

Sierra Outpost

Another magical event in the planning stages:

Mad Hatter Party

—Sandi Gabe



Get ready for a whimsical adventure as we transform the fairgrounds into Wonderland for the Mad Hatter Party FUNdraiser on Saturday, May 18, 2024, at 4:30 pm!

Don't be fashionably late; check your pocket watch and tumble down the rabbit hole into a fantastical world filled with fellow Mariposans donning curious costumes. Encounter Alice, the White Rabbit, the mischievous Cheshire Cat, and an array of wondrous characters as you explore the lush greens, sampling the finest appetizers of Wonderland.

Engage in fanciful activities like croquet, challenge your friends to a giant chess match, toss beanbags down the rabbit (corn)

hole, and capture memories with Tweedledum and Tweedledee in frame-worthy photos.

But the magic doesn't stop there! Be a part of the Mad Hatter Team's enchanting journey as we craft Alice's Wonderland. Here's how you can contribute to the magic:

- **Donate an Experience:** Start brainstorming unique experiences for our auction. From themed dinners to "how-to" arts and craft sessions, your contribution will keep Wonderland alive and help connect AAUW with the community. Share your personal talents or purchase a local experience to donate.
- **Find China:** Dust off those forgotten dishes! Our tables

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will be set like a grand tea party with real china, and we need about 80 more place settings. If the next generation doesn't want them, we certainly do!

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Mad Hatter Party



Saturday

May 18

4:30pm

Fairgrounds-Picnic Area

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- **Craft Toadstools and Caterpillars:** Keep an eye on your email for invitations to help create magical toadstools, whimsical caterpillars, and other fantastical elements that will bring Wonderland to life.

Event Details:

- Date/Time: Saturday, May 18, 2024, 4:30 pm
- Location: Mariposa Fairgrounds – Picnic Area
- Food: Indulge in appetizers, sliders, salad, and delightful desserts.
- Bar: Yes, we've got you covered!
- Auction: Dive into the excitement with

both silent and live auctions.

- Entertainment: Immerse yourself in various games (corn hole, chess, croquet), join the Mad Hatter hat contest, and capture memories at the enchanting photo booth.

Don't miss out on this magical affair! Mark your calendar, prepare your whimsical attire, and get ready for a Mad Hatter Party that promises an unforgettable journey into Wonderland! Watch your email for more details on how to get involved!

We were on hiatus until January.. Hope you enjoyed the holidays, stayed well, and are now ready to jump into the fray!

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

We Value Education

Leadership Team

AAUW— Beyond the Special Interest Groups

—Trish Darcy

Have you ever wondered what goes on at the state and national level in AAUW? For many years, I did. When I first joined AAUW, I was specifically interested in the Special Interest Groups. Hey, who doesn't want to hang with like-minded people and do activities that we are jointly interested in? For me, it was the Book Group and the Hiking Group that drew me in. I know for others it was the Wine Group or the International Group. Then, since I was teaching at one of the school sites, I got involved in Tech Trek. That gave me that first glimpse into the fact that there was a much larger organization that I was a part of. I mean, I knew there was---some of my dues money went there, so they must exist, right?

That is when I started reading more of the emails sent out by the state as well as visiting their website. This is when the light bulb came on for me. There are people out there fighting for women's rights and this is something I also believe in.

For those who may be interested in getting to know more about what AAUW is fighting for, here are a couple of ways that you can get involved right there from your own home in the comfort of your jammies if you so desire!

- Lobby Days:** AAUW California will hold its 2024 Lobby Days on April 2 and 3, 2024. The Public Policy team is seeking members who are interested in meeting with their state representatives and/or their staff to inform them about AAUW and advocate for their support of priority bills. Meetings may be held in person at the Capitol or virtually via Zoom. [Here](#) is the link to AAUW California's site to read more about what is involved and to sign up.



- 2-Minute Activist:** Members of AAUW's Action Network receive urgent email notices and text messages when their advocacy is needed most. With our online [Two-Minute Activist](#) tool, it takes just minutes and an internet connection to make your voice heard on issues impacting women and girls! Again, [here](#) is the link to learn more and sign up.



