



Sierra Outpost

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Congratulations to Sydney Jacobs, Mariposa Speech Trek's 1st Place winner

—Kim Monson

The mostly annual Speech Trek event took place on Tuesday, February 26th. We were treated to three very good speeches by freshman Lauren Elmore and sophomores, Sydney Jacobs and Coury Jones. Sydney was judged the winner by three prominent Mariposans: Supervisor Rosemarie Smallcombe, School Board Member Judy Eppler, and Superior Court Judge Michael Fagalde. The topic for 2019 was "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?" Click [here](#) to see the winning speech on Youtube.



Co-Presidents' Corner

We're skipping our message this month.
We're too busy putting on our belly
dancing costumes.
See you at Moroccan Nights!

Sandy Sandi



Desert Dawn



Don't Miss!!

'Moroccan Nights'

Saturday, March 2

4:00pm-7:00pm



Events Calendar

Mark your calendars



- March 2** **Moroccan Nights Fundraiser:** 4:00pm-7:00pm
 Mariposa Fairgrounds
- March 3** **SIG Garden:** Time TBD, Fresno Home and Garden Show
- March 4** **Board Meeting:** 4:00pm, Mariposa Library
- March 5** **SIG Reading:** 4:30pm, home of Helene Fiske
- March 8** **Program:** "Iron Jawed Angels" (film), Fiester Auditorium,
 Mariposa High School
- March 9** **SIG Play Reading:** 9:30am, home of Jill Rowney
- March 9** **SIG Hiking:** Details TBD
- March 12*** **Proclamation:** Woman's History Month– 9:00am BOS
 ***New Date**

- April 1** **Board Meeting:** 4:00pm, Mariposa Library
- April 2** **SIG Reading:** 4:30pm, home of Helene Fiske
- April 6** **State Annual Meeting and Speech Trek Finals:** San Diego
- April 13** **SIG Hiking:** Details TBD
- April 16** **Program:** "Creative Aging, Part I: Be Prepared" (panel),
 5:00pm, Miner's Roadhouse 140
- April 25** **Program:** "50/50" (film) , Time/Location TBD

- May 4** **Butterfly Days Parade:** Details TBD
- May 6** **Board Meeting:** 4:00pm, Mariposa Library
- May 18** **Program:** "Creative Aging, Part II: Be Positive"
 (interactive booths), 10:00am

- June 2** **Branch Annual Meeting (new date):** Time/Location TBD
- June 9-15** **Tech Trek Camp:** Fresno State University

**Creative Aging
Part 2's theme is
"BE POSITIVE."**

Looking for speakers

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

**It's Women's History Month.
What are we doing about it?**

The theme this year is *Visionary Women: Champions of Peace and Nonviolence*. So, for starters, we are not doing anything violent.

First, thanks to Board Co-Secretary Rebecca Swisher, Mariposa AAUW is sponsoring a Mariposa County Board of Supervisors' Proclamation that March is Women's History Month. This will be formally presented for acceptance by Director-at-Large Jody Sergienko at the Board of Supervisors' meeting on Tuesday, March 12 at 9:00. All members are encouraged to attend. It will only take a moment. We should stand up for what we believe, like the visionary women before us.

Second, we are screening the film "Iron Jawed Angels" on March 8th. Starring the Academy Award winning actress Hilary Swank, this film is a powerful chronicle of the struggles women endured to realize their suffrage, particularly the hunger strike. It is tentatively scheduled for 5:00 pm at the high school auditorium. Members will be notified if that changes.

It's good to pause for a moment and consider women's accomplishments and ongoing challenges. We hope to see you at both events.

Let's show some sisterhood!

What Can I Do This Month?



Want to get involved?

Here are some easy ways:

- ◆ Put some beads in your hair, step into your pantaloons, and come to Moroccan Nights! Let's make this night SO successful that we can skip fundraisers for the next 75 years.
- ◆ Drop by the Board of Supervisors' meeting on March 12 at 9:00 am for a few minutes. We need to applaud the presentation of the Women's History Month proclamation that we sponsored.
- ◆ Sign up to host a 10-15 minute session for our May program "Creative Aging: Be Positive!" We are looking for people who do things to make elderhood interesting! Contact Becky Mock (starmock@sbcglobal.net) to be involved OR send her the name of someone else who might want to be.
- ◆ Cross your fingers that our first place Speech Trek student makes it to the state finals!
- ◆ We still do not have a Nominations Committee. Help us find leaders for AAUW next year so we don't ask YOU! Contact Sandi or Dawn by March 15th.

Let's "float" AAUW in the Butterfly Festival Parade!

