



## Sierra Outpost

# Permission granted to have a stress-free holiday

—Jody Sergienko

Sometimes just enough is enough. This next month is probably the most joyously stressful time of the year. Joyous, because we gather with friends and family. Stressful, because there are so many expectations!

Do you try to be all things to those around you, to live up to all those expectations? Do you try to see all and do all of the holiday events? Admit it right now. It is simply not possible. You can only be yourself and you can't do that if you're spreading yourself thinner than a cracker! Being your wonderful self is enough!

A part of being yourself is choosing those holiday activities which truly bring you joy. Don't love "The Nutcracker?" Then it is so not worth a long drive to see it! Christmas parade lights you up? Then bundle up and stake your claim at the roadside. Choose those events which bring you joy.

This is also the season to traditionally think of others. Gifts for your family are at the top of that list, so shop locally and bring the gift of your patronage to the friends and neighbors who run those businesses. We also look to give gifts or support to those who are less fortunate. This year those thoughts may go

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beyond a "giving tree" to the friends and neighbors who lost all in the fires.

Even in our generous giving spirit, we have to be our authentic selves, choose where our hearts go, and know it is okay to say, "That is enough."

## Events Calendar

### 2022-23

- Dec 4      **SIG—Wine:** 4:00pm, home of Jaye Howes  
 Dec 5      **Leadership Team Meeting:** 6:00pm, Zoom  
 Dec 6      **SIG—Book:** 4:00pm, home of Saralynn Nusbaum  
 Dec 10     **SIG—Hiking:** time and place TBD



**December 11**

**Holiday Party: 3:00pm-6:00pm, home of Dawn Johnson**

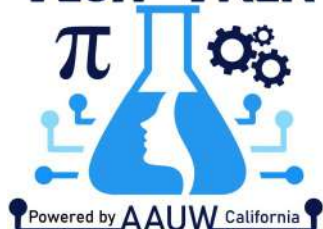


- Jan 9      **Leadership Team Meeting:** 6:00pm, Zoom  
 Jan 14     **SIG—Hiking:** time and place TBD  
 Jan 17     **SIG—International Study:** 5:00pm, (location TBD)  
 Jan 19     **SIG—Great Decisions:** 4:30pm, home of Becky Mock

**Annual Yard Sale** postponed until spring

### Project: Tech Trek

# TECH TREK



## All systems a “go” for 2023

—Trish Darcy

We are so excited to get this program going again! I have already contacted the schools to get them ready to nominate their campers for this summer. We are ready for your help with this program as we can not run it without our members' help.

We do have many new members, so here is a quick rundown of what Tech Trek is. AAUW California runs a week-long STEM camp at several campuses in the state. Our girls go to Fresno State. The program costs \$900 per girl and we cover the cost for the girls we select asking the parents for a \$50 contribution. Here is a link to the website to see more of what Tech Trek is all about. <https://www.aauw-ca.org/tech-trek/>

We do have a lengthy process to be sure we select campers that will be the best fit. What we need right now are people willing to score applications/essays.

I do not have exact dates yet, but am guessing it will be in March. We need 5 volunteers for this. No experience whatsoever is necessary! We will train you and give you everything you need. The applications are available online and you can do all the scoring online or if you prefer, I can print them and you can do them with paper and pencil. This is a rewarding experience.

We also need 3 members to volunteer to interview the students selected from the applications/ essays. These will be in person and we used the town park last year. We are hoping that this will be the end of March. Again, we do not have the exact date yet. And, again, no experience is necessary! All training will be provided. Both of these opportunities are very rewarding. You get to read what these top students have to say or get to meet them in person. Please consider volunteering for one of these jobs. This is such a great way for you to get involved in one of our projects. Let me know which job you would like to volunteer for!

## Membership Event

# Find the Evite to RSVP



## It's Party Time!

You should have already received the Evite in your email for our exciting in-person, indoor, normal holiday gathering on **Sunday, December 11th from 3-6pm**. Don't see it there? Check your spam/junk mail. For some reason, our email programs respond to Evite as junk! What?! A party that we might miss? How dare they! So find that email somewhere and RSVP to let us know you'll be joining for some "Merry and Bright" and "Ho Ho Ho." We will enjoy each other's company and conversation and, as always, spouses are welcome. Just be sure to RSVP on the Evite.

