



## Sierra Outpost

### Access to Rural Healthcare Part 2:

—Dawn Johnson

### Social determinants of health

—Jody Sergienko & Rebecca Swisher

The 2nd part of our program is coming up on February 29th from 2-4 pm in the Board of Supervisors' chambers.

At the January 14 meeting, the Leadership Team was treated to a presentation by two local public health experts. Ginnie Day and Kimberly Keith gave a presentation on the use of tobacco, vaping products and vaping-associated lung injuries. They spoke of the explosion of social media campaigns, and the impact it is having on our community. An extended version of this fascinating presentation will be shared at our "Rural Access to Healthcare Program II". Joining them will be Kelly Harrison who will bring us information on food security and resources here in the foothills. She is a Program Specialist II with the CalFresh Healthy Living Program, a

### "Rural Access to Healthcare" Part 2:

- Saturday
- February 29
- 2:00-4:00pm

Board of Supervisors' Chambers

grant-funded program of the Mariposa County Public Health Branch of the Health and Human Services Agency.

Put this date on your calendar and join our members to get an overview of this important topic to members. Bring a friend! Look for emails, Facebook posts, and phone calls for additional details.

Link to pertinent article:

<https://apple.news/AKqR-XeAfQ2WQsVU6TIJf3A>

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Above Left: **Ginnie Day** – Mariposa County Health & Human Services, Public Health ;  
Right- **Kimberly Keith** – Mariposa County Health & Human Services, Public Health

## Leadership Team

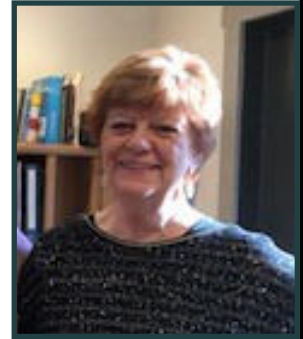
### Happy New Year!

It doesn't seem possible, but we realized at the last Leadership meeting that we are past the half-way mark and are headed toward June, the end of this Leadership Team's tenure and the beginning of a new year! It has been an active year so far, but thanks to engaged, experienced project leaders, it has been a fairly smooth ride! We are beginning to talk about adding new recruits to the leadership team for next year. Think you would like to be more involved with your AAUW? Try attending a leadership meeting to see what goes on—the dates for our monthly meetings are always listed at the top of the monthly minutes in the newsletter. Our next meeting will be **February 11, at 5:00\*** in the Library meeting room. Or contact a member of the Leadership Team: Jody, Cindy, Dina, Becky, Rebecca, Trish, or Kim. We welcome your questions and interest.

The next Mini-Member Meetup is scheduled for Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 9 a.m. at Pony Espresso. These informal get-togethers are a popular way to touch base with your fellow members of AAUW Mariposa. We have two more scheduled, so if you haven't had a chance to attend one (or even if you have!) and you have been

—Cindy Harp

craving more social opportunities within our branch, show up and share a beverage and conversation with your AAUW friends.



Members who show up decide on the topics for discussion. The dynamic Rebecca Swisher will host and there will be a door prize for one lucky attendee!

Planning has begun for our next big fundraiser, "The Mad Hatter's Party," chaired by the creative force, Sandi Gabe! The party will be held in August, so look forward to ways you can be a part of the excitement! There will be wonderful decorations, fabulous food, fine auction items, and fun opportunities for everyone to be involved!

The second part of our program series, Rural Access to Healthcare, will be February 29<sup>th</sup> from 2-4 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors' chambers. This program will focus on "social determinants of healthcare" and will feature three speakers. Come and find out what a "social determinant" is, and how you can influence the health of your family and community for the better!