Feeling creative? Kim Monson certainly is! She thinks it is about time to have AAUW represented in the Butterfly Festival parade on Saturday May 4th. Interested? We have a flatbed trailer and LOTS of cool props from Moroccan Nights. All we need is some energy to pull a few things together.



What a chance to wave like the queen, hand out candy, and publicize our community projects! To get in on the ground floor of the planning, contact Kim at kimellen13@gmail.com.

Membership

[Dawn Johnson](#)

Shout Outs!



Is there really any way to cleverly and properly thank **Sandi Gabe** for Moroccan Nights? Any way at all? It is just not possible.



The Gettysburg Address award goes to **Kim Monson** for organizing this year's Speech Trek contest and to the coaches who helped the students, **Becky Mock, Margarita King, Kendra Wilde, Marilyn Saunders, Cindy Harp** and **Phyllis Weber**.



Shukran! to **everybody who donated auction items** to Moroccan Nights. We have everything from dinners to dance lessons and beekeeping to book publishing.



We would need to say Thank You every night for all of the 1001 Arabian Nights to acknowledge the many, many, many **volunteers who brought Moroccan Nights to life**. There will be lists and lists and lists of your names when we wrap this all up.



High Five to Jody Sergienko for stepping up (literally) to accept the Women's History Month Proclamation at the Board of Supervisors' meeting.



Slap on the back to **Rebecca Swisher, Dawn Johnson, Dina Lambert** and **Jody Sergienko** for their plans to attend the state AAUW Annual Meeting in San Diego. We hope they are inspired enough to stay awake after catching super early flights.

Project: Tech Trek

—Trish Darcy



Hats off to Trish Darcy and her team.
Selecting which girls to send and ensuring

that everyone gets an equal opportunity is a lengthy and detailed process. All schools have been contacted and been given the nomination form. Some forms have already been received back. Project team members will be assisting schools to follow through with the process. Volunteers have stepped forward to score applications and to interview the students.

We Provide Opportunities for Women to Reach Full Potential

Beyond the Branch

Feminism is for Everybody

—Gary Colliver

The current issue of the UK medical journal, *Lancet*, is focused “on advancing women in science, medicine, and global health, with the aim of showcasing research, commentary, and analysis that provide new explanations and evidence for action towards gender equity.”* The Editorial (link below) also provides an overview of the articles present-

for everybody—for men and women, researchers, clinicians, funders, institutional leaders, and, yes, even for medical journals.”

Editorial, “Feminism is for everybody” (link to editorial, click [here](#)). *Lancet*, Volume 393, ISSUE 10171, P493, February 09, 2019 For a link to the full issue, click [here](#).

...The fight for gender equity is everyone's responsibility...

ed in this issue of the journal. While the articles may be most useful for those of our members who work in one of the fields of science, medicine, or public health, many also may be of interest to others as well. As the conclusion of the Editorial states, “The fight for gender equity is everyone's responsibility, and this means that feminism, too, is

Editor’s note: Gary adds that in order to read some of the articles in the magazine, you may have to open a free Lancet account. On these articles, after you have clicked on the link to open them, you will find a brief introduction followed by a link to set up this free account. Thanks to Gary for bringing this magazine to our attention.



Volunteers to help install smoke alarms

The Red Cross is asking for volunteers over the age of 16 to help install free 10-year smoke alarms in residences in Mariposa. Training, breakfast, and lunch will be provided.

Saturday,
March 23
9:00am– 4:00pm
Mariposa Elementary School

Visit SoundTheAlarm.org/centralvalley or call 559-455-1000.

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>

SIG: Great Decisions

Contact [Sandi Gabe](#)



—Peggy Shainberg

The Great Decisions interest group met at Peggy’s house for a GREAT discussion on “Media and Foreign Policy.” Our discussions follow the subjects published by the Foreign Policy Association in their discussion guide. We covered the role and misuse of “media” in the current environment and how it can impact our thinking and actions. Our next discussion will focus on “Russia’s Foreign Policy” on April 5th.

SIG: International Study

Contact [Ruthie Fruehauf](#)



Group discusses influence of Persian literature as well as modern Iranian literature



The members of the International Studies Group continued their study of Iran at Beth Tomsick’s on February 13. Peggy Shainberg and Beth presented information about Persian literature and its influence on the West, as well as modern Iranian authors and stories about their lives since the Islamic Revolution of 1979. The group also found a video of Rick Steve’s visit to Iran interesting. Photo shows Beth with a poster of famous lines of poetry by Rumi, a well-known Persian poet of the 11th century.