Dawn and Jay Johnson have graciously offered their home for the event. We will provide non-alcohol drinks. It is BYOB if you want anything else to drink. You should also bring a savory item or a sweet item to share.

This year we want to collect items to donate to our local women's shelter so we ask that each person coming to the party bring an item to donate. What better way to support the AAUW mission than by giving to women who find themselves needing a little help and support to get through a rough spot in their lives? We will have a spot at the party for you to place the items you choose to donate.

The shelter's suggested donations:

- Bath towels
- Full and twin bedding and blankets
- New pillows, blankets
- Complete dish sets

—Trish Darcy

- Reusable/disposable food storage containers
- Gallon-sized Ziplocs, foil, plastic wrap
- Kleenex, toilet paper
- Cleaning supplies, laundry soap
- Magazine subscriptions (Disney and Me, Highlights, Nickelodeon, National Geographic for Kids, Zoobooks, American Girl, Ranger Rick, Ebony, Time, People, Good Housekeeping, Ladies Home Journal, and People in Spanish)
- Umbrellas
- VHS tapes and VCRs or DVDs and DVD players
- Commercial vacuum
- Diapers-all sizes



We Inspire Life-Long Learning

## Membership

Bonnie Little, Dina Lambert



### Additional ways to spread kindness

—Kim Monson

Happy Holidays everyone! For this newsletter, I thought you might like to hear about some

of the organizations around town that are having holiday drives or can always use your support. It **is** the giving season and we at AAUW **are** giving people!

First, there is the **Kops for Kids** “Holiday Joy and Warm Winter Clothing Drive & Giveaway.” This drive takes place from December 1<sup>st</sup> through 16<sup>th</sup>. They are asking for new unwrapped toys or new (or **gently** used) jackets, mittens, gloves, and beanies for local families. These items can be dropped off at Mariposa Safe Families at 4983 8<sup>th</sup> St., the sheriff’s station, Yosemite Bank or Pony Expresso.

You can also adopt a family or child by going into **Pony Expresso** and taking the age and gender of a kid or a family from their giving tree. Then you get to go shopping and bring back the wrapped item(s) for your adopted child or family to Pony. Please include the tag you took from the tree so they know whom to give it to.

**Mana House** is in need of money or food donations for their Christmas Dinner Giveaway boxes. They are located at 5127 Charles Street in town.

The following is a list of needs for the residents of **Mountain Crisis’s Domestic Violence Shelter**. Many of them are meant to help residents transfer to their own homes and many are current needs. As a women’s group, I know we will all want to help.

- **Bath towels**
- **New pillows**
- **Bedding/blankets (full/twin)**
- **Reusable/disposable food containers**
- **Magazine subscriptions (especially for kids)**
- **Complete dish sets**
- **Gallon-size Ziploc bags**
- **Foil and plastic wrap**
- **Kleenex**
- **Toilet paper**
- **Cleaning supplies**
- **Laundry soap**
- **Umbrellas**
- **DVDs and DVD players**
- **Commercial vacuum**
- **Diapers – all sizes**

Last, we can support **Heritage House** and its care for homeless people in our county. The needs of the homeless include:

- **Towels**
- **Sleeping bags**
- **Tents**
- **Gloves**
- **Tarps**

We Send Girls to Science/Math Camp



**GOV TREK**  
AAUW California

## Project: Gov Trek

# Exciting new project needs volunteers

—Kim Monson

AAUW California is starting a new program called Gov Trek. As the name suggests, this program will provide high school junior and senior girls with the opportunity to hear about careers in government and public service from panelists who are current officeholders, staff, and campaign leaders. While women have made significant gains since the first “Year of the Woman” thirty years ago, we are still nowhere near being at parity with men. The goal of this program is to expose the next generation to opportunities in leadership in an effort to further close that gender gap. Best of all, this program is free to students and AAUW branches. Leadership member, Kim Monson, is contacting Mariposa County High School and Sierra Home School to promote this opportunity.

The program will be entirely online over five two-hour sessions starting January 28<sup>th</sup>. The first two sessions will have them learn from the panelists. The next two sessions will have them working in groups with an adult facilitator to complete activities such as writing speeches or designing political messages. In the last session, students will work in teams of six to create a realistic campaign simulation that will be evaluated by VIP industry judges

with awards in several categories.