**\*on Tuesday instead of the usual Monday**

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## Events Calendar 2020



<b>Feb 1</b>	<b>SIG– Play Reading:</b> 9:30am, home of Dawn Johnson
<b>Feb 4</b>	<b>SIG– Reading:</b> 4:30pm, home of Helène Fiske
<b>Feb 11</b>	<b>Leadership Team Meeting:</b> 5:00pm, Mariposa Library
<b>Feb 11</b>	<b>SIG-International Study:</b> 5:00pm, home of Beth Tomsick
<del><b>Feb 19</b></del>	<del><b>Speech Trek:</b></del> cancelled
<b>March 4</b>	<b>Mad Hatter Party planning:</b> 1:00pm, home of Sandi Gabe
<b>March 11</b>	<b>SIG– Great Decisions:</b> 5:00pm, home of Betty Massey
<b>April 17-19</b>	<b>AAUW California Convention:</b> Millbrae, CA
<b>June</b>	<b>Tech Trek:</b> CSU Fresno
<b>Aug 8</b>	<b>Fundraiser-Mad Hatter Party:</b> 5:00pm, Mariposa Fairgrounds Picnic Area

## Membership

### Next “Mini Member Meetup”

Our next member get together is Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am at the Pony Expresso. This is your time to come visit and see what is going on in our branch. Look for an email from Rebecca Swisher.



#### Dates and Hosts:

- February 8, Rebecca Swisher
- April 25, Cindy Harp
- May 16, Kim Monson



### Mariposa AAUW Speech Trek 2020 cancelled

This is the time of year when students’ schedules and responsibilities pile up and MCHS students become overextended. Writing, then delivering an effective oral presentation worthy of state-wide competition requires more time and energy this year than our students could find. Many thanks to Kim Monson, our local project chair, for all of her time and effort directed towards this endeavor. If you wish to hear what high school students from other parts of California have to say, stay tuned to the following link where speeches of this year’s competition winners will be posted.

[Speech Topic, “Are men and women truly equal today, or are the Suffragettes of 1920 still suffering in 2020?”](#)

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## Membership

### Welcome to two new members



Rick Uebner (husband of member Jetty Uebner)

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Rick has volunteered to be the liaison for the female students nominated for Tech Trek at the charter school in Catheys Valley

Patricia Elka

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[pat\\_e@sti.net](mailto:pat_e@sti.net)

Helene Fiske encouraged Pat to join our group and to become part of the SIG Book Group!

Welcome to both Rick and Pat to AAUW Mariposa!



**Leadership Meeting: Our next meeting is Tuesday, February 11th at 5:00 at the library. All are welcome! We have moved the day and time. Hopefully you can join us!**

**Leadership Team:** Are you wondering what you can do to be a little more involved in your AAUW branch???? Our leadership team is looking for any new volunteers who might be interested in being on the team for next year. There are big jobs down to small jobs that you can explore to be a part of this great group! If you are interested or *might* be interested, contact any of us: Jody, Cindy, Dina, Becky, Rebecca, or Trish.

**We Send Girls to Science/Math Camp**



## Fundraising

**Another magical event in the planning stages:** —Sandi Gabe

### The Mad Hatter Party

*The Mad Hatter Party* fundraiser is scheduled for Saturday, August 8<sup>th</sup> at 5pm at the Mariposa Fairgrounds picnic area. Check your pocket watch and don't be late for this very important date!

Tumble down the hole into a strange world peopled with your fellow Mariposans in curious costumes. Meet Alice herself, the White Rabbit, the Cheshire Cat, and other wondrous characters while wandering through the greens sampling the finest appetizers of Wonderland. Play a bit of croquet, checkmate your friends with the giant chess game, toss



beanbags down the rabbit (corn) hole, and take photos with Tweedledum and Tweedledee.

You can help the Mad Hatter Team hard at work creating Alice's Wonderland. Watch your email for invitations to help create toadstools and caterpillars, donate auction items, and other fantastical parts of the magic.



