



Sierra Outpost

Program:

—Trish Darcy

Hidden Disabilities in our Community

We have a program coming up on the evening of March 15th. This will be held at 5:30 at the Board of Supervisors. The main speaker is Dr. Angelica Guevara, JD, Ph.D. She will be talking to us about hidden disabilities. These are those disabilities that are not apparent by looking at someone. We may interact every day with someone who has a disability that we are unaware of. She will give us information that will help us relate to anyone with a disability.

Our own Anne Dolchanczyk will be there to talk about how



things work in our local school district. She will discuss how to get the process started of having a child assessed. Then she will continue with how the process continues from there. We are also working to get other speakers who can speak on other topics. Once we get these finalized, we will share the information with you. We are hoping to have information available about resources for people in our area.

You may be thinking, “Why

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would I want to attend this program? What would I get out of it?’ Well, you may have family, friends or neighbors that have a disability. You could be that person that lets them know about programs available to them as adults. Maybe you interact with people at work,

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Disabilities-
Wednesday, March 15
5:30 pm
Board of Supervisors’ Room
5100 Bullion Street

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whether clients or co-workers, who need a little extra attention. Well, maybe they have a hidden disability that you are unaware of. Maybe you could be the person who recognizes that and finds another way to work with them that helps. Maybe you have a child or grandchild who just doesn't seem to be learning like the other children in class. Maybe you could be that person who steps in to help find the best way to help them learn. The list could go on, but you get the idea. This program is not just for people with disabilities. It is also for those without a disability to understand better what others might be dealing with. With more understanding comes compassion and wouldn't the world be a nicer place with more compassion?



AAUW Mariposa has an Instagram Account!!!!

AAUW Mariposa is hip and cool! (Well, that might be stretching it a bit!). We realized that many people no longer use Facebook and are on Instagram. So, we needed to step up our game and create our Mariposa Branch of AAUW's Instagram page. Once we got aid from a younger member, we created it and it is up and running! Search for **AAUW_Mariposa** on Instagram and follow us!

Events Calendar



2023

- Mar 2 **SIG—Play Reading:** 9:30am, home of Dawn Johnson
- Mar 6 **Leadership Team Meeting:** 6:00pm, Mariposa County Library
- Mar 7 **SIG—Book:** 4:30pm, home of Saralynn Nusbaum
- Mar 15 **Program— Disabilities:** 5:30pm, County Board of Supervisors' Room
- Mar 16 **SIG—Great Decisions:** 4:30pm, Location TBD
- Mar 11 **SIG—Hiking:** time and place TBD
- Mar 19 **SIG—Wine:** 3:00pm, home of Jill Rowney
- April 22 **AAUW California Annual Meeting:** via Zoom, details forthcoming
- Mar 21 **SIG—International Study:** 5:00pm, Home of Jill Rowney
- May 5 **Informal Gathering:** 5:00pm, Grove House
- May 19-20** **Annual Yard Sale:** Details forthcoming
- June 11 **Annual Meeting:** Home of Trish Darcy

We Value Education

Celebrating the women we are!

—Jody Sergienko



Welcome to spring 2023! As I write this, there are inches of snow on the ground and more coming down. By publication who knows, the snow could all be melting off and letting the bulbs poke through. We can look forward to spring skiing over wet snow while flowers come out to greet us.

March is also Women's History Month, and I went looking for inspiration on this subject. I found a [site](#) that lists 36 ways to celebrate women's history. (Click [here](#)) It is easy to take note of the activities suggested for celebrating this month such as books, movies, and podcasts about notable women and just go from there. It would be educational to do that. However, I started thinking about how some of these stories are all around us locally. It was a short trip around the county to see examples of inspiring women right here. Our own Anita Startchman Bryant is the first woman judge here in Mariposa. Hers is a story

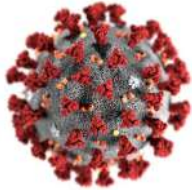
of a woman and a very local family. Within our AAUW family check out the Member Spotlight each month. I am so impressed with all that these women have done over their lifetimes.

