



Sierra Outpost

Happy Holidays!

—Jody Sergienko

We are closing out a calendar year and it has been quite a year! As a team we wanted to give holiday thanks to you, our members, who have stayed with us throughout all of the chaos. Rather than dwell on the not-so-good that has happened to us collectively, let's take a look at what did happen.

We started the year on Zoom, and stress was our middle name(s). And honestly, the first few months we were all just getting through the days keeping healthy and planning for the thaw in social distancing. Thanks to all of you, that planning was not wasted! We had an in-person annual member meeting, and the backpack project was a resounding success. Our Tech Trek team felt that this was the year for "go big or stay home." We

were able to stay home while sending a record number of girls to virtual camp. Whoo hooo! A few 2021 Trekkers volunteered to show off their TT projects at our September program. The meeting in the park proved to be a such a successful combination of safe social distance and in-person meeting that our very successful "Bee" presentation in November was built on this same premise.

And, no, I am not skipping over the amazing comeback for our yard sale fundraiser. Micki Finney and Bonnie Little deserve a special shout out for organizing and presenting this event. Our budget and my garage thank you both!

Just yesterday (the 5th) as I write this we had our branch Christmas party in-person

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and outside at the 1850 Restaurant. Thank you all for braving the chilly weather to celebrate with us. For those of you who could not make it, thank you as well for staying with our branch over the year.

We even have some new members who joined us this year! When you see them, either in person or again on Zoom, be sure to say, "Hi."

Stay tuned for another banner year in 2022 and Happy Holidays from your Leadership Team!



Connect to the *California Connection*

Did you read your “California Connection?” It is a witty outline of what is happening at the state level in an entertaining, personal fashion. And it is written by our own Dawn Johnson! Click [here](#) if you missed it!

Winter Celebrations and Traditions Across the Cultures

From this month’s “Board to Board” Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Committee
Submitted by Lenore Gallin

WISHING YOU A VERY MULTICULTURAL WINTER HOLIDAY SEASON!

This time of year there are many different celebrations across many different cultures. We all have our own celebrations, but it is interesting to hear about and maybe even be able to participate in traditions from other cultures. In our Board to Board communication from AAUW State, they highlighted some of them and we wanted to share them with you as well. Celebrate and enjoy the season!



Bodhi Day is a Buddhist holiday commemorating the day Buddha experienced enlightenment. It is celebrated on December 8th.

Chinese New Year is based on the lunar calendar and the date of celebration shifts from



January to February. Each year features one of the 12 zodiac animals.



Christmas is the commemoration of the birth of Jesus, the Christian messiah. It is celebrated on December 25th (Protestants and Catholics), January 6th (Armenian Orthodox), or January 7th (Eastern Orthodox).

Diwali is a five-day celebration by Hindus around the world during the lunar months of Ashvina and Kartika (October–November).



Epiphany is celebrated 12 days after Christmas, marking the end of the Christmas season. Christians believe that this was when the three kings visited baby Jesus, the Christian messiah.

Hanukkah is celebrated for eight days each November or December. Jews celebrate an ancient miracle in which one day’s worth of oil burned for eight days in the Holy Temple in Jerusalem. The menorah holds eight candles and prayers are recited with the nightly lighting.

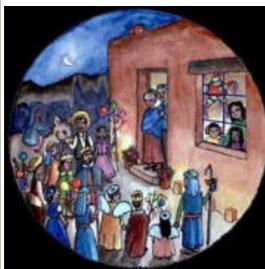


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Kwanzaa, which means “First Fruits,” is a celebration of African culture based on ancient African harvest festivals. It is celebrated by millions of African Americans and Pan-Africans of all religions from December 26th to January 1st.



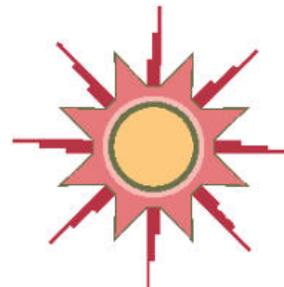
Las Posadas, symbolized by the poinsettia, is a nine-day festival celebrated in Mexico, Central America, and parts of the United States. The holiday starts on December 16th and lasts until Christmas Eve.

Makar Sankranti (Maghi), the Hindu celebration of the harvest, is celebrated on January 14th.



