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Who's Ready for a yard sale?



We are!!

slittle@sti.net and we will sign you up! If you aren't able to help, please come by to shop!

Our annual yard sale and one of our biggest money makers for our AAUW Mariposa Branch is just around the corner. We have a reputation for offering quality items at great prices! The sale will begin at 9:00 on Friday, May 19th. Work shifts begin at 8:30 that day so we can be ready to open at 9:00 sharp. Our hours that day are 9 to 4. Saturday hours are 9 to 2.

Have you signed up to help yet? We can always use more helpers. You will see all of the treasures and help answer customer questions. Please contact Bonnie at mbm-

Yard sale items may be brought to the Fiske home starting Wednesday, May 17th. Please bring them that day or no later than 2:00 on Thursday, May 18th. That day is the day we set up and price items. We want to be priced and ready to sell Friday morning bright and early when our "doors" open. Past history has shown us that there are usually very eager shoppers waiting to get in and browse!

Let's work together to make this yard sale one of our best! Huge thanks to our village of volunteers!

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ANNUAL YARD SALE

Friday, May 19

9am-4pm

Saturday, May 20

9am-2pm

We Open Eyes

Events Calendar

2023

May 1	Leadership Team Meeting: 6:00pm, Mariposa County Library
May 2	SIG—Book: 4:30pm, home of Jill Rowney
May 5	Informal Gathering: 5:00pm, Grove House
May 13	SIG—Hiking: time and place TBD
May 19-20	Annual Yard Sale: home of Helene Fiske
June 6	SIG—Book: 4:30pm, home of Saralynn Nusbaum
June 10	SIG—Hiking: time and place TBD
June 11	Annual Meeting: home of Trish Darcy



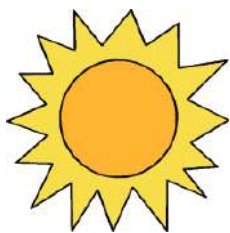
Membership

Bonnie Little, Dina Lambert



Member Corner: Idea exchange

Member Corner is on hiatus for this month. Bonnie is working hard organizing this year's yard sale. If you find yourself with extra time on your hands and are seeking entertainment that others have recommended, check out previous newsletters ([click here](#)).



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!

dolchanczyk1944@gmail.com.



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 Value Education



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Project: Tech Trek



Six Mariposa girls selected to attend Tech Trek 2023

—Trish Darcy

We have approval to send all six of our girls this year! We are so excited, as they are all excellent candidates. We had a private donor give us the money to help cover the cost of the extra camper. Don't we live in a fantastic community?

They will be meeting with us to receive all the information they need prior to their heading off to camp. Previous campers will talk to the girls and allow for questions as well. We will work to have adults there to talk to the parents and allow questions as well. This has proven to be very successful in the past.

Congrats to all the candidates!

And sort of on the same topic: **Have you made your donation to the "Send a Virtual Camper to Camp" fundraiser?** We know the deadline was April 30th, but, honestly, we will never turn down your donations! If you think you missed the deadline, have no fear. Send it off today! On page 4, you will find a copy of the flyer to refresh your memory! Thanks for your support! This valuable program could not happen without your support!

AAUW California

Voting period ends May 13



AAUW California members need to:

- Elect members to the Board of Directors
- Approve Public Policy priorities ([click here to view](#))

All members should

have received an email with voting instructions. If you did not, please send an email to webteam@aauw-ca.org.

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The deadline has been extended!
This flier is included here for your information.



Send a Virtual Tech Trek Girl to Camp




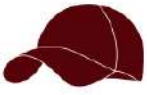



Support AAUW Mariposa Tech Trek!



AAUW Mariposa is committed to sending curious, enthusiastic, and teacher-recommended 7th-grade girls for a week of STEM learning at Tech Trek camp at Fresno State University. They'll experience college life in a dorm, experiment with fun STEM-based activities, meet other like-minded girls, and interact with women in STEM professions. We want them to know that college life is exciting and STEM is okay for girls!

Help us sponsor the cost of this life-changing experience.

Donate to help us "outfit" an imaginary girl with some of the things she'll need for camp.

	Item	Price
	Backpack	\$50.00
	Tech Trek Bear	\$15.00
	Shower Flip Flops	\$5.00
	Baseball Cap	\$15.00
	Sunscreen	\$5.00
	Tennies	\$25.00
	Notebook	\$10.00
	Toiletries	\$10.00
	I want to purchase everything!	\$125.00
	I want to add a little more in case she left something at home.	
	Enter your grand total HERE 	

Name _____

Email _____

Send your donation check payable to AAUW Mariposa to

Dina Lambert
4939 Ponderosa Way
Midpines, CA 95345

OR

Pay by PayPal using this QR code

by April 30th



100% of your non-deductible monetary donation will be used to support the cost of sending Mariposa students to AAUW California's Tech Trek camp. Thank you for supporting Tech Trek!

