



Poison Oak
Toxicodendron diversilobum



Tarweed
Holocarpa heermannii

Sierra Outpost

Beginning a new year

—Trish Darcy

Welcome to our new AAUW Mariposa year! We are excited to hit the ground running with lots of fun, engaging activities for you to participate in this year. Our theme for the year is ***Our History Guides Us to the Present.*** We have some programs planned that will be history-based and some that will take us into the future. We also have some just plain fun activities spread throughout the year. Lastly, we would like to bring back “Coffee and Convos” and ‘Cocktails and Convos.” These are times to gather and talk about current issues in the world, our country, and our community. We let the group guide the discussion. We encourage you to grab a friend and participate in as many of these as you can. It is always great to get out and enjoy each other’s company.

SIGs (Special Interest Groups) are also a big part of our branch and are a fun way to get involved. We have several that are running and will continue this year, some that have run their course, and we are looking to add some new ones. These groups usually meet about once a month and are made up of people with common interests. We are looking for leaders for some of the groups. Being a leader is really pretty easy. You are just the contact person and get the word out. Right now we have leaders for the International Study Group, Play Reading Group, Hiking Group, Wine Group, and Book Group. Groups that we have had in the past that need leaders are the Gardening Group and the Art Group. If these are in your

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interest area, feel free to step up and volunteer to lead. No need to worry about how it was done in the past; organize it however you want! We are also looking for members to start up new groups. The more

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groups, the more choices we have. Maybe you have an interest that you would like to explore or maybe you have a talent to share. Some possible ideas for new groups might

be: Documentary Discussions, Out to Lunch Bunch, Board Games, Photography, Biking, etc! The list is endless! Let us know if you would like to start a new group. It really does not take much effort and the fun rewards are a great benefit.

Signing up for Special Interest Groups for this year

In a large group such as ours, many share common interests, be they passing, or passionate. Some groups form and meet regularly. Other groups meet on a more irregular basis or cease altogether. In the past, we have had groups that meet to do crafts, to discuss environmental and social issues, to share special cooking techniques, to share garden information, and to enjoy visiting art galleries as well as the active groups we have now.

Every year, members sign up for the groups in which they would like to participate. There is no limit; there is NO obligation— One can be as active or passive as she/he wishes. HOWEVER, in order to be on the individual group’s email list, one needs to contact Dina Lambert and sign up. Membership in the group last year does NOT automatically renew for the next year.

See pages [12](#) and [14](#) for information on our current SIGs.

Events Calendar



2023

- Sept 5 **SIG—Book Group:** 4:30pm, home of Saralynn Nusbaum
- Sept 11 **Leadership Team Meeting:** 4:15pm, Mariposa County Library
- Sept 13 **Event—Membership Fall Gathering:** 4:00, The Alley
- Sept 19 **SIG—International Study:** 5:15pm, home of Veronica Gross
- Oct 15 **Event—Ice Cream Social/Tech Trek:** 2:00pm, Gold Cup Creamery

2024

- May 18 **Fundraiser: “Mad Hatter”**



Membership

 **“Let’s get together, what do you say?”** 

—Bonnie Little

It is time to start off our new AAUW year with a fun social gathering. Please join us on Wednesday, September 13 from 4 to 6 at The Alley in downtown Mariposa.

We will meet at the outdoor patio and will provide food to nibble on, plus iced tea and water. You may buy a glass of wine or beer if you wish.

The purpose of this gathering is primarily a get together to see old and new friends. There will be a small bit of business to attend to. Our 2023–2024 budget must be approved (see [page 10](#)) and we will have a short presentation about a new program at the Mariposa County Library.

Fall Gathering

Wednesday

September 13

4:00-6:00pm

The Alley

(Downtown Mariposa)

So, please mark your calendars for September 13 and join us for some fun! There will be a drawing for all who attend to win a basket filled with goodies. The winner just might be you!

AAUW– Community Involvement

Library program needs tutors for English language program

—Trish Darcy

Have you ever wondered what small thing (that really will be a BIG thing) you can do to help your community? Well, we might have the opportunity you are looking for. The Mariposa Library is running a grant-funded tutoring program for those who wish to learn the English language or improve the English they have. They are in need of

tutors for this program. The library provides the training, tools and support needed to help both tutors and adult learners be successful. If you are interested in this program or have questions, call Cheryl Berg at 966-2140 or cheryl-berg.mariposa@gmail.com and she will be happy to help you!

