about this compelling topic.

Date:
February 26
Time:
6:00pm
Place:
MCHS Fiester Auditorium

We put our money where our mouth is

Ten of our branch members (!) made donations to AAUW Fund in the third quarter of the year. Those funds help support AAUW's mission to improve women's education, economic security, and leadership training. That is a terrific percentage! Thanks for those who were able to extend their generosity.

Date: March 5
Time: 9:00am
Place: Board of Supervisors' Meeting Room

Women's History Month in Mariposa?

Yes! March will be officially declared "Women's History Month" in Mariposa by proclamation of the Mariposa County

Board of Supervisors. The 2019 theme is:

Visionary Women: Champions of Peace & Nonviolence

The month will honor women who have led efforts to end war, violence, and injustice and pioneered the use of nonviolence to change society.

Plan on attending the Supervisors' meeting on March 5th at 9:00 am to watch the issuance of the proclamation. It will be early in the agenda.

AAUW-National

AAUW Takes a Stand!

And so can you....

Take action on issues impacting women and girls by joining AAUW’s Action Network. As a Two-Minute Activist, you will receive urgent email notices when your advocacy is needed most. Just enter your address and you will be connected with the correct Congressional leaders and a sample letter to send them.

Currently, you can use Action Alerts to support Title IX and Paycheck Fairness Act legislation.



Voicing your opinion is just a click away [here](#).

Deadline for Submission: February 7

Pick up your paintbrush for the 2019 AAUW Art Contest

We hear a lot about the gender gap — in salary, in leadership roles, in math and science. But one of the most long-standing gaps exists in the art world. For centuries, women artists were not encouraged or even recognized.

...women working in arts professions are often paid less than men...

Things have changed, but a wide gap persists: Only 30% of artists represented by commercial galleries are women, and women working in arts professions are often paid less than men. This is what motivates AAUW to host an annual art contest. The goal is to give women artists the attention they deserve.

The winning entries will be featured in a collection of note cards mailed to AAUW members in the spring. For additional details, submission rules and deadlines, click [here](#).



Collage of winning paintings from 2018

We Provide Opportunities for Women to Reach Full Potential

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 Kim Monson</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 plays 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>



SIG: Garden

Contact [Micki Finney](#)



The Fresno Home and Garden Show, March 1, 2, 3, 2019, at the Fresno Fairgrounds!

The Garden Group, thanks to Karen Smith's research and planning, is ready to explore the annual Fresno Home and Garden Show on March 3. Contact Karen for more information or click [here](#).

Explore all the possibilities at California's most anticipated home show ... Now in its 33rd year, this premier event showcases products and services in the home and garden industries...over 500 companies will be participating!

Talk to licensed contractors, shop gourmet foods, and artisans/crafters, dine at the Gourmet Food Trucks and shop over 700 booths! See what it's like to live in less than 400 sq. ft. at our Tiny House Village or enjoy a walk through the Garden Pavilion. Belly up to the Paint Bar to learn how to use Annie Sloan's Chalk Paint all while sipping craft spirits from our "Meet The Maker" Feature. All of this comes just in time to give your home a money-saving Spring makeover. We'll inspire you to dust off the cobwebs and put on your walking shoes.



SIG: Play Reading

Contact [Dawn Johnson](#)

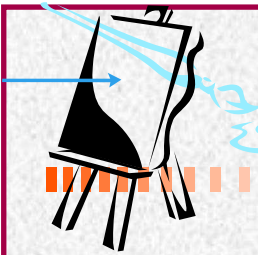
—Dawn Johnson

What fun we had the morning of January 5th at the lovely home of Angela Heiss with yummy croissants, fresh fruit and a clever play that reminded us all of the birth of "women's lib" and where our personal lives were during that time. Angie took to the director's role like a duck to water and we all got to read some fun parts.

Next reading will be on **February 9 at Jill Rowney's home**. We often do not know what play will provide our morning's entertainment but we all look forward to it and hate to miss out on the

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Art Group takes in San Francisco art fairs

—Ruthie Fruehauf

The AAUW Art Appreciation group enjoyed a recent visit to San Francisco where we all attended the Untitled Art Fair and the Fog Art and Design fair.

