



Sierra Outpost



Robotic hats unveiled

—Trish Darcy

Save the date for our first in-person event!

You are invited to come see Tech Trekkers showcase their robotics hats created at virtual camp! Tuesday, August 31st at 6:00pm, the girls will share their creations and tell you a little about their experience at camp this summer. This will all take place at the town park. We are also working with Mariposa Pops to hopefully bring his popsicle cart and we can all have a treat while watching the girls and support a

young entrepreneur in our community at the same time. We will be sending out an Evite when all details are worked out and will be asking if you will be purchasing a popsicle so that he can prepare enough ahead of time. This is a great time to see how some of our branch money was spent. Mark your calendars and we hope to see many members attend.

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Tech Trekkers' Showcase

6:00pm

Tuesday, August 31

Mariposa County Park

We Open Eyes

Leadership Team

Our changing times in rural California

—Cindy Harp

The title of this article is the theme for the year chosen by your Leadership Team at our annual planning meeting. We met on Saturday, July 31st at Trish Darcy's home to talk about the many possible programs and activities for the year, and to establish a budget. Keep an eye out for an email asking for your questions and approval of the budget, which is necessary per our bylaws.

Your Leadership Team is really excited to be able to offer more in-person activities, while staying within the Covid guidelines for our county. Of course, "Our Changing Times" include the reality that we may need to still do some programs virtually if there continue to be large numbers of Covid/Delta cases.

One of the things members have been asking us to do is to have more general member meetings. We HEAR you, and we have planned a member meeting or activity for each month. Some are mere sparks of ideas and some are more solid plans, so there is plenty of opportunity to be flexible!

Our first general member activity is to celebrate our Tech Trek girls and allow them

to show off their robotic hats, which was one of the activities of virtual Tech Trek this year. As Trish Darcy mentioned in our Branch Buzz, this will be held on Tuesday, August 31st at 6 PM in the Mariposa town park. Mariposa Pops, the popsicle business owned by our own 8-year-old entrepreneur, Jaxton, will be there, so we can enjoy some cool treats and hear about the Tech Trek campers' experiences, which is always impressive!

Come and enjoy meeting with your fellow AAUW members while hearing from and supporting our youth. While we are at it, consider how you want to be involved this year. There are many opportunities great and small to participate!

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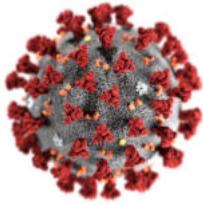
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Covid Corner

It is not over yet...

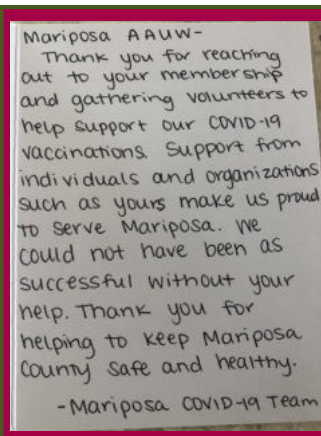
-Jody Sergienko

Debbie Downer here again! The pandemic is not gone yet and won't be for a while. In fact, we seem to be in wave 4. Our local vaccination rate is below 50%, the state is not much better, and the nation-well let's not even go there.

We are back to wearing masks inside, thank you Delta. This variant spreads more easily than the original, but it won't necessarily make you any sicker. And, if you have a vaccination, you are not likely to get sick enough to need the hospital unless you have an issue which would make any illness more complicated. And yes, you can spread it; you are just less likely to do so.

What can we do? If you have not been vaccinated yet- get your shots! Do it for our community, our families, and for those who just can't. Testing is still available locally for FREE. Getting tested:

- Will let you and the health department know if you have COVID but are asymptomatic. You NEED to know you are free of the virus and not spreading it unknowingly!
- Will give the infectious disease experts more data on who is getting the virus, both vaccinated and not, and how it is spreading.