We Inspire Life-Long Learning



Project: Backpack

Backpacks filled, distributed throughout the district

The AAUW Backpack Project concluded on Saturday, August 12th with the donation of 60 filled backpacks to middle school students at the Back to School Fair at Mariposa County High School. The previous week we donated 12 backpacks to middle school students in Coulterville for a total of 72. Backpacks were graciously donated by YOU, our members, and the supplies were funded by AAUW's general funds. Each year your AAUW Mariposa Board budgets close to \$2000 for items to put into the backpacks including a 2-inch binder, four spiral notebooks, folders, graph paper, filler paper,



Filled and ready to distribute



Trish Darcy, Dawna Hunter, and friend

pencils, pens, scissors, glue stick, markers, colored pencils, and more.

We had a lot of help this year from Dawna Hunter, Sandi Gabe, Jacqui Dozier, Mary Ann Dvorak, Marti Fazio, and Trish Darcy. When putting all those supplies into 72 backpacks, the help was much appreciated. Dawna also made the long drive to Coulterville with me. Anne Dolchancyk, Becky Mock, Trish, and Dawna distributed the backpacks at MCHS. The students were thrilled with the backpack selections this year. Thank you very much for donating a good variety of designs. We're all done until next July, when I will start nagging you for backpacks again! Of course, if you see a good deal.....

Kim Monson
Project Coordinator



Mary Ann Dvorak



Sandi Gabe, Dawna Hunter



Marti Fazio, Kim Monson, Jacqui Dozier



Project: Tech Trek



Life-changing STEM experience for six Mariposa girls

—Trish Darcy

AAUW Mariposa was honored to be able to send six selected campers to the annual Tech Trek Camp at Fresno State on June 18-24th. This year’s campers were Khloe Reynolds, Harmony Miltmore, Annalee Blagg, Harmony Buckner, Sophie Constancio, and Savanna Green. Thank you to those members who helped with this project this year: Liz Darcy, Sara Robinson, Becky Mock, Rose Ann Weinburke, Marti Fazio, Rick Uebner, Peggy Shainberg, and Lizz Darcy. Our own Dawna Hunter was back as dorm mom again this year and loved it!

I asked the girls to write a bit about their experience and this is what I got:

Savanna: “Tech Trek was an incredible experience. The highlights of Tech Trek for me were having a very fun roommate and the talent



show we did on the last day. We had many activities to choose from every single day which kept us very busy. I especially enjoyed being in the art class which was super cool!”



Annalee: When I was at camp, I had a great time

learning new things, meeting new people, and being able to partake in a wonderful program. I loved the class that was selected for me and the things we did in it. One thing I'll always remember in Tech Trek is all the ways I was able to expand and meet new people, I got to make friends from all sorts of places and build strong friendships with girls I didn't even know. Another thing I liked was that we were able to have hands-on projects where we were able to express ourselves, that was something I really liked. Tech Trek was a sort of

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adventure for a 7th-grade girl. And I loved the adventure. I'm so very thankful to all the strong women who helped me get to Tech Trek.

Harmony M: "My experience at Tech Trek was quite enjoyable. I made new friends, learned new things, and participated in some amazing activities. I think my favorite part of the whole



week though, was my core class and the climbing wall. I got put into the engineering class, which is the one I wanted, and we built many different structures using all sorts of materials. For example, we built a bridge using hot glue and popsicle sticks (that was my favorite



part of that class), and we built buildings out of newspaper, tape, spaghetti, marshmallows, gumdrops, and toothpicks (all part of different projects). For the climbing wall part, I think that was the most exciting part of the week for me as well as my favorite. I have no fear of heights, and I love climbing things, so climbing up the wall was fun. I had the most amazing time at Tech Trek and I hope that the many girls who will experience it after me think so too. :)"

This year, for the first time, we had a former Tech Trekker, who is now a junior



at MCHS, attend camp as a Peer Counselor. Annie Bryant attended camp virtually in 2021 because of Covid and was now able to attend camp in person and participate in new ways and from a different point of view. This is what she had to say about the experience:

"I feel incredibly grateful to have gotten the opportunity to be a counselor this year, considering that it gave me the chance to have the in-person Tech Trek experience I wasn't able to have previously. My favorite part of being a counselor was having the opportunity to connect with the girls and watch them problem-solve with their teams. It was really rewarding to see them grow and learn to work as a group throughout the week. I also had the chance to meet really amazing people who were part of the staff. Most of the staff members were former campers and some have been participating in camp for many years. Overall, I liked how interactive and engaging camp was. The girls were constantly learning and developing their STEM and leadership skills."

