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Sierra Outpost



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May Event:

Mad Hatter Tea Party FUNdraiser only 3 weeks away!



—Sandi Gabe

Are you ready to tumble down the rabbit hole and follow the White Rabbit to a unique adventure in Wonderland? Meet Alice and the Queen of Hearts, play flamingo croquet, jumbo chess, jumbo Jenga, and more. Join in a friendly cornhole competition!



We have a lot to do in the next three weeks and need your help to pull the rabbit out of the hat! Here's how you can help:

- **Sell your tickets.** We have the capacity for 200 guests yet have sold less than 100 tickets. We want to fill the tables decorated for a tea party with real china so that we can fill our bank account to support our community services and programs such as Tech Trek and the Backpack Project. Grab your family and friends and enjoy this whimsical event.

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"MAD HATTER"

Saturday, May 18

4:30

Fairgrounds Picnic Area



It's time to "paint the roses red!"

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Tea Party

Saturday,

May 18

4:30

**Fairgrounds Picnic
Area**

- **Donate an auction item.** While we have some amazing offerings that will keep you updating your bids at the auction tables, we're still looking for experiences to include in the auction.
- **Loan us...**your 8x8 popups or labor in helping to set up or break down our magical, whimsical world of Alice.
- **Bring your appetite.** In addition to enjoying Kathy's legendary appetizers and desserts you can enjoy a buffet of sliders and salads. A no-host bar will keep the Cheshire Cat smiling.
- **Be brave and wear a costume.** Join the Queen of Hearts, White Queen, Alice, and Tweedledee and Tweedledum in dressing up for the event. Let's make it festive. Duplicates are welcome!



Contact Sandi at sandi.gabe@hotmail.com if you have any questions, need more tickets, have an auction item to donate, or want to help with the event.

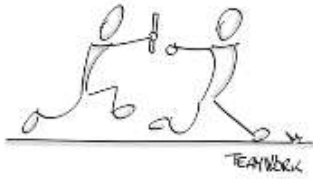
Program Rescheduled:

"Conversation with Ranger Shelton Johnson"

Tuesday, May 14 5:30pm County Park Pavilion

Leadership Team

Nominations for next year's Leadership Team



It is hard to believe that this year is already starting to wind down! We have so many events

in the next couple of months. Check out the Calendar of Events to see them all. This is the time of year that we publish our slate of candidates for next year's Leadership Team so that we are ready to vote on them at our June 2nd Annual Meeting. Here is the slate for next year:

- President: Trish Darcy
- Membership: Bonnie Little/Liz Darcy
- Secretary: Becky Mock
- Finance Officer: Jill Rowney
- Member at Large: Kim Monson
- Member at Large: Anne Dolchanczyk

Our other positions that people hold, but are not elected are:

- Newsletter: Jill Rowney
- Tech Trek: Trish Darcy/Barbara Silva
- Gov Trek: Kim Monson
- Backpack Project: Kim Monson/Rebecca Swisher
- Fundraising: Sandi Gabe
- Goodwill Ambassador: Anne Dolchanczyk
- Publicity: (Open)
- Social Media: Trish Darcy

—Trish Darcy

- Website: Dina Lambert
- Programs/Events: (Open)

As you can see there are many positions to fill for each year. You will also notice that the same person's name is in multiple places. If you would like to help our branch run smoothly and be more vibrant and noticed, please feel free to volunteer to fill an open position or offer to be a "co-" with someone else. This is for both the elected slate as well as the other support positions. We would love to have more help!

Annual Meeting:
Sunday, June 2nd
2:00pm
Home of Trish Darcy

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Leadership Team



AAUW Mariposa’s Annual Meeting

—Trish Darcy

AAUW Mariposa’s Annual Meeting

We are looking forward to wrapping up this year and beginning to plan for next year! Our annual meeting will be held this year on **Sunday, June 2nd at 2:00 pm** at the home of Trish Darcy.