Make an appointment to be tested:

www.lhi.care/covidtesting

Make an appointment to be vaccinated:

www.myturn.gov.ca.gov

When our branch members help out at the COVID vaccination clinics, it does not go unnoticed.

We Inspire Life-Long Learning

Membership

Bonnie Little, Dina Lambert



Member Corner: Idea exchange

Our members share what we have found enlightening and entertaining

—Bonnie Little

Are you ready for an adrenaline rush? Jody Sergienko recommends a Netflix docuseries called **"Formula One. Drive to Survive"**



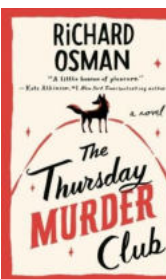
Get ready to learn about the ins and outs of Formula One racing, both on and off the track. The series gives a behind the scenes look

at the drivers and racers of the Formula One World Championship through competing personalities and changes in leadership.

Peggy Shainberg has two recommendations. The first is a non-fiction book called ***The Last Kings of***



Shanghai. It is about two Jewish families who came from poverty in Bagdad and rose to prominence in China. Peggy enjoyed all the history in this book.



Peggy also recommended an enjoyable book to her Book Group titled ***The Thursday Murder Club*** by Richard Osman. The plot involves four seniors in a retirement community who meet weekly in the Jigsaw Room to discuss unsolved crimes. This group of friends takes on its first live case after a mysterious murder claims a local developer. Read more as these unlikely detectives use some unorthodox methods to try to solve the case.

Events Calendar

August 18	Branch Directory Changes Due (see page 6)
August 31	Tech Trekkers' Showcase: 6:00pm, Mariposa County Park
September 7	SIG—Book: 5:00pm, home of Becky Mock
September 11	SIG— Hiking: time and place TBD
September 13	Leadership Team Meeting: 6:00pm (Mariposa County Library)
October 4	Leadership Team Meeting: 6:00pm (Mariposa County Library)
October 5	SIG—Book: 5:00pm (location TBD)
October 9	SIG— Hiking: time and place TBD



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Spotlight on Anne Dolchanczyk

—Kim Monson

Anne Dolchanczyk has been a mem-

ber of the Mariposa community for over 40 years. Born in San Francisco and raised in San Jose, Anne majored in liberal studies at San Jose State University. After earning her teaching credential, Ann began teaching kindergarten in Gardnerville, Nevada. Passionate about her role as an educator, Anne reflects that, "Teaching kindergarten used to be fun, but now there are just too many requirements put on such young ones."

Gardnerville is also where Anne met her husband, Ray, who worked for many years as a plumber on large construction sites laying pipeline. As the population of their town continued to grow, however, Anne and Ray decided that Gardnerville was just getting too big and crowded. Their good friends lived in Mariposa, and the Dolchanczyks eagerly moved to our rural community.

After moving to Mariposa, Anne earned a special education credential from



Fresno Pacific University and began work in Madera teaching severely handicapped children. She then transferred to the Mariposa County Unified School District as a Special Education instructor. Anne says that being in Special Education requires bravery, patience, and a willingness to put up with oodles of paperwork. A form called an IEP (Individualized Education Plan) must be filled out for every child with special needs, and this form requires input from all involved teachers as well as the child's parents. Navigating this bureaucracy demands a lot of work outside of the classroom, and we are so thankful that there are people like

Anne Dolchanczyk who are willing to take on this tough job. Oh, and did you notice that I said Special Ed teachers must be brave? Anne says they often wear arm guards because there is a higher risk of being bitten.

Anne retired in 2013 but was called back to serve as a Special Ed classroom aide in 2016. Anne loves being an aide because she can have fun interacting with the kids without the endless paperwork!

