



Sierra Outpost

Program:

—Dawn Johnson

Come to Creative Aging, Part II

You don't have to be old.

It will be hard to top the success of Part 1 of this series (see [page 6](#)) but we are working on it.

Because YOU asked for it at last July's planning session (remember those ears?), we are continuing to explore both the practical (Part 1) and the positive

from more than 20 local people about "I never thought of that!" activities right here in Mariposa that might bring you mental, physical or social rewards. Then you will have an opportunity to choose what interests you and talk more about it with them.

...aging is not a disease, it is an opportunity...

(Part 2) aspects of elderhood. Today, the "retirement years" can be a time for exploring new opportunities.

The "retirement years" should be a positive time for exploration, enrichment and self-renewal. This event will be a "choose your own adventure." You will hear

We will have everything from playing Pickleball to volunteering in unique ways to writing, singing, acting or playing a ukulele!

Let's all get creative about aging and take a chance on new experiences. Plan on attending and bring friends who refuse to be "old" too!

Creative Aging Part II: Be Positive

Saturday, May 18

10 am-12 noon

Board of Supervisors' Chambers

5100 Bullion St., Mariposa

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Co-Presidents' Corner

Who will be driving the bus next year?????



You have heard of self-driving cars. What about a self-driving bus?

Is it possible?

Will it work?

After our Creative Aging workshops we realize that everyone will *be prepared to be positive* and busy with all sorts of new engaging and motivating activities. The board recently decided to get in on the action by being creative. How? By experimenting with a new model!

For the 2019-2020 fiscal year the board has chosen to adopt an innovative model of a "Leadership Team" with less defined roles allowing for flexibility and providing an opportunity for members to try new roles. They will be able to dig into areas that are of most interest to them.

Well, that sounds exciting but who will be in the driver's seat????

It depends!

How will it work?

The new leadership team will share responsibilities of managing the activities. For example, each leadership team meeting might be led by a different team member. Projects and programs might also be planned by different people rather than having one person plan all of the programs.

Specifically the board approved a motion to move to a leadership team for the 2019-2020 year composed of at least five and not more than nine voting members. If there is an even number of volunteers, the board will appoint a member to make an odd number.

Currently we have the following six volunteers:

Cindy Harp
Dina Lambert
Becky Mock
Kim Monson
Jody Sergienko
Rebecca Swisher

Do you want to be on the bus?

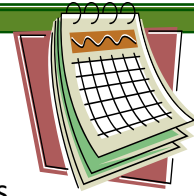
There are up to three additional voting spots available on the leadership team – and you do not have to be president! Contact Sandi or Dawn by May 15th if you are interested in joining the team. The Leadership Team will be installed at the annual meeting on June 2nd



Dawn
&
Sandi

Events Calendar

Mark your calendars



May 3	SIG Garden: 10:00am, Superstition Iris Gardens, Cathey's Valley
May 7	SIG Reading: 4:30pm, home of Helene Fiske
May 8	SIG Play Reading: 4:00pm, home of Dawn Johnson
May 11	SIG Hiking: Trail to Wawona Grove
May 15	SIG International Study: 5:00pm, home of Saralynn Nusbaum
May 18	Program: "Creative Aging, Part II: Be Positive" (interactive booths), 10:00am, Board of Supervisors' Chambers
June 2	Annual Meeting/Gathering: 2:00pm, home of Sandi Gabe
June 9-15	Tech Trek Camp: Fresno State University



Annual Meeting/Gathering
June 2nd
2 pm
Sandi Gabe's Home

"It's going to be freaking adorable"- exclaimed a board member!

We Inspire Life-Long Learning

Membership

[Dawn Johnson](#)

Flex your voting muscles.



100 years ago congress passed the 19th amendment granting women the right to vote. It was ratified in 1920. Have you taken advantage of it? Have you flexed your voting muscle and exercised your right to vote?

Now is your chance to tell AAUW what priorities should be in focus and who should lead the organization. You get three opportunities: 1) at the local level, 2) at the state level, 3) at the National level. Here are the details.

AAUW Mariposa Branch

Voting Period

June 2nd

What's on the ballot?

—Elected officers. See the Presidents' message on page 2 for details.

