



Sierra Outpost

Leadership Team

OMG! An “In-person” meeting? — Cindy Harp

Summer has certainly arrived with a vengeance! With temperatures being warmer than usual for this time of year, all thoughts turn to barbecues, dining al fresco, and long, cool summer drinks!

It is also that time of year when we AAUW Mariposa Branch members come together for our annual meeting and election of officers! This year’s meeting will be held at Dennis and Carolyn Baker’s home in Ponderosa Basin, June 27th at 2:00 in the afternoon. This will be our first outdoor face-to-face meeting since the Covid-19 lockdown began! I don’t know about you, but I am excited at the prospect of seeing many of

you in person on that afternoon. There will be plenty of space for social distancing, you can wear a mask if that makes you more comfortable, and sanitizer will be plentiful. Nearly all of us have been vaccinated, the mask mandate is due to be lifted on June 15th, and our numbers will be way under the limits for large outdoor gatherings!

Even though many of us will be traveling again this summer, please mark your calendars for June 27th and plan to be with us as we celebrate our accomplishments of the past year and anticipate more wonderful events in the fall!

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Annual Meeting

Sunday, June 27

2:00 pm

Home of

Carolyn Baker

**For directions, contact Carolyn:
bakersacre@sti.net**

We Open Eyes

Leadership Team

2021-22 Leadership Team assembled— awaiting approval vote at Annual Meeting

Well it really has been a year! The challenges that we faced as a branch were something else. And we are already looking forward to 21-22.

We have decided to increase the number on the Leadership Team and two members have stepped up to join us. So here is the list-

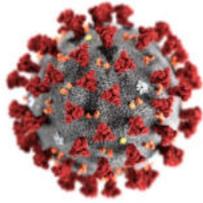
Jody Sergienko: Co-Admin
Cindy Harp: Co-Admin
Dina Lambert: Finance and Co-Membership
Bonnie Little: Co-Membership
Rebecca Swisher: Recording Secretary
Kim Monson: Team Member
Trish Darcy: Team Member and Tech Trek!
Saralynn Nusbaum: Team Member
Karen Sutton: Team Member

AAUW California elects Mariposa member as President-Elect!

Huge congratulations to Sandi Gabe on her election to the AAUW California Board. She will be President-Elect for the upcoming term. This is exciting news for Sandi, and for our Mariposa Branch. Well done!



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Covid Corner

It is not over...

-Jody Sergienko

Welcome to the COVID report for June. As you may have seen on the news, on June 15th almost all of the COVID guidelines and the tier system here in California go away. The exceptions are larger gatherings, which are for the most part bigger than what Mariposa has. There will be youth guidance for summer camps, sports and schools. CAL/OSHA will be bringing out new temporary standards for workplaces.

So once again, things are a lot better than they were, **but the pandemic is not over.** The best way to stay healthy and care for those around you is to get vaccinated. Keep your distance from those who are not vaccinated for whatever reason, and when in doubt, wear a mask. As of now, subject to change without notice, our local testing center is still open. If you have any symp-

toms, get tested **even if you are vaccinated.**

The B117 or United Kingdom variant is dominant in CA right now. It spreads more easily and causes more hospitalizations than what we had previously believed. The vaccines are still effective in combating this variant, but just not as much as they are against the previous strains. There is still a possibility of a rise in summer cases as the state opens up.

Stay safe:

- get vaccinated
- when in doubt or in larger groups wear a mask
- when you can, visit out of doors!

The Leadership Team will update our branch guidance as we see how these big changes play out.

Events Calendar



June 12	SIG - Hiking: details TBD
June 22	SIG - International Study: 4:00pm, home of Jill Rowney
June 27	Annual Meeting: 2:00pm, home of Carolyn Baker
July 2-4	Mariposa Butterfly Festival
July 5	Leadership Team Meeting: 6:00pm, via Zoom
July 6	SIG - Book: 5:00pm, home of Saralynn Nusbaum
July 10	SIG - Hiking: details TBD
August 2	Leadership Team Meeting: 6:00pm (venue to be confirmed)
August 11	SIG - Great Decisions: 5:00pm, home of Jill Rowney

Membership

Bonnie Little, Dina Lambert



Member Corner: Idea exchange

Our members share what we have found enlightening and entertaining

—Bonnie Little

Our members have been busy reading and watching this month! Here are some suggestions:

Trish Darcy recommends Jamie Ford's historical novel, *The Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet* as a good read. The story centers around the forced evacuation of Japanese Americans to internment camps during World War II. There are two story lines that run parallel. One follows 12-year-old Henry Lee during the war, and the other depicts him 44 years later as a widower with a college age son. Trish says it is a sweet story of separation and friendship.

