



Sierra Outpost

Leadership Team

Spring hath sprung!

—Cindy Harp

There is no denying it certainly looks like spring is here! The weather has been exceptional and the trees and wildflowers are all popping with new buds and flowers. Along with the beauty that we see everywhere comes that inexorable rising of spirits as we sense newness and rebirth happening all around us.

For me, this means it is time to start turning over the earth in my garden and planting early crops like peas and spinach. In some ways, this is an effort in frustration. Each year in April I think it is time to plant, only to have a cold spell or even snow come through in May! Some years I have had to plant three times before it was really the “right” time! Still, “hope springs eternal” and I am called to plant the future harvest.

In the same way, AAUW Mariposa

Branch is called to plant the seeds of inspiration that will become our programs and projects for the next fiscal year of AAUW. True, some of those ideas won’t live to see their fruition, but with each new planning session, fresh ideas are offered up to join the “perennials” of our organization’s mission. Perhaps you have an idea for a new Special Interest Group you would like to start, or a series of informational programs for the community. Maybe you are just called to participate in a new way.

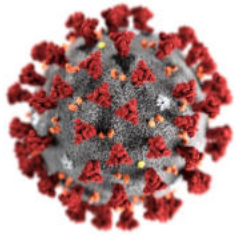
You are the garden, the gardener, and the harvest, and you are invited to join your leadership board in envisioning the future of the organization. There will be an invitation to our June annual meeting soon, which we all would love to see happen face-to-face. But whether in person or by

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Zoom, please bring your presence to celebrate the “harvest,” the accomplishments of the 2020-2021 fiscal year. Be thinking about what you would like to contribute toward the shaping of the 2021-2022 year when we have our planning session this summer. Together we will plant the seeds of success for our future educational goals. Happy spring!

Health



Covid Corner

-Jody Sergienko

Regular testing helps county to keep track

Happy spring members!
What is new with COVID in our county this month? Vaccinations are ongoing and if you have not received a shot yet, yes you can get one. Click [here](#) for the county health department sign-up page. Click [here](#) for the link for the state sign-up page.

Our county's trigger to go from the Orange to the Yellow tier is two cases or less per week along with a positive test percentage of 2% or less. While we currently have markedly fewer cases than we had in January and February, we are still getting positive cases here. With tourists coming back to town and people having traveled for Easter and spring breaks, there is an increased risk of exposures.

Although the vaccine is very effective, it is not 100%. And we know that although vaccinated people are far less likely to

transmit disease, it is still possible.

Because of the possibility of asymptomatic cases, whether vaccinated or not, we still need to have people get tested on a recurring basis. This allows the county to better estimate what the prevalence of the disease in the community might be. If only sick people get tested this gives a poor representation of what is actually happening.

Please continue to get your COVID testing done. If you have recently returned from travel, get tested about 4 to 5 days after your return. If you have frequent contact with visitors, consider getting tested every two weeks, even if you are vaccinated. Consider the same schedule if you are not vaccinated, even if you don't have contact with a large number of people. And if you are fully vaccinated, get tested about once a month.

Event Calendar

April 14	SIG - Great Decisions: 5:00pm, via Zoom
April 17	AAUW California Annual Meeting
April 20	SIG - International Study: 5:00pm, via Zoom
April 30	SIG - Hiking: Deadline to submit hiking photos to Trish
May 3	Leadership Team Meeting: 6:00pm, via Zoom
May 4	SIG - Book: 4:30pm, via Zoom
June 13	Annual Meeting: 2:00pm, format TBD
July 2-4	Mariposa Butterfly Festival



Project: Tech Trek



2021 applicants' scores so close—judges decide to send them all!

—Trish Darcy

Tech Trek is moving along quickly! March was a busy month. We had 11 girls who had turned in their applications by the end of February and were very excited about the participation despite the pandemic! The application scorers went to work and did an excellent job of getting the data back to me in a timely manner. Thank you to Peggy Shainberg, Dawn Johnson, Sandi Gabe, Rick Uebner, and Phyllis Weber.