How to cast your ballot

—If we have more than nine volunteers you can vote at the annual meeting/gathering.



AAUW California

Voting Period

April 22 – May 13, Midnight PT

What's on the ballot?

—Board Candidates. Click [HERE](#) to see who is on the ballot.

—2019-2021 Public Policy Priorities. Click [HERE](#) to review the proposed changes.

How to cast your ballot

—Find your invitation to vote in an email sent on April 22nd.

—Can't find the email? Check your spam folder or contact Julika in the AAUW California Office at 916.448.7795 for assistance.

AAUW National

Voting Period

April 1 – May 14, 6pm ET

What's on the ballot?

—Board Candidates. Click [HERE](#) to see who is on the ballot.

—2019-2021 Public Policy Priorities. Click [HERE](#) to review the proposed changes.

How to cast your ballot

—Find your ID and PIN in an email sent on April 1. Click [HERE](#) to cast your ballot.

—Can't find the email? Contact Connect at 800.326.2289.

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What Can I Do This Month?



Want to get involved?

Here are some easy ways:

- ◇ **JOIN US** at the program on **Creative Aging Part II** on May 18. Be curious!
- ◇ **VOTE** in the election for AAUW's leaders in our branch, state and nation. See "Flex your voting muscles" on page 4.
- ◇ **BRAG** about us. Vote [here](#) to nominate AAUW as the best service club in the Gazette's "Best of the Best" contest.
- ◇ **BUY SCHOOL SUPPLIES** for deserving local students served by our Backpack Project. Gift registry opens May 28. Watch your email for instructions.

Membership

[Dawn Johnson](#)

Shout Outs!



The "Saleswomen of the Year" award goes to the Creative Aging program planners **Becky Mock, Saralynn Nusbaum, Cindy Harp**, and the ubiquitous **Sandi and Dawn** for recruiting more than 20 presenters for Part 2!



Golden megaphones to our own members **Cindy Harp, Anita Starchman Bryant** and **Sandi Gabe** for being part of the expert speakers' panel for Creative Aging Part I.



The Final Jeopardy Question goes to the Tech Trek interview committee **Dawna Hunter, Sara Robison, Judy Eppler** and host **Alex Trish Darcy Trebek** for giving up a Saturday morning to ask students lots of questions for the big prize of going to Tech Trek.

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Becky Mock

Creative Aging Part I:

"Be Prepared" debuted our Creative Aging Program Series to a packed house on April 16. Attendance was well over 40 people. Seven local experts covering topics from



wills, trusts and financial planning, to elder abuse issues and emergency preparedness wowed the audience with lively, fact-filled presentations. The format was casual, allowing spirited audience participation, and everyone who attended was impressed with the caliber and breadth of information provided. The program was successful beyond our expectations! We are very thankful for our presenters, Anita Bryant, Cindy Harp, Jennifer Lobaugh, Sandi Gabe, Shawna Petrushkin, Martha Jo Patterson, and Morris Jones, who gave their time to make this possible.

For those unable to attend, Sandi Gabe has posted the presentations and handouts on the [AAUW website](http://www.aauwmariposa.com). Part II of the Creative Aging Series, "Be Positive" will be Saturday, May 18, at 10am at the Board of Supervisors' Meeting Room, 5100 Bullion Street, Mariposa.



Anita Starchman Bryant discusses Wills and Trusts

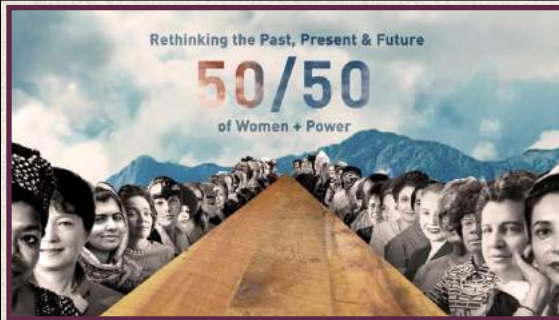


Deputy Sheriff Jennifer Lobaugh discusses how to avoid elder scams and identify theft

More photos posted on [Facebook](#)

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Programs



—Sandi Gabe

50/50 (film)

How many elected presidents and prime ministers in the world today are women?

Did you guess? Did you google it? Still wondering?