We Provide Opportunities for Women to Reach Full Potential



“...I’ve had a really amazing time making new friends, meeting new people, and stepping out of my comfort zone...”

Dear Mariposa AAUW Branch,
Thank you so much for giving me the chance to attend Tech Trek. I had many wonderful experiences I got to, well experience! I made new friends, learned about my fav letter in STEM, engineering, and did activities everyday. My favorite activities that I did was the rope climb course and the hydrophobic water party. My fav thing in my core class was building bridges out of popsicle sticks and building with spaghetti and pumpkins. My teacher, Mrs. Megan was really helpful for foster caring things and answering questions that we asked. I really learned a lot from her. I'm so glad that you chose to donate money and give me a scholarship so I could be even more educated than I was before. Again I Thank You!
Sincerely,
Harmony Martinez



Dear Mariposa Branch,
As my time at the camp is coming to an end, I wanted to take a moment to say thank you for everything you've done. My favorite thing I did in my core class was we did embroidery using embroidery to make various designs. And for free time beach volleyball. Making my new friends was my favorite thing overall. I love my DM and Spirit gear!
Thank you for this opportunity
From Harmony B

“...I really enjoyed the teacher I had in App-Creating. She was really inspirational ...”



“...best core class activity was drawing a fractal...”

Dear Mariposa Branch, ^{from, Kilee Reynolds}
Thank you for sending me to Tech Trek. I've had a really amazing time making new friends, meeting new people, and stepping out of my comfort zone. I really enjoyed the teacher I had in App-Creating. She was really inspirational and helpful. I'm so thankful I had this opportunity to come to Tech Trek and enjoyed this life-changing experience.

DEAR MARIPOSA AAUW BRANCH,
THANK YOU FOR LETTING ME GO TO TECH TREK. I AM VERY GRATEFUL AND HAPPY THAT I WAS ABLE TO GO. I LEARNED HOW TO HACK AND HOW TO DRAW THE SIGNS OF HACKING. AGAIN THANK YOU FOR LETTING ME GO. ♡
FROM
SORAYA CONSTANZO

Dear Mariposa branch,
Thank you so much for sending me to Tech Trek. Tech Trek is a wonderful program. I really enjoyed meeting new people and making new friends. I loved the rope course. I also (LOVED) my class, AppSpace. I loved making new things.
Thank you so much!
Go Tech Trek! — Annalee Blagg

Dear Mariposa AAUW, 6/23/23
Thank you for sending me to Tech Trek! I had a great time meeting many new people and I learned much in my core class. The best core class activity was drawing a fractal. I am so thankful that I could go. Sincerely, Savannah Green

“...I’m so glad that you chose to donate money and give me a scholarship so I could be even more educated than I was before... ..”

We Open Eyes

Membership

Bonnie Little, Dina Lambert



Member Corner: Idea exchange

Our members share what we have found enlightening and entertaining

—Bonnie Little

Happy almost fall everyone!

As promised in our July newsletter, here are some recommendations from Jill Harry for podcasts worth listening to and programs worth watching. Read on for some fascinating suggestions.

Podcasts:

- **“Wiser Than Me”** with Julia Louis Dreyfuss. Julia interviews women who have something interesting to share. Jill especially enjoyed the podcast with Isabel Allende.



- **“Slow Burn,”** a series about the history of Clarence Thomas from youthful radical to conservative icon. When paired with the “Frontline” episode **“Clarence and Ginny, Politics, Power and the Supreme Court”**, more Insight is provided.



Television:

- **“Navalny,”** a compelling documentary about Alex Navalny and his campaign against the Russian regime of Vladimir Putin. This campaign led to him being poisoned, but managed to survive and is still languishing in a Russian prison. The war in Ukraine has taken some attention away from his plight. Jill commented on his bravery and that of his family. This film won an Academy



Award in 2023 as Best Documentary Feature.

- **“All Quiet on the Western Front”** is a powerful adaptation of the book. Heartbreaking.

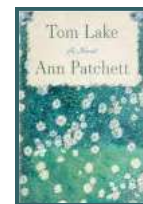


- **“Judy Blume Forever”** on Amazon Prime Video. This documentary is about the author who was so impacted on the lives of many young people, especially young women. Jill has always been a fan of Judy Blume and has read many of her novels. This documentary made her respect and admire the author even more.