Jill Rowney noticed that a popular 1993 movie, *"The Pelican Brief"* was currently trending on Netflix, so she decided to watch. In Jill's words, she was "totally on edge" for the entire 2 hours, 21 minutes! The movie stars Denzel Washington and Julia Roberts, and Julia plays a law student whose legal brief about the assassination of two Supreme Court Justices cause her to be targeted by killers. Denzel is a journalist who helps her unravel a conspiracy involving senior government officials.

Dawna Hunter is watching a new show on Hulu called *"Rebel"*. It is also available on the ABC network. Rebel, the title character, is played by Katey Sagal, and the show was inspired by the life of Erin Brockovich. Rebel is a legal advocate without a law degree, who fights hard for the underdog and the causes in which she believes. She also gets her family involved to make wrong

things right!

Saralynn Nusbaum is still hooked on "Ice Cold Murders", but she has also discovered a new series on Amazon Prime/Acorn called *"Brokenwood"* It is a "who done it" that takes place in New Zealand. Saralynn says the music, acting, and dialogue are great. Reading murder mysteries has kept Saralynn busy during the pandemic. She recommends three authors:

- Louise Penny, a Canadian author who writes the Detective Gamache series
- Tana French, an Irish author whose murder mysteries take place in Ireland, with plenty of Irish slang!
- Mick Herron is a British author whose books tend more to spycraft than murder mysteries.

Saralynn is currently reading *Slow Horses*, the first in the Sloughouse series which take place in London.

A couple of months ago, **Anne Dolchanczyk** recommended a book called *Then She Was Gone*. I have been on the library waiting list for two months, and was just able to check out the book today. I am looking forward to reading it!

I hope that you are all enjoying these recommendations. Even as things begin to open up and go somewhat back to "normal", we still have time to be entertained with books, shows, music, and podcasts. Each month I'll send a reminder by email asking our members for ideas you would like to share with others.

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Membership

Bonnie Little, Dina Lambert



Spotlight on Judy Eppler

—Kim Monson

Judy Eppler was raised in Denton, Nebraska and attended high school and college in Lincoln. Her bachelor of science degree is from Nebraska Wesleyan University. She studied English, library science, and, for a little diversion, physical education. Judy loved to read and to learn, hence the broad range of interests. She met her first husband, Dick Rickli, there as well. He studied engineering.

Dick's job took the couple to Tucson Arizona, where he was employed working on missile silos in the desert. Judy worked on her master's degree in education specializing in counseling at the University of Arizona. Her first Christmas in Arizona, Judy remembers calling her mother and crying. She just didn't think it was right to decorate a cactus instead of an evergreen. Unfortunately, Dick passed away and they had not had any children.

Sometime later, Judy met and married Jim Eppler. Jim had been a basketball player at the University of Arizona. If you're a fan, you may have heard of the coach Jim played for: Lute Olson, a Hall of Fame coach. Judy and Jim loved to travel around Arizona looking into little out of the way places that really told them something about the history and culture of the state. Judy continues to travel that way to this day, but she has broadened



her scope to include places like China, Russia, and Argentina. In 1968 Judy and Jim moved to Mariposa. Judy had accepted a job counseling and teaching English and leadership classes at MCHS. Jim, meanwhile, got a job coaching in Atwater. Judy's next assignment was Principal at Mariposa Middle School for 13 years. She tells me she absolutely loved middle school students. It's good she couldn't

see my horrified face when she said that because middle school kids are cray-cray! As if she wasn't busy enough, during the last three years working as a principal, Judy also accepted an assignment working as the assistant superintendent for curriculum.

Judy retired in 2005, but in 2008 she was lured back into the education field when Debbie Peters resigned her seat on the Mariposa County Board of Education. Judy was asked to finish out her term. When that term ended, she ran for reelection and has served ever since. The Fresno County Office of Education has also recruited her to help them ensure compliance with the Williams Act. She loves travelling to Fresno schools to work with staff and help get them up to speed.