On April 25th we screened the movie 50/50 which gives the 10,000 year history of gender + power — from setbacks and uprisings, to the bigger context of where we are today. It also answers the pop quiz question. [Wait for it....]. If you missed the event, you can watch this short 20 minute film [HERE](#) on YouTube. It is worth it.

So the question is - If women make up more than 50% of the population shouldn't women be

in at least 50% of leadership positions? It seems logical but yet it is not true. 20 years ago there were 15 elected women presidents and prime ministers in the United Nations. Today there are 50. 50! Is that a good number? Is it enough? You be the judge. After the movie we had two lively group discussions complete with whooping and hollering and laughter and some serious discussion. To bring the discussion to real life we looked at related issues such as pay equity and questions such as "Who in your life has stood up for this issue?"

50/50 day was celebrated for the second time in 2018. It will be celebrated for the 3rd time in 2020. Should we get involved?



We Open Eyes

Project: Tech Trek

Trish Darcy, Barbara Silva



Campers pack your bags-you're going to Tech Trek Camp at Fresno State June 9-15!!! Congratulations to our five lucky girls that have been selected. The following girls will be challenging themselves with math and science adventures for an entire week meeting other girls from other nearby cities: Abby Yancey, Riley Poor, Kheira Brower, Pria Wellcome, and Jaeyanna Bolar.

Thanks to the help of our scoring team of Peggy Shainberg, Dawn Pedersen, Becky Mock, Lizz Darcy, and Carol Hart for taking the time to read the applications and essays and score them on a rubric. This was done blindly, so they did not know the names of the girls or the schools they attended. Thanks also to the interview team of Judy Eppler, Sara Robison, and Becky Mock who spent the morning of April 6th asking the girls a predetermined set of questions and scoring their responses. These scores were then added to the scores of the applications and the top five girls were selected. They were

Five girls selected to send to Tech Trek camp in June

all very excited to get the news; some were even speechless!

This is an incredible group of girls that we are sending to this educational camp. The Mariposa Branch of AAUW will be well represented at Fresno State this summer. We will be anxious to hear from them after they return from camp.

We will have a gathering at the home of Marilyn Saunders in May. The girls will have a chance to talk with other girls who previously attended a Tech Trek camp. They will have a chance to ask questions and get valuable information. Kim Monson has offered to come and talk to the parents at the same time to give them an overview and allow for a question time as well. This will be a good chance for the girls and the parents to get information that can make them feel more at ease about attending camp.

All in all, thanks to so many people for stepping up to help out with this valuable project so that we can provide this opportunity to 7th grade girls. Thanks also to everyone who helped out with Moroccan Nights as this will help to fund sending these girls to camp!

We Value Education

Project: Backpack

Cathy Owens, Rebecca Swisher, Karen Rust

—Cathy Owens

Mariposa AAUW is proud to again provide backpacks stocked with school supplies to middle school students in our county. We have made some exciting changes this year. Rather than distributing the backpacks through the schools, we are donating 60 packs to students who attend the summer JCFremont Health Fairs. We will once again ask AAUW members to visit our gift registry and choose school supplies to purchase for the packs. We also appreciate cash donations to help fund this project.

Dates to know:

- School supply gift registry opens - **May 28**
- School supplies due - **July 3**
- Backpack fill day - **July 23**
- JC Fremont Health Fairs - **July 27** and **August 3**

Look for upcoming emails and Facebook posts giving you all of the necessary information on how you can get involved and help out.



It is our privilege to help students begin the school year well prepared and ready to thrive in school!

Contact Cathy Owens, Rebecca Swisher or Karen Rust if you have input or questions.

AAUW Partners with the Community

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AAUW– Local

Best of the Best in Mariposa!

Have you voted yet? May 6 is the deadline!

If you think AAUW should be the Best Service/Civic Club for 2019, take a minute to cast your vote [here](#).



AAUW Takes a Stand



Work Smart

(even if you are not working)

—Dawn Johnson

- Are you still working?
- Have a daughter who is working?
- Have a friend who is working?

Chances are, you or they deserve a raise.

AAUW's online course "Work Smart" teaches how to effectively negotiate for equitable pay and promotions.

AAUW's goal is to train 10,000,00 women in salary negotiation skills by 2022. Help hit that goal and help yourself or another woman at the same time.