Bonnie enthusiastically recommends a book that has been recommended by other members and was a selection of the Mariposa Book SIG. It is **Lessons in Chemistry** by Bonnie Garmin. It is cleverly written with some laugh-out-loud moments. Elizabeth Zott is a scientist in the 1960s, a female in a very male-dominated world. One of her jobs is hosting a TV show combining cooking and chemistry. Her outspoken manner gains her both fans and critics. It's a good book!

I am on the library wait list for **Tom Lake** by Ann Patchett. Has anyone read it and would like to review it for us?



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Leadership Team

Proposed Budget for 2023-24

	2022-2023 Budget	2022-2023 Actuals	Variance	Notes	2023-2024 Proposed Budget
Beginning Balance	\$ 6,788.79				\$ 4,926.38
Income Actuals are Net Profit					
INCOME					
District Portion of Dues	1,125	1,290	165	75 members @ \$15 / member	1,125
Donations					
Undesignated	100	56	(44)		100
Designated:					
Backpack	200	0	(200)		200
Tech Trek	250	950	700	Portion paid by the TT girls parents	250
Tech Connect	50	0	(50)		50
New Project	500	0	(500)		
Fundraisers					
Fall Fundraiser				Sell advertising for newsletter / ice cream	500
Yard Sale	2,000	2,343	343	Will do Fall of 2024	0
Spring Event	2,000	1,880	(120)	Mad Hatter Fundraiser May 2024	3,000
Ads	100	0	(100)	possible fundraiser	100
TOTAL INCOME	6,325	6,519	194		5,325
EXPENSES					
Administration					
Directory	300	543	243		300
Awards/Gifts	150	0	(150)		50
Insurance	400	411	11		420
Postage	300	0	(300)	Mail all directories plus new member pkts	300
Supplies	200	77	(123)	Business cards, brochures	200
Website Hosting / Google Acct	100	72	(28)		100
Phonevite	25	0	(25)		25
Meetings	200	165	(35)	No Zoom Account	50
Chamber Dues	120	120	0		120
Member Events					
Holiday Event	375	65	(310)		375
Annual Mtg/Brunch	200	0	(200)		100
Programs					
Facilities	100	346	246	2 programs	350
Hospitality	100	22	(78)		100
Miscellaneous	250	60	(190)		250
Projects					
Backpack	2,100	1,862	(238)		1,900
Tech Trek	3,000	3,686	686	5 Girls 2023 - Price \$1000 ea 2180 in acct	2,820
Tech Connect	0	0	0	Balance in SPF 1,292.07. No need to add more	0
Dinner w/ Scientist	1,800	0	(1,800)	No longer doing	0
Scholarship	0			Develop with a team before budgeting	0
Leadership Development	500	0	(500)	Budget won't allow this year	0
Marketing	200	297	97	Promoting members	200
Equipment	0	0	0		0
Miscellaneous	300	0	(300)		300
TOTAL EXPENSES	10,720	7,726	2,994		7,960
Projected Checking Account Balance June 30, 2024					\$ 2,291.38

We Send Girls to Science/Math Camp

AAUW California

Opportunities to help victims of latest fire

**From Sandi Gabe,
AAUW California President**

In 2018, when the town of Paradise, California burned to the ground and 40 of 45 Paradise AAUW members, and two from Chico, California lost their homes, AAUW members from California and across the country stepped up to help. The result was more than \$70,000 in gift cards plus other needed items. These gifts helped our AAUW members - and some Tech Trek families - begin to recover.

Now another town, in another state, has burned and we have a new chance to help those who lost everything they owned. While, as far as we know, no AAUW members lost their homes, we have all seen the pictures of Lahaina, Maui and mourn with its residents.

AAUW California has been in touch with its

counterparts in Maui to learn how we can help Lahaina and pay forward the outpouring of concern we received here in California. It was suggested that members who want to help can take action on their own by making a monetary donation to either of these agencies suggested by officials:

- [Hawaii Community Foundation](#) (Maui Strong Fund)
- [Maui Unitedway](#) (Disaster Relief Page)
Or check out additional places that have been suggested:
- [Maui Nui Strong](#)
- [Maui Food Bank](#)
- [Hawaii Animal Rescue Foundation](#)

We are all saddened by this tragedy.

Sincerely,
Sandi Gabe
AAUW California President

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!

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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 monthly.

Book Group Saralynn Nusbaum



This group meets monthly to discuss both fiction and non-fiction books members chose to read the previous month.