New Year’s Eve/Day is a worldwide celebratory observance of the end of one calendar year and the beginning of the next.

Soyal, celebrated by the Hopi Indians in the Southwest United States, falls on the shortest day of the year. Participants ceremonially bring the sun back from its long slumber.



Winter Solstice (Yule) occurs on the shortest day of the year, usually around December 21st. People all over the world light bonfires and candles to coax back the sun.

Events Calendar

December 11
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SIG—Play Reading: 9:30am, home of Dawn Johnson
SIG— Hiking: Hornitos

2022

January 8
January 11
January 18
January 25

SIG—Hiking: time and place TBD
SIG—Book: 4:00pm, home of Saralynn Nusbaum
SIG—Environmental & Social Issues: 4:30pm, via Zoom
SIG—International Study: 5:00pm, home of Sue Overstreet
Mad Hatter Fundraiser: (on hold)

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Programs

November Program: All about bees

—Trish Darcy

On November 21st, many members of our branch as well as interested people from the community attended an outdoor event. We invited Tim Bryant, local beekeeper and husband of our member Anita, to come talk to us about bees and everything we need to know regarding them. This is part of our theme this year of “Our Changing Times.” We may be struggling these days with climate change, but the bees are also being affected by these changes.

Tim shared with the group that when bees swarm it means that the old queen is leaving the hive with about half the worker bees to start a new hive. Before she leaves, she lays an egg in a cell and the worker bees then feed it royal jelly throughout the development. This is what makes her become a queen. When this new queen is ready to emerge, the old queen leaves with about half the hive and these are the swarms you may have seen. Swarms are a large clump of bees hanging from something: a tree limb, un-



der a picnic table, from a play structure. The good news is that people are now more aware of swarms, and know to call to get them moved to a new hive. Tim said to call Animal Control and they have a list of local beekeepers that will relocate the swarm. He was happy to report that most people these days know not to harm them or have an exterminator spray them.

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We Send Girls to Science/Math Camp

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Tim was also able to share things that we can do to make the bees' lives a bit easier in these difficult times. Droughts are hard on bees and the more we can do to help, the better. Rosemary is a great plant to have in your yard for the bees. This plant blooms at a time when there aren't many other flowering plants, so it is a source of nectar for the bees during lean times. Tar weed is another good plant-for bees, not for us! If there is a way to leave tar weed and not mow it down, that benefits the bees. Of course, cut it down if it is within your 100' Cal Fire clearance! Leaving a water source out for the bees is helpful as well, but once you put water in something, keep it full. Bees are loyal and will keep returning to the spot even if there is no water.

The event was well-attended and the audience was very interested in the subject. Tim brought a couple of hives without bees to show the group. One had some honey combs to look at, minus the honey. He also shared many books that he has found helpful over



the years. We learned many interesting facts and were able to ask many questions. Now we are ready to go out and help these little creatures make it through their difficult times. Bees are an essential part of our food supply, and help to beautify our earth with flowers.



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And upcoming sales locations.



Cindy Harp

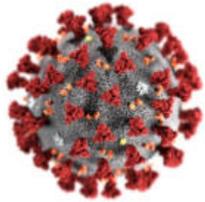
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Health



Covid Corner

-Jody Sergienko

Omicron! Here we go again...

Once again, we start this with, "By the time of publication things may have changed yet again..." What is known right now is- this variant has spread quickly because it has an increased rate of transmission. Europe is seeing an upswing in cases. Will the United States soon follow? That is yet to be seen.

The severity of disease caused by the Omicron variant seems to be about the same as Delta. But with how much easier it spreads, case numbers will go up. The percentage of those hospitalized will be about the same but the absolute number of people sick will increase because of the ease of transmission. We don't know yet how well the current vaccines will work against Omicron. Right now it looks like you can still get it but it will

not be as severe an illness. We'll keep our fingers crossed!

Those interventions that have been keeping us healthy over this last year still apply. Wear a mask when out in public crowds or indoors. Gather outside when you can. If you have to be indoors, increase ventilation. And get your booster shot or get vaccinated if you haven't yet. Vaccines may not 100% prevent infections, they do dramatically decrease the severity of infections. It really is okay to ask visitors to your home if they are vaccinated. And it is okay to not.

Our county continues to have a lower than average percent of vaccinated residents. Keep yourself safe and be kind to those who see life from a different point of view.