Anne has two stepchildren, three grandchildren and just welcomed a three-week-old great grandbaby named Bjorn. Anne and Ray love to travel around the country in their motorhome, visiting exciting places like Niagara Falls in New York, and, while on the road, the couple has been known to run a small side business buying and selling collector car parts. Anne is also a member of the Mariposa Democratic Club, volunteers for community service, loves the great outdoors, and is an avid and eclectic reader.

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Branch Directory for 2021-22

It's time for us to begin the process of getting our AAUW directory together. To keep in contact we need to ensure that all the information in the directory is accurate and current.

- Have you changed your email address?
- Have you changed your mailing address?
- Would you like a different picture in the directory?
- Did Dawna Hunter take a new picture of you at our annual meeting?

We would like to have any changes or corrections by WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18th.

If your information is still correct, you do not need to respond. We will continue to use the information that we have.

The new directory will be mailed to you in the fall.

Membership continues to grow

Welcome to our new members:

Iris Chynoweth and Faith Rumm

Welcome back to:

Pat Fithian and Georgia Gallagher

Project: Backpack



Backpacks get to students before school begins

Thanks to the hard work of the backpack committee chaired by Rebecca Swisher and Kim Monson and the generosity of our branch members, students throughout Mariposa County will be well-supplied when school begins on August 18th. Details of the distribution events will be in next month's newsletter.



We Provide Opportunities for Women to Reach Full Potential

Project: Tech Trek



Tech Trek 2021 is a wrap!

—Trish Darcy

The final week of camp finished up at the end of July. Our 12 girls all attended camp one of the three weeks it was held this summer. It was a robotics-based camp and, therefore, the girls' final project was to create a hat that had moving parts and represented the camper in several ways. There were some very creative hats! They also had required classes in each of the four

areas: science, technology, engineering, and math as well as some optional ones they could sign up for in those same areas. This August 31st, campers are planning to share their hat with us and tell us a little bit about camp ([see page 1](#)).

The biggest complaint (although, there really weren't any of those) was that it was online instead of

in person. We totally get that! We are just glad that they got a valuable STEM experience.

Here is some of their feedback:

Alissa really enjoyed robotics and coding the best and loved putting all her skills together for the hat she made. She enjoyed the pizza making as well!

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Project: Tech Trek

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Celina, Juniper and Hope all enjoyed the camp, but wished it had been in person.

Kelsea said it was a wonderful experience and that she learned a lot while having fun and making memories. She thanked AAUW for making it possible for her to attend the camp.

Annie had lots to say! Her favorite part was the morning session with coding and robotics. She didn't have a

least favorite part. She also enjoyed the Inspiration Hour where inspirational women of STEM spoke. She said she learned so much and thanked AAUW for the opportunity.



Leadership Team

Let more people know who you are and what you do

—Trish Darcy

We are getting going on our new year of AAUW in Mariposa and are excited about being able to do so much more this year, keeping in mind that Covid will be our guide!

Each year we reach out to see who of our members would like to have their business card as an ad in our monthly newsletter. It is \$50 for the year for about 11 months of advertising for your business! Not a bad deal at all! If you are interested in doing this, please send your business card and \$50 (checks made out to AAUW Mariposa) to Dina Lambert, 4939 Ponderosa Way, Mariposa, CA 95338. Please have them to her by the end of August.

Ads are not limited to members of AAUW. If you have a friend or family member who would like to advertise, pass this information along to them!

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to any of your Leadership Team!