Of the 11 applicants, eight were chosen for an interview. The interview team of Judy Eppler, Becky Mock and Barbara Silva (who filled in at the last minute for us! Thank you!) were on Zoom with me on the morning of Saturday, March 20th. We had some time beforehand to discuss how we would work things out and had to reword one of the questions so that it fit with a virtual camp as opposed to an in-person camp. We were ready to go when the first girl popped up in the waiting room at 10:00. Thank goodness we had very little technical difficulties; just a minor issue with one girl's sound, but we were all patient and worked through it. Little did we know that at the end of the day, the scores would be so close! I have never seen scores so bunched up together! This showed us that we had selected the cream of the crop to interview and that we really needed to look into selecting all eight of them

instead of the five we were planning on selecting. We all agreed that they each had qualities that would make them perfect candidates for Tech Trek and were having a hard time leaving out three of the girls who interviewed since their scores were all within only four points of the five girls we selected (and this is out of around 300 total points)! So you can imagine the difficulty of our decision.

At that point we decided to look into what it would take to send all eight instead of just five. I contacted the board members who all agreed to send them all if we were allowed (how could they not!?) We had budgeted \$900/girl hoping for an in-person camp, but since the camp has to be virtual, the cost is only \$400/girl, so we had the money in the budget. I then contacted the camp director, who very quickly got back to me, and gave us the go-ahead to send the three extra girls this year! Woo hoo! We will be sending a total of 13 girls because our five from last year will all be attending along with the eight we selected this year! Mariposa will be well represented! The girls selected last year are: Annie Bryant, Emberly Witt, Tiffany Hyde, Cassie Luffy, and Hope Hespenheide. The girls we selected this year are: Emily Ramsey, Celina Heard, Alissa Anderson-Decker, Sadie Belcher, Kelsea Coder, Acelia Tilton, Juniper Helling and Marley Gediman. Congratulations to all!

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Membership

Bonnie Little, Dina Lambert



Spotlight on Reva Colliver

—Kim Monson

After Reva Colliver was born in Puget Sound Washington, her family moved to a farm (horses, cows, pigs, the whole thing) in the general Seattle area where they lived until she was seven years old. The family then sold everything and moved to Glendale, California. After graduating from Glendale High School, Reva attended Fullerton Junior College and transferred to San Francisco State where she earned a BA in education. She intended to teach elementary school, but you know how men get in the way? While in school, Reva was working summers in Yosemite, and that is where she met Gary Colliver. They married in 1965 and lived in a little San Francisco apartment for \$65 per month. Talk about inflation!

After Gary finished his BS in Biology and Ecology, Reva and Gary lived a gypsy life and loved it. Gary worked at several national parks as a mountain climbing guide, and Reva was part of the crew, cooking for the mountaineers. They worked at Donner Summit, Banff Canada, Wyoming, and Mount McKinley. In between mountain climbing gigs, they lived in Sacramento and Berkeley. They were even in Berkeley during the 1969 anti-war protests, and when the tear gas flew, Gary decided they should go live in Canada for a while. He even studied lobsters at the University of Calgary. Eventually Reva said she needed to go back to California.

In the early 1970's Gary got a job working as a lab assistant at Stanford. They adopted baby boy Matthew in 1974, which meant



This photo of Reva was taken on their honeymoon in 1965 while hitchhiking to Canada with a friend on a month-long climbing trip in the Canadian Rockies.

that settling down was looking good. That is when Gary and Reva moved to Mariposa where they bought her parents' 5-acre place on Tip Top Road. Eventually they sold that and moved to El Portal where they lived for 25 years and built Reva's dream house. Gary was once again working as a climbing guide, while Reva worked in the Yosemite shops and at the Ahwahnee Hotel, where she could get off work in time to care for Matthew when he got out of school. It was also during this time that Reva drove to Merced College one night a week to take art classes.

Reva also took art classes at Fresno City College when Gary worked for the Forest Service on endangered species for a short two years. Reva's art has been in several Art Shows and is displayed at the art gallery on Highway 140 in town. Gary and Reva have since retired and are enjoying the good life in Idle Wheels.