You can also walk around town to see how many of our local small businesses are owned and run by women. How many of our local community resources such as shelters, crisis centers, and food resources are led by women? Our county governing agencies have women members. The Board of Supervisors, the Hospital District, and the School Board all have women on them and, if not currently, have been chaired by women in the past. If I listed them all I would take up the whole newsletter!

Here is one suggestion from the link that really hit home: **write a thank you note to a woman who inspired you.** How often have we looked back or next to us and seen a sister, mother, friend, neighbor, or community member and thought, "Wow!" Let's take time this month to let them know that they are the "wow" in our community.

See you awesome women, and men, soon!

Health



Covid Corner—

-Jody Sergienko

The end of the pandemic; the beginning of a new “normal”

Another winter will soon be past us and, as of the 28th of February, so is the California state of emergency for the Covid Pandemic. Does this mean that the virus is gone? No, sorry, nope. Like so much bad news this one is here to stay. Covid has moved in, hung the curtains, and has become endemic in our communities. It now lives right next to Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV), influenza, and pneumonia.

What to do we get to look forward to in the rest of 2023? This virus is still infecting

people in our community; however, the overall severity of infections is down. Those who are at risk due to health concerns are still at risk. Consider adding an annual Covid booster to your fall flu shot.

The local testing site has gone away. Subsidies have gone away. BUT masking when you feel unwell or unsafe is not gone. Handwashing and taking care of your health is still in fashion. Let's make our “personal endemic” be ***being kind to yourself and to those around us.***



SAVE THE DATE!

**ANNUAL YARD SALE
FRIDAY, MAY 19 AND
SATURDAY, MAY 20.**

**Please start saving your donations (no books or clothing)
and watch for details coming soon!**

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Project: Tech Trek

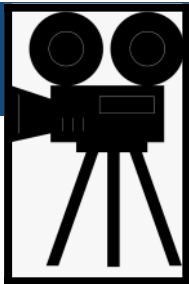


Selection process begins for Tech Trek 2023

—Trish Darcy

The applications are in and we have great ones to choose from. Thank you to our scorers for this year: Rick Uebner, Peggy Shainberg, Marti Fazio, Rose Ann Weinburke, and Lizz Darcy. They will be scoring the applications soon and we will narrow it down to decide which ones to interview on March 18th.

Barbara Silva, Dawna Hunter, Phyllis Weber, and Trish Darcy have enjoyed getting out into the schools to meet and work with these students. It is always such a rewarding experience to get to know them. Their excitement about Tech Trek is contagious and we have gotten excited about sending five wonderful candidates to camp this summer!



Project: Tech Connect

Using a more local topic considered for next year

—Kim Monson

The Tech Connect project has concluded. Thanks to all who reviewed the videos and rated them. First place was awarded to Riley Ortiz and Noah Schiff who split the \$500 check. Second place was awarded to Cali DelGREGO who earned \$250. Noah and Riley are graduating seniors and Cali is a sophomore who will hopefully enter the contest

again next year. The board is reconsidering our use of the Speech Trek prompt put out by the state AAUW. We are thinking of making a Mariposa-specific prompt such as "Make a video to show a potential visitor what's so great about Mariposa." If you have any great ideas for a prompt, email me at kimellen13@gmail.com.

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Spotlight on Vinita Bali

—Kim Monson

After presenting a wonderful program on the making of shea butter in Ghana, Vinita Bali became a little more visible and better known to our membership.

Vinita was born in New Delhi, India, but she grew up all over India and in the broader world as well. Her father was in the Indian Air Force, and just as it is in the US military, they move around from one station to the next. Vinita went to nine different schools before she graduated from high school and they even lived in Cairo for three years.