Membership

Bonnie Little, Dina Lambert

Mariposa's first drive-through clinic: AAUW Volunteers at work

AAUW members along with members of the Rotary Club have been volunteering at the COVID vaccine clinics. Here are Vinita Bali and Peggy Shainberg at the recent drive-through clinic. Kudos to the Health Department for all the planning and work on the first clinic drive through.



We Provide Opportunities for Women to Reach Full Potential

Membership

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Spotlight on Ruthie Fruehauf

—Kim Monson

Ruthie Fruehauf has been blessed with a thrilling career in art and she has her French teacher to thank. That loving educator suggested and encouraged Ruthie to apply to American University in Paris. So, after graduating from Cranbrook High School near Detroit, she took off for France.

During an idyllic five years earning a degree in art history, Ruthie nabbed a work/study program at a Paris art gallery. She then moved to New York City to work for *Art Forum Magazine*. Ruthie remembers that as a really fun time as she travelled all over the world to attend international shows and conduct business for the magazine. Then, she says, she was seduced by the internet as she worked in development seeking corporate sponsorship for the Dia Art Center in Chelsea, New York. She helped raise needed funds for exciting projects on their website. Later, during the time of the 9/11 crisis, Ruthie wanted to move out of New York. She and her husband bought a ranch in Coarsegold and had an apartment in Venice Beach, CA. After a divorce, Ruthie moved to the Mariposa house where she now lives. She is currently working for Artmoney.com, a Fin/Tech start up from Sydney. Art Money makes it possible for anyone to buy art by providing interest free payment plans. She loves working from home and taking breaks to enjoy her



beloved animals that live on the property.

In her spare time, she has researched the history of her family's company, The Fruehauf Trailer Company. This led her to create several books: *Singing Wheels, August Fruehauf* and the *History of the Fruehauf Trailer Company & The Fruehauf Engineering Story*. She has recently united the remaining international Fruehauf entities towards creating a global cooperative. (The US company went into bankruptcy proceedings in 1997 and the international companies became independent). The remaining international companies, Fruehauf France, Fruehauf UK, Nippon Fruehauf and Fruehauf New Zealand can collaborate and exchange ideas and technology. Ruthie's grandfather invented the 5th wheel semi-trailer in 1914 which launched the semi-trailer industry and the Fruehauf Trailer Company.

To support the high costs of animal care and feed, she began to offer farm tours on her property through Airbnb. She calls this "Coffee with Critters." Guests can come and have a coffee, meet the horse, goats, alpacas, peacocks, pigs, rabbits and chickens in a friendly, safe environment. Ruthie would be happy to offer a portion of her tour proceeds to AAUW for any members wishing to bring out-of-town friends and family on a farm tour. She can be reached through her email ruth@coffeewithcritters.com.

We Open Eyes

Membership

Bonnie Little, Dina Lambert



Member Corner: Idea exchange

Our members share what we have found enlightening and entertaining

—Bonnie Little

Anne Dolchanczyk recommends **MAID** on



Netflix. A single mother trying to escape an abusive relationship turns to housecleaning to make a better life for herself and her daughter. Andie McDowell and her real life daughter star. Anne says that this limited series is very well done.

Vinita Bali listened to a very interesting podcast titled **THIS AMERICAN LIFE, AN INVITATION TO TEA**. It is about a former



Guantanamo detainee who issues an invitation to his captors, guards and aggressors to join him for a conversation. Three of them take him up on the offer. It definitely sounds intriguing!

Peggy Shainberg has enjoyed **SHETLAND** which can be found on Netflix or Amazon Prime Video. It is a crime drama set in the remote Shetland islands off the coast of Scotland. DI Jimmy Perez moves to the islands after the death of his wife and gets involved in a number of murder mysteries. He and his team face storms, corruption, and



cold cases to solve. Peggy said that the stories are good and the characters are well developed.

Trish Darcy has been listening to NPR's podcast **SHORT WAVE**. It consists of short, daily science podcasts of 10 -15 minutes which cover interesting and unique topics. There were many programs devoted to Covid, but Trish has most enjoyed some of the other topics, such as bees, how to choose a health insurance, how to cook the best turkey, and how to prevent an asteroid from crashing into earth. Fun and informative for sure!