**Saturday**

**August 8**

**5:00pm**

**Fairgrounds-Picnic Area**

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## Tech Trek

—Trish Darcy



### Opportunities await five talented girls at this year's Tech Trek

Imagine being able to say that this summer you built an app or that you designed a rocket that went the highest into the air or that you built a house of newspaper that four people could live in or that you met the most amazing people who may become your forever friends. As many as five lucky and hard-working Mariposa girls will be able to say that by the end of June this summer!

Tech Trek is off to a great start. The camp will again be held at Fresno State in June for 7<sup>th</sup> grade girls. Our branch sponsors five\* girls to attend the camp. The girls have to be selected by their teachers, complete an application, write an essay, and then participate in an interview.

Our school liaisons this year are Phyllis Weber, Rick Uebner, and Trish Darcy. They are in the process of going out to the school sites and working with the girls on their applications and essays. This is quite a

rewarding process! It is fun to see the enthusiasm from the applicants as they watch a video of what happens at camp. They were also able to hear from 8<sup>th</sup> graders who went last year. This was especially effective at generating excitement!

Their applications are due at the end of January. A team of scorers, after completing a training, will then score the applications. The scoring is done blindly so that the scorers do not know the names of the girls or even the school they attend.

Interviews will be held March 7<sup>th</sup> and then the girls will head to camp in June for an awesome experience! Thank you to all of our members who have volunteered to help out in all of the steps of this process. We couldn't do it without you!

\*Five is the target number. We could send more if budget allows.

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## Leadership Team



### Members enjoy an afternoon of revelry



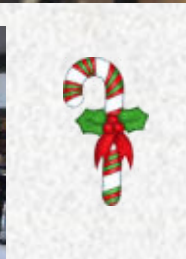
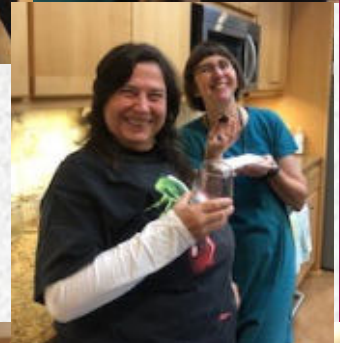
— Dina Lambert

Minutes after the party and all through Jill's house  
Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse;  
Jill loaded the glasses in the dishwasher with care;  
The quiet was eerie and the table, now bare.

The Leadership Team sat down and sighed with relief  
Noting there was wine left to enjoy while they debrief.  
The Leadership Team is grateful to Jill  
For providing a place not too far up the hill.

We were thankful the sun indeed shone at 2;  
Though rain was forecast, the sky remained blue,  
The party was festive and full of good cheer;  
As more and more members gathered with friends so dear.

There were savory and sweet goodies galore  
A yule log cake made us all want more;  
We laughed, we drank, we ate to the last bite.  
Thanks to all for coming to this fun-filled night!



We Open Eyes



## Fundraiser

### Auction Item from Moroccan Nights Harrys and friends enjoy Harps' Famous Portofino Dinner

— Cindy Harp



On December 14, Jill and Jon Harry finally redeemed their silent auction item won at AAUW's Moroccan Nights fundraiser last March. It was the "Harps' Famous Portofino Dinner for Six" served at their home by chefs-for-the-night, Cindy and Lynn Harp. Dinner included tossed green salad, pasta topped with a zesty sea-food marinara containing a variety of seafood and shellfish, garlic toast, two bottles of wine, plus ice cream for dessert. All reported that it was delicious and everyone had a great time.

**"Silent auction dinner prizes are the best!" says Jill Harry.**



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## SIG Overview

## Special Interest Groups

**International Study****Tiina Wilson**

Learn about a country, a culture, and a people. We study one country each year and meet monthly.

**Book Group****Saralynn Nusbaum**

This group meets monthly to discuss both fiction and non-fiction books members chose to read the previous month.

**Great Decisions****Sandi Gabe**

This discussion group meets 6-8 times per year to discuss a set of topics developed by the Foreign Policy Administration (FPA).

