



Poison Oak
Toxicodendron diversilobum



Tarweed
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Sierra Outpost

Let's Fly Together

—Trish Darcy

Let's Fly Together

Let's flap our wings and fly together,
Break the chains of patriarchy forever.
We stand united, hand in hand,
No longer silent, we take a stand.

We need more women in leadership roles,
Their ideas, their vision, and their goals.
We own our bodies, we own our minds,
We leave oppression far behind.

We lift each other up, we amplify our voice,
We fight for our rights and our choice,
Together we'll reach the highest of heights,

And achieve our goals with all our might.

Let's build a world where love conquers hate,
And create a future we'll all celebrate.
Not just a dream, but a reality to see,
Where women are truly, completely, free.

—Ayesha Islam

Ruth Bader Ginsberg said, "Women belong in all the places where decisions are made." She was right. We are lucky that women are found in more and more of these places. For the first time ever the male/female ratio at the Summer Olympics was 50/50! How did these

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women get there? Among other factors, they had people to support them. That person may have been a

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Leadership Team

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parent, a teacher, a family member, a boss, a neighbor, or a mentor. We can be that person for women and girls in our community!


Most of our membership is of the mature category, but the one thing that we tend to all have in common is that no matter where we are in our lives, we all enjoy learning and growing in our knowledge and skills. We figured that focusing on Women and

Leadership would be a great theme for us for this year.

AAUW Mariposa aims to “fly together” and create our programs around the theme of “Strong Women.” We have brainstormed informative and fun programs and events to increase our knowledge of women’s growth in leadership roles in our country as well as to support women and girls to gain these roles. Get ready to “fly together” into our 2024-2025 year!

Events Calendar

2024

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| Sept 5 | *Leadership Team Meeting: 4:00pm, Mariposa County Library
(First Thursday of the month) |
| Sept 9 | SIG— *Book Group: *2:00pm Home of Jaye Howes
(Second Monday of the month) |
| Sept 10 | Member Gathering: 3:30-6:30, The Grove House |
| Sept 10 | SIG—*International Study: 5:15pm, Home of Veronica Gross
(Second Tuesday of the month) |
| Oct 3 | Leadership Team Meeting: 4:00pm, Mariposa County Library |
| Oct 14 | SIG— Book Group: 2:00pm Home of Jaye Howes |
| Oct 15 | SIG—International Study: 5:15pm, Home of Veronica Gross |
| Nov 2 | Holiday Shopping in Mariposa |
| Nov 5 |  Election Day |
| Nov 7 | Leadership Team Meeting: 4:00pm, Mariposa County Library |
| Nov 11 | SIG— Book Group: 2:00pm Home of Jaye Howes |
| Nov 12 | SIG—International Study: 5:15pm, Home of Veronica Gross |
| Dec 8 | Holiday Party: Home of Veronica Gross |



***Regular day and/or time change**

We Value Education

Leadership Team

SIGs are getting ready to roll

—Trish Darcy

We have your answers for which SIGs you want to participate in this year and will be creating the email lists soon. Be looking for an email from the SIG Leader to get things going for the year.

We did get some feedback as to ideas for new groups. We'll throw them out there and if you are interested in being the leader for the group, let us know and we'll get things going for you. It's pretty easy to be a leader. Really! Some of the ideas are really old groups that people are interested in again. Here are the "new" ideas that came out:

- Jewelry Making (maybe as part of a craft group?)
- Music
- Board Games
- Garden (Cindy Harp has offered to co-lead)

Let us know if you would be willing to head up any of these and we can embark together on new adventures!

Existing SIGs



Potential SIGs



"Let's get together, what do ya say...."

—Bonnie Little



LET'S GET SOCIAL!

Not on social media, but in person! Please join us at The Grove House on **Tuesday**,

September 10th from 3:30 to 6:30pm for a casual get together to kick off our AAUW year. Let's have some time to visit! Bring a friend who might be interested in joining AAUW if you wish. Watch for more details in an email coming soon!

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“Mad Hatter” Auction items

Auction item: 3 hours of weed eating



Trish bid on 3 hours of Jill’s weed eating and Jill came over in July to show off her talent! She said she was good and she is REALLY good! Here is a picture of her in action. As you “cash in” on your auction item, please send a picture to Jill for the

newsletter. It will be fun to see them pop up throughout the year!