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Membership

Bonnie Little, Dina Lambert



Member Corner: Idea exchange

—Bonnie Little

Our members share what we have found enlightening and entertaining

Yue Lei recommends **"Picture a Scientist"** on Netflix. It will also debut on PBS NOVA on April 14, 2021. Women scientists take viewers on a journey into their experiences in the sciences. Perspectives are shared on how to make science more equitable and diverse.

Jill Rowney enjoyed reading **"The Secret Life of Bees"** by Sue Monk Kidd. It is a coming of age story and Jill loved the poetic writing and a story filled with warmth and love.

Kathy Delaney read **"The Book of Delights"** by Ross Gay and reported that it was an excellent read during the pandemic. It is a book of "essayettes" about things that delighted the author each day and many of them are shared. Kathy said it is a great read whether you have a few minutes or a few hours to read.

Sue Overstreet shared a **website** about books written by women from every country in the world. The website is <https://www.theguardian.com/books/2021/mar/08/what-i-learned-from-reading-female-writers-from-every-country-in-the-world>

Peggy Shainberg and Anne Dolchanczyk both recommended **"The Storied Life of AJ Fickry"** by Gabrielle Zevin. It is a book about transformation and second chances. Peggy recommended it to Veronica Gross for her book club in the Bay Area and they all loved it. I think our AAUW Mariposa book group read this as well.

Anne also recommended **"Then She Was Gone"** by Lisa Jewell. This book deals with a missing 15-year-old, and the changes that happen to her

family 10 years later.

Anne recently discovered a blogger who is Chinese American and writes about many different topics. One that Anne enjoyed was an article about the blogger's grandfather who immigrated from China to Savannah, Georgia over 100 years ago. Wonderful old photos are also part of the blog. The website is <https://www.chanspeakingkitchen.com/>

Saralynn Nusbaum recommends **"Ice Cold Murders"** on PBS Masterpiece. Rocco Schiavone, a detective, is assigned to a small town in the Italian Alps to investigate homicides. The violence is minimal and there are many funny moments. He also has a wonderful dog. The language is Italian and there are subtitles. You can get this on Amazon Prime by subscribing to PBS Masterpiece.

And finally, a **recommendation** from Dawn Johnson that reads more like a cautionary tale. She advises that we should not be fooled by warm weather that hints of an early spring, causing some people to go out and buy plants and put them into the ground with high hopes for a successful garden. Then the snow arrives, and the plants are crushed, never to arise again. These are the woes of gardening in Mariposa. Dawn, you are not alone!

Thank you so much to all of you who contacted me to share ideas with our group. I know that I have a new list of things to investigate! If there is interest, we will make this a monthly feature in our newsletter. Please let me know what entertains and enlightens you! My email is mbm-slittle@sti.net

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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**Becky Mock**

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

Garden Group**Karen Smith**

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



Mariposa, CA Branch

**Special Interest Groups
2020-2021**

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.

What's Your Passion?**Photography?****Movie?****Ukualadies?****Wine and Whine?**

(nothing fancy— just afternoon get-togethers to visit)

Travel Tips?**Meditation?****Writers Anonymous?****E-power?**

(share new e-device tips)

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: International Study

Contact [Tiina Wilson](#)

A look at Egyptian literature

-Sue Overstreet

The topic for the March Zoom meeting of the International Study Group was the literature of Egypt in the 20th and 21st centuries. Sue Overstreet selected seven writers who represent different aspects of a rich literary tradition. These writers all dealt with the importance of the Arabic language as a medium of expression, the growth of Egyptian nationalism, and the influence of the modern world. They include poets, playwrights, novelists, and journalists.

Two of the women writers discussed are our contemporaries. Miral al-Tahawy, professor

of Arabic culture and literature at Arizona State University is from a Bedouin family in eastern Egypt. She has written a fascinating book about being an immigrant in New York. Adhaf Souief lives both in Cairo and London and has written a book some of you know, "The Map of Love." She is also a well-known journalist.