We will have a quick recap of the SIGs’ year as well as the projects we completed this year. We will vote on the slate of officers for next year’s Leadership Team as well, so be sure to check that out in this newsletter. We also made some changes to our bylaws that we will need to vote on at the meeting as well. Be

looking for an email with the updates we made so that you can know what you are voting on!

This will be a potluck again this year. Bring either a savory dish or a dessert to share. We will provide drinks, plates, cups, napkins, and silverware. Mark your calendar for this event as well. We would love to have as many of our members there as possible. We are stronger together! Feel free to bring a friend and introduce them to AAUW. The more the merrier. Look for an EVITE in your email this month.

Events Calendar



2024

- May 4 **Cinco de Mayo:** 4:00pm, The Grove House
- May 6 **Leadership Team Meeting:** 4:15pm, Mariposa Library
- May 14 ***Program— Conversation with Ranger Shelton:** 5:30pm, County Park Pavilion
- May 15 ***SIG– Book Group:** 4:00pm, (Wednesday), home of Sara Lynn Nusbaum
- May 18 **Fundraiser-- “Mad Hatter:”** Mariposa County Fairgrounds
- May 29 **Cocktails and Convos:** 4:00pm, The Alley
- June 2 **Annual Meeting/Potluck:** 2:00pm, Home of Trish Darcy
- June **SIG– International Study:** June date TBD

*These events have been rescheduled from their original dates

We Send Girls to Science/Math Camp



AAUW– Lobby Days



Three bills brought to our assemblyman's attention

—Kim Monson

Every spring AAUW California works with its lobbyists to find 30 bills that they will support. They then narrow that number down to three that volunteers will talk to legislators about during AAUW Lobby Days. Of course, the three bills must further the interests of women in California. The three bills chosen this year were aimed at supporting women in crisis.

The first bill, AB 2843, requires that healthcare insurers cover care for rape and sexual assault survivors with no copay. Currently, the rape kit and evidence gathering are covered by the state of California, and women on medical are covered. But those with private insurance must cover copays and deductibles that average between \$350 and \$500. These costs and more, if a survivor requires follow-up care, can result in non-reporting and seeking no care at all.

The second bill, AB 2326, seeks to encourage college chancellors to better enforce Title IX regarding sexual harassment. State auditors report that “The California State University did not adequately or consistently address some allegations of sexual harassment.” Prior state auditor reports dating back to 2014 similarly report inadequate Title IX compliance from the University of California and California community colleges. This bill would require the chancellors of each college system to present a report that includes an overview of the chancellor's offices' efforts in monitoring and ensuring the compliance of each college system with Title IX. They would have to “publicly, orally present these reports to the Senate and Assembly Budget Subcommittees on Education Finance.”

The third bill, AB 2099, would likely be the most difficult for our Assemblyman, Jim Patterson, to support. Under current law, it is a misdemeanor to post information about reproductive health care patients or providers with the intent of using that information to commit a crime involving violence or the threat of violence against them. AB 2099 would allow prosecutors to charge those supplying this information with a felony if “subsequent action by another person results in bodily injury.” Mr. Patterson is staunchly anti-abortion.

The AAUW California Public Policy Committee asked for volunteers to either go to Sacramento to speak with legislative aides in person or to Zoom with them from home. As a representative of the AAUW Mariposa branch, I was asked to lead the team that went to see Assemblymember Jim Patterson's aide since we are in his district. We were all organized into groups of four. The leader was to introduce AAUW and tell them about our branch's community service activities. The other three on the team each took one of the three bills and explained them. Our legislative aide was new to Mr. Patterson's office and did not know anything about these bills, but he took copious notes and promised to familiarize himself with the bills and then bring them to his boss's attention. It was a pleasant meeting, but I am not sure how productive it was.

Downtown Sacramento is good for walking so I could leave my car parked at the hotel. AAUW Lobby Days volunteers met for lunch and it was a pleasure to meet and speak with members from other branches, all intelligent, well-spoken, and strong women, just like all of you!