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 Becky Mock



The hiking group meets monthly to enjoy each other’s company while hiking new trails in and around Mariposa and Yosemite.



Does something else tweak your interest? Consider coordinating a new SIG!

Wine Tasting Anne Dolchanczyk



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](#)

A closer look at our neighbors to the south

—Jill Rowney

The International Study Group has launched the new year with a focus on Mexico. Since it is a country with a rich variety of geography, politics, and culture, we are narrowing our focus to the Mexican state of Oaxaca. Our first meeting of this new year on August 8 was at the home of Ruffina Roberts, a native of Mexico and a retired educator. Naturally,

she was the perfect person to guide us in a discussion of Mexico— what we know about our neighbors to the south and enriching that with interesting historical facts. This should be a very interesting and enlightening year. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 19, 5:15 pm.



SIG: Play Reading

Contact [Dawn Johnson](#)

Banner list for surefire entertainment

—Dawn Johnson

The Play Reading Group will “open” some time in September with the first of many dramas or comedies or dramedies for our members to read aloud enthusiastically. We expect the usual enjoyable mornings employing fake accents and occasionally mispronouncing words. Our meeting schedule varies because it depends on when we receive a shipment of scripts that are rotated among other branches.

Members can expect an email with the date and time of the next meeting. Our shipments of plays this year will include:

- *Sylvia* by A.R.Gurney

- *School for Wives* by Moliere
- *Snake in the Grass* by Alan Ayckbourn
- *Daddy's Dyin', Who's Got the Will* by Del Shores
- *Anne of the Thousand Days* by Maxwell Anderson
- *The Nerd* by Larry Shue
- *The Amen Corner* by James Baldwin
- *Intimate Apparel* by Lynn Nottage
- *The Thirteenth Chair* by Bayard Veiller
- *California Suite* by Neil Simon

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SIG - Book

Saralynn Nusbaum

Our next meeting will be on
Tuesday, September 5, at 4:30 pm
 at the home of Sara Lynn Nusbaum
 We will be discussing:
Bittersweet
 By Colleen McCullough

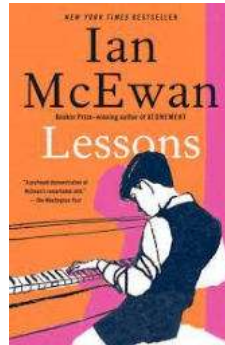


Lessons

By Ian McEwan

Discussion notes

by Saralynn Nusbaum



While I wasn't able to join our discussion of Ian McEwan's *Lessons*, I did read the book while in Europe. Especially fun was being in Berlin while Roland, the narrator, discussed the sites we visited. So, onto the story, what's up with Roland's piano teacher, pinching his thigh when he misses a note, then kissing him when he plays well, and ultimately seducing

him at the ripe old age of 14? This of course reminded me of my "lessons" with my piano teacher, no pinching or kissing, but she certainly cringed when I missed a note! Then Roland marries only to have his wife vanish leaving him with their infant son. Did one sadistic woman

somehow sketch a blueprint for the second? Roland seems to drift through life, He remains unattached, unengaged, often unemployed. As he later observes "How easy it was to drift through an unchosen life."

Existing Special Interest Groups and their coordinators:



Book Group:

[Saralynn Nusbaum](#)



Hiking Group:

[Becky Mock](#)



International Study Group:

[Veronica Gross](#)



Play Reading Group:

[Dawn Johnson](#)



Wine Group:

[Anne Dolchanczyk](#)

Groups that need coordinators:

Art Group

Garden Group

Contact the coordinator if you would like to "check it out." Their email addresses are hyperlinked.

We Open Eyes



AAUW - Mariposa Branch
Leadership Team Planning Meeting Minutes

August 7, 2023

Mariposa Library

4:15 pm

Members: All board members were present

- Dina Lambert, Finance Officer/Co-Membership
- Bonnie Little, Co-Membership
- Becky Mock, Recording Secretary
- Trish Darcy, President/Tech Trek
- Kim Monson, Member at Large
- Jody Sergienko, Member at Large
- Liz Darcy, Member at Large
- Anne Dolchanczyk, Member at Large

Meeting called to order at 4:15 by Trish Darcy.

Minutes (*Trish Darcy*):

- Approval of July 23rd Planning Meeting minutes

Minutes approved online by Liz, Bonnie, Dina and Trish. Kim approved at the meeting.

