



Sierra Outpost



Program March 14th:

Preparing for Fire Season

Coming up **March 14th from 5:30 to 7:30 pm** at the BOS room-

"A Firewise Community"

As the last few years have proven, we all live in a high-risk area for wildfires. The National Fire Protection Association, NFPA, has developed a program to help homeowners as individuals and communities decrease those risks. **Firewise** is "a collaborative framework to help neighbors in a geographic area get organized, find direction, and take action to increase the ignition resistance of their homes and community and to reduce wildfire risks at the local level."

In the process of becoming firewise, we can learn about creating a defensible living space

—Bonnie Little

with firewise landscaping and home hardening, noting what and where the risk is greatest.

Why should we participate in the **Firewise** program? Well, first and foremost, it would lower the risk of losing our homes and all that they contain. Being a part of a certified **Firewise Community** may lead to lower insurance rates or could increase one's ability to simply obtain home fire insurance!

One of the best parts of participating in a **Firewise** program is that you are not doing it alone. This is a neighborhood effort. Mariposa has many resources to assist: Mariposa Resource Conservation District, CalFire, Mariposa Fire Safe Counsel, and

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the Yosemite Gateway Prescribed Burn Cooperative.

Many of these resources will be represented at this meeting to share more information. Spring is coming and this is the time to get started preparing for the summer fire season.

Leadership Team

AAUW—

—Trish Darcy

Action on the California School Boards

From AAUW California’s Public Policy Committee:

The Role of California School Boards

By Seena Trigas, Member AAUW California Public Policy Committee School Board Project

AAUW California is concerned about the censorship of classroom material, the heightened enforcement of board policies rejecting diversity, and providing discriminatory policies against gay and minority students. This concern now leads me, as a former school board member, high school teacher/department chair, and adjunct college professor, to reflect on the role of school boards in California and their limitations.

The State Board of Education (SBE) is the controlling structure for K-12 and is the governing and policy-making body of the state for public education. Among its duties is the adoption of statewide academic standards for content and of curriculum frameworks. These inform and guide the local school boards in the development and implementation of specific curricula for K-12 students and serve as the basis for the adoption of instructional materials. School board members represent districts within the school district boundaries. As the only locally elected officials representing the

interests of school children, board members are advocates for students, the district’s educational programs, and public education. The California Education Code requires that governing boards of school districts adopt instructional materials in accordance with the state framework adopted by the State Board of Education and district boards shall provide substantial teacher involvement in the selection of instructional materials. In 2016, the New State Framework in History and Social Sciences was issued and supported the **Fair, Accurate, Inclusive and Respectful (FAIR) Act**. Part of the requirements indicate that all K-12 students shall receive instruction that “strongly emphasizes student inquiry” and “reflects on the contributions of many diverse groups. In 2019 the California School Boards Association (CSBA) Governance Brief stated that “Effective school boards are equity-driven, making intentional governance decisions that combat institutional discrimination and bias (both explicit and implicit) and eliminate disparities in educational outcomes based on socioeconomic status, gender, gender identity, gender expression, race, religion, national origin, ethnicity, sexual orientation, disability or family background.”

In 2023 AB1078 was passed, which requires

We Value Education

Events Calendar



2024

- March 4 **Leadership Team Meeting:** 4:15pm, Mariposa County Library
- March 5 **SIG—Book Group:** 4:00pm, home of Saralynn Nusbaum
- March 14 **Program— “A Firewise Community:”** 5:30pm, BOS meeting room
- March 19 **SIG—International Study:** 5:15pm, home of Veronica Gross
- March 20 **“Mad Hatter” planning meeting:** home of Sandi Gabe
- 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
- April 20 **Coffee and Convos:** 10:00am, Sticks Coffee House
- May 4 **Cinco de Mayo:** Time TBA, The Grove House
- May 18 **Fundraiser: “Mad Hatter:”** Mariposa County Fairgrounds
- June 2 **Annual Meeting:** 2:00pm, Home of Trish Darcy

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the California State Department of Education to assess if school boards comply with state laws requiring public schools to provide diverse and comprehensive education. It requires local school districts with insufficient instructional materials to correct this and authorizes the department to purchase (at district expense) adequate curricula if the district restricts students from learning about important topics like racism, sexism, and gender-based marginalization.