These are 2 very simple ways that you, too, can be a part of shaping change for women in our country. Check them out!

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“Hey! What’s this all about and how come I didn’t know about it?”

—Trish Darcy

Are you missing out on some vital information?

Sandi Gabe wrote the following article for the Branch Leadership Teams throughout the state, however it applies to our branch emails as well. If you feel you are not getting emails from AAUW Mariposa or AAUW California, always check your spam/junk folder. Group emails tend to go to strange places in cyberspace and you do NOT want to miss out on anything. Read her article and check YouTube to see how to make sure you do not miss out.

EMAILS, OH EMAILS! WHERE ARE YOU????

Yes, we know. Some of you have not been receiving emails from AAUW California. When we launched our new Branch Officer Reporting System in June, we also

changed the way our monthly Board to Board (B2B) and group messages are delivered. For the past several months we’ve fine-tuned and tweaked the system. In December we invested in upgrading to a dedicated IP address and that seems to have solved the problem. Since we made that change, very few messages have been undeliverable.

If you still can’t find an email that you’re expecting, please check your spam or junk folder. Way back in 2013 Gmail introduced new tabs such as promotions and social in your inbox to help organize your email. Sometimes our emails go there if you haven’t disabled those folders. You can remove them by following these simple YouTube [instructions](#).

We Send Girls to Science/Math Camp

Events Calendar



2024

- Feb 3 **Line Dancing:** 4:00-5:30pm, Mariposa Fitness Studio
- Feb 5 **Leadership Team Meeting:** 4:15pm, Mariposa County Library
- Feb 6 **SIG—Book Group:** 4:00pm*, home of Saralynn Nusbaum
- Feb 10 **SIG—Hiking Group:** 9:00am, Briceburg parking lot
- Feb 20 **SIG—International Study:** 5:15pm, home of Veronica Gross
- March 23 **Program— “Teddy Roosevelt & John Muir:”** 2:00pm, Miners Roadhouse Inn
- April 2-3 **AAUW California Lobby Days**
- April 14 **Program—Ranger Shelton Johnson:** 2:00pm, Mariposa County Park Pavilion
- May 4 **Cinco de Mayo:** Time TBA, The Grove House
- May 18 **Fundraiser: “Mad Hatter:”** Mariposa County Fairgrounds
- June 2 **Annual Meeting:** 2:00pm, Location TBD

* Note the change of time

Membership

Sweetheart’s Line Dancing: Saturday, February 3

—Trish Darcy

We wanted something fun to start off the year, so we have arranged to have a line dance instructor teach us some of the beginning line dances. You can bring your sweetheart if they are interested. If they are not interested, grab a friend and bring them. If you can’t find anyone, then just come on your own. That is the beauty of line dancing-no partner needed! No experience is needed either. She will teach us everything we need to know.

Set aside **Saturday, February 3rd from 4:00-5:30** on your calendars-you know you want to! The cost is \$10 to cover the instructor fees and the building rental. The location is Mariposa Fitness Studio at 5011 5th Street Suite C. That



is down below The Pizza Factory. The one thing we ask is that you leave the cowboy boots at home and please wear clean, soft-soled shoes to protect the dance floor. Thank you!

Please send an email to Trish to RSVP so that we can be prepared number-wise. tbdarcy1@gmail.com

For those interested, we can head to many locations within walking distance from the studio afterward. The Local Grape is the closest and The Alley is just up from there. The Grove House is also within walking distance. We can meet for a drink afterward, or people can head out to dinner with friends! Why not make an evening of it?

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Program

“Teddy Roosevelt Did NOT Sleep Here”

—Bonnie Little

The visit between Teddy Roosevelt and John Muir in Yosemite

Our beloved Yosemite National Park is rich in beauty and history. We have an exciting and informative program scheduled to learn about the visit to Yosemite with John Muir and Teddy Roosevelt that took place in 1903. During their four days together, John Muir told him



the Fresno Flats Museum, has always been interested in local history. Her curiosity was piqued when her uncle showed her a picture of Teddy Roosevelt on horseback by what appeared to be Globe Rock. This led to her researching details of the trip between the two men. Her presentation titled “Teddy Roosevelt did NOT Sleep Here” will present a wealth of information about the historic visit.