Judy still wants to travel, and Egypt and Africa are currently on her bucket list.

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Project: Tech Trek



—Trish Darcy

Twelve campers are registered for camp and will be attending one of three camps in June and July. As they look forward to their summer STEM adventure, we look forward to hearing all about it. Look for their reactions and reports in the next newsletter.

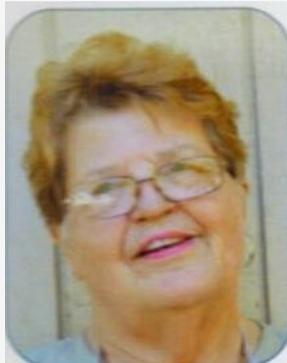
Membership Bonnie Little, Dina Lambert



Remembering Carol Sill

Carol retired to Mariposa about 25 years ago. She moved up from southern California where she was a high school art and history teacher in the Pomona area. Carol was a substitute teacher in Mariposa for a number of years. She joined the Sierra Artist Gallery where she was very involved in the annual miniature show. She loved working with color pencils.

Carol loved a good car trip, especially to the Southwest. She also loved to go



One of Carol's light-hearted paintings

on cruises where she traveled to Alaska, New England and Canada.

Being an avid reader, Carol enjoyed the AAUW book group. She especially enjoyed reading about history and loved a good mystery. She also enjoyed the craft group. Carol was a volunteer with Habitat for Humanity.

Carol was diagnosed and treated for pancreatic cancer and was considered a survivor for six years. Then the cancer returned with a vengeance.

Carol was a very good friend and is missed.

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SIG Overview

Special Interest Groups

<p>International Study <i><u>Tiina Wilson</u></i></p>  <p>Learn about a country, a culture, and a people. We study one country each year and meet monthly.</p>	<p>Book Group <i><u>Saralynn Nusbaum</u></i></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 <i><u>Becky Mock</u></i></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 <i><u>Karen Smith</u></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>Mariposa, CA Branch Special Interest Groups 2020-2021</p>	<p>Play Reading Group <i><u>Dawn Johnson</u></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>Hiking Group <i><u>Trish Darcy</u></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><u>What’s Your Passion?</u></p> <p>Photography? Movie? Ukaldies? Wine and Whine? (nothing fancy– just afternoon get-togethers to visit) Travel Tips? Meditation? Writers Anonymous? E-power? (share new e-device tips)</p>	<p>Wine Tasting <i><u>Carolyn Baker, Cindy Harp</u></i></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>

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SIG: International Study

Contact [Tiina Wilson](#)

Art of Egypt: Tombs and Textures

-Peggy Shainberg

The International Study group finished up the year learning about Egyptian art. Veronica (Nickel) Gross presented slides from the ancient art of the tombs and temples to modern painting and sculpture taken from her recent trip to Egypt. The ancient relief sculptures still retain much of

the original painted colors. Children are depicted as full grown adults standing at their parent's knee. As well as portraying everyday life of the Egyptian, much of the Egyptian art relates to life after death and depicts the many Egyptian gods and goddesses. The new GEM, Great Egyptian Museum, in Cairo will contain art and statues from the long history of this interesting country.

Our next get-together will be an Egyptian potluck. I'm looking up a recipe for *koshari*, Egyptian street food found on every corner in the streets of Cairo. We tried it at a real restaurant; it was really good!



Above: From the tomb in Valley of the Kings: carving showing headdresses of lower Egypt (left), and upper Egypt (right)



Temple of Ramses II at Abu Simbel, was moved 215 feet to higher ground (1964-1968) to avoid inundation when Lake Nassar filled



Bust of Akhenaten (husband of Nefertiti, father of Tutankhamen) in Museum of Alexandria (New Kingdom 1367-1360 B.C.E.)