**Garden Group****Micki Finney, Karen Smith**

The Gardening group meets to discuss a wide range of topics such as the challenges of gardening in the foothills.



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**Special Interest Groups  
2019-2020**

**Play Reading Group****Dawn Johnson**

"The play's the thing!" Meets monthly to do cold readings of various plays that are shared by several California branches.

**Hiking Group****Trish Darcy**

The hiking group meets monthly to enjoy each other's company while hiking new trails in and around Mariposa and Yosemite.

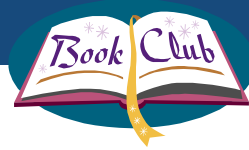
**Chess Group****Kim Monson****Wine Tasting****Carolyn Baker, Cindy Harp**

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.

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## SIG - Book

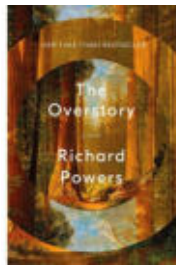
Contact [Saralynn Nusbaum](#)

Our next meeting will be on  
**Tuesday, February 4, 2020 at 4:30 pm**  
 at the home of Hélène Fiske where we will be  
 discussing:

### *The Lost Vintage*



***The Overstory*** by Richard Powers  
 Discussion Review  
 —Kendra Wilde



For the month of December, the Book Club read the novel *The Overstory* by Richard Powers. This novel is Richard Powers' twelfth novel and a Pulitzer Prize award winner—"The novel is about nine Americans whose unique life experiences with trees bring them together to address the destruction of forests. Powers was inspired to write the work while teaching at [Stanford University](#) after he encountered giant redwood trees for the first time" (Wikipedia).

We had a lovely evening discussing each of the main characters and the entwining of their lives as they navigate the trials and tribulations of life. We were all reminded that we are here on earth for a purpose

and we need to work together with nature for the common good of all beings, ourselves included...because as the story reveals, nature's most precious creations are in trouble and will perish without serious intervention: Powers lets us know that those who are in trouble, though, are not the trees, but us.

## SIG: Great Decisions

Contact [Sandi Gabe](#)

## Cyber conflict grows to impact our entire global community

—Jill Rowney

It appears that the United States can no longer claim to be the dominant force in our global community. Other major forces (no matter the country's size) have been able to tap the cyber "market" and severely impact the economy, the political relationships of other nations. Hackers have been able to wreak havoc. As the world population grows more dependent on the internet and social media, it becomes more vulnerable to hacking and alteration of data.

It also appears that the United States, seen as a leader of the "free world", was instru-



mental in using cyber technology to suit its own ends at others' expense.

*...The cyber infrastructure and methods that paved the way ....developed by the US in the 1990s, continue to-day due to a perverse incentive structure that induces academia, business and politics to reflexively defend a system that is likely to alter the world system in ways these actors will ultimately regret...\**

*\*Cyber Conflict and Geopolitics by Richard B. Andres*

## SIG: Play Reading

Contact [Dawn Johnson](#)

## Did anything really happen in Harrods?

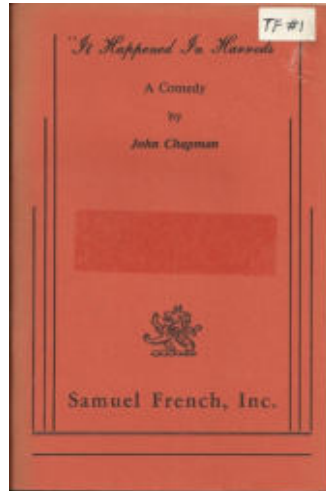
—Dawn Johnson

Seven of us gathered on a chilly Saturday morning to answer that question.

After reading the play “It Happened in Harrod’s,” we were forced to admit that very little did.

The 1981 play by John Chapman is billed as a comedy. There was woefully little about it on the internet, but it appeared to involve at least one drunken scene and one seduction scene, so it was a perfect match for our group.