For more information contact: Trish Darcy at tbdarcy1@gmail.com or 209-617-0631



Leadership Team

Leadership Team Slate for 2023-24

Opportunities to assist in leading our branch abound

—Jody Sergienko

A huge thank-you goes to the Leadership Team for this year. We are so fortunate to have members willing to take the baton and continue leading the group in the amazing things we do!



Now is that time of year again.

Our branch activities will be winding down, then we take a summer break. For those on the leadership team, this break allows us time to grow, enjoy new experiences, and renew our energies. Some of our longer-term team members are taking an extended break—beyond the summer. We are looking for new-to-the-team members to step up to bring in fresh ideas and energy to the team.

So far those who have volunteered are:

- **President-** Trish Darcy
- **Secretary- (open)**
- **Finance Officer-** Dina Lambert
- **C0-Membership-** Bonnie Little, Dina Lambert
- **Member at large-** Kim Monson
- **Member at large-** Jody Sergienko
- **Member at large-** Liz Darcy (the elder)
- **Publicity/Communications- (open)**

Working as a team ensures that no one is hefting too much of a load. It makes the

year fun and gives us lots of insight as well as creative ideas. It also allows for institutional memory. There are two open positions (underlined) looking for a volunteer. If you would rather be a partner, we would

love for the core positions to be “co-filled.”

Projects in need of enthusiastic volunteers:

- **Tech Trek:** sending rising 8th grade girls to STEM camp.
- **Tech Connect:** our new video-based 21st century speech competition.
- **Fundraising:** could be virtual, the yard sale team, or something new and innovative.
- **Backpack project:** equipping middle schoolers each summer for the school year ahead .
- **Programs** for our members and community!

Join us on June 11 for our end-of-year member event to volunteer, to vote, and to have fun! Details will follow in next month’s newsletter.

Remember it is never too late to join the Leadership Team.

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Membership

Bonnie Little, Dina Lambert



Spotlight on Lynn Buskill

—Kim Monson

Did you make it to the hospital presentation at the Supervisors' Chambers last month? If so, you saw the dynamic acting CEO, Lynn Buskill, in action. I found Lynn's presentation alarming, but honest, detailed, and transparent. She acknowledged that the hospital is in financial trouble, but then went through the steps she would take to rectify the many problems. Her energy and intelligence were reassuring. Did you know that this wonderful leader is the newest member of AAUW Mariposa?

Lynn has a genteel southern drawl, but she was born and raised in Lynnville, Indiana (no relation). After graduating from high school, she attended the University of Indiana in Bloomington for a degree in nursing and then went on to get her master's degree in the same field. She went to work for Indiana University Health at the Methodist Campus in Indianapolis.

Lynn then left Indiana to pursue a PhD in hospital administration at Rush University in Chicago. After finishing that academic endeavor, she spent the next 20 years in hospital administration, working in corporate offices for Tennet Healthcare, Community Health Systems, and Quorum Health Corporation. She lived in Georgia and Tennessee during these assignments and that is where she acquired her southern accent.

So how does a corporate high flyer like Lynn come to live and work in little Mariposa? Well,

Lynn and her new husband, Chad took a trip, driving down the California coast and fell in love with the state. Lynn had let a headhunter know that she was interested in working in a single hospital. She was simply tired of being on the road 48 weeks a year. John C. Fremont was looking for a Chief Operating Officer, a match made in heaven. The next amazing coincidence came when a headhunter contacted Chad on behalf of Tavis! Wow, Mariposa was meant to be! Lynn and Chad moved west.

The couple has two daughters, each from previous marriages. Lynn has Megan, who works as a physician's assistant (JCF could probably use her, too), and Devan, who sings and acts on Broadway. Chad's two girls are Katie, who is a highly successful car saleswoman and Kealy, a recent college grad, who is starting a career in human resources.

Lynn and Chad love to travel and attend live theater. Lynn was thrilled when I told her about the Golden Chain Theater in Oakhurst. They also love watching sports, but are usually at odds over which team to root for (Lynn loves the LSU Tigers, while Chad cheers on the Kentucky Wildcats, teams that are SEC rivals). I asked Lynn how her daughters would describe her. She thought for a while, and said, "They would probably say that I am always up for a new adventure!" Fortunately for us, Lynn promises those adventures will be based out of Mariposa because she and Chad plan to retire here.