This wonderful program will only be possible if there are volunteers to facilitate the breakout rooms. Breakout room facilitators will manage a group of up to 15 students via Zoom. Facilitators will help them stay on task, assist with the understanding and implementation of assigned activities, and facilitate collaboration among the group for active participation. It is likely that the groups will be mostly self-directed. There will be a Zoom volunteer training in early January. 12 volunteers are needed for each of the January 28 and February 11 sessions and 25 volunteers are needed for each of the February 25 and March 11 sessions. You may volunteer to facilitate any of the sessions for which you are available. You **do not have to do them all**.

For more information, go to [AAUW-CA.org](http://AAUW-CA.org), click the programs/project link at the top of the page, click on the Gov Trek link, then scroll down to the bottom of the page to find the volunteer information link.

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## Daily Doses of kindness to dish out

Are you looking for simple ways to brighten someone’s day this holiday season? Here is a simple calendar of ideas. Pick one to try, pick 5 or pick them all! It is just something fun to try if you are so inclined. Click [Here](#) for a direct link to the pdf.

**December Kindness 2022**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
			1 Spread kindness and share the December calendar with others	2 Contact someone you can't be with to see how they are	3 Offer to help someone who is facing difficulties at the moment	4 Support a charity, cause or campaign you really care about
5 Give a gift to someone who is homeless or feeling lonely	6 Leave a positive message for someone else to find	7 Give kind comments to as many people as possible today	8 Do something helpful for a friend or family member	9 Notice when you're hard on yourself or others and be kind instead	10 Listen wholeheartedly to others without judging them	11 Buy an extra item and donate it to a local food bank
12 Be generous. Feed someone with food, love or kindness today	13 See how many different people you can smile at today	14 Share a happy memory or inspiring thought with a loved one	15 Contact an elderly neighbour and brighten up their day	16 Look for something positive to say to everyone you speak to	17 Give thanks. List the kind things others have done for you	18 Ask for help and let someone else discover the joy of giving
19 Contact someone who may be alone or feeling isolated	20 Help others by giving away something that you don't need	21 Appreciate kindness and thank people who do things for you	22 Congratulate someone for an achievement that may go unnoticed	23 Choose to give or receive the gift of forgiveness	24 Bring joy to others. Share something which made you laugh	25 Treat everyone with kindness today, including yourself!
26 Get outside. Pick up litter or do something kind for nature	27 Call a relative who is far away to say hello and have a chat	28 Be kind to the planet. Eat less meat and use less energy	29 Turn off digital devices and really listen to people	30 Let someone know how much you appreciate them and why	31 Plan some new acts of kindness to do in 2023	

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## AAUW California



### 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!

We Provide Opportunities for Women to Reach Full Potential

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## Member Corner: Idea exchange

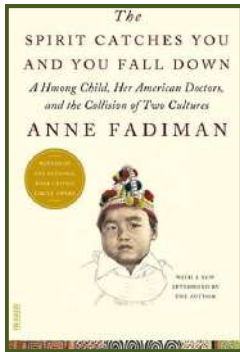
*Our members share what we have found enlightening and entertaining*

Are you looking for something to read or watch as the weather turns colder? Check out these suggestions from our members!

Jody Sergienko recommends **"Island of the Sea Wolves"**, a docuseries on Netflix. Will Arnett narrates this fascinating series about wild Vancouver Island, where the ocean nurtures all variety of wildlife from bald eagles to sea wolves who swim in the frigid water.



Jill Rowney read a very interesting book about a Hmong family in Merced titled **The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down** by Anne Fadiman. It is the true story of a Hmong child, her American doctors, and the collision of two cultures. This book won the National Book Critics Circle Award.

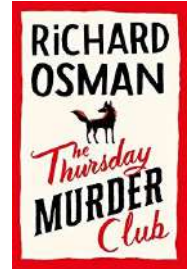


Jill also enjoyed the two **Enola Holmes** specials on Netflix. Enola is the baby sister of Sherlock Holmes. Set in the Victorian era, Enola (backwards spells "alone") is a character invented by author Nancy Springer, who published the first book in the Enola Holmes Mystery series in 2006. The books were so popular that two movies were made. Enola



follows in the footsteps of her famous brother and becomes a super sleuth in her own right.