Vinita went to university at Saint Francis College in Hyderabad, India where she majored in business. She was then accepted to Mount Holyoke College for a study abroad program. She spent a year there studying psychology. I looked it up, and Mount Holyoke is one of the exclusive northeastern liberal arts colleges known as the Seven Sisters. Vinita also has a JD from Santa Clara College of Law, and she reports that it was very tough to get into law school in the states. Her business degree from Saint Francis is a three year degree and law schools are snobbishly fussy about that. Even though her degree program required her to attend classes six days a week for eight hours a day, they didn't want to accept it because it was



only three years. (That was some BS right there!) Santa Clara was able to accept Vinita because they counted her year at Mount Holyoke as the fourth year. This just demonstrates that where there's a will, there generally is a way.

Vinita passed the California Bar Exam on her first try and went to work for a law firm litigating civil suits. After three years, she found that she preferred corporate law, dealing with transactions and using her business degree. Her JD involved a specialization in international law as well, so she eventually found a position working for Stanford University as their International Council. But I guess the Stanford job doesn't keep her busy enough because Vinita also serves as an adjunct professor of law at her

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alma mater, Santa Clara, and as a Judge Pro Tem in the Santa Clara Superior Court.

The position at Stanford is how Vinita came to travel to Ghana. Stanford has a program called "Design for Extreme Affordability," that brings students from engineering, business, medicine and other fields to try to solve problems for some of the poorest communities in the world. They send staff to scout ideas ahead of the students to see if there is a good fit and to evaluate the risk and liability of a location. One of the locations Vinita visited was the shea butter makers in Ghana. If you are interested, you can find more information about this Stanford program at <https://extreme.stanford.edu/press/>.

Vinita is married to a Russian immigrant named Alexey. They met and bonded on the rock climbing wall at a gym in Santa Clara. It is a passion they share. Vinita and Alexey have climbed in Yosemite several times, and that is how they came to live in Mariposa. They have

three children from previous marriages; his two sons, Eugene who is an executive chef in Santa Clara and Andrea who is in the tech industry. Andrea is apparently following in his father's footsteps as Alexey retired just last year from Apple. Vinita's daughter, Sabeena, follows in her mother's foot-steps. She, too, is a lawyer who specializes in human rights. Sabeena works in Geneva, Switzerland. Vinita admits being very proud!

Since the Covid panic ended, Vinita has had to spend most of her time in Santa Clara for work at both the law school and at Stanford. They still maintain a home in Santa Clara as well as in Mariposa. Since Alexey is retired, he spends most of his time here, and half of that in the Park. I asked Vinita if she was jealous, and her response is, "No, I love my job! I don't see myself retiring anytime soon." She does get to travel a lot, but so far has not found the opportunity to reach her bucket list destinations of Antarctica and Patagonia. But Vinita finds a way to make things work. I have confidence that she'll get there.



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 Open Eyes

Program

The Making of Shea Butter in Ghana

—Bonnie Little

The conference room at Miner's Roadhouse was filled when Vinita Bali shared her experience traveling to Ghana, Africa to learn about the process of making shea butter. After a long flight, Vinita settled into her motel room for a rest but first had to do battle with a nasty-looking bug intent on terrorizing her. Thankfully, she won that battle.

The next morning Vinita and her colleague traveled into the small village close to where the shea trees grow. In Africa, the process of making shea butter is exclusively done by women. The women walk through tall grass to reach the trees, being very mindful of dangerous snakes that are hiding along the way. They pick the shea nuts off the ground and bring them back to the village where a very long, arduous process begins. Each nut must be broken open with a rock and then the substance inside removed. Then the grinding begins. After that, the shea butter substance is heated in a large pot and must be constantly rotated and stirred by hand. Eventually, after many hours of painstaking work, the substance is sold to processors. The payment that the women receive amounts to approximately one-half cent each.

The majority of our audience members were appalled at the pay that the women receive after such intense and backbreaking work. Vinita explained that the women continue to work in this manner, not only for the small amount of money they earn but also



for the sense of sisterhood they feel, making it an outlet for social time together.