AAUW branch members play a critical role in ensuring all California school boards are governed by board members who will follow AB 1078, and who oppose policies that infringe on the civil rights of LGBTQ+ students. All our members are encouraged to become vigilant observers of their local districts and to contact your assigned liaison if members are not meeting their obligations under the guidelines outlined above. You can find the reporting form [HERE](#) and the contact info for your liaison [HERE](#).

Program:



“A Firewise Community”

Thursday, March 14

5:30-7:30pm

BOS Meeting Room

(Board of Supervisors’ meeting room, Government Center: 5100 Bullion Street)



Click [here](#) for more info

We Inspire Life-Long Learning

Program

Teddy Roosevelt did not sleep here!

—Bonnie Little



Sounds like an intriguing bit of history, doesn't it? Find out more by coming to the Miner's Roadhouse on March 23 from 2 to 4. Debra Carter will present a program based on the momentous visit between Teddy Roosevelt and John Muir in 1903. They spent time camping and exploring the natural wonders of Yosemite, right in our backyard! You will learn about

Program:

March 23

2:00-4:00pm

Miners Roadhouse Inn

the route they took and events along the way. When Roosevelt returned to Washington, he was very enthusiastic and focused on ways to preserve and protect these wilderness areas. A momentous visit indeed!

The public is invited to this presentation so bring your friends. See you on Saturday, March 23!



Project: Tech Trek

Ten applications to be scored

—Trish Darcy

Applications were turned in on February 23rd and will be in the hands of the scorers soon. This year we had 18 nominations and 10 applications completed and turned in. Once the scorers have completed their tasks, we will notify the applicants who scored high enough for an interview. These will be on Saturday, March 23rd. After this day, we will know our lucky campers!

Tech Trek is one of the projects that takes a village to accomplish. This year we had so many people step up to help and thank goodness! With 18 nominations from five different

schools, my head was spinning! We like to visit each site three times-that adds up to 15 visitations! Without help, this could not have happened. Thank you to Barbara Silva, Dawna Hunter, Rick Uebner, Anne Dochanczyk, and Boonie Little for helping work with the girls on their applications. Another daunting task is getting these applications and essays all read and scored. Thank you to Marti Fazio, Patricia Elka, Beth Waldow, RoseAnn Weinburke, and Kim Monson for helping out with these. Thanks also to Becky Mock, Liz Darcy, and Sara Robison for volunteering to do the interviews again. See, it really does take a village! Thanks to all!

We Send Girls to Science/Math Camp

Fundraiser



Calling all Mad Hatter crew members!

Calling all Mad Hatter crew members! Our event is just around the corner and there are a variety of ways to get involved.

1. **Create your auction item.** (See last month's newsletter for auction ideas). Send the details to sandi.gabe@hotmail.com.
2. **Find some china and donate it.** Visit a thrift store on your travels or raid your family coffers. Our tables will be a cacophony of different patterns and colors. Add yours to the mix.
3. **Save newspaper.** We'll be transforming

the fairgrounds into a magical, mystical place full of mushrooms and flowers. Think paper mache.

4. **Volunteer for a work party.** Details coming! If you can hold a paint brush, we can use your help.
5. **Sell tickets.** We'll have printed tickets and online sales too. You'll receive tickets in the mail to sell. There's no obligation. We know it's easier to sell them if you have them in your hands.

Watch your email for more information.



—Sandi Gabe

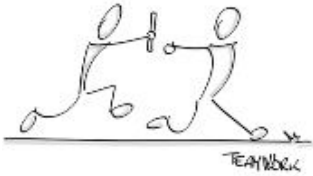
Mad Hatter Party

Saturday
May 18
4:30pm

Fairgrounds-Picnic Area

We Sponsor Community Forums

Leadership Team



—Trish Darcy

The Leadership Team Needs You!

Yes, we do need you! This is the time of year that we put out feelers to see who might be interested in joining us on our Leadership Team. We are a super easy group to work with and welcome anyone wanting to help out. You do not need to volunteer for a big job, like president! You can just join us as a member at large and help throughout the year with small tasks that interest you. Maybe you want to help out, but are hesitant to do something by yourself. Then grab a friend, take them out for a drink (or two) and convince them to be a co-chair with you for a position.



volunteered to help out whomever steps up-again, talk a friend into doing it with you!



The following are positions we need to fill each year. Some of us are willing to continue in the position we are in, but if we have someone willing to step up, that is great. Also, If you are willing to be a Co-chair with one of us, that would be great as well. Bonnie is membership and could use a Co-chair and I am president and could use a Co-chair.