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Beyond the Branch

AAUW- Making Strides

—Dawn Johnson

AAUW has been involved in some of the following bills passed during the last legislative session which made significant strides toward greater equity for California's women and girls; you may recognize some of them.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Mandates a baseline representation of female identified persons on the board of directors of each publicly held corporation whose principal executive offices are in California. (SENATE BILL 826, JACKSON)

DISCLOSURE OF SALARY HISTORY: Prohibits employers from seeking salary history information and making a subsequent salary determination for applicants, thereby improving pay equity. (ASSEMBLY BILL 168, EGGMAN)

LACTATION ACCOMMODATION: Requires employers to designate an area close to the workspace — excluding bathrooms — for employees who wish to express breast milk. (ASSEMBLY BILL 1976, LIMÓN)

MARRIAGE AND DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIP: MINORS. Ensures additional levels of protection before a youth may marry or

establish a domestic partnership by 1) providing information about their rights of termination and dissolution directly to children and 2) requiring involved parties to participate in premarital counseling. (SENATE BILL 273, HILL)

EXTORTION: Expands the crime of extortion to include consideration of sexual conduct or images of intimate body parts. (SENATE BILL 500, LEYVA)

CALWORKS MODIFICATIONS: Authorizes domestic violence survivors who are recipients of California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) benefits to be eligible for CalWORKs homeless assistance. (ASSEMBLY BILL 557, RUBIO)

FEMININE HYGIENE PRODUCTS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS' RESTROOMS: Requires public schools serving students in grades six to 12 that meet the 40 percent pupil poverty threshold required to operate a federal Title I school wide program to always stock at least 50 percent of the school's restrooms with no-cost feminine hygiene products. (ASSEMBLY BILL 10, GARCIA)

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SIG Overview

Special Interest Groups

<p>International Study <i>Ruthie Fruehauf</i></p>  <p>Learn about a country, a culture, and a people. We study one country each year and meet monthly.</p>	<p>Hiking Group <i>Trish Darcy</i></p>  <p>The hiking group meets monthly to enjoy each other's company while hiking new trails in and around Mariposa and Yosemite.</p>	<p>Cooking Group <i>Renea Kennec</i></p>  <p>The group will meet at a different members' houses and learn new cooking techniques or prepare an international food/meal.</p>
<p>Book Group <i>Saralynn Nusbaum</i></p>  <p>This group meets monthly to read nonfiction and fiction books.</p>	<p>AAUW Mariposa (CA) Branch Special Interest Groups 2018-2018</p> 	<p>Art Group <i>Ruthie Fruehauf</i></p>  <p>The Art group will meet bi-monthly. Using Yosemite as our lure, professional guest speakers will be invited to share with us their experience as an international art dealer, artist or curator.</p>
<p>Gardening Group <i>Micki Finney</i></p>  <p>The Gardening group meets to discuss a wide range of topics such as the challenges of gardening in the foothills.</p>	<p>Craft Group <i>Elaine Keeley</i></p>  <p>The group meets monthly to experiment with new craft techniques.</p>	<p>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>

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SIG: WineContact [Kathy Sutherland](#)

—Jill Rowney

Corks and Forks spent a perfect evening at Joan and John McCammon's.

The weather could not have been nicer, and, though a beautiful pond was the vista from the patio (suggesting the presence, the mosquito population was only minimal. Italian wines were the focus of the evening accompanied by hors d'oeuvres, salads, and lasagna. Though there were many varietals, (and unfamiliar to most of us) it was a blind tasting. We began with the light, whites and worked our way through eleven bottles - the eleventh being everyone's favorite. Into the #11 cup (a 2015 Il Ducale from Ruffino wine of Toscana) went most everyone's voting chips, followed by #7 (a Barbera from Casteggio wines).



Winner



2nd Runner-up



Left: Marilyn's prize for bringing the winning wine. Does it happen to be chocolate? Perhaps it would pair well with the wine she brought...

SIG: International StudyContact [Beth Tomsick](#)

The next meeting of the International Study Group will be at the home of Saralynn Nusbaum on the evening of May 15. There will be a program on Iranian food as well as an Iranian dinner.