Peggy Shainberg recommends **The Thursday Murder Club**, a novel by Richard Osman. In a peaceful retirement community in England, four senior citizens meet once a week to look at cold cases and see if they can solve them. When a murder happens, the quartet of septuagenarians find themselves trying to solve this case. The characters are quirky and very entertaining. There are two additional books featuring these characters.



Trish Darcy watched **"Maid"**, a drama series on Netflix. It is the story of Alex, a single mother who turns to cleaning houses as a way to make ends meet, as she leaves an abusive relationship. Her focus is on making a better life for her daughter as she overcomes homelessness and dealing with the bureaucracy of government agencies as she tries to get help. The title character is played by Margaret Qualley, and her mother is played by Andie McDowell, who is her mother in real life. As you watch, you will see Alex encounter many obstacles, but she continues to persevere. The series has ten episodes.



Thank you to these contributors for their great recommendations! Please email me anytime with your suggestions so others can enjoy.  
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## Membership

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### Spotlight on Jill Harry

—Kim Monson

Most of us know Jill Harry from her various school and community volunteer efforts. Want something done? Just ask Jill and, poof! It happens! I'd like to tell you more about her.



Jill was born in St. Louis, Missouri and lived there until she left for college. She attended the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor and earned a degree in English. Following college, Jill was curious to experience the Bay Area so she joined a group of college friends who had moved there. Over the next 10 years, Jill lived in several neighborhoods in Oakland and San Francisco. She used her degree to get an entry-level job in publishing. Then, as is so common in the industrial world, she accepted jobs at other publishing companies every couple of years to move up in the industry, earning raises and promotions. Somewhere along the way, Jill met Jon, moved to LA (San Pedro), married Jon, and had two kids.

Jill and her family moved to Catheys Valley in 2003 for Jon's job. When her third child was born, it was time to quit publishing. But did she really quit? Jill? No. She found tons of volunteer work that could be done on her own schedule. At the time, there were no preschools in Catheys Valley, so Jill and her friends got to work and created one. In the process, Jill became a "First

5" commissioner. When her oldest child started at Catheys Valley Elementary, Jill joined and was active in the Parent Teacher Improvement Club (PTIC). When that school was closed, Jill and her friends became activists again, working to create Sierra Foothill

Charter School. Usually, it takes a couple of years to get a charter school started. Jill's group was so effective, they got it done in a year.

When her oldest was in eighth grade, Jill joined the MCHS Academic Boosters Club supporting the high school. She has been president of that organization for the past six years. When her youngest son graduates from MCHS in June, Jill will be ready to give up that position and move on.

Responding to the Oak Fire disaster, Jill was hired as one of the twelve Fire Case Managers at the Alliance for Community Transformations, helping the 204 families impacted by the fire, many of whom lost their homes. It's a temporary job and when it's over, what will she do next?

Well, Jill is finally ready to take time for herself. She and Jon plan to increase their travel, starting with trips to Panama and Alaska. She'll also have more time for hiking and taking photos. When I asked Jill what her family might say was unusual about her, Jill thinks they would say she volunteers too much. I'd say our community is all the better for it. Thank you, Jill!



# Membership

Bonnie Little, Dina Lambert

## Welcome to another new member!

### Vanessa Cummings

I have been living in Mariposa with my sister Christina and twin nieces Ellie and Grace for over a year and a half. I currently work as the Public Health Educator for Mariposa County (Tobacco Prevention and CalFresh Healthy Living).

I am an "Aunty" to many nieces and nephews from California to Tennessee and I

am a "fur-mom" to two dogs and a cat (Mavi, Lake, and Huckleberry). I was born and grew up in San Diego, CA. I'm first generation to attend college, first at CSU San Diego then to CSU Northridge where I received my bachelor and master degrees in public health education. I have worked and lived in different places, from Lancaster, California to Yellowstone National Park, the Tennessee Department of Health, and now here, to lovely Mariposa. I'm grateful to have landed in this beautiful rural area. It reminds me a bit of Tennessee with a national park as its backyard.