There were many thoughtful questions from the group about how the situation could be improved, and whether people should support the shea butter industry knowing how the process works for women in Africa. The answer was yes. This is an important industry and opportunity for the women in so many ways.

Vinita brought samples of pure African shea butter for everyone in attendance. The samples were eagerly received!



As a side note, I have heard from attendees about the benefits of using this pure shea butter on the skin, as a chapped lip treatment, or using it on elbows, knees or anywhere skin is dry; it is very effective!

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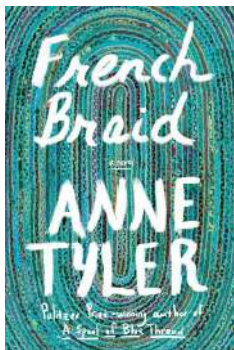
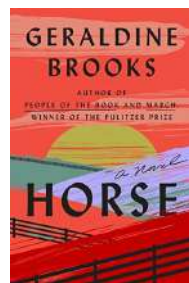


Member Corner: Idea exchange

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!

Micki Finney recommends three good reads. The first is ***Horse***, by Geraldine Brooks. Set in the time of the Civil War, an enslaved groom named Jarret and a bay foal forge a bond together that will carry the horse to record-setting race victories across the South. As the war erupts, an itinerant young artist becomes well-known for his paintings of the racehorse and then decides to take up arms for the Union Army.



French Braid, by Anne Tyler, is set in the Baltimore area and follows the family of Robin and Mercy Garrett over more than six decades. Beginning in 1959 as the family takes a vacation at a lake, and ending in the summer of 2020 as the world faces the Covid pandemic, the story explores the changes

that happen in the 20th century. One of the major changes is the role of women. The story also features Garrett's three children. A reviewer notes that this book is "full of heartbreak and hilarity" as it explores the kindness and cruelty of our daily lives.

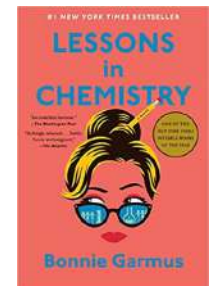
—Bonnie Little

The third novel is ***The Reading List***, by Sara Nisha Adams. This debut novel explores how a chance encounter with a list of library books helps forge a friendship between two very different people in a London suburb. Aleisha is a bright but anxious teenager who is working at the local library when she finds a crumpled piece of paper in the back of a book she is reading. The paper contains a list of books she has never heard of. She decides to read every book on the list. Another character is Mukesh, a lonely widower living with his granddaughter who spends all her time reading in her room. At the library, Aleisha shares the reading list with Mukesh and this creates a bond between them that provides relief from their troubles and helps them move forward feeling more positive about life.



Jill Rowney highly recommends ***Lessons in Chemistry***, the title our book group just read last month. Here is a synopsis from "[The Book Browse](#):"

"Chemist Elizabeth Zott is not your average woman. In fact, Elizabeth Zott would be the first to point out that there is no such thing as an average woman. But it's the early 1960s and her



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all-male team at Hastings Research Institute takes a very unscientific view of equality. Except for one: Calvin Evans; the lonely, brilliant, Nobel-prize nominated grudge-holder who falls in love with—of all things—her mind. True chemistry results.

*“But like science, life is unpredictable. Which is why a few years later Elizabeth Zott finds herself not only a single mother, but the reluctant star of America's most beloved cooking show *Supper at Six*. Elizabeth's unusual approach to cooking (“combine one tablespoon acetic acid with a pinch of sodium chloride”) proves revolutionary. But as her following grows, not everyone is happy. Because as it turns out, Elizabeth Zott isn't just teaching women to cook. She's daring them to change the status quo.”*

Click [here](#) for a another excellent review.

Thank you, Micki and Jill, for these great recommendations. I'm putting them on my library list!