By the way, here is some background on the podcast phenomenon. Do you know that the term "Podcast" came from "pod" as in Apple's iPod and "cast" from broadcast. Although most podcasts originate on the Apple device, you may also listen to them on any Android device by using Google Play.

Jody Sergienko immediately responded to my recommendation request with two shows she has been watching on Netflix. The first is THE

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GREAT BRITISH BAKING SHOW. A talented group of amateur bakers compete in a ten-week competition, hoping to be named the best in the United Kingdom. The competition is fierce and the judges and hosts make this show what many reviewers call the



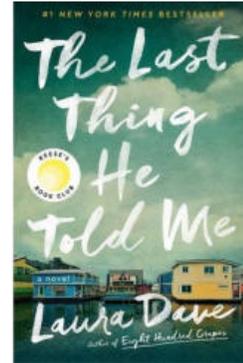
best baking show ever made. The second show that Jody recommends is **BLOWN AWAY: CHRISTMAS.** Glassblowers compete in a series of Christmas-themed challenges.

The winner will receive a \$10,000 cash prize and an additional \$10,000 will be donated to his or her charity of choice. The



pieces of art that the glassblowers create are truly amazing.

I have a book to recommend that I just finished titled **THE LAST THING HE TOLD ME** by Laura Dave. A married woman received a note one day from her husband that said “Protect her” about his daughter, and then he disappeared. The couple had been married about one year, and the wife soon learned that there were many things about her husband that she didn’t know. It was a page turner and I had trouble putting it down.



Many thanks to our contributors who have opened up so many opportunities for us to learn, to analyze, and to relax and enjoy ourselves.

Welcome to our newest member!

Ann Hart just joined our branch. A hearty welcome to you!

Welcome back to Joan McCammon!

Welcome to the Leadership Team!

Jaye Howes didn’t even hesitate when the call went out for the need to fill a vacancy on the Leadership Team. Thank you, Jaye!

Newsletter publication date to return to the first of the month. Deadline for submissions is the 25th of the previous month. Submit all articles to editor, [Jill Rowney](#).

Membership

Bonnie Little, Dina Lambert



Holiday gathering— a lovely afternoon

—Photos by Kim Monson and Trish Darcy



It was a perfectly clear afternoon and the slightly nippy temperature was tempered with much lively conversation. How long had it been since the membership had gathered? Many members delighted in their “Secret Santa” gifts. Others just consumed an array of great culinary offerings while catching up on the latest events of our friends’ busy lives.

Thanks to the organizing committee for making it happen!





**Lively
Conversations**



**Gift
Exchange**



SIG Overview

Special Interest Groups

<p style="text-align: center;">International Study <u>Veronica Gross</u></p>  <p>Learn about a country, a culture, and a people. We study one country each year and meet bi-monthly.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Book Group <u>Saralynn Nusbaum</u></p>  <p>This group meets monthly to discuss both fiction and non-fiction books members chose to read the previous month.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Great Decisions <u>Becky Mock</u></p>  <p>This discussion group meets 6-8 times per year to discuss a set of topics developed by the Foreign Policy Administration (FPA).</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Garden Group <u>Karen Smith</u></p>  <p>The Gardening group meets to discuss a wide range of topics such as the challenges of gardening in the foothills.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Environment & Social Issues <u>Gary Colliver</u></p>  <p style="text-align: center;">THE FUTURE IS OURS TO MAKE</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Play Reading Group <u>Dawn Johnson</u></p>  <p>“The play’s the thing!” meets monthly to do cold readings of various plays that are shared by several California branches.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Hiking Group <u>Trish Darcy</u></p>  <p>The hiking group meets monthly to enjoy each other’s company while hiking new trails in and around Mariposa and Yosemite.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Art Group <u>Jody Sergienko</u></p>  <p>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.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Wine Tasting <u>Carolyn Baker, Cindy Harp</u></p>  <p>The Corks and Forks Wine group meets monthly to experience different types of wines and enjoy them with appetizers and meals paired to complement the varietal being tasted.</p>

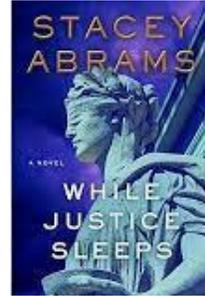
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SIG - Book

Saralynn Nusbaum

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, January 11, at 4:00 pm hosted by Saralynn Nusbaum. We will be discussing:

While Justice Sleeps
by Stacey Abrams



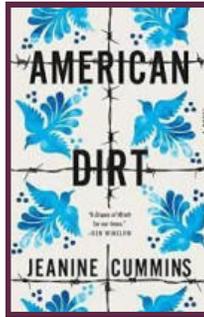
November Book Group Article

Review: *American Dirt*

—Jeanine Cummins

By Becky Mock

The Book Group SIG met on December 7 at Saralynn Nusbaum’s home to discuss American Dirt by Jeanine Cummins. This book is about Lydia and her son Luca fleeing for their lives to America after the rest of their family was murdered by a drug cartel at their home in Acapulco. Miraculously, they survive while 16 other members of their family are slaughtered during a family celebration. While evading



the cartel, Lydia and Luca set out on a dangerous journey headed toward the safety of the United States. The story highlights the immense dangers that immigrants face at home, and it helps to create an understanding of why immigrants would willingly embark on an equally dangerous journey to what they hope will be a safer place.

The book created a huge controversy because Ms. Cummins is neither hispanic nor Mexican, and many folks felt that she did not have the right to tell this story. Our group, however, felt that it was well-written and is a story that needs to be told.



SIG: Great Decisions

Contact [Becky Mock](#)

Is the end of globalization inevitable?

—Betty Massey

On November 10 the Great Decisions group met at Betty Massey’s home. Last month the topic was on Global Supply Chains and this month The End of Globalization? These topics have been important in the news this past month. The discussion at times revolved around the recently seen push toward isolationism and trade barriers and the historical data that indicates all countries fair better with globalization. We discussed several things that create a negative spin on what happened to the supply chain during the Pandemic and recent

effort to jumpstart the economy. A major contributor prior to the Pandemic was the industries’ lack of planning for the well-being of their workers: there was little or no training for new jobs, or assistance in finding new jobs when the industries decided to outsource unskilled jobs to other countries. This presentation was very thought-provoking. It enabled us to consider our attitudes towards the volume of unskilled laborers and people’s desperate need for income.



SIG: International Study

Veronica Gross

—Jill Rowney

Focusing in on Scotland

The AAUW International Group had an informal meeting at Ruffina Roberts' home Tuesday evening of November 16th. Sue Overstreet



shared some of her photos and interesting experiences she had on the Scottish island of Foula. Foula?? Where might that be??? It is a wee little islet in the western Shetland Islands. Check out these maps. Sue was there many years ago as an assistant in the study of an endangered bird species.



We decided that Scotland offers a tremendous variety of topics worthy of closer scrutiny, thus will be the country of

study for the remainder of our meetings this year. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 25th at Sue's and Ruffina will talk about the political climate of Scotland.



Look for more SIG action in 2022.



- SIG: Play Reading** Contact [Dawn Johnson](#)
- SIG: Garden** Contact [Karen Smith](#)
- SIG: Art** Contact [Jody Sergienko](#)
- SIG: Wine** Contact [Carolyn Baker](#) or [Cindy Harp](#)



Climate change: Keeping the heat at bay

—Gary Colliver

Our last Environmental and Social Issues SIG meeting was 11/16, just after the 26th climate change Conference of Parties (COP26) meeting in Glasgow, Scotland.

We discussed the different aspects, successes, and weaknesses of the COP 26 Agreement. Although there were significant promises from many countries to raise the national commitments to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in line with what is needed to meet the 1.5°C Paris Agreement (2015) warming limit, these are promises only, without any enforcement mechanism.

The issues of a finance mechanism by developed countries to support climate change mitigation and adaptation efforts by developing nations, along with "loss and damage" suffered by developing nations, again paid by the developed countries who are most responsible for both historic and current carbon emissions, were high on the agenda. Although promises were made by developed countries to increase contributions to the Climate Finance Fund, past contributions to the climate finance mechanism have not met previous promises. And due to what amounted to a veto by President Biden and the US, action on Loss and Damage went nowhere.

Another topic that got a lot of discussion, particularly in the civil society discussions and protest groups outside the main COP26 meetings was the issue of missing voices of First Nations, Island Nations, least developed nations, and various other minority groups who have done the least to cause climate change. They all will suffer disproportionately. Many from these groups simply couldn't afford

the travel and accommodation expenses to be at the conference.