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SIG Overview

Special Interest Groups (SIGs)

<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 monthly to discuss a set of topics developed by the Foreign Policy Association (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;">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>

We Open Eyes



SIG: International Study

Veronica Gross

From the Baltic: Folk costumes, weaving, and dyes

—Jill Rowney

Wednesday, April 19, we explored the colorful, traditional folk costumes of the Saami and people of Estonia. Veronica Gross treated us to a weaving lesson. We used cards that, when threaded, simulated a loom. She also took us through the basics of natural dyes. Before 1850, the only colors available to liven up natural fibers were those found in plants, animals, and minerals. It was great fun, although I don't believe anyone is ready to set up shop!

Our next meeting date is yet to be determined.



But it looks so easy in the video!!



Threading the cards



Add a little soda to turn it yellow, a little lemon juice to turn it pink

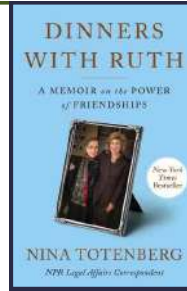
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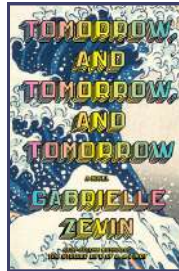
SIG - Book

Saralynn Nusbaum

Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday, May 2 at 4:30 pm** at the home of Jill Rowney We will be discussing:
Dinners With Ruth
By Nina Totenberg



Tomorrow and Tomorrow and Tomorrow
by Gabrielle Zevin



Discussion notes
by Jaye Howes

April's selection for the book group was ***Tomorrow and Tomorrow and Tomorrow*** by Gabrielle Zevin, a very prolific writer. One of her most notable books is ***The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry***. Her current book is a story about gaming. We follow the lead characters from Cambridge, Massachusetts where they are university students developing their video

games to Los Angeles where they eventually resettle their highly successful enterprise. The characters are young, smart, and ambitious. Although their focus is the world of gaming, their lives are filled with essential human emotions and upheavals. Our group felt it was an interesting read with well-developed characters, but we had trouble relating to these young zealots.



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SIG: **Hiking**

Contact [Trish Darcy](#)

A not-so-casual stroll in Midpines

—Trish Darcy

This last month, the weather cooperated and we had a wonderful walk. Marti, Liz and Trish joined dogs Olive and Scout for a 2.5 mile morning walk.

We chose Oak Road in Midpines. We accessed it from Highway 140 on Midpines Summit. We had to walk a short distance on Yosemite Oaks Road before hitting Oak Road. We continued until the road began going down, down, down, down! Thinking about what the way back would be with the up, up, up, up, we decided on a turn around point and headed back.

The road has very little traffic and the few car travelers we did see were friendly and waved. If we had continued, we could have walked all the way to where Oak Road comes out on 140 further into Midpines.

We had a lovely morning and even worked up a sweat, stripping layers off as we went.



L-R: Marti Fazio, Trish Darcy, Liz Darcy



SIG:

On Thursday, March 30th, four members gathered to discuss the Great Decisions topic, Foreign Policy, Economic Power, and U.S. Industrial Policy. Becky Mock hosted Beth Tomsick, Betty

Massey, and Laurel Nguyen at her home. Laurel led a conversation that ranged from the evolution of the U.S. economy to the recent impacts of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and Inflation Reduction Act.

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SIG: Garden

Contact [Karen Smith](#)

The annual Heritage Rose Tour in Coulterville is scheduled for May 6 — rain or shine.

The event begins at 9 a.m. with the rose sale followed by docent-led tours beginning at 10 a.m. There will be complimentary refreshments served.



—Karen Smith

The event will begin at the Northern Mariposa County History Center at the corner of Highways 49 North and 132.

The tour lasts approximately an hour and a half and it is suggested people wear a hat and comfortable shoes and bring water.



SIG: Play Reading

Contact [Dawn Johnson](#)

Isn't It Romantic.... Not Really

—Dawn John-

The U.S. Postal Service's oath "*Neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night stays these couriers from the swift completion of their appointed rounds*" doesn't apply to the Mariposa Play Reading Group. We had to cancel the last two sessions due to Mother Nature.

But five of us were finally able to gather to read April's play *Isn't It Romantic*, a 1984 comedy by Wendy Wasserstein. It told the parallel stories of two young women with different values and personalities who had met in college and were now grads trying to escape parental domination, navigate New

York, and "find themselves." With such a small group of readers, we were able to assign two parts to each of us, which keeps the characters' voices consistent, but also means sometimes we have to talk to ourselves. Alas, some people had to sing too. Fortunately for the group, I was not one of them.

We enjoyed the play and its amusing, but dated, dialogue. We were all disappointed in the outcomes for the two heroines. Neither went on to find happiness, in our opinion. But we had fun talking about them anyway.

We Open Eyes



AAUW - Mariposa Branch
 Leadership Team Meeting
 April 3, 2023
 Library
 6:00 p.m.