Speaking of the library, do you know about the Valley Cat service? It gives information about bestseller lists, ways to search for books you are interested in and places holds on books you wish to read. You may get more information about Valley Cat by visiting the library website at www.mariposacountylibrary.org

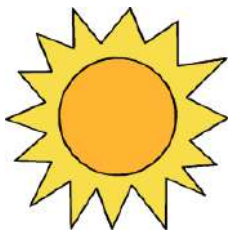
Editor's Note: I was just introduced to “Libby”, a free app. It has opened up a whole new world of borrowing books from the library either to read on your e-reader, or listen to on your phone. It is such a simple process of downloading the app, entering the name of your library system, your library card #, a pin # of your choice and you're home free!



—Jill

As always, many thanks to these members who took the time to share their recommendations! Please email me anytime with your suggestions so others can enjoy.

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Being there for each other

—Anne Dolchanczyk

Please let me know whenever you or any member needs our support. I will get the word out. We are definitely stronger together!

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We Inspire Life-Long Learning

SIG Overview

Special Interest Groups (SIGs)

International Study

Veronica Gross



Learn about a country, a culture, and a people. We study one country each year and meet bi-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 monthly to discuss a set of topics developed by the Foreign Policy Association (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.

Environment & Social Issues

Gary Colliver



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

Jody Sergienko



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: International Study

Veronica Gross

Sámi– the reindeer herders of the Arctic

—Jill Rowney



During our February meeting, Jill Rowney gave a presentation on the Sámi people to the International Study Group members and their guests. The Sámi are descendants of nomadic peoples who

have inhabited northern Scandinavia for thousands of years. *(Note: “Laplanders,” as a term referring to the Sámi, is considered derogatory, linguistically inaccurate, and politically incorrect).*

As with many indigenous people of today, preserving culture and maintaining a traditional lifestyle is a challenge, particularly where natural resources are concerned. To maintain economic growth, industries such

as mining, logging, and construction deplete natural resources to a point that often precludes maintaining indigenous cultural traditions. The documentary, **“Last yoik of the forest”**, produced for the United Nations in 2005, gives an account of the struggle between the logging industry and the reindeer herding tradition of the Sámi.



The “yoik” is a traditional song of the Sámi. Here is a young Sámi woman singing her native **Yoik of the wind** in concert. Enjoy its serenity.

Our next meeting on March 21st will focus on the “Singing Revolution” in Estonia and the art of dying fabrics to create the colorful traditional dress of the Baltic region.



SIG: Play Reading

Contact Dawn Johnson

Next up for the Play Reading Group is a Neil Simon play, **Pizza Suite**. Hmm, something good to eat, something musical to hear, some tantalizing room in a hotel? We shall

find out on March 2nd when we meet at Dawn Johnson’s house at 9:30 for a cold read.

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SIG: **Hiking**

Contact [Trish Darcy](#)



More photos from the hike to Dewey Point on January 21st

—Photos by Yue Lei



Glacier Point Road in January, accessible only by skis and snowshoes



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SIG: **Hiking**

Contact [Trish Darcy](#)



Amazing view of the Valley and its landmarks



Queen of the dome!

We Open Eyes

SIG: **Hiking**

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How on earth did this “snow angel” appear without any exit tracks?

We Value Education

SIG: GardenContact [Karen Smith](#)***Gardening tip from Argentina while Mariposa is still under a snow watch***

—Karen Smith



If you use river rock, don't put the rocks on their sides, place them upright. It looks so magical!

Back in a big city, we rented a house in Mendoza for the week and settled in with some surprises. Turns out we don't have the whole house rented. If someone wants to rents two rooms, there are two available! And share the bathroom and refrigerator. Oh well, let's focus on gardening. The yard in our not-too-private home is full of cacti. The owner of the house turns out to have studied indigenous peoples in Mexico and

loves cacti, or at least his mom, who also lives in this house, does. There are cacti everywhere. What caught my eye was how someone planted the cactus and then ringed them with river rock. We all love river rock and all have gardens where river rock has magically appeared! But the way the rock surrounds the plants, I found inspiring!