Auction item: Tickets to Fresno Zoo

When the two youngest grandkids spent a week with grandma and grandpa Dawn and Jay Johnson, they were treated to a visit to Fresno Zoo donated to the Mad Hatter auction by Joan Lee. Not surprisingly, they loved



feeding the giraffes, touching the slimy stingrays, ducking the flying falcons in the bird show, and climbing on every single rock and bench in the zoo. It was a fun day for all and we were glad we snagged that auction item.



Auction item: Cuddles with Critters



Dawn and Jay Johnson redeemed their "Cuddles with Critters" farm tour auction item on a sweltering day in July while fires were active in the area. Not the best planning!

But when all four grandkids are here, ya gotta do what ya gotta do. Many thanks to donor Ruthie Fruehauf for the lovely morning meeting all her special critter friends. The kids loved following the baby goats around, feeding the horse, getting their hands gently pecked by hungry chickens, picking up peacock feathers and cuddling the baby bunnies. Ruthie was a delightful and fun hostess and everyone learned a lot about the peculiar habits of farm critters.





Project: Backpack

Stuffed and off to school

—Rick Uebner

Filling the packs:

On Tuesday, July 16, a group of energetic members convened at the house of Kim Monson to fill the backpacks that had been donated by AAUW members. Kim was well-organized, with all materials laid out in assembly-line style. In all, 72 backpacks were

filled with everything a student needs to get the year going. Kim also provided drinks and food as an incentive. Thanks to Kim, Anne Dolchanczyk, Dawna Hunter, Pat Elka, Rick Uebner, and Carol Sprague.

The backpacks were distributed at events in Coulterville (July 20) and Mariposa (July 27).



All 72 packs are in the hands of grateful students who started back to school on August 14!



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!

We Sponsor Community Forums

AAUW Mariposa– Proposed 2024-25 Budget

	2023-2043 Budget	2023-2024 Actuals	Variance	Notes	2024-2025 Proposed Budget
Beginning Balance	\$ 4,926.38				\$ 14,597.69
Income Actuals are Net Profit					
INCOME					
District Portion of Dues	1,125	1,353	228	75 members @ \$15 / member	1,125
Donations					
Undesignated	100	2	(98)		100
Designated:					
Backpack	200	0	(200)		200
Tech Trek	250	397	147	Portion paid by the TT girls parents	250
Tech Connect	50	0	(50)	No longer doing	
Dinner w/ Scientist	500	0	(500)	No longer doing	
Fundraisers					
TT Fundraiser	0	1,924	1,924		
Spring Event	3,000	10,671	7,671	Butterfly Festival Food Booth	500
Ads	100	100	0		100
TOTAL INCOME	5,325	14,447	9,122		2,275
EXPENSES					
Administration					
Directory	300	399	99		400
Awards/Gifts	50	63	13		50
Insurance	420	462	42		470
Postage	300	24	(276)	Hand deliver most directories	100
Supplies	200	0	(200)	Business cards, brochures, banner	200
Website Hosting / Google Acct	100	122	22		100
Phonevite	25	0	(25)		25
Meetings	50	0	(50)		200
Chamber Dues	120	120	0		120
Member Events					
Holiday Event	375	0	(375)		375
Annual Mtg/Brunch	100	0	(100)		100
Programs					
Facilities	350	279	(71)		350
Hospitality	100	22	(78)		100
Miscellaneous	250	100	(150)	We used for ASL Translator	250
Projects					
Backpack	1,900	0	(1,900)		2,100
Tech Trek	3,120	3,185	65	5 girls at \$900 each; \$500 credit	4,500
Lunch with Women in Leadersh	0	0	0		500
Scholarship	0	0	0		1,000
	0	0	0		0
Leadership Development	0	0	0		0
Marketing	200	0	(200)	Promoting members	200
Equipment	0	0	0		0
Miscellaneous	300	0	(300)		300
TOTAL EXPENSES	8,260	4,775	3,485		11,440
Projected Checking Account Balance June 30, 2025					\$ 5,432.69

We Provide Opportunities for Women to Reach Full Potential

Membership

Bonnie Little, Dina Lambert

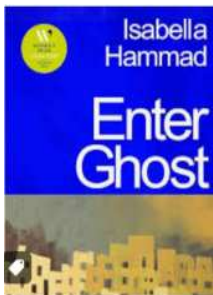


Member Corner: Idea exchange

—Bonnie Little

Our members share what we have found enlightening and entertaining

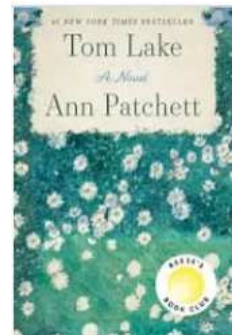
This month, two of our members each submitted two excellent book recommendations. Here we go!