Changed Egypt's polytheism to monotheism; Encouraged a more realistic attitude for painters and sculptors

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SIG - Book

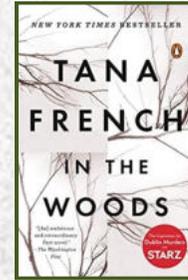


Contact [Saralynn Nusbaum](#)

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, July 6, at 5:00 pm on Saralynn’s patio where we will be discussing:

In the Woods

—By Tana French

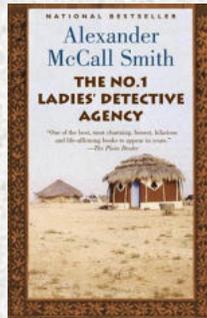


Discussion:

The No.1 Ladies Detective Agency

by Alexander McCall Smith

—Notes by Ruffina Roberts



The Book Club celebrated their first outdoor sharing. It was a fantastic time to see each other face-to-face, without having to worry about background noise or a “pretty wall” during the Zoom meeting. For the month of April, read the novel, *The No.1 Ladies Detective Agency* by Alexander McCall Smith. This is a story that was written in the '80s and a few of us had read it in the past, so it was nice to remember the plot and the theme as a group.

The author, a native of Zimbabwe and a British citizen, was born there while Zimbabwe was part of the United Kingdom until they got their independence in the '70s. James wrote this short story not thinking it would turn into a great hit, and then followed it with a series of stories based on this detec-

tive character for the following 20 plus years. In agreement, the group complimented this writing as a fun, positive, and colorful theme; everyone appreciated a “silly plot” under the current circumstances. The main character is a native woman who in her mid-forties decides to open her detective agency with her dad’s inheritance, which at that time was unheard of. Some events are a bit unrealistic. Thus, it was nice to read a story that exhorts determination, audacity, and perseverance —traits of a strong and dedicated woman found in any country of the world. PBS created episodes based on this book. If you have an opportunity to watch, do it. As it is common to read a foreign name and the reader makes up the pronunciation, in the PBS series they use the correct pronunciation of the characters' aroy names and places.

We do recommend this book, even if you have read it before.

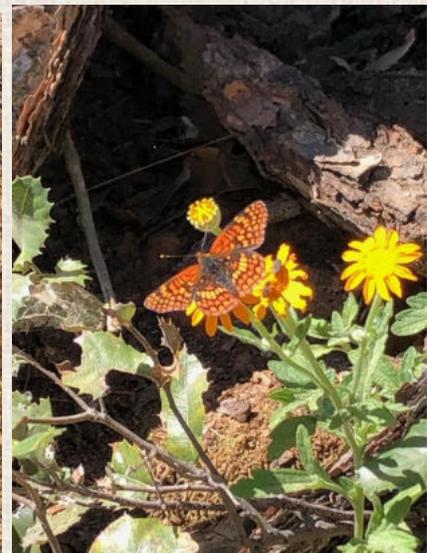
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SIG: **Hiking**Contact [Trish Darcy](#)**Photos on the trail**

—Trish Darcy

Together again!

Who was that maskless group of hikers walking, chatting, laughing and catching up along Buckingham Mountain Road on Saturday, May 15th? It was the AAUW Mariposa Hiking Group members Gary, Reva, Lei Yue, Francois, Naoko, and Trish! Six of us, fully vaccinated, met and had a beautiful hike together. It was wonderful to catch up and just be together. We met at 9:00 and carpoled to the beginning of the road as there is limited parking there. The hike was a total of 5 miles round trip and was uphill the first half and downhill the way back. The total elevation gain was 600' but it sure felt like we were climbing more than that. There were a few houses at the beginning of the hike, but signs of civilization soon petered out leaving us to hike amongst the oaks and pines. We saw many wildflowers: Lupin, Twining Brodiaea, Yerba Santa, Golden Brodiaea, and Mariposa Lilies ranging from white to light pink to magenta! The butterflies were prolific and Gary snapped one of a swallowtail and Naoko captured one as well. At the top, we were rewarded with wide open views down Carter Road toward Triangle and snapped our selfie there! It was sooooo good to be together!



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SIG: **Great Decisions**

Contact [Becky Mock](#)

China's expanding influence in Africa

—Becky Mock

On May 12, members of the Great Decisions SIG held their first hybrid meeting at Becky Mock's home, though we ended up with only Peggy Shainberg actually being able to attend in person. However, we had a good discussion on the topic of the evening, "China and Africa."

We all were aware that China has been influential in Africa, but perhaps we don't realize the far reaches of their influence. In arenas like the United Nations, many African nations will likely vote as China might vote. China would also have much greater influence in United Nations agencies like the World Health Organization. More African students go to China than anywhere else in the world.