Each fair had multiple booths representing about 150 galleries from around the world showing off their special artists and displays ranging from paintings, drawings to sculpture and multi-media. We also visited Paulson Fontaine Press in Berkeley (a specialized printer of etchings) where owner, Pam Paulson, spent about an hour or so discussing her work with various artists. We also received a tour of their printing lab where they were working on an “edition in process.” It was fascinating to learn more



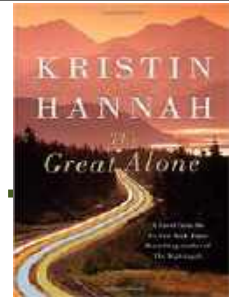
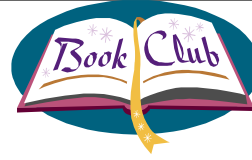
about the process that they go through with their visiting artists. They represent the Gee's Bend quilters and the prints made during that process were amazing, along with other award-winning artists who are from various parts of the world. The group had a lot of fun and learned some ideas for next year too.



SIG - Reading

Contact [Saralynn Nusbaum](#)

Our next meeting will be
Tuesday, February 5, 2019 at 4:30 pm
 at the home of Hélène Fiske. We will be
 discussing *The Great Alone* by Kristin Hannah



Discussion Review of *The Woman in the Window*

By A.J. Finn

—Sandi Gabe

The Woman in the Window
 was written by A. J.

Finn, the pseudonym of veteran editor **Dan Mallory**.

Released in 38 territories worldwide it is in development as a major motion picture from Fox and is expected to be released in October 2019 with Amy Adams playing the lead. Finn's thriller generated buzz

from the time it was sent to publishers, eight of whom engaged in a bidding war over the book. (William Morrow won). According to The New York Times, Finn was inspired to write the story from his fascination with classic noir films and he included 43 film references, including Hitchcock's *Psycho*. We saw some of the parallels and many of us now have a movie list to work too!

The main character, Anna Fox, lives alone—a recluse in her New York City home, unable to venture outside. She spends her day drinking wine (we thought maybe too much), watching old movies, recalling happier times . . . and spying on her neighbors.

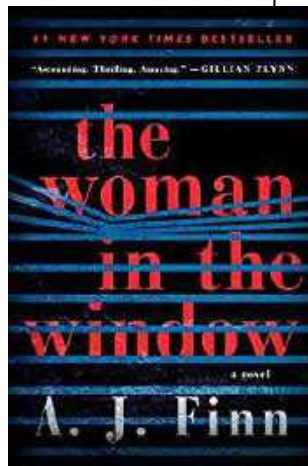
Then the Russells move into the house across

the way: a father, a mother, their teenage son: the perfect family. But when Anna, gazing out her window one night, sees something she shouldn't, her world begins to crumble—and its shocking secrets are laid bare.

What is real? What is imagined? Who is in danger? Who is in control? In this diabolically gripping thriller, no one—and nothing—is what it seems. We won't spoil it for you here....Some of us figured it out before the end, others (me included) took a little more time to put the pieces together.

This was one of the few books that the group has read and discussed that seems to have had a universal appeal. The characters were interesting and mysterious. We were intrigued by how A.J. Finn's personal history of recently diagnosed bi-polar disorder provided a rich details for Anna's agoraphobia and we appreciated that the story involved more than an average woman-in-jeopardy. Anna was not hopelessly dependent on men. Prior to the onset of her agoraphobia she had been a successful child psychologist and she maintains much of her independence despite being house-bound.

My favorite quote from the book: *It isn't paranoia if it's really happening ...*



Interest Groups - **Hiking**

Contact [Trish Darcy](#)



Stockton Creek Preserve remains a favorite hiking spot

—Rebecca Swisher

Saturday, December 8, 2018 dawned chilly and clear for our hike at Stockton Creek Preserve. The weather was perfect for hiking with the sun keeping us warm and the breeze keeping us from getting hot. It was a wonderful morning with lots of conversation and catching up, story telling, and enjoying the scenery. We all agreed that Stockton Creek Preserve was a secret gem and that we wanted to go back.