Jill Harry's first recommendation is ***Enter Ghost*** by Isabella Hammad. In this novel, narrator Sonia Nasir is an English actress of Palestinian descent who used to spend summers with her family at her grandparents' house in Haifa, northwestern Israel. As the novel begins, Sonia returns to Haifa as an adult, her first trip back in many years. She is visiting her older sister who lives there and teaches at Tel Aviv University. Sonia meets her sister's friend Mariam, a local director working on putting together a production of Hamlet in Ramallah, West Bank. Mariam needs cast members to play Ophelia and Gertrude, and Sonia agrees to fill in until official cast members may be found. She rehearses lines in classical Arabic and is drawn into a dedicated group that wants to bring Shakespeare to that side of the wall. She then officially joins the production and spends more time in Ramallah than with her sister in Haifa. There are plenty of egos, differing priorities and relationship drama to make tensions rise on many fronts. Author Hammad expertly weaves Sonia's current life, memories, and family situations with the history of the region. The narrative builds to the debut of the play. Jill enjoyed the author's showcasing of the ordinary lives of Palestinians, along with all of the

steps involved in putting together a professional play, and found all of these details quite engaging. Published in 2023, this is a well done and certainly timely work of fiction.

The second book is ***Tom Lake*** by Ann Patchett. At 57, Lara has her three grown children sheltering in place with her and her husband at their family cherry orchard in Northern Michigan during the 2020 pandemic shut down. While harvesting the sweet cherries, the daughters beg their mother to tell them the story of famous actor Peter Duke with whom she shared the stage and a romance one summer at the fictional summer stock town of Tom Lake. She begins in high school with her first role as Emily Webb in Thornton Wilder's *Our Town*, through her summer with Peter Duke, and after, including how she met and married their father. Interspersed, Patchett draws out the relationships Lara and her daughters have with each other. Jill said this novel is beautifully imagined and crafted and she consumed this in just a few days.



The audio version is read by Meryl Streep, and as Jill said "What could be better"?
Bonnie's note: I also read this book and loved it as Jill did!

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We Open Eyes



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Micki Finney gave us two excellent recommendations as well. Her first is ***The Wind***



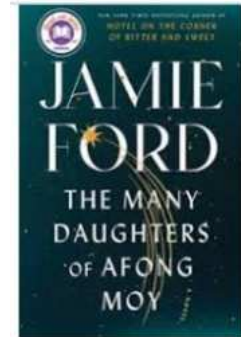
Knows My Name by Isabel Allende. This national bestseller and NPR Best Book of the Year tells the story of a Jewish boy escaping Nazi-occupied Europe and a mother and daughter fleeing twenty-first century El Salvador, and

how their lives intersect in this novel about war and immigration. In Vienna, 1938, Samuel Adler is five years old when his father disappears during Kristallnacht (the November pogrom against Jews carried out by the Nazi party). Samuel's mother fears for his safety and secures a spot for him on a Kindertransport train out of Austria to England. He boards alone, carrying nothing but a change of clothes and his violin. Eight decades later, in Arizona, 2019, Anita Diaz and her mother board another train, fleeing dangerous situations in El Salvador and seeking refuge in the United States. However, the timing of their arrival coincides with the new family separation policy and seven year old Anita finds herself alone at a camp in Nogales. She escapes reality through her imagination to a magical place called Azabahr. In the meantime, a young social worker named Selena Duran enlists the help of a successful lawyer in hopes of locating

Anita's mother. This novel intertwines the past and present of these two children, both in search of family and home, and the incredible sacrifices parents make to keep their children safe.