I'm anxious to meet and build relationships within this group and to further serve the community. I love



learning from others and Covid made it a bit slower for me to make friends and connections here. So I've joined the wine and hiking SIGs initially so far and am grateful for this opportunity, thank you for the warm welcome at the recruitment event. See ya around!




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### Holiday Shopping Spree— a fun afternoon in Mariposa

—Trish Darcy

A total of 10 AAUW members along with a couple of other friends enjoyed the local shops for a brisk afternoon of shopping last month. Only 8 members were present for the picture: Micki Finney, Kathy Delaney, Jody Sergienko, Maryann Dvorak, Jill Rowney, Trish Darcy, and new members Liz Darcy and Marti Fazio. Anne Dolchanczyck and Dina Lambert joined us later.

We all found wonderful treasures and found there was a mix of items to give to others as well as items to keep for ourselves. Hey, why not? There were so many wonderful items in our local shops that we could not pass them up. We suggest taking some time to shop locally and pick up a few treasures. Nobody will know if they are for you or for someone else.

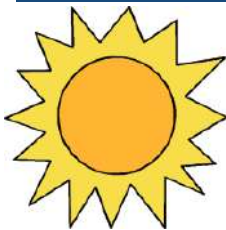
We finished the afternoon with a glass of wine at The Local Grape and then a second stop at The Grove House for another drink and food to take home for dinner. All in all, we had a great time and enjoyed ourselves!



L-R: Trish, Marti, Jill, Maryann, Jody, Kathy, Micki, Liz



First stop: Chocolate Soup!



### Being there for each other

Ann Dolchanczyk, our branch's "Good Will Ambassador," has offered to arrange for transportation to and from medical appointments for our members. If you might be in need, please reach out to Ann at [dolchanczyk1944@gmail.com](mailto:dolchanczyk1944@gmail.com).

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**SIG Overview**

## Special Interest Groups (SIGs)

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>International Study</b> <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;"><b>Book Group</b> <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;"><b>Great Decisions</b> <u>Becky Mock</u></p>  <p>This discussion group meets monthly to discuss a set of topics developed by the Foreign Policy Association (FPA).</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Garden Group</b> <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;"><b>Environment &amp; Social Issues</b> <u>Gary Colliver</u></p> 	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Play Reading Group</b> <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;"><b>Hiking Group</b> <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;"><b>Art Group</b> <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;"><b>Wine Tasting</b> <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>

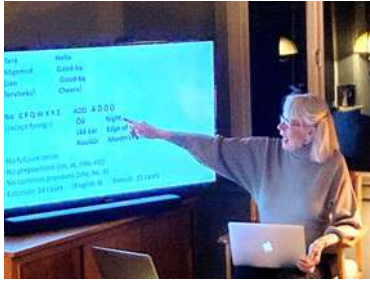
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 **SIG: International Study** Veronica Gross

### An introduction to Estonia

—Jill Rowney

Tiina Wilson gave a powerful presentation of her homeland, Estonia, to the International Study Group SIG members and their guests. Her talk ranged from basic general geographic facts and interesting quirks of the language (hence the double “i” in Tiina’s name) to the harrowing tales of Russian occupation and escape under fire.



Our next meeting on January 17th will focus on Finland.



 **SIG: Play Reading** Contact Dawn Johnson

### Who dun it? We did!

—Dawn Johnson

Struck by Covid and busy schedules, the Play Reading Group was reduced to only three people to read the Agatha Christie play, “The Unexpected Guest.” Her plays are known for a large cast of eccentric characters, most of whom are red herrings in her who-dun-its, so it was daring to read it with so many parts and so few readers. But the play must go on! Thanks go to Kim Monson for hosting, to Karen Silver for delivering the plays, and to those who read multiple parts and kept track of who they were. The play was declared to be “funny,” but that might

have been more due to goofing up on who was supposed to be reading which parts.

The next play is “Man from Earth,” by Jerome Bixby. It’s a sci-fi play based on a Star Trek script featuring a 14,000-year-old professor asking the question: “Would you want to be immortal?” Readers can ponder that until our December meeting.