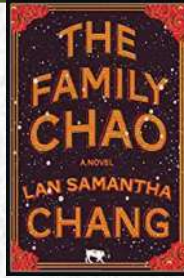
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SIG - Book

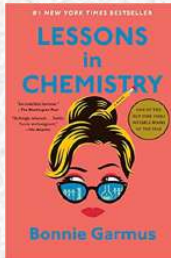
Saralynn Nusbaum

Our next meeting will be on
Tuesday, March 7 at 4:30 pm
at the home of Saralynn Nusbaum.
We will be discussing:
The Family Chau
By Lan Samantha Chang



Lessons in Chemistry
by Bonnie Garmus

Discussion notes
by Peggy Shainberg



The book group met in person and via zoom at Saralynn’s home. Everyone gave a thumbs up to **Lessons in Chemistry** by Bonnie Garmus. The “heroine” is a scientist in 1960, well before her time. It

made us realize how much the role of the woman has changed just in our own lifetimes! Our discussion focused on where we were at that time and the evolution of women's issues and we now know what SNAG means.



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AAUW - Mariposa Branch
Leadership Team Meeting
February 6, 2023
Home of Trish Darcy

Members:

- Dina Lambert, Co-Finance Officer/Membership
- Rebecca Swisher, Co-Finance Officer-not able to attend
- Bonnie Little, Co-Membership
- Kim Monson, Member at Large
- Trish Darcy, Recording Secretary/STEM
- Jody Sergienko, President
- Saralynn Nusbaum, Member at Large
- Anne Dolchanczyk, Member at Large

Jody called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm

Minutes (*Trish Darcy*):

- Approval of December and January meeting minutes-These were approved online and submitted to Jill for the newsletter.

Membership Update (*Dina Lambert, Bonnie Little*)

- Current Member Numbers-We currently have 85 members.
- Update on Member Corner-This is running well and we can remove it from our agenda for future meetings.
- Directory Update-We gave out a couple at Saturday's event. Bonnie will continue to work to get them delivered. Dina got the new directories and will get them to Bonnie.

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

- Approval of January report-Expenditures were \$6 for web hosting and \$750 for Tech Connect awards leaving an ending balance of \$4927.09. Bonnie moved to approve the finance report as presented. Kim seconded. Motion carried.
- Noah Schiff and Riley Ortiz shared the first place prize of \$500 and Cali Del Grego received the second place prize. Dina Lambert will contact Kathy Schmidt from AAUW CA to see what the process is to get reimbursed from the SPF account since the checks were written from the Mariposa account in error.

Standing Projects:

- **Dinner with a Scientist** (*Marilyn Saunders*)
-fall of 2023 at this point
- **Backpack** (*Kim Monson & Rebecca Swisher*)

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-summer 2023

- **Tech Trek (Trish Darcy)-**
 - All of the schools have been visited to share with the nominees about camp and the application process. CampDoc is the new program they are using and Trish has her login set up. She is just waiting for the information to be in there to send to the parents and prospective campers.

Tech Connect (Kim Monson & Rebecca Swisher)

- Wrap up of this year-We are wrapped up for this year. Kim has completed the paperwork and given the winners their checks. She contacted the Gazette and a nice article with pictures was in there a couple of weeks ago. We have decided to try it one more year to see if we can get more participation. We will look at coming up with our own topic instead of the Speech Trek topic. We are thinking to make it tied to Mariposa or something that might draw more students.

Fundraisers:

- **Yard Sale**-The dates for this are set for Friday, May 19th and Saturday, May 20th at Helene's. Bonnie will begin the organization and communication for this in March.
- **Mad Hatter Fundraiser**-Sandi proposed her non-event fundraiser as Build a Tech Trek girl where people buy parts of a Tech Trek girl or a whole girl. After discussion, we opted to suggest "Send a girl to Tech Trek Camp" and have people buy items she might take to camp such as a suitcase, pillow, hat, shoes, sleeping bag, and backpack. We would like to open it to the public, if possible, to increase money brought in. Trish will get back to Sandi.