The study of Egypt continues in April with a presentation about a photographic trip to Cairo and the surrounding area.

SIG: Wine

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



Wine Group "meets" for a virtual tasting

—Cindy Harp

After a long hiatus, the wine and food SIG had a virtual wine tasting via Zoom on Sunday, March 14. The only request was that each participant taste a wine/label they had not tasted before and share their impressions with the others.

The four couples in attendance enjoyed snacks and conversation, as well as the

wines they introduced. It was fun to catch up with each other's lives. Most of us were in the process of getting our vaccines and are looking forward to being able to gather safely in person soon! Meantime, if you belong to the wine SIG and would be interested in another virtual tasting, please contact SIG leaders Cindy Harp or Carolyn Baker. Stay tuned!

We Open Eyes



SIG: Garden

Contact [Karen Smith](#)

Spring panic-

—Jill Rowney

No time to meet— Just time to:

- Stay ahead of the weeds that grow 10 inches in a day!
- Help the cats keep the gopher population under control.
- Pull poison oak while the ground is still soft.
- Revel in the ever-changing color display Mother Nature presents.

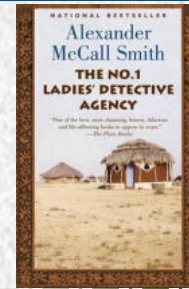
SIG - Book



Contact [Saralynn Nusbaum](#)

Our **next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 4, at 4:30 pm** at our own homes via "Zoom" where we will be discussing:

The Ladies Number One Detective Agency
by Alexander McCall Smith .



Stella Bain

by Anita Shreve

Discussion notes by Joan Lee

Stella Bain by Anita Shreveport is a story set against the back drop of WWI. It takes us from London to America. Shreveport has created an interesting and somewhat wrenching tale about love and the meaning of memory, set against the haunting background of a war that destroyed an entire generation. We mostly agreed that parts of the story were a bit forced and not really well-written. It was, however, an easy read.



SIG: Play Reading

Contact [Dawn Johnson](#)

Stay tuned!



SIG: Great Decisions

Contact [Becky Mock](#)

Next meeting is April 14 at 5:00.

We Value Education

SIG: **Hiking**Contact [Trish Darcy](#)**Color on the trail this month!****Subject this month: wildflowers**

Left: Dawn calls this “Any port in the storm” and found this fiddle-neck at Eastman Lake.

Right: This manzanita found Jody taking its picture at Hetch Hetchy.

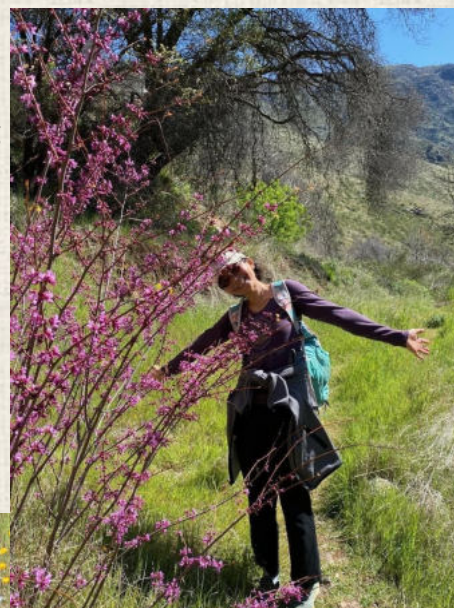
Below:

Left: Trish found a field of baby blue eyes along the Merced River.

Right: Here is Naoko and redbud at Hite’s Cove.



Center: Kim and her dog among the poppies at Incline in El Portal.

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Leadership Team Minutes



AAUW - Mariposa Branch
Leadership Team Meeting
March 1, 2021 6:00 p.m.
Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Attendees:

- Trish Darcy
- Cindy Harp, Co-President
- Dina Lambert, Finance Officer
- Bonnie Little, Membership
- Kim Monson
- Jody Sergienko, Co-President
- Rebecca Swisher, Recording Secretary
- Saralynn Nusbaum

Meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Jody Sergienko.