The premise was that a woman’s husband was leaving her because she had not borne him a son and heir. She therefore plotted an affair with an old admirer who apparently



had hyperactive Y chromosomes in order to credit her husband with a son at last.

We had a lot of trouble understanding the era of the play and its outdated message about men and their progeny. But, most of all, we had trouble figuring out what, if anything, actually happened at Harrod’s! Still, we all read our parts robustly and managed to eke several chuckles out of the play.

February’s play is a mystery. Really. A mystery. We’ll be reading “Murder on the Nile” by Agatha Christie on Saturday, February 1<sup>st</sup> at Dawn’s house. Poirot isn’t in this one, so no need to polish your French accent. Watch your email or contact Dawn at [dawn-andjay.johnson@gmail.com](mailto:dawn-andjay.johnson@gmail.com) for meeting details.

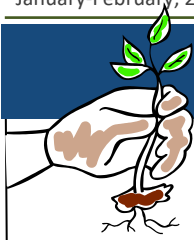
## SIG: International Study

Contact [Tiina Wilson](#)

On January 14, ISG members enjoyed an informative evening in Panama with Peggy Shainberg as our tour guide. Reva and Gary Colliver were the hosts. Our next meeting will be February 11 at Beth Tomsick’s house. Tiina Wilson will be discussing Guatemala and Honduras and our guest speaker will be Chuck Mosher. Chuck has made several recent trips to both countries and will share with us a PowerPoint presentation.

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## SIG: Garden

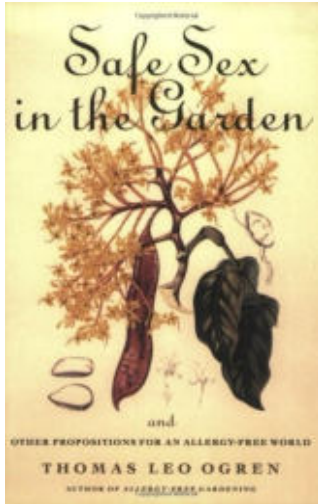
Contact [Micki Finney](#) or [Karen Smith](#)

### Sex and gardening????

—Karen Smith

#### Greetings Fellow Gardeners!

The weather hasn't been very conducive for gardening lately. But, the rainy days are perfect for reading about gardening! I have been reading *Safe Sex in the Garden and Other Propositions for an Allergy-Free-World* by Leo Thomas Ogren. It's an interesting book that you may want to check out. You can find it used on Amazon for \$5.



There are eleven pages of poisonous plants listed! Many of my favorites like Black-Eyed Susan, Iris, Daphne and Peony are poisonous! Who knew they were wicked women out to get me? I figured Gopher Plants, Hellebore and Poison Hemlock were nasty just because of their names. And beware, if you eat Four-O-Clock you might not live to see Five O'clock!

I have allergies so am interested in plants that don't make me sneeze, wheeze or itch. So when buying plants it's important to tell the 'boys' from the 'girls'. This book is a wonderful source of information on everything from avoiding the "sneeze and wheeze" people allergy problems, but also covers plants that cause skin rashes, allergies in animals and are poisonous to pets and people.

Those with pets and livestock will find the chapter on Animal Allergies interesting. Don't blame the dog or cat for all your family's allergies. A careful search in the yard may determine the problem is growing happily in your yard.

It's an interesting book perfect for a winter day while you are stuck in the house and tempted to binge watch Jack Ryan. I think you'll find *Safe Sex in the Garden* lots of fun!

## SIG: Wine

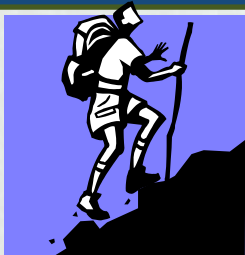
Contact [Carolyn Baker](#) or [Cindy Harp](#)



Corks and Forks met on January 26 at the home of hosts, Kathy and Glenn Sutherland.

