



Sierra Outpost

Pack your bags!



The items donated to the backpack project have been gathered and are ready for assembly. Come help “pack the bags” to get them ready to distribute to students in Mariposa County at the J.C. Fremont Health Fairs. We will be gathering at the Methodist church in town on Tuesday, July 23 at 5:30pm to fill the packs with the items the

Backpack Fill Day

Tuesday, July 23

5:30 pm

Methodist Church

students will need to have for their classes. Being prepared takes away much of a student’s angst about beginning the new school year and promotes his/her success. Many thanks to our Backpack Project committee: Cathy Owens, Karen Rust and Rebecca Swisher.

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Volunteers needed at the Health Fairs

With the packs filled, they will need to get into the hands of the students who will be needing them! Contact Cathy Owens 742-6143 or owens@sti.net to sign up to volunteer at one or both of the Health Fairs:

North County—Greeley Hill:

Saturday, July 27

10:00am- 3:00pm

Greely Hill Community Center

10332 Fiske Road, Greeley Hill

Mariposa:

Saturday, August 3

10:00am- 3:00pm

JC Fremont Hospital

5189 Hospital Road, Mariposa

Leadership Team's Corner

Leadership Team looking for 7th member

—Dina Lambert

The 2019 – 2020 AAUW Year is off to a great start! Did you know that we have decided to try something new this year? We have structured our board away from the standard board format of President, Secretary, and Treasurer to a Leadership Team. Leadership Teams are made up of members who share complementary roles. Each of us will still serve a “main” role (Dina will continue doing the finances, Rebecca the minutes, etc.) and in addition, we will all share in leading the team at our monthly meetings. The idea is that each of us will be able to fill in for the typical President, Secretary, and Treasurer roles when needed. The Leadership Team met on Tuesday, July 16 to plan the year. Our plans are always flexible and we welcome your ongoing ideas and suggestions!

The Leadership Team model dates back to the Trojan War which is described in *Iliad*, an **epic poem** by **Homer** written in the eighth century BC. The



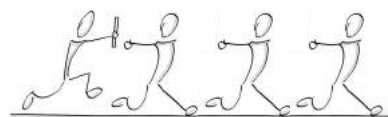
Greeks were led by the mighty King Agamemnon in their quest to conquer Troy. Their victory would not have been possible without Achilles, the mighty warrior; Odysseus, the wily tactician; or Nestor, the wise elder. Each had a crucial, distinct role to play in the Greek high command. Achilles rallied the troops in the heat of battle. Odysseus provided sound strategic advice during and between engagements. Nestor was a source of cool-headed counsel and diplomacy, mediating between the titanic egos of Agamemnon and Achilles. Not one of them could have played all the varied roles necessary to guide the enterprise to victory. Collectively,

however, they prevailed and won their place in history. Well, we don't really know if this is Greek mythology or Greek reality but it has definitely defined and shaped the way the Greek culture has been viewed!

We currently have six members on the Leadership Team. They are **Kim Monson, Cindy Harp, Jody Sergienko, Rebecca Swisher, Becky Mock, and Dina Lambert**. We will be appointing the seventh member of the team sometime this month to ensure that we never have a tied vote. Who will be that seventh person you ask? We are on the lookout but will gladly welcome a volunteer!

Happy Summer!

*Your
Leadership Team*



We Value Education

Leadership Team's Corner

Year 2019-2020 taking shape

—Jody Sergienko

Your new Mariposa AAUW leadership team met on July 16. Five-sixths of the team were present, and yes, we are still searching for a seventh member to join us!

Along with ice tea and cookies the team took on the mission of finding a theme for the programs this year. We decided on "Rural Access to Health Care" as this vital subject ties together so many local and national events going on.

2018-19 was a busy and banner year! This year will be more of an easy rider. So far we have proposed three programs and an election forum scheduled:

- October 10 - program (with an initial planning meeting on August 19, 5:00-7:00pm at home of Becky Mock)
- January 2020 - program
- March 2020 - program
- May 14 - election forum on "post Super Tuesday"

In addition, while many of us would love to have monthly meetings they require a lot of preparation. So we are reviving the less formal "Coffee and Conversations" as "Member Mini Meetings" on Saturdays.