- President
- Secretary
- Finance
- Membership
- Publicity
- Programs

The biggest position that we need to fill for next year is Dina’s. She has been our finance chair for many years and deserves to step down. She has



Currently we have no one in Publicity or Programs, so if that interests you let us know.

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We know we have many talented members that can help us out with this. Contact one of your Leadership Team if you are interested or just want to ask some questions.

We Provide Opportunities for Women to Reach Full Potential

Program

April 14 program— “A Conversation with Ranger Shelton Johnson”

—Trish Darcy

You will want to mark your calendars now for **Saturday, April 14th from 2:00-3:30 pm**. We have invited Shelton Johnson, a ranger naturalist with Yosemite National Park, to share his story with us. This will be held at the Mariposa Town Park Pavillion, 4998 County Park Road. Please feel free to share this event with your friends, family and neighbors. You will NOT want to miss this one!

Here is what Wikipedia has to say about him (I know, Wikipedia is not the best source, but Shelton assured me it was accurate!):

Johnson is an advocate for bringing minorities, particularly [African-Americans](#), to the National Parks and connecting them to the natural world. He believes that "one of the great losses to African culture from slavery was the loss of kinship with the earth". He dedicated his work to this issue when he found the history of [Buffalo Soldiers](#), the African-American regiments of the historically segregated U.S. Army. Johnson is now known for his research and publications on the assignments of the [24th Infantry Regiment](#) and the [9th Cavalry Regiment](#) to protect the new National Parks in

California's [Sierra Nevada](#). He created a website called 'Shadow Soldiers' around a fictive letter to the Buffalo Soldiers at the parks, and wrote and maintains a segment on the Buffalo Soldiers on Yosemite National Park's official website. He wrote and performs a living history performance called Yosemite Through the Eyes of a Buffalo Soldier, 1904, which is presented as an [interpretive program](#) at the park and at locations around the country. In 2009, Johnson received the National [Freeman Tilden](#) Award as the best interpreting ranger in the National Park Service for his work with Ken Burns and Dayton Duncan on their national parks documentary.



President Barack Obama and Shelton Johnson discussing the Ken Burns documentary on the National Parks

In 2010, he invited [Oprah Winfrey](#) to visit the parks as an icon of the African-American community, in order to spread "the word that the national parks really are America's best idea, and that this beauty belongs to every American, including African-Americans". In October 2010, she spent two days and a night camping in Yosemite National Park and dedicated two of her shows to the National Parks. In 2010, Johnson was the recipient of [Clemson University's](#) William C. Everhart Award "for sustained achievements in interpretation that have illuminated, created insights to, and fostered an appreciation of our cultural and historical heritage."

Johnson is the author of the historical novel [Gloryland](#), published by [Sierra Club Books](#) in 2009. The book is a fictional memoir of a [black Indian](#) from [South Carolina](#) who becomes a [Buffalo Soldier](#) assigned to patrol Yosemite in 1903.

When asked why he does not seek a promotion and thus higher pay, Johnson was quoted as saying: "I facilitate astonishment. I didn't join the Park Service for money; I get paid in gasps."

Membership

Bonnie Little, Dina Lambert

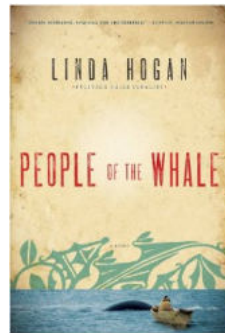


Member Corner: Idea exchange

—Bonnie Little

Our members share what we have found enlightening and entertaining

People of the Whale, by Linda Hogan— Jill Harry strongly recommends this beautifully written 2008 novel. It tells a heart-grabbing story of Thomas Witka, his wife Ruth, their son, their ancestors and community, Thomas's time in Vietnam, their daughter, and the long journey to understanding and healing. The author based the fictional A'atsika community on the Makah who by treaty had been granted rights to hunt whales and seals in the Neah Bay region. Hogan's native community has a very special relationship with the whales. Supernatural elements are lightly woven throughout the novel, such as an octopus who seems to briefly change form into a man in different generations, with Thomas, his grandfather, and his son able to breathe underwater for long periods of time like their whales forebears. Thomas's wife Ruth is



an especially wonderful character. She is brave, strong, living and working on a fishing boat, speaking truth to the community's men who don't want to hear it, and above all kind and understanding to all those close to her. Thomas's time in Vietnam is expertly portrayed.