**SIG: Play Reading**Contact [Dawn Johnson](#)

May 8 will find the thespians at the home of Dawn Johnson. We will be reading "A Thousand Clowns."

We Open Eyes

SIG: Great DecisionsContact [Sandi Gabe](#)

Great Decisions Returns for a Second Year

—Sandi Gabe

Our first year was an experiment. We loved it and will be back next year for more discussion about a variety of topics. The Foreign Policy Association makes it easy to be informed and inspired to dig a little on your own. They provide a briefing book that contains a rich overview of each topic as well as an exhaustive reference list and online tools in case you want to expand your knowledge even more. We rotate our meetings to a different member's house every other month and have decided this year to include dinner. Typically each meeting starts with an overview video. Here is when we will meet in the coming year:

- July 25
- September 19
- November 21 (the week before Thanksgiving)
- January 16
- March 19
- May 21

The topics for next year have already been announced and the briefing book is available for purchase. Here are our choices. Click [HERE](#) if you want to see more information about each topic.

- Refugees and Global Migration
- The Middle East: Regional Disorder
- Nuclear Negotiations: Back to the Future?
- The Rise of Populism in Europe
- Decoding U.S.- China Trade
- Cyber Conflict and Geopolitics
- The United States and Mexico: Partnership Tested
- State of the State Department and Diplomacy

Special Interest Group signups are just around the corner! More participants = more discussion! Come join us! If you want to attend the July 25th meeting, let me know and I will add you to the list.

We Value Education

Interest Groups - **Hiking**Contact [Trish Darcy](#)

Two of our hikers take in the wonders of Pacheco State Park

—Becky Mock



On Saturday, April 16, a small group of AAUW hikers (Trish Darcy and Becky Mock) headed to Pacheco State Park to enjoy the

wonderful display of wildflowers and breathtaking views of San Luis Reservoir. A bright, sunny day provided the perfect weather for viewing the beautiful display of wildflowers in the rolling hills. A State Park Ranger "Naturalist Jennifer" led a wildflower



hike telling us all about the flowers and plants we were seeing as we went along the approximate 2 mile hike. In

addition to the wildflower information, Jennifer told us much about the history of the area both about the Native Indians (Northern Valley Yokuts and the Mutsun branch of Coastal Ohlone.) and the Europeans that eventually followed. She explained how the native Indians processed acorns for food; hunted deer with spears while dressed in deer pelts after having used California sage to remove human scent so the hunters could get closer to the deer; and how they fished for salmon but were very careful to not overfish to protect the species. She



pointed out how many other plants were used for food and other purposes, and how the Indians processed the plants for these uses.

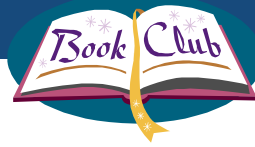
Pacheco Pass has been one of the major routes from the San Joaquin Valley to the coast throughout history. Obsidian used to make arrowheads found in the area can be traced to volcanoes from all over California, highlighting the intricate and widespread trading among the Indian peoples of California. The first European documentation of this pass was in 1806. A Mexican Land Grant awarded 48,000 acres to Francisco Pacheco in 1843 and the family of Pacheco held the land through many generations. Much of the original land was taken with eminent domain to build the San Luis Reservoir in the early 1960s. In 1992, Paula Fatjo, a fifth-generation descendent of Francisco Pacheco deeded the remaining 6,890 acres to the State of California. We topped off the trip with a short visit to The Romero Visitor Center where we learned about the construction of the dam and reservoir, and how water is distributed in California.



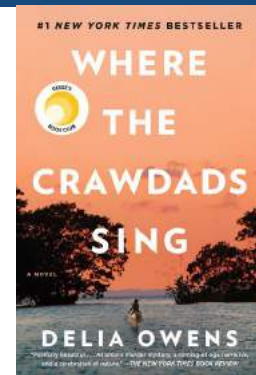
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SIG - Reading

Contact [Saralynn Nusbaum](#)

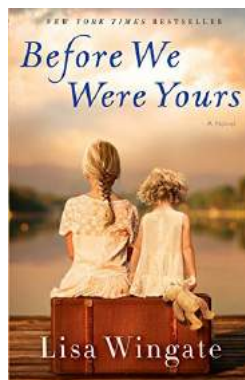
Our next meeting will be
Tuesday, May 7, 2019 at 4:30 pm
 at the home of Hélène Fiske where we will discuss
Where the Crawdads Sing
 by Delia Owens.