They will be held at Pony Espresso Coffee house, unless you all come up with another suggestion. Starting at 9:00am they will continue until we are all jittery or they kick us out.



Dates and hosts:

- August 24, Jody Sergienko
- September 14, Dina Lambert
- November 16, Becky Mock
- February 8, Rebecca Swisher
- April 25, Cindy Harp
- May 16, Kim Monson

Hosts are subject to change since we actually have no control over our real lives!

As always everyone is welcome to come to our "team" meetings and the planning sessions. The more the ideas the richer the results; the more the hands the lighter the work load.



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Event calendar



July 20	SIG- Wine: 5:00pm, home of Angie Heiss
July 23	Backpack Fill Day: 5:30pm, Methodist Church
July 24	SIG- Great Decisions: 5:00pm, home of Becky Mock
July 27	Backpack Distribution: JCF Health Fair (North County)
August 3	Backpack Distribution: JCF Health Fair (Mariposa)
August 5	Leadership Team Meeting: 4:00pm, Mariposa Library
August 10	SIG- Hiking: Destination Bennetville, led by Gary & Reva Colliver
August 19	Planning for October Program: 5:00-7:00pm, home of Becky Mock; all interested members invited to attend
Sept 9	Leadership Team Meeting: 4:00pm, Mariposa Library
Sept 3	SIG- Book: 4:30pm, home of Helene Fiske
Sept 19	SIG- Great Decisions: 5:00pm, location TBA
Oct 1	SIG- Book: 4:30pm, home of Helene Fiske
Oct 7	Leadership Team Meeting: 4:00pm, Mariposa Library

Fundraising

Auction Item from Moroccan Nights

John Tomsick added another dimension to his artistic prowess. He was the winning bidder on Kathy Delaney's lesson on transferring photos.



We Inspire Life-Long Learning

Project: Tech Trek

Trish Darcy, Barbara Silva



—Dawna Hunter



We had an amazing time this year even with the 106° temps in Fresno in early June. The girls missed the last week of school while enjoying STEM activities at Tech Trek.

The core classes this year were hot air balloons,



structures, Crime Scene Investigation (C.S.I.), Ap Inventor, Circuits, and Art in Math. We had a field trip to Calvin Crest and went on a hike to a waterfall, identified trees and climbed some very old sequoia stumps.

We had some activities that helped us with our communication skills which included a rope swing the entire group needed to use to get across, a spider web we all had to get through by trusting our friends to lift us and carry us through, a bridge we had to build across three platforms to get the entire group from one side to the other, and a task to move a marble across a space from one

end to the other using pvc pipe without touching or dropping the marble. We had some free time to try archery, zip line, and the rock climbing wall.

The girls had a busy week of relay races, games, pool party, and it concluded with talent show and rocket project where we launched 2-liter (rocket) bottles. Each



girl went home with new friends and a DVD of pictures from the entire week.

This was my sixth year as a Dorm mom (DM). It is a truly exciting week watching these young ladies gain in confidence and build life long friendships while discovering that STEM is super cool!

We Send Girls to Science/Math Camp

SIG Overview

Special Interest Groups

<p>International Study <u><i>Tiina Wilson</i></u></p>  <p>Learn about a country, a culture, and a people. We study one country each year and meet monthly.</p>	<p>Book Group <u><i>Saralynn Nusbaum</i></u></p>  <p>This group meets monthly to discuss both fiction and non-fiction books members chose to read the previous month.</p>	<p>Great Decisions <u><i>Sandi Gabe</i></u></p>  <p>This discussion group meets 6-8 times per year to discuss a set of topics developed by the Foreign Policy Administration (FPA).</p>
<p>Garden Group <u><i>Micki Finney, Karen Smith</i></u></p>  <p>The Gardening group meets to discuss a wide range of topics such as the challenges of gardening in the foothills.</p>	 <p>Mariposa, CA Branch Special Interest Groups 2019-2020</p>	<p>Play Reading Group <u><i>Dawn Johnson</i></u></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>Hiking Group <u><i>Trish Darcy</i></u></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>Chess Group <u><i>Kim Monson</i></u></p>  <p>This new group will enjoy the challenges and strategies of this age-old game.</p>	<p>Wine Tasting <u><i>Carolyn Baker, Cindy Harp</i></u></p>  <p>The Corks and Forks Wine group meets monthly to experience different types of wines and enjoy them with appetizers and meals paired to complement the varietal being tasted.</p>

We Sponsor Community Forums

SIG: Play ReadingContact [Dawn Johnson](#)

Stay tuned! As other branches gear up for their new fiscal year, so will our play reading group that hinges on other branches' schedules. Be ready to read another winner!