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SIG: **Hiking**Contact [Trish Darcy](#)
**December's Hike:**  
**Hunter's Valley Access**  
**Road**

—Renea Kennec

We picked a beautiful day for a hike. It was cold and crisp but still sunny. The hike started out with a view to the east towards Bear Valley but eventually gave way to the west looking over Bagby Reservoir and the clouds resting on the foothills. Around the two-mile marker we could see south to the San Joaquin Valley. With three dogs in tow we had a great six mile hike on a beautiful morning.


**January Hike: Merced River Trail**

—Trish Darcy

On a cool, clear morning in the backwoods of Mariposa County, five adventurous AAUW members, three husbands, and two energetic canines headed up the Merced River Trail. We had a glorious winter walk along the river hiking for about 2.5 miles before turning back toward the cars. The highlight of the adventure was seeing a bald eagle fly across the river right in front of us soaring very low before landing in the trees across

Highway 140. The dogs, Maddie and Teddy, probably did at least twice as many miles as we did. Maddie was the adventurous one often having us humans holding our breaths while she navigated precarious pathways close to cliffs and water. Teddy, who is at least part border collie, very much kept track of all of the hikers running back and forth from leaders to stragglers wondering why it was so difficult for us to stay together while making sure that no one got lost.


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**AAUW Mariposa Branch****Board Meeting Minutes****Mariposa County Library****January 14, 2020**

The meeting was called to order at 5:07 p.m.

**In Attendance:**

Jody Sergienko-Co-President, Dina Lambert-Finance Officer, Cindy Harp-Co-President, Rebecca Swisher-Recording Secretary, Trish Darcy, Becky Mock

**Absent:**

Kim Monson

**Guest Presenters:**

Ginnie Day – Mariposa County Health & Human Services, Public Health

Kimberly Keith – Mariposa County Health & Human Services, Public Health

**Tobacco Education Presentation:**

Ginnie Day and Kimberly Keith attended the leadership meeting to present on tobacco use, including vaping products and the explosion of social media campaigns, and the impact on our community, including vaping associated lung injuries. This presentation was fascinating, and those present agreed that they are looking forward to the extended presentation that Ginnie will be providing at the Rural Access to Healthcare Program II in February.

**Minutes (Rebecca Swisher):**

December 2, 2019: Approved electronically and submitted to Jill Rowney for inclusion in the January/February newsletter.

**Updates:****Membership Update (Dina Lambert):**

Dina Lambert reported that we have two new members. We gave Rick Uebner a membership, as he is helping out with Tech Trek. Patricia Elka is also a new member. Dina will include a write up in the newsletter. We now have 81 members.

**Member Mini Meet-Up – February 8, 2020 (Rebecca Swisher coordinating)**

Rebecca is looking forward to this event and to presenting a door prize to one lucky attendee.

**Projects:****Speech Trek (Kim Monson)**

- Kim Monson sent an update via e-mail. Speakers are working on their presentations with the help of the coaches. Kim is working on recruiting/finalizing judges.

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- Jody Sergienko will follow-up with Kim regarding publicity.
- All members are welcome to attend this free event and to hear what our intelligent and talented local students have to say!

#### Tech Trek (Trish Darcy)

Trish Darcy reported that Tech Trek was kicked off. She is working with volunteers to support the applicants at the various schools. There are approximately 16 possible applicants at this time. Interviews are scheduled for March 7, 2020. Trish reported that she is still waiting for finalized dates for this project.

#### Dinner with a Scientist (Marilyn Saunders)

No new report

#### Backpack (Rebecca Swisher)

No new report.

#### Finance Report (Dina Lambert):

- Income: (\$60.00) for advertising for Yard Sale (net for Yard Sale is \$3,771.83)
- Expenses: \$125.39, including postage, website, items for holiday event
- Checking account ending balance: \$20,163.08
- Rebecca Swisher moved to approve the finance report as presented. Cindy Harp seconded. All in favor. No nays or abstentions.