Jill says that this is a fantastic book, so honest and real, and is the first book in a while that she can wholeheartedly recommend. Thank you for sharing this Jill!



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See our website for plant availability

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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Membership

Bonnie Little, Dina Lambert



Spotlight on Dina Lambert

—Kim Monson

This is the tale of a genuine AAUW Disney freak, but you may know her as Dina Lambert. Of course, she comes by it in a very interesting way. Dina's mom was in the hospital giving birth to Dina's younger sister and another woman was there delivering at the very same time. Dina's sister was named Mara Elizabeth, and the other little baby was named Martha Elizabeth. The two women bonded over their wonderful little newborns and became fast friends.

It turns out that the other woman's husband was one of the developers of Disneyland, and Dina's family of six kids was often invited to join the other family and their six kids to visit Disneyland and it was free! They went quite often in Dina's younger days and thus became "Disney Freaks!" Sometime later, the other family moved to Orlando, Florida to help develop Disney World, so trips were taken, and Disney World became the new family favorite.

Now, for the more standard Dina information: Dina grew

up in Oxnard, California. If you haven't heard of it, it's north of Los Angeles along the coast before you get to Ventura. The best strawberries in the world are grown in Oxnard (that's my never-to-be-humble opinion). Dina worked in a restaurant while she was still in high school and that's where she met Ken. He was a frequent patron because he worked in an office a few floors up from the restaurant. One night Dina and her high school friends went to a Saint Patrick's Day party where some late-40's "old guy" started hitting on her. You know how tipsy those old guys get on Saint Paddy's Day? Anyway, Ken happened to be at the party and recognizing his favorite waitress, he rescued her from the sleazy old guy. Now I stress "old guy" because Ken is 17 years older than Dina and would have been about 35 at the time of the party. He and Dina hit it off, and he even went to her high school graduation.

Now, Dina wasn't too crazy. She didn't introduce him to her parents until she was 19 and in college. She spent some of those restaurant earnings on a



Dina (R) with her sister-in-law (L) at one of her favorite haunts

car. But, since she didn't have her driver's license yet, Ken helped her get the car home. Dina introduced Ken as a friend, but her mom wasn't fooled. They married two years later, when Dina was 21.

Anyway, Dina went to Ventura Community College for two years and then transferred to Cal. State Northridge. But Ken got a job transfer that sent him to Sacramento, so Dina finished her BS in Information Technology at Sac State. In 1988, Ken became the manager of Suburban Propane in Mariposa, so the family, Dina, Ken, Andy and Nick moved to our little town.

Jobs were hard to find in 1988 Mariposa. Being desperate, Dina accepted a job in collections for John C. Fremont. She was awaiting the background

Membership

Bonnie Little, Dina Lambert

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check when Tavis offered her a job in Accounts Payable. Dina was relieved, because she didn't think a job in collections would endear her to her new community. Dina has since moved up at Tavis. She became the IT manager and developed Tavis' first computer system. Dina went on to earn an MBA online from Southern New Hampshire University at age 50 (never too late to learn). She then became Tavis' controller, managing financial stuff. You may know that she's been trying to retire and is only part time now. They just can't seem to let her go.

I must tell you that Dina has absolutely not

grown out of her passion for Disney. What part of 'Disney Freak' did you not understand? She's taking her oldest grandkids to Disney World this summer where she's hoping to meet her favorite character, Tinkerbell. Yes, Tinkerbell! She's even run in two Tinkerbell half marathons at Disneyland. (No, I didn't know that was a thing either). She also rarely misses a chance to watch Snow White, her favorite Disney movie. Ahh, the classics!

When Dina isn't doing Disney stuff, she and Ken have always loved camping. No, they don't do tents anymore. Why would you want to when RV's have such comfortable beds? Think she has a Tinkerbell comforter in the RV?

Members 'tear up' the dance

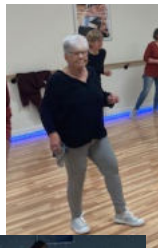
—Trish Darcy



Move over, Fred Astaire! On Saturday, February 3rd, about 20 of us gathered to learn some line dances! We turned out to be quite good at it and the instructor, Sherry Ridenauer, was fantastic! We all loved it so much that we want to do it again next year-maybe step it up a bit and learn some more difficult dances. We're ready!