The announcement by the US and China of a joint agreement to cooperate on holding global warming to 1.5°C, although outside the COP26 process, was hailed as a very positive development and the brightest light at the meetings.

The increased involvement of youth in the civil society discussions and protests also was seen as a bright spot and source of hope.

There's an abundance of retrospectives and reflections on COP26 online for those who want to explore these issue.

The bottom line evaluation from many observers has been that the rapidly closing door to meeting the Paris Agreement goal of holding global warming to well below 2°C, and preferably to 1.5°C to avoid the worst consequences of climate change was kept open by COP26, but just barely.

In the light of our discussion of COP 26, and following up our October meeting discussion about the inability of science and technology, alone, to effectively address the multiple global social and environment crises we face, we also discussed the issues of global governance, xenophobia and, more broadly, prejudice, and widespread poverty that impede humanity's ability to address these crises.

The group decided not to meet in December; our next meeting will be on Tuesday, January 18th at 4:30pm on Zoom.



Allred Road offers amazing views

—Trish Darcy

Look at Those Views!

Six members of the hiking group took a fabulous hike on a fabulous November day right here in Mariposa! We hiked about 4.5 miles—some people counted the miles and some didn't. We began at the 140 side of Allred Road after dropping off a car at the Highway 140 side for our return trip.

The beginning part was uphill, but not super steep. It just kept us huffing and puffing for a bit. After we broke out of some trees, we had to stop and “oooooh” and “aaaaah” at the views. Gorgeous, wide open views greeted us both to the west and to the east in several locations. The deep blue of the sky and the clear, clean air was wonderful. Everything was washed clean by the rain during the week



leaving things sparkling! The weather was beautiful as well, but a bit on the warm side—just ask Dawn! When we had the cover of the trees, it was fine, but out in the sun it was quite warm for November.

Maddy, the Wonderdog, joined us and was happy to run and explore, watching squirrels and anything that caught her eye. She handled the many cattle guards much better than the humans! She didn't even hesitate to walk right over them carefully placing her paws on the bars. The humans, however, paused to plot the best way across, sometimes taking the side route, sometimes cautiously stepping across the middle. She was an adventurous dog for certain!

All in all, we all agreed it was a wonderful hike and highly recommend it to people, very few cars, houses, or people; just peace and quiet and beautiful scenery.



Our December 11th hike will take us exploring the historic town of Hornitos.



AAUW - Mariposa Branch
Leadership Team Meeting
December 6, 6:00 p.m.
Sergienko Residence

Members present:

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

Unable to Attend:

Karen Sutton, Member at Large – Karen previously submitted her resignation from the Leadership Team due to conflicting commitments.

Meeting was called to order at 18:05 by Jody Sergienko.

Minutes (*Rebecca Swisher*):

Approval of November's Meeting Minutes: Dina Lambert moved to approve November's minutes. Trish Darcy seconded. All in favor. Jaye Howes abstended due to not having attended the last meeting.

Membership Update (*Dina Lambert, Bonnie Little*)

- **Directory** – Dina Lambert reported that all Directories were sent out through the Midpines Post Office, and this process went well.
- **Update on Member Corner** – Bonnie submitted a Member Corner update to Jill Rowney for this month's newsletter.
- **Membership** – Bonnie Little reported that one new member joined at the Bee presentation and a previous member re-joined at the Holiday Party yesterday. She will send out contact information for these folks via e-mail. Total number of members is now 78.

Finance Report (*Dina Lambert*):

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

- Income: \$3,229.92 (Yard Sale \$3,229.92) (*Net Yard Sale Income - \$3,129.92*)
- Expenses: \$170.71 (Postage to mail Directories \$90.16; Supplies \$42.07; Website fee \$6.00; Programs – Facilities \$15.00; Programs – Hospitality \$17.48)
- Ending Balance: \$12,546.20
- Dina Lambert reported that there are no outstanding transactions pending.
- Rebecca Swisher moved to accept the November 2021 Treasurer's Report as presented. Kim Monson seconded. All in favor with no nays or abstentions.

Standing Projects:

Dinner with a Scientist (*Marilyn Saunders*)

Jody Sergienko reported that this project is on hold until further notice.

Backpack (*Kim Monson & Rebecca Swisher*)

This project is on hold until next year.