Minutes (*Rebecca Swisher*): Trish Darcy moved to approve the February 2021 minutes with corrections as presented via electronic communication. Kim Monson seconded. All in favor with no nays or abstentions

Finance Report (*Dina Lambert*):

For Month Ending February 28, 2021: Dina Lambert reported the following information:

- Income: \$0.00
- Expenses: \$4,006.00 (Check #1600: \$4,000.00 for cost to send ten girls to Tech Trek; Website Hosting Fee)
- Ending Balance: \$13,499.49
- Trish Darcy moved to approve the finance report as presented. Jody Sergienko seconded. All in favor with no nays or abstentions.

Additional Information: Dina Lambert also reported the following information:

- The Tech Connect prize checks should be processed by AAUW California this week, and she expects to receive them next week.
- She did not move the amount budgeted for Dinner with a Scientist from general funds to this account because this event is on hold.
- General fund balance: \$5,771.29
- Cindy Harp moved to accept the above information as presented. Bonnie Little seconded. All in favor with no nays or abstentions.

Outstanding expenses:

- Jody Sergienko stated that she has the receipts for the newly purchased PA system and speakers. She will send them to Dina Lambert for reimbursement.

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Membership Update (*Dina Lambert, Bonnie Little*)

- Bonnie Little reported that Ruthie Fruhauth is now a member. AAUW Mariposa now has a total of 75 members. Dina Lambert will add Ruthie to the Book Group SIG e-mail list.
- Cathy Owens has moved to Hawaii, so she will no longer be a member of this branch.
- Goodwill Ambassador: Anne Dolchanczyk has agreed to hold this role. Bonnie will check in with Anne to see what she needs.
- Brochures/Handouts: Bonnie Little stated that she will start working on getting updated versions of these documents. Dina Lambert will look for the links for Bonnie to order these products.

Standing Projects:

Dinner with a Scientist (*Marilyn Saunders*)

- On hold due to ongoing COVID-19 in the region. It is unclear if UC Merced will be holding in-person classes in the fall.

Backpack (*Cathy Owens, Kim Monson & Rebecca Swisher*)

- Deferred until appropriate time to discuss for summer 2021.
- Bonnie Little stated that Cathy Owens gave her Backpack Project information to give to Kim Monson and Rebecca Swisher.

Tech Trek (*Trish Darcy*)

- Trish Darcy reported that the new process for selecting the 2021 girls has been challenging. Teachers have made the nominations and are to advise the students. Parents need to submit consents to the camp director in San Diego. There were 18 girls nominated by the five schools: 13 got parental consents, and five did not respond. The students received their applications and had two full weekends to submit them. Trish received ten applications, and she reached out to the three students that did not submit applications and gave them an extension through tonight. She knows of one who plans to take advantage of this extension. Trish will request the final spreadsheet of completed applications from the camp director, and then she will organize documents and make sure score sheets are usable. Trish will send the information to scorers next weekend for review and completion by the following weekend. She will then notify students of the outcome of the scoring. The Tech Trek group has nine days to submit the final names to the camp director.
- An MOU was signed by Barbara Silva, Cindy Harp, Jody Sergienko, and Trish Darcy and sent to California State AAUW. Trish stated that all five girls who were selected last year will be allowed to attend this year, and they are all choosing to participate. She also requested five spaces for the current year, but this has not been approved yet. She has been in contact with potential attendees for this year. Permission slips will be sent to parents, and thereafter, all communications will be handled electronically.

Tech ConnectT: Multimedia Messages (*Rebecca Swisher and Kim Monson*)

- Kim Monson reported that she wrote the article for Tech Connect for the newsletter today. She will send this to the Leadership Team for initial editing and then submit it to Jill Rowney. Cindy Harp will put the article into the appropriate format and submit for publication in local news outlets. The Mariposa Gazette has agreed to do an independent article.
- Kim Monson is hopeful that this project can be held on campus next year (e.g., advertise on cam-

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pus, hold in-person meetings, allow both online access to videos and in-person presentation of videos, etc.).