Members:

- Dina Lambert, Co-Finance Officer/Membership
 - Rebecca Swisher, Co-Finance Officer-unable to attend due to work
 - 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 - out sick

Meeting called to order at 5:56 pm by Jody. We do not have a quorum, so we can meet, but cannot vote on anything.

Minutes (*Trish Darcy*):

Approval of March meeting minutes-approved online and sent to Jill for inclusion in the newsletter

Membership Update (*Dina Lambert, Bonnie Little*)

- Current Member Numbers-no new members
- Directory Update-Bonnie has them

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

- Dina presented the finance report. Income: -\$15 to pay for dues, -\$102 refund to member who overpaid, \$125 Tech Trek fundraiser donation for a total of \$8 income. Expenditures: \$53.50 for dues, \$6 web hosting, \$64.82 to Trish for Holiday gathering, \$2700 for Tech Trek, - \$750 from the SPF to refund us for Tech Connect for a total of \$2074.32. Our ending balance is \$2587.00.
- Dina will be sending the finance report out to the team for approval as we do not have a quorum.

Standing Projects:

Dinner with a Scientist (*Marilyn Saunders*)

-Unfortunately, this project will no longer be able to continue in the future with AAUW.

Backpack (*Kim Monson & Rebecca Swisher*)

-Kim and Rebecca will be starting this up in the next couple of months.

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Tech Trek (Trish Darcy)

-We will be sending 6 girls this year. They all had high scores and were good candidates for camp. We received approval from the camp director to send an extra girl. We will get a \$600 donation from a benefactor that has offered to send the extra girl and we have \$300 still in our budget. This will cover the \$900 camp fee. We will be scheduling a meeting in May for the girls going this year to meet Juno, who went last year, and the parents from this year to meet Dawna and Kim and hear about camp.

Tech Connect (Kim Monson & Rebecca Swisher)

-Nothing new at this point.

Fundraisers:

Yard Sale

-It will be May 19th and 20th. This will be held at Helene's and Bonnie will be getting information out to the membership soon.

Online Tech Trek fundraiser "Send a Girl to Camp." Trish will take care of sending this to the membership.

Programs:

- April- Home Insurance-this will not happen this year.
- April 22nd AAUW California Annual Event
 - it is in the newsletter and Trish will include the information in the Branch Buzz.
- June 11th- Annual Meeting
 - This will be at Trish Darcy's house at 1 pm and will start with lunch. Each person can bring an appetizer, salad, or dessert. We will plan to have a shorter business meeting having Dina present finances, Jody will present the slate of officers for next year and we'll vote, then we'll do a quick overview of the year. We will have a prize for anyone who pays their membership dues by June 11th. We may look into a "Bring a Friend Prize" as well.

Old Business:

Tentative slate of officers up for election / re-election to be decided at the June annual meeting. All of these positions are open for anyone interested. Just because there is a name after it does not mean that you can not throw your hat in the ring.

President-Trish Darcy
Finance-Dina Lambert
Membership-Bonnie Little
Secretary-
Programs-
Member-Anne Dolchanczyk
Member-Kim Monson

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Member-Liz Darcy

Will advertise in the Branch Buzz for all positions.

New Business:

No new business at this time

Newsletter Assignments:

Member Profile:

-May 2023 -Kim will do this.

Lead article (Admin Overview):

- May-We'll approach Bonnie to see if she will write the lead article for the May newsletter about the yard sale.

Leadership Meeting Lead:

May 2023: (agenda)-Jody

Branch Buzz (Trish Darcy):

Trish Darcy will send out the Branch Buzz

Action Items:

- Dina will send out the finance report for approval.
- Trish will write up an email about the fundraiser and get that sent out.

Upcoming Dates:

- April 22nd-AAUW California Annual Event
- May 5- Informal Gathering at The Grove House 5:00 pm
- June 11th-Annual Meeting 1 pm

Meeting adjourned at 6:36 pm.

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<https://www.facebook.com/aauwmariposa>

Project Chairs/Coordinators

Leadership Team: 2022-2023

Jody Sergienko	President
Dina Lambert	Co-Finance
Rebecca Swisher	Co-Finance
Bonnie Little	Co-Membership
Dina Lambert	Co-Membership
Trish Darcy	Recording Secretary
Kim Monson	Team Member
Saralynn Nusbaum	Team Member
Anne Dolchanczyk	Team Member

Back Pack Project	Kim Monson & Rebecca Swisher
Dinner With a Scientist	Marilyn Saunders
Good Will Ambassador	Anne Dolchanczyk
Newsletter Editor	Jill Rowney
Publicity	open
Social Media	Dina Lambert
Tech Connect*	Kim Monson & Rebecca Swisher
Tech Trek	Trish Darcy & Barbara Silva
Website	Dina Lambert
Yardsale	Bonnie Little & Micki Finney

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