China has contributed greatly to Africa's infrastructure. Chinese technology in Africa is more prevalent than that from the United States. For example, the Chinese music streaming service Boomplay has 65 million users in Africa which is more than all the paying subscribers to Apple Music in the entire world. The Chinese company Transsion is the largest seller of mobile phones in Africa. Huawei has been in Africa building close relationships with African mobile service providers. Despite the pres-

sure from the US to resist working with these Chinese companies, African leaders are reluctant to comply. Cobus van Staden wrote in the Great Decisions 2021 Edition, "... it should be acknowledged that China's record of development, and its provision of a new, non-Western development model, carry significant weight among African leaders. The history of deliberate under-development under Western colonialism is still holding Africa back today, and in that context, China is seen as a key alternative..." However, a couple of interesting facts were presented in the Great Decisions' DVD presentation:

- Africans go to China for school, but they find nothing else compelling about China. They would rather visit someplace like the United States to have a great traveling experience.
- When Africans were surveyed about which government system they like best, the US's democracy was preferred by several percentage points.

This SIG group agreed that the United States needs to evaluate the help it gives to Africa to be more effective. It needs to realize that the help we provide to the nations of Africa contributes to the future welfare of our own country as well.

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Leadership Team Minutes



AAUW - Mariposa Branch
 Leadership Team Meeting
 May 3, 2021 6:00 p.m.
 Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Attendees:

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

Unable to Attend:

- Bonnie Little, Membership
- Kim Monson

Meeting was called to order at 6:08 p.m. by Jody Sergienko.

Minutes (Rebecca Swisher):

- Jody Sergienko moved to approve the April 2021 minutes. Cindy Harp seconded. All in favor with no nays or abstentions.
- Trish Darcy moved to approve the Special Meeting minutes with corrections as discussed at today's meeting. Jody Sergienko seconded. All in favor with no nays or abstentions.

Membership Update (Dina Lambert, Bonnie Little)

- Dina Lambert reported that AAUW Mariposa still has a total of 75 members.
- Renewal Notices: Dina stated that she has sent out the renewal notices. So far, ten members have renewed, and three are not renewing, as they have moved (Sharon Enrico, Cathy Owens, and Karen Rust).
- New Member Process: Dina reported that there are two processes new members can use to enroll: online application (go to AAUW.org and choose Mariposa branch), paper application (go to the website, print out application, mail application with dues fee to Dina).
- Member Corner: Bonnie Little reported via e-mail that she received one submission for this month's newsletter.

Finance Report (Dina Lambert):

For Month Ending April 30, 2021: Dina Lambert reported the following information:

- Income: \$0.00
- Expenses: \$155.90 (\$6.00 for Website Hosting Fee; \$149.90 for Zoom meeting fee)
- Ending Balance: \$12,152.59
 - Jody Sergienko reported that she has received the check from SPF, and she will

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deposit soon.

Rebecca Swisher moved to approve the finance report as presented. Jody Sergienko seconded. All in favor with no nays or abstentions.

Standing Projects:

Dinner with a Scientist (*Marilyn Saunders*) On hold due to ongoing COVID-19 in the region.

- Jody Sergienko stated that she spoke with Marilyn Saunders regarding this project. Marilyn is hoping that they will hold this event in the fall. UC Merced is going back to in person classes. This event may be more expensive than in past years due to COVID-19 protocols.

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

- Trish Darcy is waiting for an e-mail from Cathy Owens with additional information (e.g., timing of the various tasks). Trish will follow up with the schools to ensure that we have the most updated version of items.
- Rebecca Swisher will work with Trish to get supplies list to Kim Monson.
- Those present concurred that using the same process as last year to fill backpacks would be ideal.

Tech Trek (*Trish Darcy*)

- Selected Students: Trish Darcy reported that 12 of 13 selected students (2020 selections (5) and 2021 selections (8)) registered. Trish followed up with the 13th student several times, but she is not sure if the student was able to finalize her registration. Trish will get the checks to Dina Lambert after Dina returns from vacation. Cindy Harp has one check that was mailed incorrectly that she will get to Trish.
- Next Step: Trish Darcy reported that the next step is likely getting the supply kits to the students before the camp.
- Gifts for Students: Dina Lambert stated that she has the teddy bears that were purchased for last year's campers. Trish will look into getting additional ones for this year's campers. If we can get one for each camper, then we will deliver them with the supplies. Trish said that she also has T-shirts from last year that will go to the five selected last year.