SIG: International StudyContact [Tiina Wilson](#)

Stay tuned! Another country to be selected and much to be explored.

SIG: GardenContact [Micki Finney](#) or [Karen Smith](#)

We are super busy in our own gardens, dealing with the common challenges of pests and weeds. We'll gather at the hint



of another garden happening, however. Just mention one – the word will spread and another meeting ensues!

Interest Groups - HikingContact [Trish Darcy](#)

The hiking group tries to have one hike a month. We schedule it on the second Saturday of the month. Each month a

different member of the group signs up to decide where the group will go and emails out the specifics such as length, difficulty, meeting location and time, as well as

whether or not the trail is dog friendly. The hikes vary greatly each month depending on who signs up. We have taken hikes locally here in Mariposa, traveled to Yosemite, down to Raymond and over to Pacheco Pass. We love the variety we get when different people plan the different hikes

SIG: WineContact [Carolyn Baker](#) or [Cindy Harp](#)

Zinfandel will be the varietal of the evening of July 20 at the home of Angie and George Heiss.

We Provide Opportunities for Women to Reach Full Potential



Great Decisions returns for another year

—Sandi Gabe

During the Trump administration, the usual ways of conducting diplomacy have been upended.

Many positions in the State Department have never been filled, and meetings with foreign leaders such as Kim Jong-un and Vladimir Putin have been undertaken with little advance planning. What effect are these changes having now, and how will they affect ongoing relationships between the United States and its allies and adversaries?

We will tackle these and more questions when we meet on **July 24th at 5pm** at Becky Mock's home. She will be leading a discussion about *State of the State Depart-*

ment and Diplomacy. For more information about the topic click [HERE](#) for more details on the Foreign Policy Association website.

If you would like to join the discussion group please contact Sandi [@sandi.gabe@hotmail.com](mailto:sandi.gabe@hotmail.com)

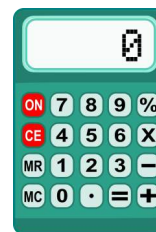
Here is our future meeting schedule:

September 19, 2019
 November 21, 2019 (the week before Thanksgiving)
 January 16, 2020
 March 19, 2020
 May 21, 2020

Got an extra hour or two?



What are you panning for Saturday July 27, or Saturday August 3? Sign up to help distribute the filled backpacks at one or both of the Health Fairs: Saturday July 27 at Greeley Hill and Saturday August 3. See [page 1](#) for details.



We Open Eyes

Interest Groups - Hiking

Contact [Trish Darcy](#)



Hikers tackle the Panorama Trail in Yosemite

—Karen Rust

The AAUW Hiking group had five adventurous women hike the more difficult route to the Panorama Trail. Starting from Curry Village we arrived at the top of Nevada Falls at an unbelievable time of 9:30 am. We enjoyed views of four major waterfalls in the height of spring glory! Renea and her

friend Holly continued down the 4-Mile Trail after reaching Glacier Point! Karen and Jill met some new young friends and carpooled to the Valley from Glacier Point. Naoko and Jill are pictured on the brink of a thunderous Nevada Falls underneath Liberty Cap. Let's do it again next year!

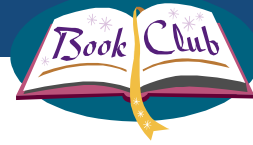


Above: Jill Harry and Naoko Kada at the foot of Liberty Cap.