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Finance

Mariposa AAUW Treasurer's Report June 30, 2021					
	Jun-2021	Fiscal YTD	Fiscal Budget	YTD Variance	
Beginning Balance	\$ 12,565.59	\$ 18,926.76			
INCOME					
Dues					
National	\$ 806.00	\$ 2,104.00	\$ 4,425.00	\$	(2,321.00)
State	\$ 300.00	\$ 790.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$	(710.00)
District	\$ 645.00	\$ 1,245.00	\$ 1,125.00	\$	120.00
Total Dues	\$ 1,751.00	\$ 4,139.00	\$ 7,050.00	\$	(2,911.00)
Donations					
Undesignated	\$ -	\$ 15.00	\$ 100.00	\$	(85.00)
Designated:	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
Backpack	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,157.00	\$	(1,157.00)
Tech Trek	\$ -	\$ 343.00	\$ 250.00	\$	93.00
Tech Connect	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 93.00	\$	(93.00)
Dinner w/ Scientist	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$	(500.00)
Fundraisers					
Yard Sale (Cancelled)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$	-
Spring Event (Mad Hatter)	\$ -	\$ 203.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$	(1,797.00)
Ads					
	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ 100.00	\$	(50.00)
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 1,751.00	\$ 4,750.00	\$ 11,250.00	\$	(6,500.00)
EXPENSES					
Dues					
National Dues	\$ 806.00	\$ 2,104.00	\$ 4,425.00	\$	(2,321.00)
State Dues	\$ 300.00	\$ 790.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$	(710.00)
Total Dues Expended	\$ 1,106.00	\$ 2,894.00	\$ 5,925.00	\$	(3,031.00)
Administration					
Directory	\$ -	\$ 245.72	\$ 300.00	\$	(54.28)
Awards/Gifts	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 150.00	\$	(150.00)
Insurance	\$ -	\$ 356.00	\$ 400.00	\$	(44.00)
Postage	\$ 12.00	\$ 138.00	\$ 300.00	\$	(162.00)
Supplies	\$ 4.50	\$ 4.50	\$ 200.00	\$	(195.50)
Nametags	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$	-
Website Hosting / Google Acct	\$ 18.00	\$ 84.00	\$ 100.00	\$	(16.00)
Phonevite	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25.00	\$	(25.00)
Meetings	\$ -	\$ 149.90	\$ 200.00	\$	(50.10)
Chamber Dues	\$ -	\$ 120.00	\$ 120.00	\$	-
Member Events					
Holiday Event	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 375.00	\$	(375.00)
Annual Mtg/Brunch	\$ 139.04	\$ 139.04	\$ 200.00	\$	(60.96)
Programs					
Facilities	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$	(100.00)
Hospitality	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 75.00	\$	(75.00)
Miscellaneous	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 250.00	\$	(250.00)
Projects					
Backpack	\$ 1,729.08	\$ 1,914.63	\$ 1,800.00	\$	114.63
Tech Trek	\$ -	\$ 5,298.00	\$ 9,200.00	\$	(3,902.00)
Tech Connect	\$ -	\$ 1,025.00	\$ 1,100.00	\$	(75.00)
Dinner w/ Scientist	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,800.00	\$	(1,800.00)
Scholarship	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,100.00	\$	(1,100.00)
Leadership Development	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$	(2,000.00)
Marketing	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$	(200.00)
Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$	(1,000.00)
Miscellaneous	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 300.00	\$	(300.00)
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 3,008.62	\$ 12,368.79	\$ 27,220.00	\$	(14,851.21)
Ending Balance	\$ 11,307.97	\$ 11,307.97			

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
2021-2022**

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.

Art Group**Karen Sutton**

A new group to dabble in creative pursuits. Learn together— arrange casual workshops in painting, sketching, quilting, beading; patronize local arts— art shows, museum visits, etc.

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: **Great Decisions**Contact [Becky Mock](#)

Cold war: competition in the Arctic

—Belinda Gilbert

As polar ice melts in the Arctic, competition for economic and military development is increasing between the United States, Russia and China in the region.

Economically, Russia hopes to further develop oil, gas and rare earth metals operations in the Arctic, but is not able financially to do so. They have encouraged foreign investors in order to accomplish this. The majority of investments come from China, which has long been interested in Arctic development. This has created tension between the United States, Russia and China.