Programs:

- The **Shea Butter program** had about 20 attendees. It went well. Thank you to Vinita for providing this for us! Members from the community attended as well.
- **Disabilities Program**-March 15th at 5:30 at the Board of Supervisors chambers-Kim's contact, Angie, will be here to speak about non-visible disabilities. Anne has called the Regional Center twice and hasn't heard back. She will look into another possibility if they don't respond soon. She has some ideas. Jody will book the Board of Supervisors building. Trish will do publicity for the event, but will need write ups of the speakers and what they will be talking about. Each speaker will have about 20 minutes to talk and we will have questions afterward.
- **April-Homeowner's Insurance**-Jody has talked to Jeff and Jenni from Farmers Insurance and they will come to talk. Jody will reach out to Cindy to see if she wants to come. Jody will share what she learned working with the Oak Fire survivors.
- April 22nd-**AAUW California Annual Meeting**-registration for this Zoom event will be out soon. We will share them with the membership.
- **May 5th-informal gathering at The Grove House**, Trish has contacted Nate to make sure this will work for them.
- **6/11 Annual Meeting** at Trish Darcy's house again.

Old Business:

- New Banner-Anne is picking it up tomorrow.
- Instagram Account-This is up and running and getting followers. We have made several posts and are

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sharing AAUW California posts there as well.

New Business:

- **Location for meeting each month**-Xav Dubois has started a co-work space in town above Subway. Jody looked into it to see if we could meet there. Online was \$70 for 2 hours. We decided this was not an option. Xav asked Jody to get with him and see what we might be willing to do. Bonnie looked into the Senior Center. It is \$75 for room rental plus \$75 cleaning fee, so this, too, is not an option. When the weather gets warm, we can go back to The Grove House outside. Trish will reach out to the library to see if/when that room might be available. Everybody will be thinking and looking for space for us to meet in town.
- **State Senator Marie Alvarado Gil** is interested in doing a meet and greet to have people ask her questions and bring concerns. Kim is in contact with her and will let her know that May or June would be good.
- **Butterfly Parade**-We would like to find someone who wants to organize this for us. The date of the parade is Saturday, May 6th. April 26th is the deadline to apply to be in the parade. A Taste of Mariposa is the fundraiser for the Butterfly Festival. The fundraiser will be April 1st.

Newsletter Assignments:

- **Member Profile:** -Kim will do this
- **Lead article** (Admin Overview)-Jody will do this
- **COVID Update:** do we still want this? After discussion it was decided that, yes, Jody will do one more explaining the state of emergency ending and how we are in an endemic state. After that we can remove it from the agenda and newsletter.

Leadership Meeting Lead:

March 2023-Jody will do the agenda and run the meeting.

Branch Buzz (Trish Darcy):

Trish Darcy will send out the Branch Buzz.

Action Items:

- Dina will find out how to get the money from the SPF to our account for the Tech Connect awards.
- Trish will contact Sandi regarding Buy a Tech Trek girl.
- Anne will get 1 or 2 more speakers for the Disabilities program.
- Anne and Kim will get Trish a few sentence write-up about the speakers to use for advertising.
- Trish will organize the advertising for the Disabilities program.
- Jody will book the Board of Supervisors chambers for March 15th.

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- Jody will continue to work on the Homeowners Insurance Program.
- Jody will continue conversations with Xav about a meeting space.
- Trish will contact the library about when/if we can use the community room again.
- Kim will organize the Marie Alvarado Gil Meet and Greet.

Jody adjourned the meeting at 7:16 pm

Upcoming Dates:

- March 15th–Disabilities Program
- May 5th-Cinco de Mayo at The Grove House
- June 11th- Annual Meeting

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