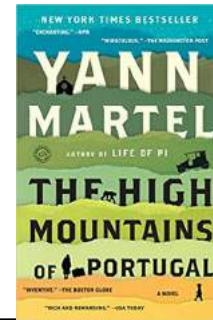
Left: Naoko Kada, Karen Rust, Holly, Renea Kennek, Jill Harry. Trish Darcy – behind the lens.

We Value Education

SIG - Book

Contact [Saralynn Nusbaum](#)

Our next meeting will be
Tuesday, September 3, 2019 at 4:30 pm
 at the home of H el ene Fiske where we will be discussing:
The High Mountains of Portugal
 By Yann Martel

**Discussion Review of**

*Eleanor Oliphant is
 completely fine*

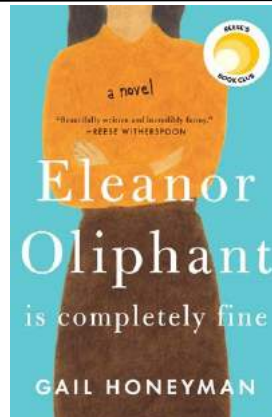
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Gail Honeyman

—Sharon Enrico

“Meet Eleanor Oliphant: She struggles with appropriate social skills and tends to say exactly what she’s thinking. Nothing is missing in her carefully timetabled life of avoiding social interactions, where weekends are punctuated by frozen pizza, vodka, and phone chats with Mummy.

But everything changes when Eleanor meets Raymond, the bumbling and



deeply unhygienic IT guy from her office. When she and Raymond together save Sammy, an elderly gentleman who has fallen on the sidewalk, the three become the kinds of friends who rescue one another from the lives of isolation they have each been living.”

Our group thought that, while Eleanor was not really completely fine, the book was completely charming. We liked the way the author

told the story in the first person. The frank and direct way Eleanor thinks and speaks draws you closer to her character. But having Eleanor’s love interest revealed only through his tweets was a brilliant way to show his personality, as well.

We spent time discussing loneliness. Is it the new cancer as Eleanor thinks? We ruminated on mental illness and if it is possible to emerge from a traumatic childhood unscathed. We touched on the pain of a Brazilian wax but didn’t stay there long. We decided friendship, companionship, a decent social life and maybe a good therapist might be necessary for happiness.

We Inspire Life-Long Learning

Mariposa AAUW Treasurer's Report: June 20, 2019

	Jun-2019	Fiscal YTD	Fiscal Budget	YTD Variance
Beginning Balance	\$ 16,473.11	\$ 12,787.63		
INCOME				
Dues				
National	\$ 678.50	\$ 1,711.00	\$ -	\$ -
State	\$ 280.00	\$ 660.00	\$ -	\$ -
District	\$ 390.00	\$ 1,292.00	\$ 1,275.00	\$ 17.00
Total Dues	\$ 1,348.50	\$ 3,663.00	\$ 1,275.00	\$ 17.00
Donations				
Undesignated	\$ 0.50	\$ 7.00	\$ 500.00	\$ (493.00)
Designated:	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Backpack	\$ -	\$ 1,157.00	\$ 1,157.00	\$ -
Tech Trek	\$ -	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ -
Speech Trek	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 93.00	\$ (93.00)
Dinner w/ Scientist	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ (500.00)
Fundraisers				
Yard Sale	\$ -	\$ 2,777.34	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 777.34
Spring Event	\$ -	\$ 9,092.11	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 5,092.11
Ads	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 200.00	\$ (100.00)
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 1,349.00	\$ 17,046.45	\$ 9,975.00	\$ 4,700.45
EXPENSES				
Dues				
National Dues	\$ 678.50	\$ 1,711.00	\$ -	\$ -
State Dues	\$ 280.00	\$ 660.00	\$ -	\$ -
Total Dues Expended	\$ 958.50	\$ 2,371.00	\$ -	\$ -
Administration				
Directory	\$ -	\$ 285.81	\$ 285.00	\$ (0.81)
Awards/Gifts	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Insurance	\$ -	\$ 341.00	\$ 341.00	\$ -
Postage	\$ -	\$ 49.88	\$ 185.00	\$ 135.12
Supplies	\$ -	\$ 93.03	\$ 200.00	\$ 106.97
Nametags	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Website Hosting / Google A	\$ 6.00	\$ 61.90	\$ 60.00	\$ (1.90)
Phonevite	\$ -	\$ 45.00	\$ 25.00	\$ (20.00)
Meetings	\$ -	\$ 78.90	\$ 350.00	\$ 271.10
Chamber Dues	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Member Events				
Holiday Event	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
Annual Mtg/Brunch	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Programs				
Facilities	\$ -	\$ 193.84	\$ 250.00	\$ 56.16
Hospitality	\$ -	\$ 92.96	\$ 125.00	\$ 32.04
Miscellaneous	\$ -	\$ 123.43	\$ 250.00	\$ 126.57
Projects				
Backpack	\$ -	\$ 2,724.64	\$ 1,800.00	\$ (924.64)
Tech Trek	\$ -	\$ 4,589.65	\$ 4,500.00	\$ (89.65)
Speech Trek	\$ -	\$ 300.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 300.00
Dinner w/ Scientist	\$ -	\$ 221.05	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,378.95
Funds Assessment	\$ -	\$ 65.00	\$ 65.00	\$ -
Leadership Development	\$ -	\$ 1,343.38	\$ 3,750.00	\$ 2,406.62
Marketing	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
Miscellaneous	\$ -	\$ (4.00)	\$ 300.00	\$ 304.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 964.50	\$ 12,976.47	\$ 15,486.00	\$ 4,880.53
Ending Balance	\$ 16,857.61	\$ 16,857.61		