Good thing Sherry (on stage) had a strong voice— No one was even looking at her!



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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.

We Sponsor Community Forums

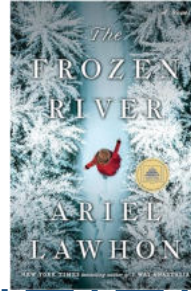


SIG: Book

Contact [Saralynn Nusbaum](#)

Our next meeting will be on
Tuesday, March 5, at 4:00 pm
 at the home of Sara Lynn Nusbaum
 We will be discussing:

The Frozen River
 By Ariel Lawhon



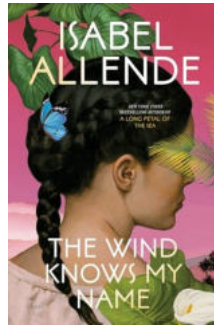
The Wind Knows My Name

By Isabel Allende

Discussion notes by
 Ruffina Roberts

This is Isabel Allende's 27th book. There are two narratives. The first begins in November of 1938, with a Jewish family in Vienna. The only son, Samuel, was placed on the kinder transport to England, escaping his parents' fate of death in a concentration camp. Samuel, due to his passion for Jazz, moved to America where he married a non-conventional wife with unique political views and approaches to a married relationship.

The second narrative set in 2019, focused on Anita, a blind seven-year-old girl from El Salvador who was separated from her mother at the USA/Mexican border. An American social worker, Selena Duran, worked to reunite children with their families. She enlisted a talented lawyer to help Anita in her immigration process. As one can expect, he was mesmerized by her demeanor and fell in love with her. In the end of the story, Allende connects the lives



of Samuel and Alicia and writes a fairy-tale ending.

The consensus of the group was not to judge the book by its cover, but by Allende's previous works. In doing

so, this novel is too superficial and lacks a richness of prose for which her other works are known. She needed more detailed support for the main characters and extra narrative in some of the chapters. Her narration depicting the complexity of the social issues on the border was vague and rushed, as well as other political events that she brought into the story.

The story did include some sentimental, passionate, funny, and tender moments, which facilitated apathy for illegal immigrants and the understanding of the complex situations of families who were separated during that time. Despite it all, our group voted it to be a good book. With reluctance, we gave it a "thumbs up."

We Provide Opportunities for Women to Reach Full Potential



SIG: Play Reading

Contact [Dawn Johnson](#)

No one was bitten by the snake

—Dawn Johnson

The Play Reading Group met to read *Snake in the Grass*, a dark comedy by British author Alan Ayckbourn. There were only three characters, which worked out splendidly since only three readers were able to come. One character fell down a well mid-plot, but miraculously returned to provide lines for the rest of the morning. The story involved two sisters with very different temperaments who led very different lives, but were reunited by the death of their



father. His recently fired nurse is also on the scene with dark motives. One or more of them is a “snake in the grass,” someone who pretends to be a friend or ally while lying in wait to strike. The play contained abuse, confessions, blackmail, a ghostly presence, trickery, and a surprise ending. All in all, we enjoyed it more than expected, which was probably helped along by Kim Monson’s homemade rum balls.



SIG: International Study

Contact [Veronica Gross](#)

Oaxacan politics takes center stage

—Veronica Gross

The International Studies SIG met Tuesday, February 20 at the home of Veronica Gross. Despite the driving rain it was fairly well

attended. Christina Oborn gave a presentation on the political and social climate of the state of Oaxaca. Peggy Shainberg shared photos of the culinary creations she received from a young man she sponsors in culinary school in Oaxaca. Veronica made and offered an Oaxacan dessert called “Nicutole” to the group.



Veronica holds her “Nicutole” creation

Marti Fazio will give a presentation on sports on Tuesday, March 19 and Sue Overstreet will talk about writers of the area of Oaxaca on April 9.

We Open Eyes



AAUW - Mariposa Branch
Leadership Team Planning Meeting Minutes

February 5, 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: Absent
- Anne Dolchanczyk, Member at Large: Present

The Meeting was called to order at 4:15 p.m.

AAUW Website Tour

Sandi Gabe gave a demonstration of the state website which has been updated

Minutes (*Trish Darcy*):

Jan. 8th meeting minutes were approved online

Membership Update (*Dina Lambert, Bonnie Little*)

There are 72 members. Susan Flaming has joined, and Karen Sutton has rejoined.