The Many Daughters of Afong Moy is Micki's

second recommendation. Written by Jamie Ford, it is a novel that spans centuries. It begins with Afong, the first Chinese woman to come to America in the 1830s, and extends all the way into the distant future



in 2045 when her descendant, Dorothy, is experiencing unbelievable memories of a life she herself has not led. Dorothy decides to go through an experimental mental health treatment. What results from that treatment will change her life forever. The focus is on Dorothy's journey through this process, but there will also be an array of interesting characters introduced as the novel travels through space and time.

The three novels that I have not read have intrigued me greatly. I thank Jill and Micki for their excellent suggestions.

Remember, this column depends on members reaching out with ideas for books, podcasts, series or movies, or even enriching travel suggestions. Please drop me an email with your ideas. Thank you!

We Value Education



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Project: Tech Trek

Grateful Trekkers

Dear AAUW of Mariposa,
 The experience that you have provided is unimaginable! I have never had so much fun with math before. Incorporating art and math is beautiful. I have met the kindest, smartest, and funniest girls. Thank you for spreading your love of learning to young women like me

Sincerely,
 Grace Hesperacid

"...I have met the kindest, smartest, and funniest girls. Thank you for spreading your love of learning to young women like me..."

Brittany June 21, 2024
 Dear Mariposa AAUW,
 Thank you for this amazing opportunity to meet new people and continue my love for STEM. I am extremely grateful to be able to have these experiences. The most memorable activity I did during Tech Trek was my science (physics) core class. I learned a lot but didn't forget to have fun. It was so interesting learning the rules of gravity and force. I loved learning all the physics behind some of these things we do on a day to day basis, and it was so exciting to do hands on work and learn visually. In conclusion Tech Trek will always be a joyous and exhilarating memory.
 Thank you sincerely, Brittany Marquez

"...I loved learning all the physics behind some of the things we do on a day-to-day basis...Tech Trek will always be a joyous and exhilarating memory!..."

Mariposa STEM Branch,
 Thank you so much for sending me to Tech Trek this year. This opportunity has been amazing. I've met so many great people here. I also really enjoy my class, which is Structures. Today we built a bridge to see which one could hold the most weight.
 Thank you all so much again.
 Natalie Keyes

Dear Mariposa AAUW branch, I thank you for sending me to Tech Trek. I had a wonderful time and I know I wouldn't have had this opportunity if it weren't for you. I truly appreciate the work that the branch has done to help me attend. Thank you so much for everything!
 Sincerely, Abby B.

Dear Mariposa AAUW members, thank you for sending me to Tech Trek. I learned so much but some of my favorite things include the talent show, drawing blueprints, programming robots, and going swimming. This was one of the best weeks of my life! Thank you again! -Sincerely Rio Pelote

"...This was one of the best weeks of my life!..."

We Inspire Lifelong Learning

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 Jaye Howes



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 Send Girls to Science/Math Camp



SIG: International Study

Contact [Veronica Gross](#)

Year's focus to be decided

The International Study Group has decided to meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 5:15pm. Its first meeting of the year will be on September 10th at 5:15pm at the home of Veronica Gross . If you are not yet on the list, but wish to participate, please contact Veronica (Nickel) at veronica@gross.name . We will decide on which area of the world we would like to focus . We have spent time in Finland and Estonia; Oaxaca, Mexico– past and present. Where will it be this year?



SIG: Hiking

Contact [Becky Mock](#)

Becky Mock is looking forward to heading up the hiking group this year with much more activity. Look for an email about the first hike of the year.



SIG: Wine

Contact [Anne Dolchanczyk](#)

Sign up for the “Corks and Forks” and join others who enjoy tasting various varietals from a variety of vintners; usually with a pairing of complementary foods. The host(ess) generally selects a varietal (say “Petite Syrah”) and members will each bring a bottle from one of several available vintners for everyone to taste.



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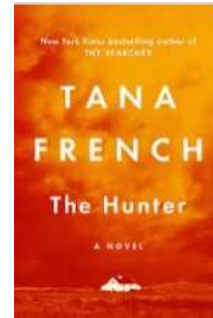
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SIG: Book

Contact [Jaye Howes](#)

Our next meeting will be on
Monday, September 9, at 2:00 pm
 at the home of Jaye Howes
 We will be discussing:
The Hunter
 By Tana French



Catch and Kill

By Ronan Farrow

Discussion notes by
 Anne Dolchanczyk and
 Jaye Howes



Anne: For August we read ***Catch and Kill*** by Ronan Farrow. It was about Farrow's attempt to persuade NBC to expose Harvey Weinstein as being a sexual predator for years. Over 80 women accused him of impropriety. Farrow was blocked at every turn. It was the New Yorker and the New York Times that broke the story.