Proposed budget for next fiscal year will need a vote of approval from the membership.

Please take a moment or two to peruse this budget proposed for the 2019-2020 fiscal year. Send any comments and/or suggestions to any member of the Leadership Team listed on [page 13](#). Within the next couple of weeks be prepared to receive an online survey where you will be able to cast a vote for its approval.

Mariposa AAUW				
2019 - 2020 Budget Worksheet				
	2018-2019 Budget	2018-2019 Actuals	Variance	2019-2020 Proposed Budget
Beginning Balance				\$ 16,857.81
Income Actuals are Net Profit				
INCOME				
District Portion of Dues	1,275	1,292	17	1,275
Donations				
Undesignated	500	7	(493)	500
Designated:				
Backpack	1,157	1,157	0	1,157
Tech Trek	250	250	0	250
Speech Trek	93	0	(93)	93
Dinner w/ Scientist	500	0	(500)	500
Fundraisers				
Yard Sale	2,000	2,777	777	2,000
Spring Event	4,000	9,092	5,092	0
Ads	200	100	(100)	200
TOTAL INCOME	9,975	14,675	4,700	5,975
EXPENSES				
Administration				
Directory	285	286	1	300
Awards/Gifts	100	0	(100)	150
Insurance	341	341	0	400
Postage	185	50	(135)	185
Supplies	200	93	(107)	200
Nametags	0	0	0	0
Website Hosting / Google Acct	60	62	2	75
Phonevite	25	45	20	50
Meetings	350	79	(271)	350
Chamber Dues	100	0	(100)	100
Member Events				
Holiday Event	150	0	(150)	150
Annual Mtg/Brunch	200	0	(200)	200
Programs				
Facilities	250	194	(56)	250
Hospitality	125	93	(32)	125
Miscellaneous	250	123	(127)	250
Projects		0		
Backpack	1,800	2,725	925	2,000
Tech Trek	4,500	4,590	90	4,600
Speech Trek	600	300	(300)	1,100
Dinner w/ Scientist	1,600	221	(1,379)	1,800
Funds Assessment	65	65	0	300
Leadership Development	3,750	1,343	(2,407)	3,750
Marketing	200	0	(200)	200
Equipment	50	0	(50)	200
Miscellaneous	300	(4)	(304)	300
TOTAL EXPENSES	15,486	10,605	4,881	17,035
Projected Checking Account Balance June 30, 2020				5,798
NET ON PROJECTS (DONATIONS LESS EXPENSE)				
Backpack		1,567.64		843.00
Tech Trek		4,339.65		4,350.00
Speech Trek		300.00		1,007.00
Dinner w/ Scientist		221.05		1,300.00
		6,428.34		7,500.00



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