Please join us on March 23 from 2 to 4 at the Miners Inn in Mariposa to learn more!

Program:

March 23

2:00-4:00pm

Miners Roadhouse Inn

about the geology and natural history of California. Roosevelt returned to Washington enthusiastic about conserving America’s forests and its wilderness areas.

Debra Carter, a retired educator and volunteer for many years at



Project: Tech Trek

Lots of nominees and our branch volunteers who help to make it all happen

—Trish Darcy

We have had 18 girls nominated for this year’s camp! Woo hoo! We are making preparations to head out to the schools and begin working with the girls on their applications once they have received them.

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help out with Tech Trek this year! We have such an awesome group! I have more volunteers than I was expecting, but fear not! I will be using each and

every person to make this year’s Tech Trek a success!

Be watching for emails from me letting you know what your specific task will be. One of the very first items you will need to take care of is the Volunteer Agreement. This is very important to complete as quickly as possible. Watch for that email shortly as well and complete the signing online. Thank you so much for stepping up!

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Leadership Team



Is it time to retire our annual yard sale?

—Trish Darcy

If it is time to “retire” our annual yard sale, help us with fundraising ideas to replace it.

After discussion with the Leadership Team, we are leaning towards trying to replace the yard sale as an annual fundraiser. Our last one was not as successful. We didn’t have as many “big ticket” items and ended up taking quite a bit of the leftovers to donations and the dump. It is also a lot of work to set up, run the event, and then clean up. We did not have as many volunteers step up to help and the core team was “plumb wore out” at the end. Soooooo, where do we go from here?

- One idea is that we have a larger group of people to chair this event so that the work is spread out better. However, in reality, if

people did not step up last spring, will they step up now?

- Another idea is to replace it with a new, different annual fundraiser. We brainstormed some ideas, but know you have much more creative brains than we do! What are your ideas for a fundraiser that we can do each fall that will earn between \$2000-\$3000? Do some searching on the internet. Ask some friends. Then let us know your ideas! Leadership@aaumariposa.com

Do not be afraid that if you suggest an idea, you will automatically be put in charge! Haha! However, we would certainly not keep you from volunteering to help us raise funds.



We Open Eyes



Membership

Celebrating friendship and the Season of Giving

Over 45 AAUW members and guests gathered to celebrate the holiday season at the beautiful home of Veronica and Dan Gross on December 10. We were blessed with a sunny day so friends could enjoy the inside and outside views from the home's hillside perch. What a view it was!



As usual, the appetizers were out in abundance, both sweet and savory, and the large serving counter quickly filled up with goodies. Thanks to all members and guests for ensuring that no one went home hungry! Veronica and



Dan generously donated a wide variety of beverages and Anne Dolchanczyk took empty bottles to recycling. Dan and Rick Uebner helped direct parking as the guests arrived. Conversation flowed and it was lovely to see so many people there.



In keeping with the holiday spirit of giving, members

—Bonnie Little

brought items to donate to Mountain Crisis Center. We were given a list of requested items that included blankets, toiletries, cleaning supplies, and paper goods. A large number of donations were collected and Bonnie took them to the Mountain Crisis office. All items were gratefully received.



Huge thanks to Veronica and Dan for opening their magnificent home and welcoming a big crowd. It was truly a perfect way to kick off the holiday season.

We Value Education

Membership



More from the holiday party

If you were lucky enough to get one of these crackers that graced the hors 'd oeuvres table, you already know how delicious they are. If not, you can replicate them at home. Saralynn has graciously shared her recipe:

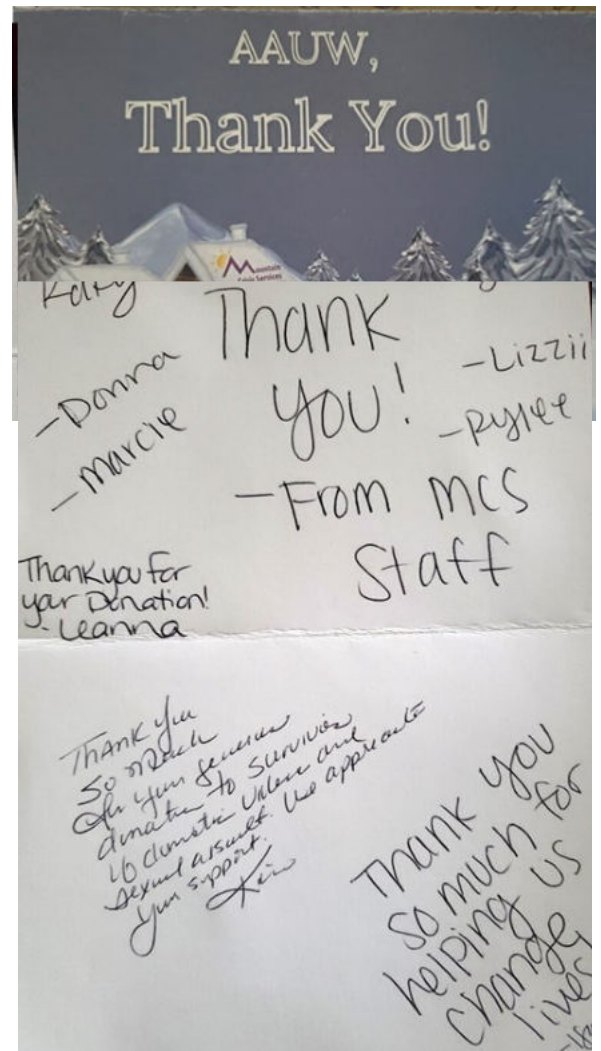
Cheddar Pecan Crackers

- 1 stick unsalted butter softened
- 2 cups coarsely grated cheddar
- 1 egg yolk
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/2 tsp cayenne
- 2/3 c all-purpose flour
- 2/3 c pecans, finely chopped

Put a rack in middle of oven and preheat oven to 350. Butter two baking sheets (with sides).

Beat together butter and cheddar in a large bowl with an electric mixer until smooth. Beat in remaining ingredients.

Roll rounded teaspoons of dough into balls and arrange about 3 inches apart on buttered baking sheets. Flatten each ball into a 1-1/2 inch disk. Bake and season.



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Membership

Bonnie Little, Dina Lambert



Member Corner: Idea exchange

—Bonnie Little

Our members share what we have found enlightening and entertaining

The Diplomat on Netflix is a political thriller that stars Keri Russell and Rufus Sewell. Keri Russell plays Kate Wyler, a seasoned diplomat who has a new job as Ambassador to the United Kingdom. Rufus Sewell plays her husband, Hal Wyler, and he is a political star who was a former diplomat. Their marriage can best be described as “turbulent”, especially as an international crisis develops after a hostile attack on a British vessel.



This series was created by Debora Cahn, who is also credited with creating the popular programs ***Homeland*** and ***The West Wing***.

Kathy Chappell recommended this series as one to watch. She said that it is the story of a woman in politics moving up through the ranks, and was interesting to see how her

husband deals with all of it. Kathy cautioned about the bad language and sexual content and the constant use of the “F” word.

There are eight episodes in Season 1 and Season 2 is in the works. Kathy said that the last episode left us “hanging.” Sounds like a great way to build interest in the next season!

Thank you Kathy for this recommendation and for mentioning things that may be a concern. It’s good to know when a show on TV is meant for adult-only viewing!

Jill Rowney has discovered a wonderful series on PBS called

Astrid. Astrid Nielsen (R) works in the library of the judicial police (Commissioner-L). She has



Asperger's syndrome. With an incredible memory she excels at analyzing files of ongoing investigations. Most enjoyable is watching the growth of all of the characters and their friendships. It is in French with English subtitles.