This was a very long and complicated book. It was a real struggle to read it to the end. Next month we're reading a much lighter book!

Jaye: Anne Dolchanczyk led a lively banter about ***Catch and Kill*** by Ronan Farrow and the puzzling mystery about why people do what they do. We all agreed the book was interesting, but not well constructed and really too long.

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AAUW Branch
Leadership Team Meeting Minutes
August 13, 2024
Zoom Meeting
7:00 pm

Members:

Bonnie Little, Co-Membership
Liz Darcy, Co-Membership
Becky Mock, Recording Secretary
Trish Darcy, President/Tech Trek
~~Kim Monson, Gov Trek~~
Jill Rowney, Finance/Newsletter
Anne Dolchanczyk, Goodwill Ambassador

The Meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm

Minutes (*Becky Mock*)

The minutes of the July 2, 2024 meeting were approved via email.

Membership Update (*Liz Darcy, Bonnie Little*)

- 79 Current Members
- 20 renewal letters were sent out, 2 have responded yes, and 2 have responded no
- Remaining 16 will be called if no response is received within a week
Checks need to be sent to Jill. Dina is still getting them.

Finance Report (*Jill Rowney*)

- Agreed that 2 authorized approval signatures, the President, Trish Darcy, and Finance Officer, Jill Rowney, on bank account is sufficient
- Income: \$252.00; Expenses: \$203.20; Ending Balance \$14,646.49.
- Trish moved, Liz seconded, all voted in favor to approve.
- Budget approval pending, suggested membership get together for approval

Standing Projects:

- **Backpack Project**
 - All 72 backpacks were distributed
- **Tech Trek**
 - Trish will put together pictures and an article for the newsletter about last year's girls
- **STEMEd**
 - Trish(?) will reach out to Celeste Azavedo, but will table if no interest, maybe look into the National Program
- **Gov Trek**
 - This is not being supported at the state level, so we will not be pursuing this year unless someone steps up.

Fundraisers:

- Butterfly Festival

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We Open Eyes

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- o Plan to sell food
Consider looking into the Goddess Festival
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| September | Tech Trek Presentation potentially at Gold Cup Creamery. Need to promote event more to get more participation than last year. Plan to do the event on a Sunday | Trish |
| October | Self-Defense Class – Kim is a 3rd degree black belt has offered to teach. Consider inviting someone from the sheriff’s office to speak about safety in Mariposa | |
| November | Holiday Shopping 1st weekend in November | Liz |
| December | Holiday Party at Nickel’s | Jill |
| January | Marie Alvarado-Gil | |
| February | Line Dancing | |
| March | Lunch with Women in Leadership; Need committee of 5-6 to help plan event | Trish |
| April | Women’s Health after 50, contact Hospital about their health | Liz,
Becky |
| May | Butterfly Festival Booth | Anne |
| June | Annual Meeting– (Does not have to be at Trish’s house | Trish |

Programs/Events:

Need to decide who will head each of these

Old Business:

- Mentor Project

Anne will meet with new principal when it can be arranged

New Business:

- Lunch with Women in Leadership
- Scholarship Program (*Liz Darcy*)
- o Send email requesting volunteers to be on the committee
- o SIG sign up form
- o Request has gone out, will be sent again
- o SIG Zoom meeting for info???
- o Board meeting changed to first Tuesday at each month
- o Candidate Forum

Leadership Team Minutes– August 13, 2024

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- o Jill will help

Membership Tracking Tool <https://www.aauw-ca.org/its-here-an-easy-way-to-measure-how-active-your-members-are/>

- o Do we need to use this or develop our own spreadsheet which might be easier

- o Our website needs work

- o Trish will ask Dina if she can help

5 Star Program <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1e5c1DxBVjHlaGhWULy4wuZUs6WWIQ3G6rj7o4vF3fn0/edit?usp=sharing>

- o Need to look into trying to make more stars this year

- o Handbook Review

Becky volunteered to help

The meeting was adjourned at 8:19 pm



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- Liz Darcy, Co-Membership
- Becky Mock, Recording Secretary
- Trish Darcy, President/Tech Trek
- Kim Monson, Gov Trek
- Jill Rowney, Finance/Newsletter
- Anne Dolchanczyk, Goodwill Ambassador