A second source of tension is increasing Russian military presence in the Arctic. Russia has modernized their bases, air fields and roads in the area, particularly along the Northern Sea route which is open more months of the year. Russia wants to control this area for economic and security reasons. Currently it charges a tariff for ships that pass through the Northern Sea route and also accompanies vessels traveling through the area. Other Arctic nations, including the United States, intend for this to be an international water way. The United States has conducted maritime exercises in the



area in order to establish its position.

All this activity by Russia and China has caused the United States to focus more attention on the Arctic area. The United States is “coming from behind” as it refurbishes its military bases in the Arctic and makes plans to build ships that are ice breakers. A second

challenge is maintaining peace and cooperation that benefitted Arctic nations to this point. It is a changing situation and requires balance and awareness of multinational issues by the Arctic Council advisory group going forward.

The Great Decisions group was disappointed by the prospect of countries developing additional oil, natural gas and rare earth metal reserves in the Arctic. We felt the emphasis should be on renewable energy and clean fuel development. The group acknowledged the challenges of dealing with Russia and China, but felt that cooperating was more beneficial than confrontation. We also felt it is important to “put our own house in order” dealing with the political divisions and divisiveness that separate us.

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SIG: International Study

Contact [Tiina Wilson](#)

Feast of Egyptian food

The International Study group finished its study of Egypt with an incomparable potluck feast of Egyptian food. Peggy is pictured (left)



making "koshari", a traditional Egyptian street food. Veronica's Egyptian-style salad (fingerling potatoes and black lentils) was dressed with "labneh" (yogurt/garlic sauce).



Koshari

Labneh salad



Left: Dan Gross in traditional galabeya (robe) and kefiyeh (head scarf); Veronica Gross wearing a beaded head covering.

Right: Howard Shainberg's colorful head cap is worn by the Nubians in southern Egypt.

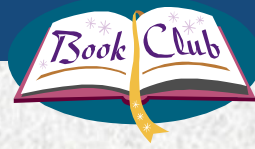


Kitty, locked inside the house, was protesting that she was definitely NOT getting the royal treatment she felt a cat should have at an Egyptian feast!

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SIG - Book

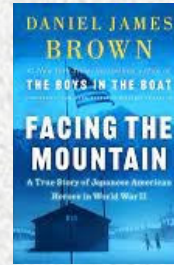


Contact [Saralynn Nusbaum](#)

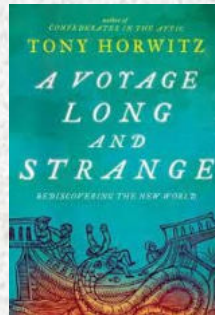
Our next meeting will be on
Tuesday, September 7, at 5:00 pm
hosted by Becky Mock. We will be discussing:

Facing the Mountain

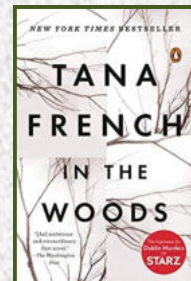
—By Daniel James Brown



Our book group June discussion was held outside on the patio at Saralynn Nusbaum's home. Anne Dolchanczyk provided cranberry cookies. We discussed ***A Voyage Long and Strange*** by Tony Horowitz. It is a look at our history before Columbus. What we all discovered is how much we were never taught in school and how myths of history collide with the facts.



August discussion group was on:
In the Woods by
Tana French



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Contact [Trish Darcy](#)



SIG: Hiking

Contact [Trish Darcy](#)

Beginning in September, the hiking group will meet the **second Saturday of each month**. Put on your hiking boots, grab your camera, and let's enjoy some of this gorgeous countryside!