*Editor’s note: Due to busy schedules, the December reading had to be canceled. The question of desiring immortality is still floating in space and time awaiting an answer.*

**We Provide Opportunities for Women to Reach Full Potential**

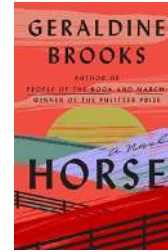


## SIG - Book

[Saralynn Nusbaum](#)

Our **next meeting will be on Tuesday, December 6 at 4:30 pm** at the home of Saralynn Nusbaum. We will be discussing:

***Horse***  
by Geraldine Brooks



***The Change***  
by Kirsten Miller

**Discussion notes**  
by Trish Darcy



Nessa, and Harriett took matters into their own hands.

Most people enjoyed the book, as it was very different from others we had read. Some were understandably skeptical of these women's superpow-

The group discussed *The Change* by Kristen Miller. We all decided that the title was not the best for the book and was a bit misleading.

Guided by voices only Nessa can hear, the trio of women discover a body of a teenage girl abandoned beside a remote beach. The police had written the victim off as a drug-addicted sex worker, but the women refused to buy into that official narrative. Their investigation into the girl's murder led to finding more bodies, and to the town's most exclusive and isolated enclave, a world of stupendous wealth where the rules don't apply. With their newfound powers, Jo,

ers. None of us felt there was a whole lot to the book until we started discussing it and found that the deeper we dug, the more interesting ideas we found. One of the more interesting ideas to me was that these three women were working to protect (in their own way, whether it be legal or illegal), "girls that the world felt it was okay to forget." This seems to point to current events such as the Jeffery Epstein case and missing and exploited indigenous women. We think the author was trying purposefully to bring these issues to light.

It was a fun read and we recommend you try it out!

## SIG: Wine

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



A December gathering is planned for the 4th at the home of Jaye Howes. We will be tasting our favorite red blends (and visiting with our favorite friends).

We Open Eyes



## SIG: Great Decisions

Contact [Becky Mock](#)

### SIG's year takes on some heavy topics

—Peggy Shainberg

The Great Decisions SIG met at Becky Mott's home to discuss, China and the Quad. What is the Quad? It's four countries, Australia, India, Japan, and the United States. The alliance was formed to combat the encroachment of China in the South China Sea and the greater area. We listened to the lecture by The Foreign Policy Association and had a lively discussion, including a letter from

Taipei and personal feelings about the current situation.

We will meet again on January 19, the subject will be outer space. Beth Tomsick will lead the discussion. It is especially interesting that her son is currently at UC Berkeley, teaching and researching this area. Contact Becky if you would like to join us.



## SIG: Hiking

Contact [Trish Darcy](#)

The Thanksgiving Holiday season supplanted hikes for November, but look for a hike on December 10th-at the Stockton Creek Preserve led by a docent with Sierra Foothill Conservancy. January's hike is scheduled for the 14th.



AAUW - Mariposa Branch  
Leadership Team Meeting  
November 7, 2022 , 6:00pm  
Zoom

#### **Members in attendance:**

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

Meeting called to order by Jody at 6:05

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We Value Education



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**Minutes** (Trish Darcy):

- Approval of October meeting minutes- approved electronically and submitted to Jill for the newsletter

**Membership Update** (Dina Lambert, Bonnie Little)

- Current Member Numbers-85 members! Waiting on 2 more that said they were interested.
- Update on Member Corner-Bonnie will be ready for this coming month
- Directory Update-Bonnie will work with Dina to get directories to those who have recently joined and to those members that we haven't caught up with yet.

**Finance Report** (Dina Lambert, Rebeca Swisher):

The expenditures for October were: \$201 National Dues, \$120 State Dues, \$6 website hosting, \$21.86 hospitality, \$60 advertising for candidate forum for a total of \$408.86 in expenditures

- The income for October was: \$201 National Dues, \$120 State Dues, \$43 donations from those who joined for a total income of \$364
- The ending balance for October was: \$5731.68

Trish moved to approve the financial report. Kim seconded it. Motion carried.

**Standing Projects:**

- **Dinner with a Scientist** (Marilyn Saunders)  
Saralynn will reach out to Marilyn to see if this will happen in the spring.
- **Backpack** (Kim Monson & Rebecca Swisher)  
Holding until time to start up again
- **Tech Trek** (Trish Darcy)  
2023 waiting for a response from the camp treasurer to see how much we have in our account to determine how much we will pay this year.
- **Tech Connect** (Kim Monson & Rebecca Swisher)  
We got 4 participants, a boy/girl team, and 3 single girls. Kim will be meeting with the kids to get them going and get them in contact with the mentors. Videos due 11/29. In Dec. members will vote on them. Early Jan. will be a presentation of the winning videos for the membership.