Finance Report (*Dina Lambert*)

- Income: \$30.00; Expenses: \$6.00; Balance: \$6,611.25
- Financial report approved: Trish moved, Jody seconded, ayes unanimous
- Dina will be resigning as AAUW treasurer at the end of this term. The board is looking for someone to volunteer.

Standing Projects:

- Backpack (*Kim Monson & Rebecca Swisher*)
 - Done for now
- Tech Trek (*Trish Darcy*)
 - 18 nominated
 - 9 have completed parent authorization, 5 more possibilities
- STEMEd (*Trish Darcy*)
 - One student has expressed an interest

Fundraisers:

- Yard Sale Replacement

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- Still evaluating – see what other branches do
- Mad Hatter-May 18, 2024
 - Newsletter article had an update

Programs:

- Firewise Community (*Jody Sergienko*)
 - March 14
 - 5:30 p.m.- 7:30 p.m.
 - Board of supervisors room
 - John Patton
 - Other potential alternatives?
- Maria Alverado-Gil presentation
- Teddy Roosevelt and John Muir in Yosemite (*Bonnie Little*)
 - March 23, 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm
 - Miner's Inn
 - Open to the public
- A Conversation with Ranger Shelton Johnson (*Trish Darcy*)
 - April 14th 2:00 p.m. the Park Pavillion

Old Business:

- Cocktails and Convos/Coffee and Convos March and May
- Coffee and Conos, April 20th, 10:00 am at Sticks
- Cocktails and Convos, June 22nd, 4:00 pm at The Alley
- Bylaws approved; Jody moved, Trish seconded, ayes were unanimous.
- Sweetheart's Line Dancing
 - Very successful, all who attended had a great time.
 - We might do it again next year

Programs for this year:

Mar. 14-Firewise Community Program
 Mar. 23-Teddy Roosevelt and John Muir in Yosemite
 Apr. 14th A Conversation with Ranger Shelton Johnson
 May 4th-Cinco de Mayo at The Grove House as well as May the 4th Be With You
 June 2nd-Annual Meeting -2:00 pm at Trish Darcy's
 July-Movie in Oakhurst
 Any other ideas?

New Business:

- AAUW California Website Tour
- Mary Church Terrell Webinar
- First black member of AAUW, co-founder of NAACP

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- Seminar by Dr. Alison Parker, author of *Unceasing Militant: The Life of Mary Church Terrell* available on AAUW California Website
- Our Website-
 - Trish will work with Sandi to learn more about maintaining branch website
 - Proposed meeting time change
 - This was tabled for now

Member Profile: (*Kim Monson*)

Kim will take care of this

Branch Buzz:

Trish will do this.

Action Items

Upcoming Dates:

- Next meeting at Mariposa Library, Monday, March 4, 2024 at 4:15 p.m.
- **March 14th** We will host a **Firewise Community program**. This will be at the Board of Supervisors chambers from **5:30-7:30 pm**. John Patton will discuss how to build a community that works together to harden their homes and property for fires. Several other organizations will be there for questions as well. This will be your chance to find out how to protect your home from devastating wildfires.
- **March 23rd-"Teddy Roosevelt Did NOT Sleep Here"** at Miner's Inn from **2-4 pm**. Debra Carter from the Fresno Flats Museum will present a program telling us about Teddy Roosevelt's visit to Yosemite and his time with John Muir. This looks to be a great program!
- **April 14th-A Conversation with Ranger Shelton Johnson**. He will share with us what he does in his current position. He works to make the park accessible for all people, including minority groups. He will discuss diversity, equity and inclusion from his perspective being a black ranger in the park service. This will be at **2:00 pm** at the Mariposa Park Pavillion 4997 County Park Road.
- **Coffee and Convos**-April 20th at 10:00 am at Sticks Coffee
- **Mad Hatter Fundraiser May 18** at the Fairgrounds. This is our major fundraiser! Be sure to watch for updates and emails from Sandi asking for volunteers! There was also an article in the newsletter.
- **AAUW California's Annual Meeting** April 27th online
- **AAUW Mariposa's Annual Meeting** June 2nd at 2:00 pm at Trish Darcy's house
- **Cocktails and Convos**-June 22nd 4:00 at The Alley

The meeting was adjourned at 5:29 p.m.

We Send Girls to Science/Math Camp

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