We Open Eyes



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SIG: **Garden**Contact [Karen Smith](#)

Battles over the tomato plants

—Cindy Harp

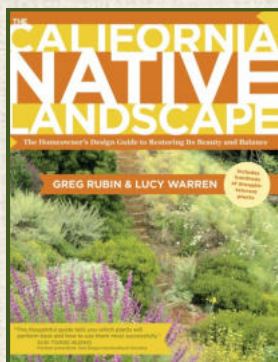
Furry, four-legged beasts take advantage of well-intentioned gardeners

The Gardening SIG met face-to-face for the first time in over a year on Wednesday, July 21st at 1850. As we shared a variety of beverages, we discussed a wide-ranging number of topics around our beleaguered gardens, from an influx of furry pests and safeguards against them, to recommendations for some books about trees, to commiserating at the lack of fruit and vegetables for our efforts. It seems this is a sad year for gardens! The extreme heat and the need for conserving water produce a double-whammy that is challenging us all.

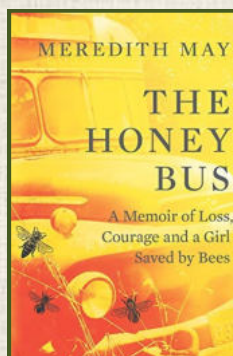
We also shared ideas for upcoming meetings (like getting a Master Gardener to address the group, and inviting an expert in pruning trees to teach us the right way to prune), and ideas for “field trips” to gardening events in other areas. It is clear that we are all eager to make next year a better one for our gardening efforts. Meanwhile, we just enjoyed being together once again and welcoming a few new faces!



Calscape.org is a comprehensive, informative, easily navigable website on native plants of California. Search by plant name, plant type (ground cover, sun-loving, shade, ferns, trees, butterfly hosts, etc). There are thousands of photos. Input your address and it will provide you with information on names of plants that are endemic to your specific site.



Veronica Gross highly recommends this book for anyone thinking of landscaping with California native plants. A serious consideration during these arid times.



Kathy Delaney thought anyone interested in bees and pollination would enjoy this memoir by Meredith May.

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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](#).

COMMUNICATIONS

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WE'RE STILL LOOKING FOR COMMITTEE MEMBERS!

If you've ever wondered what goes on at the state level, or if your talents match with our needs, or if you just plain want to learn something new, check out the open positions on our communications team! We are still looking for individuals with social media experience in LinkedIn, Instagram, Twitter, and/or Facebook to help AAUW California expand our reach and communicate our mission. There are other openings as well. Please take a look [here](#) to learn more about the positions and this committee's responsibilities.

If you have any questions or want more information, please contact us at communications@aauw-ca.org.

We are beginning an exciting new year and hope to see YOU with us!

PUBLIC POLICY

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

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: LEGISLATURE IS CURRENTLY IN SUMMER RECESS

- Key Dates: July 14th was the last day for Policy Committees (e.g Health, Education) to act. The Legislature's summer recess began July 16th

and will reconvene on August 16th. August 27th is the last day for fiscal committees to meet and report bills.

- AB92- a bill related to preschool and childcare services and fees that we are co-sponsoring, is now in Senate Appropriations.
- Of our initial list of 39 bills on which AAUW California took positions or is watching, one has been signed by the Governor (re-hiring employees displaced by the pandemic) and 18 are still active.

State Budget was Signed by Governor Newsom

A one-time influx of federal funds plus unanticipated California tax revenue increases have enabled addressing some issues that will significantly improve child care and education.

The budget:

- Adds 200,000 more subsidized child care spaces, which would almost double the state's total supply.
- Increases the amount the state pays to child care providers for each subsidized child, (although the details have yet to be ironed out).
- Creates transitional kindergarten (TK) for all 4-year-olds.
- Extends the school year and school day for all low-income elementary students.
- Provides \$115 million to develop pathways for an associate degree in which students don't have to spend money on textbooks.
- Provides state-funded breakfast and lunches for all students, starting this fall.
- Invests \$2.8 billion to turn about a third of the state's 10,000 schools into community schools that provide health care, family services, and after-school programs through local partner-

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ships.

- Provides \$4 billion for a mental health and behavior system that will provide screenings, counseling, and therapy from birth through age 25.