Discussion Review by
 Trish Darcy

The group this month chose to read *Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate. The story begins in Memphis in 1939. Rill Foss and her four younger siblings live on their family's shanty boat. When their father must rush their mother to the hospital, the oldest child, Rill is left in charge. They are stolen and taken to a Tennessee Children's Home Society orphanage. Rill fights to keep her sisters and brother together in a world of danger and uncertainty. Aiken lives in South Carolina in present day. She is born into wealth and seems to have it all. When Avery returns home to help her father, she struggles to uncover a family mystery.

The story is based on one of America's most notorious real-life scandals—in which Georgia Tann, director of a Memphis-based adoption organization, kidnapped and sold poor children to wealthy families all over the



country. Although the author did not necessarily have a riveting writing style, the group agreed it was an enjoyable story. In fact, this was her 30th book and none of us had heard of her before. She meticulously researched Georgia Tann and the Tennessee Children's Home before writing. She used her research to weave a tale that drew us all in. The fact that it was based on a real life situation made it interesting to us all. It opened up discussion on adoption and many of us shared adoption stories from family and friends. Some were happy stories and others not so happy. We enjoyed learning about this time in history when rich people would come to Georgia Tann to adopt a child. One of those people was Joan Crawford. All in all, the group enjoyed the book and would recommend it, although not for the writing style—nothing fancy there!

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**AAUW Mariposa Branch
Board Meeting Minutes
Mariposa County Library
April 1, 2019**

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m. by Co-President Dawn Johnson.

In Attendance:

Dawn Johnson, Co-President
Sandi Gabe, Co-President
Jody Sergienko, Publicity
Rebecca Swisher, Co-Secretary
Bernadette Falany-Davis, Co-Secretary
Becky Mock, Programs
Dina Lambert, Treasurer
Trish Darcy, Tech Trek (Non-Voting Role)

Minutes: Rebecca/Bernadette

March 2019 minutes were approved electronically and submitted to Jill Rowney for the April 2019 newsletter

Updates:

◇ Membership

- National membership payment program changes– credit/debit card needed -Dina

AAUW National no longer takes checks: it only accepts credit/debit cards. Sandi Gabe moved for Dina Lambert to explore the options to get an AAUW Mariposa credit card. Dawn Johnson seconded. Approved by all present with no nays or abstentions.

- Kicking off dues renewal process -Sandi

Although branches have been adding many new members, overall state membership is down, so branches should focus on retention. There is no price change for membership this coming year. Dina Lambert will send out the first email reminder at the beginning of May, and she will send another reminder a couple weeks later.

◇ Programs -Becky

- Creative Aging Series- Part 1: Update Part 2: Call for assistance -Sandi/Becky/Dawn

Becky Mock reported that Part 1 is ready to go. Mention of the event should be in the paper 04/04/2019 and 04/11/2019. Please share the event on your Facebook page. Planning for Part 2, which will be held 05/18/2019, is in progress.

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- 50/50 movie -Becky

This will be held 04/25/2019 at Miners Roadhouse 140 and will be open to membership only. This is a 15 minute movie about gender equality in leadership roles It will be followed by a discussion activity.

- **Project/Fundraising Updates**

- ◊ **Moroccan Nights (recap and profit)** -Sandi

Sandi Gabe reported on the Moroccan Nights fundraiser. 78% of the members participated in some way. Dina Lambert reported that the net income from this event, at this time, is \$9,032.11. Discussion was held regarding only holding events like this biannually, and there was Board consensus on this idea.

- ◊ **Main Street Mariposa** -Sandi/Dawn

AAUW Mariposa will participate in this community effort to evaluate areas of possible collaboration on fundraising events by our various organizations and to increase awareness of Mariposa-based events/activities. The meeting will be held 04/10/2019 at 5:00 p.m. at the Board of Supervisors, and Sandi Gabe and Dawn Johnson will attend.