SIG: Garden

Contact [Micki Finney](#)

Anyone still interested in the Fresno Home and Garden show this Sunday, March 3rd?
It is open from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm.

\$10 for adults and \$5 for seniors - people over 60!

Weather permitting (part of the show is outdoors) Karen Smith will carpool there. Contact [Karen](#) if you are interested. ([email](#) or call 966-6406.



SIG: Play Reading

Contact [Dawn Johnson](#)

—Dawn Johnson

Alas (doesn't that sound Shakespearean?), we had to cancel our February 9th meeting. Apparently, the postal service DOES have trouble delivering in "snow and rain" and our plays were not delivered in time.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, March 9th at 9:30 am at Jill Rowney's house. She will also be in the Director's chair. The play is titled "Moon over Buffalo" and is described as a comedy, which it can only be with THAT title.

Interest Groups - Hiking

Contact [Trish Darcy](#)



No hike occurred in February.
Next hike is scheduled for March 9th. Details TBD. After that it is April 13th led by Sandi Gabe with the location to be announced.

SIG - Reading

Contact [Saralynn Nusbaum](#)



Our next meeting will be
Tuesday, March 5, 2019 at 4:30 pm
at the home of Hélène Fiske.





Chardonnays paired with good conversation

Our Corks and Forks wine tasting on Feb 23rd was a very fun gathering. Beth Waldow and Kevin Cann welcomed us into their home and we tasted Chardonnay while we enjoyed an array of hors d'oeuvres. Beth served a chicken, date, apricot dish accompanied by a rice, sweet potato, macadamia side dish. It was delicious and we all feasted while we chatted and compared the wines that each member brought. Just as important as tasting the various wines was the enjoyment of spending time with such a fun-loving group! Next month's wine tasting will be hosted by Jody and Eric Sergienko. Stay tuned for further details as to the date and time.



We Sponsor Community Forums

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AAUW Mariposa Branch
Board Meeting Minutes
Mariposa County Library
February 4, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 4:04 p.m. by Co-President Dawn Johnson.

In Attendance:

Sandi Gabe, Co-President; Jody Sergienko, Publicity; Rebecca Swisher, Co-Secretary
Becky Mock, Programs; Dawn Johnson Co-President; Dina Lambert, Treasurer
Kim Monson, Speech Trek Coordinator (Non-Voting Role)

Members Absent:

Bernadette Falany-Davis, Co-Secretary

Minutes Rebecca/Bernadette

Minutes of January 19, 2019 meeting approved online.

Updates

Membership -Dawn

[Shape the Future campaign for upcoming events](#)

There are a lot of public events (e.g., Speech Trek, Moroccan Nights) coming up during which we can promote the Shape the Future campaign, which means that new members only have to pay half the national dues, but full state and local dues.

Programs

Review of Schedule Changes -Dawn

The Board wants to make sure that everyone is aware of the updated branch calendar. These are posted on the AAUW Mariposa website and will be in the newsletter. The two main changes: Moved "Creative Aging" program dates, splitting it into Part 1 and Part 2; Moved the annual meeting to Sunday, June 2, 2019.

Creative Aging—Becky

Becky Mock reported on the Creative Aging program. Part 1 theme is "Be Prepared" and it will cover the practical matters of aging presented by a panel of local experts. Most of the topics and speakers have been finalized. She will schedule the necessary date with the Miners' Roadhouse.

Future Programs (*Iron Jawed Angels film, 50/50 film and Creative Aging Part 2*) -Becky

Iron Jawed Angels: The film on the history of the women's suffrage movement will be shown in recognition of Women's History Month. It is confirmed for the high school auditorium and students will be invited. Kim Monson will work to get the PG version of this film. The program group will help to finalize the details of this event.

50/50: This film will be shown. Becky will order the supplies and ensure we have access to the

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movie.

Creative Aging Part 2: Theme is “Be Positive” and will be a series of booths with information on enrichment activities. Presenters/topics are being discussed and finalized. Becky has reserved the Board of Supervisors Room. She is working to finalize presenters for this program.

Women’s History Month Proclamation (March 5, 2019) -Rebecca

Rebecca Swisher stated that she has reserved AAUW’s slot at the Board of Supervisor’s meeting. She will work on the proclamation itself over the next couple weeks. We need a group to accept the proclamation.

Projects

Speech Trek Update -Kim

Final details and volunteer assignments:

Timing: Dina Lambert will be the timer, and she will find a second person to assist with this.

Holder of Warning Signs: Dina Lambert will coordinate this as well.

Dawn Johnson will work on filling the other volunteer slots.

Kim reported that she met with four of the students today, and she has not heard back from the fifth student. The coaches are working with the students to perfect the speeches.