SPEECH TREK

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

2022 Speech Trek Topic

"Has the United States lived up to its pledge of 'liberty and justice for all?': Would requiring a class in diversity, equity, and inclusion in a high school setting help ensure liberty and justice for all?"

The 2022 Speech Trek topic is not only drawn from AAUW California public policy priorities but was born out of the national conversation:

Key things to know for 2022 effective August 2021:

- AAUW members may serve as judges at the branch contests (formerly not allowed).
- Speech Trek still strongly encourages branches to reach out and include community leaders/ members to also serve as judges.
- If any potential judge has a conflict of interest--e.g., knows or is acquainted with a contestant--then that potential judge must recuse themselves from judging.
- The Branch Toolkit and the Student Toolkit will be posted soon on the AAUW California website.
- Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for branches wishing to participate in Speech Trek deadline: Nov. 1, 2021
- The final candidate's videos will be presented at the virtual annual meeting, April 23, 2022.
- COVID update: local contests may be held live or virtual, depending on local rules/

regulations.

- Would requiring a class on diversity, equity, and inclusion help ensure liberty and justice for all?

Join the 2022 Speech Trek and find out!

"You can mandate diversity, but you can't mandate inclusion. Inclusion is about behavior, relationships. You have to change hearts and minds."--Esi Minta-Jacobs, VP HR, AssetMark Financial Holdings, Concord, California.

TECH TREK

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

TECH TREK'S VIRTUAL SEASON SUCCESSFULLY CONCLUDED!

Three Camps Served 2020 & 2021 Selected Campers

600+ campers completed the program and 76 branches participated.

So Many Heroes: Volunteer Support Was Incredible!

Many thanks to the 250+ branch members and prior campers who volunteered to be technical or social coaches, 'adults in the room', and logistics coordinators – the virtual camp season couldn't have happened without you!

MixTapes Available for Branches

Would you like a video of your campers' Showcase invention/hat presentation for an upcoming meeting? Contact Mary "Dr. Mimi" Isaac, Virtual Camp Director at 2021ttvirtualcamp@aauw-ca.org

Camp Certificates

Dr. Mimi will coordinate with branches regarding how certificates should be presented. She will send them to branches that want to present them to their campers at recognition events. Contact her

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for details: 2021ttvirtualcamp@aauw-ca.org

Branch Virtual Camp Transfers

Tech Trek Finance will complete camp transfers this month.

Virtual Staff & Volunteer Stipends

Vouchers will be submitted for payment this month.

Qualcomm Partner Brings AAUW Virtual Camps to the Media

Technology education publication THEJournal.com was impressed with the Qualcomm-AAUW partnership for the robotics core class and the Virtual Camp program design! Representatives visited the Camp #3 Showcase to view camper presentations and may interview participants.

Virtual Camper & Counselor Quotes

"I was so disappointed that I couldn't go to camp in 2020 – I'm so happy I came to this camp!"

"I haven't had this much fun in forever!"

"Thanks for pulling me out of my pandemic bubble!"

"I wasn't into STEM before this camp, and I've learned so much that now I'll keep at it!"

"Like the title, the Inspiration Hour women were really inspiring!"

"It's been an honor to be here and so fun – thank you!"

Branch Coordinators, STEM & Tech Trek Teams:

Got post-camp 2021 Virtual Camp Director questions?

Contact Mary "Dr. Mimi" Isaac/2021 Virtual Camp

Director: 2021ttvirtualcamp@aauw-ca.org

Got Tech Trek Program or Finance Questions?

Contact both Tech Trek Co-Coordination at one

email address: Alice Hill & Susan Ne-

grete: techtrek@aauw-ca.org

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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Leadership Team: 2021-2022

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

The *Sierra Outpost*, newsletter of the Mariposa Branch of AAUW, is currently published on the 10th of each month.

Deadline for submissions is the 3rd of the month. Send information/questions to editor: jillrowney@yahoo.com

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