Membership Update (*Dina Lambert, Bonnie Little*)

- Directories
 - There are 63 paid members including 6 that are due in October
 - Emails have been sent to those who have not renewed yet
 - Members can send in a new photo to Dina if they would like a new photo
- Directories will not be put together until membership is finalized

Finance Report (*Dina Lambert*)

- Dina presented the June 30, 2023 and Fiscal YTD financial report
 - Beginning Balance for June, \$6,003.26; Fiscal YTD \$6,414.65
 - Income for June \$2,539.53; Fiscal YTD \$10,833.19
 - Expenses for June \$3,616.41; Fiscal YTD \$12,321.46
 - Ending Balance for June \$4,926.38; Fiscal YTD \$4,926.38
- Trish moved, Jody seconded, and motion was carried to approve the financial report

Standing Projects:

- **Backpack** (*Kim Monson & Rebecca Swisher*)
 - Kim reported all 12 backpacks were distributed in Coulterville on Saturday, August 5.
 - The remainder will be distributed at Mariposa High School between 8:30 and 12:00 on Sat-

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- urday, August 12.
 - o Any not distributed will be given to counselors to distribute
- **Tech Trek** (*Trish Darcy*)
 - o Trish submitted an article to the Mariposa Gazette about Tech Trek and it was printed in the August 3, 2023 edition
- **Tech Connect** (*Kim Monson & Rebecca Swisher*)

This activity is still being evaluated for how much interest there may be. The decision has been made to not use the Speech Trek topic but have a topic that is about living in Mariposa and living in a rural community.

Fundraisers:

- **Yard Sale** -Oct. 2024
 - o No updates
- **Alice in Wonderland**-May 18, 2024

No updates

Programs:

- **Theme: Our History Guides us to the Present**
 - o Jody moved and Dina seconded, and motion carried to use this theme.
 - o Homeowner's Insurance
 - o Teddy Roosevelt and John Muir in Yosemite
 - o Shelton Johnson and Dick Ewart

Trish will contact Johnson and Ewart and aim for January- February timeframe

Old Business:

- **Fall Gathering:** The Alley, Sept. 13th @ 4:00, Cheryl Berg-tutoring program
 - o Donate cost of pizza to the event to provide some business for The Alley
 - o Will not discuss SIGs at this event.
 - o SIGs will be introduced by email
- **Ask for new ideas for SIGs, too**
 - o Movie group
 - o Lunch group
 - o Others?
- **Bylaws Committee**
 - o Trish Darcy and Becky Mock volunteered
- **Fall Fundraiser idea????**
- **Stem Club at MCHS**
 - o Work with Katie Pike, who is new in charge of MCHS Booster Club, about STEM Club idea

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Programs for this year:

Sept.-Fall Gathering

Oct.-**Ice Cream Social/Tech Trek**-Gold Cup Creamery Sunday, Oct. 15th at 2:00

- o Trish is bringing extra chairs if needed
- o Tech Trek girls will attend to talk about their experience

Nov.-**Holiday Shopping**

Dec.-**Holiday Party**

Jan.-**Homeowner's Insurance**

Jan.-**Shelton Johnson and Dick Ewart-Yosemite History**

Feb.- **Sweethearts Line Dancing**

Mar.-**Teddy Roosevelt and John Muir in Yosemite**

Apr.-**Butterfly Parade**

May-**Cinco de Mayo at The Grove House**

June-**Annual Meeting**

July-**Movie in Oakhurst**

Any other ideas?

New Business:

No new business

Member Profile: (*Kim Monson*)

- Kim will do the member profile for the next newsletter

Branch Buzz:

- Liz will be in charge of Branch Buzz this year
 - o Liz will be on vacation August 8, so Trish will send out this month
 - Trish will send the template to Liz

Upcoming Dates:

- Next meeting Sept.11th Mariposa Library @ 4:15 pm
Becky will be absent at the Sept. 11 meeting, and Bonnie volunteered to take notes for the minutes

Meeting was adjourned at 4:55 pm.

We Send Girls to Science/Math Camp

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Leadership Team: 2023-2024

Trish Darcy	President
Dina Lambert	Finance
Bonnie Little	Co-Membership
Dina Lambert	Co-Membership
Becky Mock	Recording Secretary
Liz Darcy	Team Member
Anne Dolchanczyk	Team Member
Kim Monson	Team Member
Jody Sergienko	Team Member

Project Chairs/Coordinators

Back Pack Project	Kim Monson & Rebecca Swisher
Fundraising	Sandi Gabe
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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