- ◊ **Tech Trek (Status of application process)** -Trish/Barbara

- Trish Darcy reported that 14 packets were sent out, and eight packets were returned. All eight will be interviewed this weekend. The plan is to select six students, five to attend and one alternate. By Monday 04/08/2019, all paperwork from the students/families must be returned so that we can submit the forms by 04/12/019. There is online registration for the students, so we are not tracking this information, which may create challenges in ensuring that all paperwork is completed. Trish will work on updating the spreadsheet with the names and demographics of the students who have participated the past couple years: she will also add this year's group's names. Trish stated that she and Barbara may be willing to head this up again next year, but would love the help of another person. They have already gone through the learning curve and the new process has been organized. Dawn Johnson moved that we purchase the AAUW Tech Trek teddy bears for the campers, as we have done in the past. Sandi Gabe seconded. All in favor with no nays or abstentions.

- ◊ **Backpack (Discuss 2019 approach)** -Cathy/Rebecca/Karen

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- Cathy Owens was unable to meet today. Dawn Johnson, Sandi Gabe, Karen Rust, and Cathy Owens all met and discussed this project. Because of challenges with coordination with the schools, the focus will be distributing the backpacks at the two community Back2School fairs that are being coordinated by John C. Fremont Healthcare District (JCFHD). Rebecca Swisher moved that we donate 60 backpacks to the Back2School event. Sandi Gabe seconded. All in favor with no nays or abstention. Any backpacks remaining after the JCFHD events will be delivered to the schools to be used as needed. Coordinators are planning on a future budget discussion, which will impact the upcoming budget year.
 - * 07/27/2019: Clinic 3 (Northside Clinic in Greeley Hill)
 - * 08/03/2019: JCFHD Hospital
- ◇ **Speech Trek (Status of AAUW California competition)** -Kim
 - Kim Monson was unable to attend the Board meeting today. She submitted a request that the prizes are increased for next year. Because this would impact next year's budget, the AAUW Mariposa board recommended that this be brought to the new Board.
- ◇ **Butterfly Festival Float** -Kim
 - Kim Monson was unable to attend the Board meeting today. No new report.
- **Finance Report** **Dina**
 - * Dina Lambert presented the budget report for April 2019.
 - * Net Income: \$9,620.64
 - Spring Event Net Income: \$9,491.14
 - * Expenses: \$232.92
 - * Checking Ending Balance: \$17,008.98
 - * Jody Sergienko moved to accept the budget report as presented. Becky Mock seconded. All in favor with no nays or abstentions.
 - * Budget Surplus discussion All
 - The current board members recommended that this item be addressed by the new/incoming board members, as any changes/decisions will not impact the current year's budget.
- **Publicity Update (Creative Aging, 50/50)** -Jody
 - * She will submit publicity for Creative Aging Part 1. She is prepared to collect and submit for Part 2 as well as the 50/50 film when the time comes.
- **Board Business**
 - * Co-officers' voting rights--changing bylaws -Dawn
 - * Sandi Gabe requested that we withdraw this item and address in the future if AAUW National presents a clearer statement regarding this issue.

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- Nominations update and discussion of Board positions for next year--who's committing to what? -Jody
 - * Jody Sergienko and Sharon Enrico are heading up the nominating committee. Jody requested the names of those who are willing to continue in their current positions, and individuals present expressed their interest in continuing and/or desire to change their role.
- Jody Sergienko expressed interest in continuing in the Publicity position, as she feels that she is just getting the hang of the details involved.
- AAUW CA Annual Meeting Dawn
 - * The meeting is this coming weekend. Dawn Johnson will be there on Thursday, and Dina Lambert, Jody Sergienko, and Rebecca Swisher will be arriving Friday.
- **Branch Buzz assignment** -Sandi
 - * Becky Mock will do the Branch Buzz for April 2019. She will send it to the SIG and leadership distribution lists.

Open Agenda

- **Mariposa Homeless Food program** -Kim
 - * No report.
- **Annual Meeting Planning** -Sandi
 - * Sandi Gabe reminded those present that we need to start brainstorming and planning for the annual meeting on 06/02/2019.

4/16 Creative Aging Part 1
 4/25 50/50 Movie
 5/4 Butterfly Festival
 5/18 Creative Aging Part 2
 6/2 Annual Meeting

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.

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Back Pack Project	<u>Cathy Owens & Karen Rust</u>
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