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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: Book

Our next meeting will be on
Tuesday, February 6, at 4:00 pm
 at the home of Sara Lynn Nusbaum
 We will be discussing:

The Wind Knows My Name
 By Isabel Allende



Yellowface

By R.F. Kuang

Discussion notes by
 Saralynn Nusbaum



Meet Athena Liu, a beautiful, charismatic, Asian American, gifted author with a multibook deal straight out of college, and her "friend" June Hayward, her college classmate, a white woman in her late 20s, attempting to revive a writing career that stalled after her debut novel flopped. Athena and June are in Athena's apartment celebrating Athena's success, drinking and eating, and then Athena chokes and dies! In the ensuing chaos, June discovers Athena's next manuscript lying on her desk. Jealous June

decides to make Athena's novel her own. As the author says June "neatly peels Athena's skin off her body like an orange and zips it up over herself." As June's life begins to fall apart as she tries to maintain the

lie, the pacing picks up and the scenes become more tension-filled.

While not germane to the plot, our author takes the opportunity to criticize the commercial publishing industry and the pressure placed on authors. In a separate interview, R.F. Kuang discusses her experience with agents and publishers and the associated anxiety of wondering whether her book will be a success or a flop.



SIG: Hiking

Contact [Becky Mock](#)

Hiking group plans to check out Merced River Trail

—Becky Mock

Our group has had a slow start this year, but we are hoping that we can pull together something for February 10, the 2nd Saturday in February. Our current plan is to hike along the Merced River, meeting at Briceberg

around 9 am. We will cancel if it is raining. Anyone who would like to join is welcome. Please contact [Becky Mock](#) if you are interested.

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SIG: International Study

Contact [Veronica Gross](#)

Oaxacan arts with taste of mescal

—Veronica Gross

The AAUW International Studies Interest Group met on January 16 at the home of Peggy Shainberg. For this year, the group is studying the State of Oaxaca, Mexico, and for this meeting Veronica Gross gave a presentation on the Arts and Crafts of the region. Major emphasis was given to the arts developed in the 20th century, namely ceramics, fiber arts and sculpture. Peggy showed her extensive collection of “alebrijes” or

intricately painted wood carvings of animals that she has collected over many years. This artform has contributed to the resurgence of Oaxaca.

The meeting ended with the guest speaker, Chris Obers, who gave a wonderful presentation on Mezcal making and offered tastings of three different varieties.



Tony Roberts shares a Oaxacan rug

Next up will be a discussion of the current political environment of Oaxaca led by Christina Oborn. This is slated to be on Tuesday, February 20, 5:15pm at the home of Veronica Gross. Everyone is welcome, but please contact Veronica if you plan to come.



A closer look at the *alebrijes* from Peggy’s shelf.

We Open Eyes



SIG: Play Reading

Contact [Dawn Johnson](#)

“Sweat” was no sweat

—Dawn Johnson

F-bombs flowed with remarkable ease from the mouths of AAUW ladies gathered to read the contemporary drama, *Sweat*, by Lynn Nottage.

The play’s raw look at the impact of a Pennsylvania factory’s closure on its working class employees transported our group far away from the Mariposa world of crab feeds

and disputes over Starbucks. The language was powerful, but also touching and even humorous. The characters were hard to love and hard to hate and helped us understand the desperation of people who are trapped with no way out.

This play was a surprisingly smooth read. It was immersive. It left us thinking. The snacks were sugary. That’s as good as it gets.



SIG: Wine

Contact [Anne Dolchanczyk](#)

Wine group members share their favorites



—Jill Rowney

It was a wonderful beginning to December’s busy holiday season: good friends, good food, good wine! Good thing we didn’t have to rate these wines! There were so many very tasty varietals to go with the delicious luncheon that our hostess, Jaye Howes, prepared.



Hostess and cook extraordinaire, Jaye Howes



Kim Monson, Anne Dolchanczyk, Jaye Howes



Mary Ann Dvorak



Both red and white varietals; lots to taste, lots to enjoy!

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AAUW - Mariposa Branch
Leadership Team Planning Meeting Minutes

January 8, 2024
 Mariposa Library
 4:15 pm

Members:

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

The Meeting was called to order at 4:22 p.m.