- The Leadership Team plans to discuss additional details of this project at the upcoming summer planning session.

Fundraisers:

“Mad Hatter’s Party” (Sandi Gabe)

- On hold due to ongoing COVID-19 in the region.
- Dina Lambert will e-mail Sandi Gabe regarding the tentative plan for this event. Sandi Gabe responded while meeting was still going on, and she reported that she is planning for an event for 200 people in an outdoor space, so she is looking at 2022.

Programs:

College Partnership with Reedley College in Oakhurst (Cindy Harp)

- On hold until further notice

Vocational Training/Internship (Jody Sergienko)

- On hold until further notice

Scholarships (Jody Sergienko)

- Jody Sergienko reported that we will be looking for a Lead and committee members for this program. Trish Darcy will put out this request in the Branch Buzz for March. Kim Monson will be the contact person for folks who want to volunteer for this committee.
- Kim Monson reported that she e-mailed Kathleen Leonard about tracking students who graduated. Kathleen replied that she has some information on college juniors, but she does not have information on senior year students.

Butterfly Festival (Jody Sergienko)

- Jody Sergienko stated that she is looking for committee members to participate in the planning of AAUW Mariposa’s participation in this event. She would like to participate in the Butterfly Festival parade.
- The purpose of participating in this event is to get AAUW seen in the community again and to increase engagement of members through in-person interaction. Kim Monson recommended that there be a competition.

APHA Racial Equity Guide Webinar Series (Rebecca Swisher)

- Maintained as option for program for future.

Old Business:

Testing of New PA System and A/V equipment (Jody Sergienko)

- Jody stated that she received this equipment, and she will test it. It comes with two headsets with microphones and one hand held microphone. She will look into ordering extra batteries from the manufacturer if she discovers they are needed.
- **Purchase of Projector:**

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- Jody stated that she will look at projectors next.
- **Facebook Posts:**
 - Jody Sergienko will continue to put together weekly Facebook Posts to provide support to members and further the AAUW mission.

New Business:

- **Member Corner for Newsletter:**

Bonnie Little presented this idea as a way for members to get more engaged in the Branch's internal communications. She sees it as an opportunity for members to make recommendations of things for other members to do. Members can submit their recommendations to Bonnie Little, and she will collate them for the newsletter. Those who were present fully supported this idea.

Newsletter Assignments:

- **Member Profile:**
 - April 2021: Kim Monson
- **Lead Article (Admin Overview):**
 - April 2021: Cindy Harp
 - May 2021: Dina Lambert & Saralynn Nusbaum
- **Board to Board:**
 - April 2021: Cindy Harp
 - Cindy Harp will ask Jill Rowney about including this information at the end of the newsletter instead of in the middle.
- **COVID-19 Update:** April 2021: Jody Sergienko

Leadership Meeting Lead:

April 2021: (agenda) Dina Lambert

Branch Buzz:

March 2021: Trish Darcy will send out the Branch Buzz

Action Items:

- 5 Star Program:

Use for strategic planning session for 2021-2022.

Upcoming Dates:

- June 13, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. Annual Meeting
- July 2 – 4, 2021 Butterfly Festival

Cindy moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:09 p.m. Bonnie seconded. All in favor with no nays or abstentions.

We Open Eyes

Board to Branch



Notes from AAUW California Board

—Cindy Harp

For more information on any subject of interest, visit our [AAUW California website](#) and the [AAUW website](#).

Dianne Owens, President, AAUW California, state-president@aauw-ca.org

FROM DIANNE'S DESK...SAD NEWS...

The AAUW California Board of Directors/Leadership Team lost James (Jim) Doty, a beloved member, March 19, 2021, after a Board meeting. Jim was currently serving as Project Oversight Committee Chair and was the former editor of the AAUW California Perspective newsletter for many years. He also served as his wife's assistant when Kathleen was AAUW California President. Many of you probably remember Jim taking many pictures at our Conventions and Annual Meetings, as he served on the Communications Committee for years. The AAUW California Leadership Team has established The James Doty Memorial Fund #4497 to fund AAUW Leadership programs such as NCCWSL (National Conference for College Women Student Leaders), Campus Action Projects and Empower. For more information on How to donate, visit the AAUW CA website.