**Fundraisers:**

- **Yard Sale**-Bonnie is willing to spearhead this in the spring but needs 2-3 more people to help her out. Possibly in early May. Bonnie will reach out to Helene for availability. Bonnie will send an email asking members to help out.
- **Mad Hatter Fundraiser**-Sandi called the fairgrounds and all dates that she was available were booked, except early in the spring and she was afraid of weather then. She has proposed a "no event" fundraiser and will target it for Tech Trek. Dina moved to approve this type of fundraiser. Kim seconded. Motion carried.

**Programs:** These are our current plans

- 12/7 Homeowner's Insurance-this is getting postponed to allow for more planning time. Looking to move to February.

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- 12/11 Holiday Gathering
  - \* Dawn's house from 3-6 PM so that their lights can be seen as we leave.
  - \* Gift Exchange-We discussed doing a White Elephant gift exchange this year.
  - \* Trish will check with Dawn on this and the other details and then will send out the Evite after Thanksgiving.
  - \* Members will bring a sweet or savory item to share. We will cover non-alcoholic drinks, paper goods, and decorations, if needed.
  - \* BYOB for anything else to drink
- Jan. Vinita's Program-late January?
- Early January will be the viewing of Tech Connect winning videos
- Feb. Disabilities or Insurance
- 6/11 Annual Meeting

#### **Old Business:**

- New Banner-Anne ordered, but Tim hasn't gotten back to her with graphic design. The shopping spree was attended by 10 members and was a fun event.

#### **New Business**

- Instagram Account-Trish will work with Sandi to get this done.
- Location for next month's meeting-Jody will host
- Extend membership to Oakhurst???-will put this on hold for now. We have Oakhurst members and it is in the Gazette, so they have access to the information. Christmas Parade-too soon. We'll look at planning for the Butterfly parade

#### **Newsletter Assignments:**

- Member Profile:
  - December 2022 -Kim will do this
- Lead article (Admin Overview):
  - December 2022 -Trish, Kim, Jody will write about giving trees, good donations, clothing donations, nursing home donations, Calendar of giving ideas.
- COVID Update:
  - On hold until needed

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

- December 2022: (agenda)-Jody will lead the meeting and do the agenda

#### **Branch Buzz (Trish Darcy):**

- Trish Darcy will send out the Branch Buzz

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We Send Girls to Science/Math Camp





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**Action Items:**

- Bonnie and Dina will work together to get the directories to those who still need them.
  - Bonnie will email members to get a yard sale committee
  - Trish will contact Dawn for Holiday Party details
  - Trish will coordinate with Vinita for her program in January
  - Trish will work with Sandi to get us an Instagram account
- Jody, Kim, and Trish will write the lead article for next month about giving opportunities in the community.

Bonnie moved to adjourn. Dina seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:10

**Upcoming Dates:**

- 12/5 Leadership Team Meeting Jody’s 6 PM
- 12/11 Holiday Gathering
- Jan. Viewing of Tech Connect Videos
- Jan. Vinita’s Program
- Feb. Disabilities or Insurance
- 6/11 Annual Meeting

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Leadership Team: 2022-2023		Back Pack Project	<a href="#">Kim Monson &amp; Rebecca Swisher</a>
<a href="#">Jody Sergienko</a>	President	Dinner With a Scientist	<a href="#">Marilyn Saunders</a>
<a href="#">Dina Lambert</a>	Co-Finance	Good Will Ambassador	<a href="#">Anne Dolchanczyk</a>
<a href="#">Rebecca Swisher</a>	Co-Finance	Newsletter Editor	<a href="#">Jill Rowney</a>
<a href="#">Bonnie Little</a>	Co-Membership	Publicity	<a href="#">open</a>
<a href="#">Dina Lambert</a>	Co-Membership	Social Media	<a href="#">Dina Lambert</a>
<a href="#">Trish Darcy</a>	Recording Secretary	Tech Connect*	<a href="#">Kim Monson &amp; Rebecca Swisher</a>
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