We Sponsor Community Forums

AAUW

Bringing AAUW into the 21st century

Open Membership for AAUW

In your inbox should have been a ballot for you to vote on the officers for the state for next year as well as the issue below. This has been discussed for the last few years and here is your opportunity to let your voice be heard. Read below for AAUW California's view on this important issue.

This April, we will again vote on a bylaws amendment to eliminate the degree requirement for AAUW membership. The state board recently voted to support the move because they believe it will help AAUW become the inclusive organization that many of us strive to see. Our branch could join the effort to set AAUW up for success in the coming years. Many of us have been in the situation of meeting prospective members who are interested in AAUW and share our mission of equity for women and girls. We are then faced with having to ask them about their educational attainment to see if they would qualify for membership. It is difficult to ask and can lead to embarrassment for the prospective member if they don't meet the standard and the loss for us of their passion, skills, and potential contributions. They cannot join due to a requirement that was established 143 years ago.

Over the years AAUW members have voted to modify the membership requirements to reflect the ever-changing social climate:

- 1949 – Allowed those with approved degrees from sanctioned and accredited four-year colleges or universities to join both National AND branches (which effectively allowed women of color to join AAUW)

- 1963- Admitted those holding degrees, including nursing, education, and home economics, from any regionally accredited institution
- 1987 – Extended membership to male college graduates
- 2005 – Relaxed membership requirement to include graduates who hold an associate or equivalent degree from a qualified educational institution

How many potential members are we losing because AAUW has this eligibility requirement?

- We lose younger women and men who meet the education requirement but don't want to join an organization that seems elitist to them.
- We lose women and men who share our vision for the future but because of a myriad of circumstances they were not able to attain a college degree. This did not keep them from having careers or joining other activist organizations. They just cannot join AAUW.
- We lose donations from organizations that support our mission but do not understand why one must have a college degree to work towards gender equity.

Some members object to open membership because they wonder, "What will our name be?" AAUW's name doesn't need to change at all. We have been known as AAUW since the 1920s (two separate organizations merged) and so it has historic value as well as name recognition. We have allowed men to belong for nearly 40 years and no one felt the need for a change back then. We will be like other long-time

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organizations who have changed membership requirements over their histories but retained their names (e.g. GEICO, YMCA). When we talk about the organization, we can say "I belong to AAUW and we work for equity for women and girls." The initials are less important than our wonderful mission and actions.

While AAUW is an organization that fully supports women getting a college education in the field of their choice, we need to recognize that education comes in many forms. In our professional lives, we have worked with many women and men who did not have a formal degree. This is not a measure of intelligence or ability...sometimes it is the lack of opportunity or choices made early in life that are difficult to reverse. According to the 2021 Census, just 34% of

Americans aged 25 to 29 years completed four years of college. We are missing out on many voices that we need in this fight for equity.

Throughout the past 143 years, AAUW members have never stopped advocating for education while expanding our focus on ensuring effective policies around family leave, reproductive rights, equal pay, and policies against sexual harassment and violence against women. Welcoming those without a degree will not change who we are and what we are working towards- it will enhance our efforts by including anyone as passionate as we are about equity for women and girls.

We need every woman and man who supports our mission – empowering women and girls – to join us in the ongoing challenge of achieving gender equity.

Membership

Welcome to new and returning members!

We extend a warm welcome to our newest members and to those on hiatus who have returned:



Emily Meriam

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Sue Overstreet

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Jessica Malisch

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We Open Eyes

Program

Rescheduled:

A Conversation with Ranger Shelton Johnson

—Trish Darcy

We are certainly sorry if having to postpone this event caused any issues for you. Shelton was very sick for quite a long while. We have given him time to recover and we have rescheduled. The new date for this program will be

Tuesday, May 14th at 5:30 pm.

It will still be at the Mariposa Town Park Pavilion area and Shelton Johnson will still be there and he will still be discussing diversity, equity, and inclusion for visitors in the National Parks. Therefore, you should also still be there! Be sure to mark the new date on your calendar and we'll see you there!