L to R: Monica Ritter, Trish Darcy, Gary Colliver, Reva Colliver, Sassy Swisher-Meraz, Nick Meraz (Rebecca's husband). Not pictured: Rebecca Swisher (taking photo)

SIG updates:

Contact [Dawn Johnson](#)



SIG: **Wine**

Contact [Kathy Sutherland](#)

Next wine group will meet at Renea Kennec's home on **January 26**.



SIG: **Cooking**

Contact [Renea Kennec](#)

Schedules tend to get in the way for everyone in the group to meet. We almost made it to a cooking class in Fresno this month, but it filled up quickly. Stay tuned for another culinary experience.

We Sponsor Community Forums

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SIG: International Study



Contact [Ruthie Fruehauf](#)

Iran– its religion and geography

Our group met to continue our study/discussion on Iran. It was a dark and stormy night but we started with wonderful appetizers and hospitality at Beth Waldow’s home. Gary Colliver gave a presentation on religion in Iran starting with Zoroastrianism and the different streams on Islam.



Peggy Shainberg talked about geography and how Iran is located on major seismic faults and experiences an earthquake per day on average. Margaret Erhart, who lived with her family for two years in Iran and taught in Tehran talked about some of her personal experiences.



We meet monthly and will look at other aspects of this country.

SIG updates:

Contact [Dawn Johnson](#)



SIG: Craft

Contact [Elaine Keeley](#)

Most of the craft group members have been busy creating sets for the Moroccan Night fundraiser.



SIG: Great Decisions

Contact [Sandi Gabe](#)

Stay tuned!

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We Provide Opportunities for Women to Reach Full Potential

**AAUW Mariposa Branch
Board Meeting Minutes
Mariposa County Library
January 7, 2019**

Call to Order: At 4:07 p.m. by Co-President Sandi Gabe.

Members Present:

Dawn Johnson, Co-President
Sandi Gabe, Co-President
Becky Mock, Programs
Dina Lambert, Treasurer
Rebecca Swisher, Co-Secretary
Kim Monson, Speech Trek Coordinator

Members Absent:

Bernadette Falany-Davis, Co-Secretary
Jody Sergienko, Publicity

Approval of Minutes from November: November 2018 Board Meeting Minutes were previously submitted and approved via email poll via Doodle. November 2018 meeting minutes have been sent to Jill Rowney for inclusion in the December 2018 newsletter.

Updates:

Membership *Dawn Johnson*

Membership Growth

- Four new members have joined; current membership is 82.
- Leadership is more concerned with having engaged members who can assist with accomplishing goals; however, we do need to be aware that the numbers have decreased somewhat. Discussion was held regarding potential recruitment opportunities.

Member Meetups

- Attendance Summary
 - September 7, 2018: Lessons for My Daughter; 8 attended
 - October 6, 2018: Women's Travel Tales; 4 attended
 - November 7, 2018: Tech Trek Girls; 13 attended
 - December 1, 2018: Violence in Our Schools (Speech Trek Topic); 6 attended
- Discussion was held regarding fluctuating attendance and resource application for these events. The casual nature of the Meetups combined with members' demanding lives may contribute to low participation. Reviewed pros and cons of potential to use these to advertise/broadcast information about upcoming AAUW events. Discussed whether or not to plan

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more formal member meetings or luncheons to share branch business and a program.

- Sandi Gabe moved and Dawn Johnson seconded to cancel the Member Meetups for this fiscal year in January, February, and April, to continue with “Iron Jawed Angels” and 50/50 film as programs, and to recommend to the new Board to have two formal member meetings annually. The Board concurred. All in favor. No nays or abstentions.

Opportunities for Members to Connect

- Reminder that Board Meetings are open to everyone in the membership and that sending out a reminder with an agenda prior to the meeting may result in more members attending.
- Discussed potential for scheduled and more structured member meetings in the future.

Programs: (Becky Mock/Sandi Gabe/Dawn Johnson)

- **Creative Aging Series Update** The planners recommended to decrease the topics from three to two: “Part 1: Being Practical” and “Part 2: Being Positive”

Current task is to iron out the subtopics for each of these presentations. It will be a panel format for Part 1 and a “fair” type of format for Part 2. The proposed dates are March 12th and April 16th.