#### **Old Business:**

#### **Programs – Rural Access to Health Care:**

##### *Round II: February 29, 2020*

- Topic: Social Determinants of Health.
- Trish Darcy updated the AAUW calendar on the Facebook page. We can use the speakers' bios to update the Facebook page.
- Dina Lambert will update the AAUW – Mariposa website.
- Dina Lambert arranged insurance.
- Jody Sergienko will do advertising for this event, including a press release in the newspaper. She will also resubmit information on Rural Access to Healthcare "Social Determinants of Health" to Jill Rowney for inclusion in the January/February newsletter.
- The next planning meeting will be Wednesday, February 5, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. at Becky Mock's house.

#### **Bank Signature Card:**

Everyone has signed, so Dina Lambert will submit the application for the credit card.

#### **Fundraiser**

"Alice in Wonderland" Theme (Becky Mock)

Event is set for August 8, 2020. Sandi Gabe will coordinate ongoing planning.

**New Business:**

**Officer/Leadership Team Candidates for 2020-2021 Year**

There was a group discussion about potential candidates. Cindy Harp will include the search as part of the administrative report in the January/February newsletter.

**AAUW Member Participation Log Demo**

Jody Sergienko and Cindy Harp will attend.

**Leadership Meeting Leaders:**

February 11, 2020: Cindy Harp (agenda); Trish Darcy (key).

**Branch Buzz:**

Trish Darcy.

**Upcoming Dates:**

Program Planning Meeting – Wednesday, February 5, 2020 at 5:00 p.m., Becky Mock's house

Member Mini Meet-Up – Saturday, February 8, 2020 at 9:00, Pony Espresso

Next Board Meeting – Tuesday, February 11, 2020 at 5:00 p.m., Mariposa Library

Speech Trek – Wednesday, February 19, 2020 at 6:00 p.m., Mariposa High School

Rural Access to Healthcare Program Part II – Social Determinants of Health – Saturday, February 29, 2020 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., Board of Supervisors Meeting Room

Meeting Adjourned at 6:32 p.m. All in favor with no nays or abstentions.

See next page for minutes of the December Leadership Team meeting.

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**AAUW Mariposa Branch**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Mariposa County Library**  
**December 2, 2019**

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 p.m.

**In Attendance:**

Jody Sergienko- Co-President, Dina Lambert -Finance Officer, Cindy Harp -Co-President, Rebecca Swisher -Recording Secretary, Trish Darcy, Becky Mock

**Members Absent:**

Kim Monson

**Minutes** (*Rebecca Swisher*):

November 4, 2019: Approved at this meeting, first by Jody Sergienko, second by Cindy Harp, and approved by those present with no nays or abstentions.

**Updates:**

**Current Membership** (Dina Lambert):

Dina Lambert reported that we currently have 79 members, and she has sent information to a potential new member.

**Website and Facebook** (Jody Sergienko):

Those present discussed the need to be more present on social media.

Dina will continue to work with Jill Rowney to ensure that the website is regularly updated.

She will also follow-up about getting additional administrators for the Facebook page.

**Member Mini Meet-Up – February 8, 2020** (*Rebecca Swisher coordinating*)

**Potential Partnership with College/University** (Cindy Harp):

Cindy Harp reported that she spoke with Darin Soukup, Director at Reedley College regarding coming to today's meeting; however, they did not finalize this plan. She will continue to communicate with Darin and make arrangements for him to come in January 2020.

**Holiday Party – December 8<sup>th</sup>:**

Dina Lambert has communicated with Jill Rowney about hosting this event. Becky Mock will contribute some plates. Dina will purchase additional plates and cups. Rebecca Swisher will bring the AAUW stash of napkins and silverware. Trish Darcy updated the AAUW Mariposa Facebook page to remind folks about this event.