AAUW

Time to renew your membership!

It's time to renew your AAUW membership! To renew now, click, [HERE](#) to enter and confirm a new password and access your **Personal Snapshot**. In your **Personal Snapshot**, click the **RENEW** button at the bottom of the screen to update your profile and renew your NATIONAL, BRANCH, and STATE memberships!

We hope that you are as proud as we are of the [progress we've made together in 2023](#). Please renew by **May 6th** so we can count you as a member in good standing, and continue to build on our work together to make a difference for women and girls!

Should AAUW membership require a college degree?

Most of our membership fees support the national AAUW. Once again, the requirement of a college degree for AAUW membership requirement is up for discussion and re-

vision. Be sure to make your opinions count. The **AAUW Election 2024** ballot ends on **May 15th, 2024 at 12:00 pm Eastern**. Click [here](#) for direct access to your ballot.

We Value Education

Membership

Bonnie Little, Dina Lambert



Member Corner: Idea exchange

—Bonnie Little

Our members share what we have found enlightening and entertaining



Saralynn Nusbaum has recommended *In Restless Dreams*, a musical biography of Paul Simon. It can be viewed on Amazon Prime and MGM+.

This documentary has two episodes:

- Episode 1 covers Simon's early life in Queens, New York and his famous pairing with Art Garfunkel. The duo rose to fame with their tremendous harmonies and songs that struck an emotional reaction with so many. Their pairing reached a turning point with creative differences and conflicting goals and they parted ways.
- Episode 2 documents Simon's rise to prominence as a solo artist and songwriter, and changes in his life such as a short marriage to actress Carrie Fisher. Simon

and Garfunkel reunited briefly for a historical concert in New York's Central Park with an attendance of 500,000 people. The reunion was short lived and the two parted ways once again.

I was lucky to see Simon and Garfunkel live in concert and their magical melodies stood the test of time.

I don't have any book reviews this month, but I am on the library waitlist for two books. One is "The Women" by Kristin Hannah and the other is "Such a Fun Age" by Kiley Reid. Anyone care to comment on either book? Thanks in advance!



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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AAUW INVITES YOU TO CELEBRATE
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BRING FRIENDS, MEET FRIENDS AND
JOIN US FOR DINNER AND/ OR DRINKS

SATURDAY MAY 4TH

4:00

THE GROVE HOUSE

We Send Girls to Science/Math Camp

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.



SIG: Book

Contact [Saralynn Nusbaum](#)

Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday, May 15, at 4:00 pm** at the home of Sara Lynn Nusbaum

We will be discussing:
Oath and Honor
By Liz Cheney



The Alice Network

By Kate Quinn

Discussion Review by
Jaye Howes



The Alice Network is a novel based on the true story of women spies who worked for the British during World War I in the area of Lille, France, gathering information about German troop movements and battle plans. A parallel story involves a young American girl who goes to France after World

War II in 1947 searching for her cousin. This search brings together characters from World War I up to the time of 1947. The story of actual events concludes with the satisfaction of exacting revenge from the novel's "bad guy."



SIG: International Study

Contact [Veronica Gross](#)

Writers and literature of Oaxaca

—Sue Overstreet

Mexican literature was the topic of the April meeting of the International Study Group held at Veronica Gross' home. Three Mexican writers, Carlos Fuentes, Laura Esquivel, Juan Rulfo, and poet, Octavio Paz were discussed. The theme that binds these artists

together is the impact of the Mexican Revolution.

Music will be the topic at the final meeting in June (date TBD).

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AAUW - Mariposa Branch
Leadership Team Planning Meeting Minutes

April 8 2024
Mariposa Library
4:15 pm

Members:

- Dina Lambert, Finance Officer/Co-Membership: Absent
- 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: Absent

The Meeting was called to order at 4:13 P.M.