Tech Trek Update -Trish

Dawn Johnson reported from note sent by Trish Darcy. Dawn stated that changes to national requirements for this project have presented challenges that Trish has managed beautifully. All schools have been contacted and been given the nomination form. Trish has received some nominations back. Project team members will be assisting schools to follow through with the process. Volunteers have stepped forward to score applications and to interview the students.

Fundraisers

Moroccan Nights Update -Sandi

Sandi Gabe stated that a lot of the set design is complete. There is a food plan. Next step is to get additional auction items and present publicity around the auction items. The fair-grounds have been secured for Friday set up and Sandi will schedule shifts for the volunteers.

Publicity –Jody Sergienko

Publicity update for Speech Trek, Moroccan Nights & Creative Aging Part 1-Jody

Jody Sergienko presented an update on publicity for upcoming events:

Moroccan Nights has been put into Gold Rush Cam, and she sent updated information to the Chamber of Commerce.

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The press release for Speech Trek was sent to the Mariposa Gazette, Gold Rush Cam, and Sierra News online. Jody will work on additional e-mailings this week. Jody stated that she will ensure that she has the press release for the Creative Aging program from Dawn and process the publicity as the time comes.

Finance Report -Dina

Approve January Treasurer's Report (distributed at meeting)

Dina Lambert reported that there was:

\$20.00 in income for an online yard sale item

\$7.50 in expenses for postage for new member packets

\$5.00 in expenses for web hosting

Ending balance: \$14,151.88

Sandi Gabe moved to approve January's treasurer report as presented. Jody Sergienko seconded. All in favor, with no nays or abstentions.

Discussion of possible budget surplus

Deferred until after fundraiser income and state Annual Meeting expenses are finalized to determine if this is a topic for discussion.

New Business

AAUW California Annual Meeting -Dawn

Program of events

Go to AAUW California State website to learn more about this event, which takes place in April in San Diego!

Panel discussions around membership and leadership topics will be held.

Speech Trek finals will be held at this event as well.

The 2018-2019 approved budget includes \$3,750 for Leadership Development, which includes attending the state annual meetings.

Available funding

Sandi Gabe moved to spend up to \$1,000 per person, for a maximum of 3 people, to attend the 2019 California State Conference. Becky Mock seconded. All in favor, with no nays or abstentions.

Nominations Committee -Dawn

Dawn reminded folks that we are looking for volunteers for this task.

Participation in Butterfly Days -Kim

Kim will head this up, and she will provide an update at the next meeting.

Approval to send letter in support of Title IX -Dawn/Rebecca

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After reading the draft letter provided by AAUW National, the Mariposa board would like to learn more about Title IX and the implications of the changes to this law. Rebecca Swisher will follow up with the Title IX coordinator for Mariposa and see if this person can come to a Board meeting to discuss this legislation. (Potential questions: How this legislation impacts Mariposa? How is Title IX implemented in Mariposa and what are the challenges we, as a community, face in regards to this law? How familiar are you with the proposed/upcoming changes?)

Home Fire Campaign:

Jody Sergienko stated that this event has been developed in Mariposa in conjunction with the Red Cross and the fire department. The organizers are looking for community volunteers to assist with this. The Board determined that this is not a project that AAUW can take on at this time. Although our branch will not be coordinating any participation, Jody was asked to prepare a short article for the March newsletter to inform members about this event.

AAUW Mariposa Branch Bylaws:

Shared elected position shares a vote in our current bylaws. This is not in compliance with California law. We have to change our bylaws to correct the wording to indicate that every director has one vote and co-officers do not share a vote. Sandi recommended that we table this discussion until the March Board Meeting in order to spend more time discussing it. The Board agreed.

Branch Buzz Assignment.....Dawn

Becky Mock will do Branch Buzz for February 2019

Upcoming Dates – February and March

- February 11 – Creative Aging Planning Meeting - Becky Mock’s, 1:00 pm
- February 21 – Tech Trek Planning Meeting – Trish Darcy’s, 12:00 pm
- February 26 – Speech Trek – High School Auditorium, 6:00 pm
- March 2 – Moroccan Nights Fundraiser – Fairgrounds, 4:00 pm
- March 5 – Women’s History Month Proclamation – BOS Room, 9:00 am
- March 8 – Iron Jawed Angels Film – High School Auditorium, 5:00 pm

Adjourned:

The meeting was adjourned at 5:48 p.m. by Co-President Dawn Johnson.



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		Social Media	Sandi Gabe
		Speech Trek	Kim Monson
		Tech Trek	Trish Darcy & Barbara Silva

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