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

- Jody Sergienko reported that the Tech Connect article was in the Mariposa Gazette with photos of the winners. Will close this topic until it is time to plan next year's event.

Fundraisers:

Mad Hatter's Party (*Sandi Gabe*)

On hold due to ongoing COVID-19 in the region with no set date for event.

Programs:

College Partnership with Reedley College in Oakhurst (*Cindy Harp*)

On hold until further notice

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Vocational Training/Internship (Jody Sergienko)

On hold until further notice

Scholarships (Jody Sergienko)

- Jody reported that Kim Monson stated that she may have a committee member; however, a lead has not come forward.
- Trish Darcy will get updated documents from her friend whose branch has this program.

Butterfly Festival (Jody Sergienko)

- Jody Sergienko stated that she has declined the invitation for AAUW to participate in the festival, and she hopes to participate in the parade based on state/national stance on in-person activities.

APHA Racial Equity Guide Webinar Series (Rebecca Swisher)

Maintain as option for program for future. Will discuss this option for a program series at the strategic planning session.

Old Business:

New Business:

Annual Meeting Planning:

- Date of Annual Meeting has been changed to June 27th: this date change was approved at last month's special meeting.
- Those present agreed to send out the Annual Meeting attendance survey after June's Leadership Team meeting.

Small Group Meeting Recommendations (Cindy Harp)

- Cindy Harp presented the draft recommendations. Dina Lambert moved to approve this statement with corrections mentioned in e-mail communication. Trish Darcy seconded. All in favor with no nays or abstentions.
- Those present concurred to use this statement as the COVID-19 update for May 2021. Trish will put the statement on Facebook, Dina will put it on website, and Cindy will send in to Jill Rowney for the May newsletter.

Membership Milestone Pins (Cindy Harp)

- Cindy Harp said that she received an e-mail announcing the option for branches to purchase membership milestone pins.
- Rebecca Swisher moved that the Leadership Team look into ways to acknowledge and recognize AAUW Mariposa Branch members at the June Annual Meeting. Trish Darcy seconded. All in favor with no nays or abstentions.

Nominations for Leadership Team (Jody Sergienko)

- Trish Darcy reported that Karen Sutton and Saralyn Nusbaum have expressed a desire to participate as Members at Large

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- Jody Sergienko will send out the list of nominees on May 15th via e-mail

Newsletter Assignments:

Member Profile:

June 2021: Kim Monson

Lead article (Admin Overview):

June 2021: Cindy Harp

Board to Board:

June 2021: Cindy Harp

COVID-19 Update:

May 2021: Cindy Harp

June 2021: Jody Sergienko

Leadership Meeting Lead:

June 2021: (agenda) Jody Sergienko

Branch Buzz:

May 2021: Trish Darcy will send out the Branch Buzz

Action Items:

5 Star Program:

Use for strategic planning session for 2021-2022.

Upcoming Dates:

Sunday, June 27, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. – Annual Meeting

July 2 – 4, 2021 Butterfly Festival

Saturday, July 31, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. – Strategic Planning Session at Trish Darcy's

Meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m. by Jody Sergienko.

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](#).

FROM DIANNE'S DESK

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

Good PLANNING = Good PERFORMANCE

Our AAUW year ends June 30th, and a new year begins July 1st! It is time to plan for our new year. I am calling this our “hybrid year,” as we are coming out of COVID restrictions and into a “Brave New World.” Your California Board of Directors is meeting for two and a half days of planning for the new year at our annual retreat via Zoom June 18th-20th.

We are going to UNMASK AAUW in our communities and our state with your help! We will show everyone our smiles and our enthusiasm, as we work together to make this a better world for women, girls, and families. AAUW is committed to “Equity for All.”

I hope you and your branch have fun planning your new AAUW year! The more the merrier is my motto for planning — new members, new ideas, new programs, and new energy that inspires everyone! Stay tuned!

BRANCH ASSISTANCE

Crystal Stebbins and Carol Holzgrafe, Directors, branch@aauw-ca.org

Click [HERE](#) to check out the member discounts and perks page. It will save you money.