A quorum was not present, so items requiring a vote could not be voted on in this meeting.

Minutes (Becky Mock)

- March. meeting minutes- The meeting minutes were unanimously approved via email

Membership Update (Dina Lambert, Bonnie Little)

- There are currently 74 members in the Mariposa Branch

Finance Report (Dina Lambert)

- The finance report was circulated via email to the board members, and it was approved by a majority of the board.
- Total Income: \$140.00; Total Expenses: \$3,191.00; Ending Balance: \$3,561.75

Standing Projects:

- Backpack (Kim Monson & Rebecca Swisher)
 - Done for now
 - For the next year, schools have extra money left over from Covid funds that they will use to buy school supplies for students
 - We want to still give away backpacks to continue to have a presence. Suggested that we find out what supplies are being provided by the schools and supplement those if it seems appropriate
- Tech Trek (Trish Darcy)
 - Process to choose students went very well. We had 9 really good candidates this year. We are sending 5 girls this year.
- STEMEd (Trish Darcy)
 - Try again in the fall

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We Open Eyes

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- Gov Trek
 - Still under consideration, Kim may work on this

Fundraisers:

- Yard Sale Replacement–Table discussion at this point
- Mad Hatter-May 18, 2024
 - Ticket Sales

Programs:

- Firewise Community (*Jody Sergienko*)
 - Very well done program
- Teddy Roosevelt and John Muir in Yosemite (*Bonnie Little*)
 - A great program!
- A Conversation with Ranger Shelton Johnson (*Trish Darcy*)
 - April 14th the Park Pavillion 2:00-4:00-POSTPONED

Old Business:

- Cocktails and Convos-May 29th 4:00 The Alley (date has been moved)
- Coffee and Convos-canceled
- Cinco de Mayo-May 4th at the Grove House
- Mentor Program (*Anne and Trish*)
- Nominations
 - Liz will Co with Bonnie on membership
 - May newsletter should have nominations
- AAUW CA Annual Meeting April 27th

Programs for this year:

- Apr. 14th A Conversation with Ranger Shelton Johnson
 - *Post meeting note: Ranger Johnson became ill and presentation postponed*
- Apr. 20th Coffee and Convos 10:00 at Sticks-canceled
- May 4th-Cinco de Mayo/May the Fourth be with You at The Grove House
- June 2nd-Annual Meeting -2:00 pm at Trish Darcy's
- May 29-Cocktails and Convos 4:00 at The Alley-new date
- July-Movie in Oakhurst

New Business:

- July Planning Meeting, will be July 1 at 10:00 am, location TBD
- Mariposa Annual Meeting
 - Pot luck
 - Plastic silverware
 - Champagne punch?

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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, May 6, 2024 at 4:15 p.m.
- Shelton Johnson-April 14th-postponed
- AAUW California Annual meeting-April 27
- Cinco de Mayo/May the 4th be with You-May 4th
- Annual Meeting-June 2nd
- Cocktails and Convos-May 29th

The meeting was adjourned at 4:58 P.M.

AAUW- Mariposa: www.aauwmariposa.com Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/aauwmariposa Instagram: AAUW_Mariposa		Project Chairs/Coordinators	
Leadership Team: 2023-2024		Back Pack Project	Kim Monson & Rebecca Swisher
Trish Darcy	President	Fundraising	Sandi Gabe
Dina Lambert	Finance	Good Will Ambassador	Anne Dolchanczyk
Bonnie Little	Co-Membership	Newsletter Editor	Jill Rowney
Dina Lambert	Co-Membership	Publicity	open
Becky Mock	Recording Secretary	Social Media	Dina Lambert
Liz Darcy	Team Member	Tech Connect	Kim Monson & Rebecca Swisher
Anne Dolchanczyk	Team Member	Tech Trek	Trish Darcy & Barbara Silva
Kim Monson	Team Member	Website	Dina Lambert
Jody Sergienko	Team Member	Yardsale	Bonnie Little & Micki Finney
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