**Annual Meeting – June 7<sup>th</sup>**

Trish Darcy volunteered to host this event, and access to her driveway will not be impeded by the anticipated roadwork.

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**Projects:**Speech Trek (Kim Monson)

Becky Mock reported that there was a meeting at the school and that approximately four students have signed up thus far.

Tech Trek (Trish Darcy)

Trish Darcy reported that the e-mail from AAUW California came in before Thanksgiving. She has the new forms in a Google drive. Barbara Silva, Phyllis Weber, and Trish are meeting next week to figure out the schedule and tasks. They will contact the schools and teachers in January 2020. Six scorers and three interviewers have volunteered! Trish is looking for alternates in case anyone is not available at the last minute.

Dinner with a Scientist (Marilyn Saunders)

No new report

Backpack (Rebecca Swisher)

No new report.

**Finance Report (Dina Lambert):**

Income: \$3,831.85 (This was Yard Sale income.)

Expenses: \$6.00

Checking account ending balance: \$20,348.47

Jody Sergienko made a motion moved to approve the finance report as presented. Trish Darcy seconded. All in favor. No nays or abstentions.

**Programs – Rural Access to Health Care:**Round II: January 2020

Potential topic: Financial impact of healthcare.

Jody Sergienko recommended including the link to a mini-documentary on single payer healthcare in the newsletter. Jody will check with member(s) who have expressed interest in this topic to see if they will be available to attend planning meeting(s).

The next planning meeting will be Monday, December 9, 2019 at 5:15 p.m. at Becky Mock's house.

Round III: March 2020Candidate Forum – May 14, 2020

Karen Smith has volunteered to assist with this event. Dina Lambert will double check to ensure that Karen is still available to coordinate this event.

**New Business:**

Fundraiser Kickoff Meeting – Thursday, December 5, 2019 3:30 p.m. (Cindy Harp)

Cindy Harp reminded those present that the initial meeting for this event will occur at Sandi Gabe's house this week.

Tobacco Education Program Presentation (Rebecca Swisher)

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Rebecca Swisher reported that Ginnie Day, the Public Health Educator, requested to come to the AAUW Mariposa leadership team meeting to provide education regarding tobacco use in Mariposa County. The team discussed this and considered the opportunity to include this topic in the next Rural Access to Healthcare program. Rebecca Swisher will ask Ginnie if she is available for the program planning meeting on December 9, 2019 and will also ask if she can come to the January 2020 meeting.

State Board of Directors Appeal (Cindy Harp)

Cindy Harp reported that an e-mail blast went out to all members regarding this. So far, we have not had anyone respond regarding this opportunity.

National Fundraising Appeal (Cindy Harp)

Jody Sergienko reported that she has received a separate e-mail regarding the National Fundraising Appeal.

Yard Sale Coordinator:

Dina Lambert stated that the Leadership Team needs to actively look for someone to take this on next year. Trish Darcy will put this request in the Branch Buzz.

Bank Signature Card:

Rebecca Swisher will send Dina Lambert the finalized November 2019 minutes, and Dina will bring them to the bank so that she can update the signature card. She will let the Leadership Team members know when they may go to the bank to sign.

#### **Leadership Meeting Lead:**

January 6, 2020: Becky Mock (agenda); Jody Sergienko (key).

#### **Branch Buzz:**

Trish Darcy.

#### **Upcoming Dates:**

Fundraiser Kickoff Meeting – Thursday, December 5, 2019 3:30 p.m. (Cindy Harp)

Holiday Party – December 8, 2019

Program Planning Meeting – Monday, December 9, 2019 5:15 p.m. (Becky Mock's house)

Next Board Meeting – Monday, January 6, 2020 5:00 p.m., Mariposa Library

Member Mini Meet-Up – Saturday, February 8, 2020

Speech Trek – Wednesday, February 19, 2020

Meeting Adjourned at 6:26 p.m. All in favor with no nays or abstentions.

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