Annual Meeting, April 17th, 9:30am-1:00pm

Register [HERE](#) to join the Annual Meeting and learn what has happened in California this past year and what is ahead. It will be an exciting morning followed by a special musical production. Join us to view your (maybe) first animated Doodly presentation! Learn who our 2020-21 State Named Gift

Honoree is, and which branches will be recipients of State Project Awards. Our first Branch Activity/Project Awards will be revealed and our first Equity Award recipient will be honored. And there is a lot more. Please don't miss it!

The videos for the three Speech Trek finalists will be shown at the April 17th Annual Meeting and the winner announced. The judges were inspired by the contestants and the one branch indicated all the students said the topic was "on point for the times."

AAUW California Board Supports Bylaws Change

The AAUW Board of Directors joins the AAUW Board and numerous other state boards in support of a "yes" vote on the bylaws change to remove the degree requirement for membership in AAUW. To learn more visit our [AAUW California website](#) and the [AAUW website](#).

If you have questions, please let us know. This is an important election that requires a 2/3 vote to approve the change. AAUW has survived for over 130 years because it has been willing to change as the world has changed. Now it is our turn to help AAUW continue to thrive with the changing times. It is up to us to ensure that our children and grandchildren can enjoy AAUW in the foreseeable future! Vote YES between April 16th and May 7th.

Gold Stars Awarded To:

- Kathi Harper, Sue Miller, co-Public Policy Chairs, and Kathy7 Osten, MVM Strategies, for organizing a highly successful Lobby Day, October 24th!

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- Tracey Clark, Tech Trek of the Future Task Force facilitator, Sandi Gabe and Dawn Johnson, support team extraordinaire and Task Force members/work group members, and all the participants in the brainstorming groups for their work imagining the future Tech Trek.

Quote of the Month: “In November 1881, seventeen women gathered at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) to jointly consider their future prospects and form a national organization of female college graduates.” from *Degrees of Equality, AAUW and the Challenge of 20th Century Feminism* by Susan Levine. Given AAUW California’s 22-year emphasis on STEM, and given how rare women in STEM were in 1881, we find it invigorating that those 17 women gathered at an institution devoted to the sciences.

NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS

Janice Lee, Nominations & Elections Chair, nominating@aauw-ca.org

WHY DO WE NEED YOUR VOTE?

The voting period for the AAUW California election will be **April 16th—May 7th**. There is one contested position. The 2021-2023 Public Policy Priorities are on the ballot along with two bylaws changes. We urge you to vote “yes” to two changes related to the Board of Directors structure.

If we have your email address, you will get a link to vote online. A mail-in ballot will be sent to you if we do not have your email address.

Click [HERE](#) for details on candidates, public policy priorities, and changes to the bylaws. When you vote, it MATTERS!

PUBLIC POLICY

Kathleen Harper, Director, and Sue Miller, Public Policy Committee Co-Chairs, publicpolicy@aauw-ca.org

This year’s Lobby Day was a huge success. The Public Policy Committee has completed its review of the bills for this legislative season. The 2020-21 [Bill Tracker](#) is available on our website. The first ever “Equity Champion” Award will be presented at the Annual Meeting.

TECH TREK

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TECH TREK VIRTUAL CAMP: SPRING IS BUSY!

Don’t Forget—Workshop Ideas & Presenter Applications!

This month begins the focus to evaluate and select workshops. Don’t miss the chance to submit a great concept, proposal, or presenter! Click [HERE](#).

Camp Volunteers Still Needed!

A variety of volunteers is needed! Participate in a unique experience and increase your Tech Trek portfolio! Adult camp coaches, near-peers (below age 18 coaches), instructors, and logistics coordinators — a wide variety of roles is needed. Work for more than one camp! Click [HERE](#) for applications.

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