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

Kim Monson reported that she made two efforts to get students to sign up for this project, and no students registered, so at this time the event will not be held for 2021-2022. The AAUW Speech Trek topic for this year is “Has the United States 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 group discussed potential challenges that impact interest in this event, including topic and timing of the project as well as location for students to express interest.

Jody Sergienko will coordinate a follow-up meeting for sub-committee to discuss the future of this event on 01/09/2021 at 10:00 at Kim Monson’s house.

Tech Trek (*Trish Darcy*)

2022 Tech Trek Update: Trish Darcy reported that there is no further update at this time.

Fundraisers:

“Mad Hatter’s Party” (*Sandi Gabe*)

Jody Sergienko reported that this fundraiser has been postponed.

Yard Sale!

Bonnie Little reported that there is a potential for another Yard Sale in the spring, but the team is definitely looking to hold this event again in the fall.

Programs:

Vocational Training/Internship & Scholarships (*Jody Sergienko*)

- Jody Sergienko requested another person to help her coordinate this program. Dina Lambert said that once she retires, she would be willing to help with this, but that she does not have the time until then.
- **2021-2022 Theme** – “Changing Times”
- February 2022 Program/Event – Social Event – Bonnie Little to facilitate event
- March 13, 2022 Program – **Changing Yosemite: Past & Future** – Jaye Howes to facilitate event
 - ◊ Speakers – Trish Darcy
 - ◊ Insurance – Jaye Howes to coordinate with Dina Lambert
 - ◊ Advertisements – Jaye Howes
 - ◊ Appetizers & Beverages – Jaye Howes

Old Business:

None at this time.

New Business:

- **Donation of projector** made to AAUW from Jody Sergienko’s neighbor

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- Bonnie Little will coordinate to have a thank you letter written
- **Option for Program (Trish Darcy)**
 - Greg Little offered to present to the group about **small town journalism**
 - The Leadership Team discussed this topic and determined that a focus on the role of female journalists would be interesting
- **Option for Program (Saralynn Nusbaum)**
 - **Ballot Measure for John C. Fremont Healthcare District**
 - Saralynn Nusbaum will coordinate this program for April and will ask Rebecca Swisher for support/assistance where needed

Newsletter Assignments:

Member Profile: January/February 2022 – *Kim Monson*

Lead Article (Admin Overview): January/February 2022 – *Cindy Harp*

Board to Board: January/February 2022 – *Cindy Harp*

Cindy Harp will coordinate with Jill Rowney to provide a link to Dawn Johnson's review of the information for future newsletters rather than providing a separate synopsis

COVID Update: January/February 2022 – *Jody Sergienko*

Leadership Meeting Lead:

January 2022: (agenda) – *Cindy Harp*

Branch Buzz (Trish Darcy):

Trish Darcy will send out the Branch Buzz.

Action Items:

None at this time.

Upcoming Dates:

January 2022:

Monday, January 3, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. – Leadership Team Meeting – via Zoom

Sunday, January 9, 2021 at 10:00 – Planning Session for Tech Connect – at Kim Monson's house

February 2022:

Date and time TBD – AAUW Social Event

March 2022:

Date and time TBD – Yosemite Past & Future Program – Location TBD, but will look into holding this program at Mariposa County Park

April 2022:

Date and time TBD – Ballot Measure for John C. Fremont Healthcare District – Location TBD

May 2022:

June 2022:

Date and time TBD – Annual Meeting at Location TBD

Meeting adjourned 7:27 p.m. by Jody Sergienko. Bonnie Little seconded. All in favor with no nays

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Leadership Team: 2021-2022			
Jody Sergienko	Co-Admin	Back Pack Project	Kim Monson & Rebecca Swisher
Cindy Harp	Co-Admin	Dinner With a Scientist	Marilyn Saunders
Dina Lambert	Finance, Co-Membership	Goodwill Ambassador	Anne Dolchanczyk
Bonnie Little	Co-Membership	Newsletter Editor	Jill Rowney
Rebecca Swisher	Recording Secretary	Publicity	Jody Sergienko
Trish Darcy	Team Member; Tech Trek	Social Media	Dina Lambert
Kim Monson	Team Member	Tech Connect*	Kim Monson & Rebecca Swisher
Saralynn Nusbaum	Team Member	Tech Trek	Trish Darcy & Barbara Silva
Jaye Howes	Team Member	Website	Dina Lambert
		Yardsale	Bonnie Little & Micki Finney
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