Minutes (*Trish Darcy*):

- Dec. 4th meeting minutes-approved online and submitted to Jill for the newsletter

Membership Update (*Dina Lambert, Bonnie Little*)

- Dina reported there are 70 plus members now in addition to the new member, will verify exact number

Finance Report (*Dina Lambert*)

- Income: \$1,000; Expenses: \$6.00; Ending balance \$6,587.25
- Finance report approved: Trish moved, Jody seconded, passed unanimously

Standing Projects:

Backpack (*Kim Monson & Rebecca Swisher*)

- Done for now

Tech Trek (*Trish Darcy*)

- Trish working with schools, we have 6 nominees with Woodland, El Portal, and Sierra Foothill to still nominate students
- Fresno has added a 2nd week because Stanford is no longer participating. This allows us to not conflict with the Washington DC trip.
- Cost at Fresno has gone up to \$1000

STEMEd (*Trish Darcy*)

- Bonnie and Trish are going to the high school on January 23 at lunchtime to introduce the STEMEd program

Fundraisers:

Yard Sale -Oct. 2024

- The board has decided to no longer do a yard sale
- Looking for suggestions for another type of fundraiser

Mad Hatter-May 18, 2024

- No update

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- Letter requesting donations
- Received one donation from Tavis, \$1000
- No response from others

Programs:

Homeowner's Insurance

- Decision made to not pursue a program on this
- Other potential alternatives will be explored

Firewise Community

- Maria Alverado-Gil presentation

Teddy Roosevelt and John Muir in Yosemite-

- Bonnie will organize for March
- Best on a week-end, evaluating possible times

Shelton Johnson and Dick Ewart-

- April select date April 14th 2 p.m. BOS
- Will not be at BoS, History Center is too small, so decided to do pavilion area at the park

Old Business:

Bylaws Committee:

- Bylaws have been submitted to the state. We are done.

Online STEMEd program from AAUW

- Bonnie and Trish are going to the high school on January 23 at lunchtime to introduce the STEMEd program

Cocktails and Convos/Coffee and Convos

- March and May

AAUW Brochures-<https://www.aauw-ca.org/documents/2023/06/aauw-california-flyer.pdf/>

- Jody will look at editing the brochure to make it more applicable to Mariposa Branch

Holiday Party

- Holiday party was great and Veronica's home is beautiful
- Veronica has volunteered to host again next year

Programs for this year:

- Feb. 27th-Homeowner's Insurance–
 - cancelled, looking for alternatives
- Feb. 3rd Sweethearts Line Dancing,
 - 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. \$10 Mariposa Fitness Studio
- Mar.-Teddy Roosevelt and John Muir in Yosemite
- Apr. 14th-Shelton Johnson--A Conversation with Ranger Shelton Johnson
- May-Cinco de Mayo at The Grove House, will schedule for Saturday, May 4
- June-Annual Meeting – June 2, 2024 at 2:00 pm
- July-Movie in Oakhurst
- Any other ideas?

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New Business:

Gov Trek-Kim will be checking this out. Trish will send her any information she gets

Member Profile: (Kim Monson)

Kim will take care of this

Branch Buzz:

Liz will do this.

Action Items

Upcoming Dates:

- Sweethearts Line Dancing February 3rd 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. \$10 Mariposa Fitness Studio
 - Next meeting at Mariposa Library, Monday, Feb. 5th, 2023 at 4:15 p.m.
- Homeowners' Insurance program has been cancelled

The meeting was adjourned at 5:16 p.m.



AAUW - Mariposa Branch
Leadership Team Planning Meeting Minutes
December 4, 2023
Mariposa Library
4:15 pm

Members:

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

The Meeting was called to order at 4:20

Minutes (Trish Darcy):

Nov. 6th Meeting minutes-approved online and submitted to Jill for the newsletter

Membership Update (Dina Lambert, Bonnie Little)

- 70 members

Bonnie contacted those who had not renewed and has heard nothing back so far.

Finance Report (Dina Lambert)

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- Income: \$92 dues
- Expenses: \$92 dues to state and national, \$462 insurance, \$6 web hosting for a total of \$560
- Ending Balance: \$5593.25
- Trish made a motion to approve the finance report as reported. Jody seconded it. Motion carried.