Shape the Future: This is an opportunity for people to join your branch while attending an in-person meeting (remember those?), once we have them again. The national dues will be reduced by 50% IF they join at the meeting. That would be \$31 for 2021-22.

Don't forget to renew your membership now, before the July 1, 2021 dues increase.

AAUW National is excited to announce a new professional development opportunity for early - to mid-career professionals: The Equity Network's [Social Change Ambassadors Certificate program](#) (\$25 fee).

This program is targeted to recent college graduates or a young people early in their career, perhaps aged 21 to 30. Space is limited. [Register your Social Change Ambassador](#) by June 21, 2021, to secure your/their spot! If you have any questions, [email equity@aauw.org](mailto:equity@aauw.org).

MARKETING

Michelle Miller-Galaz and Sharyn Siebert, Directors, Marketing Committee Co-Chairs, marketing@aauw-ca.org

The Marketing Committee of AAUW California has been meeting almost monthly. Dowitcher Design, our marketing consultants' firm, has given us a road map, which we are working through with our Marketing Committee and the Marketing Design Task Force. This committee is multi-generational and very engaged on how to best market our organization.

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But we will not be able to do all we have planned without branch support. We need engaged members to join our upcoming work groups in order to implement those various efforts. No previous experience is required—only a desire to help.

When the applications for the workgroups are posted to the AAUW California website in late June, please consider joining one. Our board cannot do this alone!

NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS

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

ANNUAL STATE ELECTION RESULTS

Congratulations to the elected board members:

- **President-Elect - Sandi Gabe**
- CFO - Roli Wendorf
- Director - Carol Holzgrafe

Moving forward...

- Bylaws changes - Passed
- Public Policy Priorities - Passed

Please click [here](#) for details on elected candidates, public policy priorities, and changes to the bylaws.

Thanks for your help in getting members engaged and involved; 24% of our members voted in this election which is a significant increase from the 15% who voted in the previous election.

PUBLIC POLICY

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

As we look back on our many successes this

past year, your Public Policy co-chairs want to acknowledge the contributions of our branch leaders and their members in advancing the public policy priorities of AAUW California. Member participation in mission-related work is the backbone of our organization. Get involved and stay involved, and please urge your members to consider applying for the Public Policy Committee next year. Applications will be posted on the AAUW California website in late June.

SPEECH TREK

Marlene Cain, Speech Trek, speechtrek@aauw-ca.org

GETTING READY FOR YOU...SPEECH TREK 2022!

The 2022 topic underscores one of AAUW California's key public policy priorities for the coming year in the area of social and racial justice for all.

The impetus for the 2022 topic came from the Pledge of Allegiance, which school children have been reciting for nearly a century. This year the 2022 topic is a two-part question:

Has the U.S. lived up to its pledge of liberty and justice for all?

Would requiring the study of diversity, equity, and inclusion in a high school setting help ensure liberty and justice for all?

The 2021-2022 materials are being readied and will be uploaded to the AAUW California website [here](#). Questions In the meantime? Please feel free to email Speech Trek at speechtrek@aauw-ca.org or contact Marlene Cain at 909.866.2819. AAUW California Speech Trek is looking forward to seeing YOU in 2022!

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TECH TREK

Susan Negrete, and Alice Hill, Tech Trek State Co-Coordinators, techtrek@aauw-ca.org

TECH TREK VIRTUAL SEASON: CAMP #1 LAUNCHES JUNE 21ST

STEM: A 2021 Virtual Camp Season & 640 Eager Campers

California's STEM Tech Trek season offers three virtual camps to 640 selected 2020 and 2021 middle school girls: June 21-25, July 12-16, and July 26-30.

Logistics Coordinators- Unsung Heroes!

We are grateful to the eight branch members who volunteered to act as logistics coordinators in key areas throughout the state! They

are receiving lots of material to organize for branch distribution to the virtual campers in their areas. This is a great service to the 640 selected Tech Trek campers and is necessary for the successful implementation of this season's three 2021 Virtual Camps.

Yes – July Camps Adult Volunteers are Still Needed!

Additional adult workshop volunteers are needed to support the July 12th and July 26th camps. Apply now! Training will be provided! Click [here](#) for applications.

The Virtual Camp Leadership Team

Sends thanks to the many branch members who stepped up to ensure California's Tech Trek Program did NOT go dark in 2021!

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