Next planning session Tuesday, January 15th at 1:00 p.m. at Becky Mock’s house.

ABC Project – Community Connections (Sandi Gabe)

Sandi Gabe reviewed what has happened thus far with this project as well as the required background checks for adults participating. Training was initially very heavy and too intense for what was being asked of our branch, but this issue has been resolved. Applications are still being accepted and finalized and members are being matched with students.

Projects/ Fundraising Updates:

Speech Trek (Kim Monson)

Originally had six students, but the total is now five.

If there are fewer than three students, this event will be cancelled.

There are three judges lined up.

There are enough coaches.

Kim has someone lined up to film the speeches.

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Roles/Tasks Needed (Note this is a partial list. The full list is contained in the Speech Trek project plan): Greeter – to seat judges, answer questions, hand out score sheets (*Sandi Gabe*); Greeter – to welcome attendees; Timer (*Dina Lambert*); Score keeper; Snacks; etc. Kim will review the packet and request additional assistance as needed.

Tech Trek (*Sandi Gabe/Dawn Johnson*)

Timeline for Tech Trek has been created at a meeting with Sandi Gabe, Dawn Johnson, Barbara Silva, and Trish Darcy.

National added a lot of policies and procedures and additional tasks for this project. We are now on track.

Moroccan Nights (*Sandi Gabe*)

There has been great participation thus far. There has been a lot of planning. Set design is coming along well.

Auction items are needed.

Clear glass vases (short and wide or tall and skinny) are needed.

Publicity: (*Jody Sergienko*)

No publicity report.

Sandi Gabe reminded those present that we need to be clear with Jody regarding upcoming publicity needs.

Jody is out of town at this time, but she previously stated she is still available to submit publicity.

Kim Monson will contact Jody regarding putting an article in the newspaper regarding the upcoming Speech Trek.

Branch Buzz Assignment: (*Sandi Gabe*)

Dina Lambert will do it for January 2019

Finance: *Dina Lambert*

Dina Lambert presented the budget reports for November 2018 and December 2018.

November 2018:

She reported that she had initially allocated too much of advertising to Yard Sale, so this has been corrected to distribute to Yard Sale and Election Forum. Therefore, the net income for the Yard Sale is now an additional \$75.00.

Beginning balance \$14,134.38

Ending balance \$14,149.38

December 2018:

Beginning balance \$14,149.38

Ending balance \$14,144.38

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Approval of Treasurer's Report:

Sandi Gabe moved to accept the budget report as presented. Seconded by Becky Mock. The budget report was approved by all present with no nays or abstentions.

Open Agenda:

Branch Named Gift Honoree (Sandi Gabe):

Honor a member if the branch has donated at least \$750.00 to national. (After the meeting, it was confirmed that this total does not include fees paid for Tech Trek.) Dina to confirm that the Mariposa branch qualifies to submit a recipient's name, in which case the Board chose a potential member who will be honored at the Annual Meeting.

State Named Gift Honoree (Sandi Gabe):

Mariposa Branch can put in a nomination to be added to the California state nominations.

Elections & Nominations (Sandi Gabe):

The Board concurs that we would like to have an Elections Nominations Committee of 3 members to facilitate our upcoming nominations and elections. We need to present names for positions in the May 2019 newsletter.

Butterfly Festival Parade (Kim Monson):

May 4, 2019

Kim proposed that AAUW Mariposa participate in the parade, using the Moroccan Nights decorations. She will monitor for when we would need to submit our application for this. Kim stated that she will head up this project.

Women's History Month (Rebecca Swisher):

Rebecca Swisher will contact Renee, the Board of Supervisor's clerk, to request that AAUW be allowed to present the Women's History Month Proclamation in March. She will follow up with writing and submitting the proclamation.

Upcoming Events:

January 15 at 5:00 p.m. – Member Meetup – CANCELLED

February 2 – Member Meetup – CANCELLED

February 12 – Creative Aging - CANCELLED

February 26 – Speech Trek

March 2 – Moroccan Nights

March 8 – Iron Jawed Angels

Meeting Adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Dina Lambert moved to adjourn the meeting. Sandi Gabe seconded. Approved by all present with no nays or abstentions.



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