Standing Projects:

- **Backpack** (*Kim Monson & Rebecca Swisher*)
 - Done for now
- **Tech Trek** (*Trish Darcy*)
 - We have had 2 Zoom Peer Group meetings. Trish needs to view the second one still, but the first was a basic overview for the year.
- **Tech Connect** (*Kim Monson & Rebecca Swisher*)
 - 9-10 students signed up. Only 4 turned in paper. None have turned a video in and they were due 4 days ago.
 - Kim moved to terminate the Tech Connect project after several years and multiple ideas of working to encourage students to participate. Bonnie seconded. Motion carried. Kim moved to move the money from the SPF Tech Connect account to the SPF Tech Trek account. Trish seconded. Motion carried. Dina will look into this.

Fundraisers:

- Yard Sale -Oct. 2024 Re-evaluate whether to do it again. It is a lot of work and we don't have people who are wanting to organize it. We may need to find something else to do as a fundraiser.
- **Mad Hatter-May 18, 2024**
 - Sandi is working on this and has held a meeting.
 - Letter requesting donations
- Got a \$1000 donation from Tavis for Tech Trek.

Programs:

- **Homeowner's Insurance**
 - Jeff Shaw says that February would work better for him.
 - Jody will look into booking February 27th in the evening at the BOS.
 - Teddy Roosevelt and John Muir in Yosemite-Bonnie will organize for March
 - Shelton Johnson and Dick Ewart-April select date April 14th 2 pm BOS
 - Trish will check with history center as another venue for this

Old Business:

- **Bylaws Committee:** These have been completed and Trish will submit them to the state. We will need to vote on these at the June Annual Meeting.
- **Online STEMEd** program from AAUW
 - We have a meeting scheduled on January 23rd at lunch to present the program to the girls.
 - Trish is in contact with the teacher and will drop off flyers after the first of the year for the science teachers to distribute.
- **Cocktails and Convos/Coffee and Convos** dates and locations-will wait for warmer weather. Would like to do one outside at Sticks and one outside at The Alley.
- **AAUW Brochures**

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• Trish stated that there is a flier on the state website that we can customize and use for this.

- **Candidates' Forum**-Kim

• Both candidates are running unopposed so we are canceling

Programs for this year:

- Dec.-**Holiday Party-Sunday, December 10th**, Veronica has all the dinnerware and drinks. Dina sent out the Evite. Bonnie followed up with an email and will send another this week.
- Feb.-**Homeowner's Insurance**
- Feb.-**Sweethearts Line Dancing**
- Mar.-**Teddy Roosevelt and John Muir in Yosemite**
- Apr.-**Shelton Johnson--A Conversation with Ranger Shelton Johnson**
- May-**Cinco de Mayo at The Grove House**
- June-**Annual Meeting**
- July-**Movie in Oakhurst**
- Any other ideas?

New Business:

- Membership Survey-this was sent out by the state. It was a survey of members that did not renew and asked them why they did not. Some of the reasons were: moved, cost, felt disconnected to branch. We were already guessing some of these and have been working to build those connections and have more fun activities for members to participate in. Change in AAUW dues information-AAUW will be getting rid of the \$3 part of our dues that goes to the Special Needs Fund. Now all \$72 that goes to National will be tax deductible.
- **Gov Trek**-Kim will be checking this out. Trish will send her any information she gets.
- **State Tech Trek Treasurer**- If you know of anyone who might be able to fill this role, please let us know.

Member Profile: (Kim Monson)

Kim will take care of this

Branch Buzz:

Trish will do this.

Action Items

- Dina will find out how to transfer the SPF Tech Connect Money to the SPF Tech Trek money.
- Jody will organize the Homeowners Insurance for Feb. 27th.
- Bonnie will organize Teddy Roosevelt and John Muir for March
- Trish will organize Shelton Johnson for April 14th. It will either be at the BOS or the History Museum.
- Trish will send bylaws to the state
- Trish will set up line dancing for Feb.

Upcoming Dates:

- Next meeting at Mariposa Library, Monday, Jan. 8, 2023 at 4:15 p.m. (moved due to the holiday)
- Holiday Party, Sunday, Dec. 10, 2024, 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm, Veronica Gross' home

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 pm

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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

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Tech Trek	Trish Darcy & Barbara Silva
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