The Meeting was called to order at 10:12 am

Minutes (Becky Mock)

- The minutes of the June 2, 2024 member meeting were approved online
The September newsletter will contain copies of the June 2 and the July 2 meeting minutes

Membership Update (Liz Darcy, Bonnie Little)

- Liz has been trained to work with the membership duties

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Next step for this year's membership is to speak directly with those who have not yet signed up for the new year

Finance Report (Jill Rowney)

- June 30, 2024 Treasurer's Report:
- Total Income: \$2,980.53; Total Expenses: \$1,790.20; Ending Balance: \$14,597.69
- Bonnie moved, Kim 2nd, and all were in favor of approving the June Finance Report
- Jill moved and Liz 2nd, and all were in favor of approving the following:

We, as members of the Board of AAUW Mariposa, do by this written consent take the following action and adopt the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the following are members that are the authorized signatories for the business checking account at Premier Valley Bank, account number 1078127.

Jill Rowney, Finance Officer
Tricia Darcy, President
Bonnie Little, Co-membership
Elizabeth Darcy, Co-membership

DATED: July 2, 2024

Standing Projects:

- **Backpack Project**
 - ⋄ More backpacks are needed
 - ⋄ Kim has purchased around \$1500.00 on items to put into backpacks and will submit receipts to Jill
 - ⋄ Coulterville distribution is July 20 and Mariposa distribution is July 27
- **Tech Trek** – take home messages
 - ⋄ Kids loved the camp
 - ⋄ Dorms could be better
 - ⋄ Annie and Kelsy were amazing peer counselors
 - ⋄ Trish is going to compile photos and comments for a Gazette piece
- **STEMEd**
 - ⋄ Teacher we were working with has left, Trish will try to make contact with another teacher for next year.
- **Gov Trek**

This is not being supported at the state level, so we will not be pursuing this year unless someone steps up.

Fundraisers:

After discussion of items like Bingo, Trivia nights, the group decided to look into having a food booth at the Butterfly Festival

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We Send Girls to Science/Math Camp

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Programs/Events:

- Created a tentative list of programs and events with several focusing on women's issues

September	Tech Trek Presentation potentially at Gold Cup Creamery. Need to promote event more to get more participation than last year
October	Self Defense Class – Kim is a 3rd degree black belt has offered to teach
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February	Line Dancing
March	Lunch with Women in Leadership
April	Women's Health after 50
May	Butterfly Festival Booth
June	Annual Meeting

Old Business:

- Mentor Project
 - Speak with new principal when it can be arranged

New Business:

- **Lunch with Women in Leadership**-we will set up a committee to get this going. Trish will send out an email
- **Budget**
 - Created a new budget that now needs to be presented to the members for approval
 - Decided to add giving a \$1000 scholarship to the budget. A committee needs to be formed to work out the details. Liz will head this up.
- **New SIGS**-board games, jewelry????
 - Liz and Bonnie will ask if there are any ideas for new SIGS BEFORE the request to join SIGS is sent out
 - Send out SIG sign up form/meet with SIG reps via Zoom-maybe before the sign up email is sent out?
- **Five Star Award**-We got 1 star for 2 years ago., Trish should receive an email survey to complete to determine how many stars for last year.
- **Date, Time and Location for this year's meetings**

Upcoming Dates:

- The board decided to move the board meetings to the second Tuesday of the month at 4:00
 - Trish will verify at the Library that 4:00 pm is doable on that day
- Next meeting August 13th at 4:00 pm at the Library

- **The meeting was adjourned at 12:38 pm**

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**AAUW - Mariposa Branch
Leadership Team Planning Meeting Minutes
June 2, 2024
Trish Darcy's house
2:00 pm**

Members:

- Dina Lambert, Finance Officer/Co-Membership: present
- Bonnie Little, Co-Membership: present
- Becky Mock, Recording Secretary: not present
- Trish Darcy, President/Tech Trek: present
- Kim Monson, Member at Large: present
- Jody Sergienko, Member at Large: not present
- Liz Darcy, Member at Large: present
- Anne Dolchanczyk, Member at Large: present

The Meeting was called to order at 3:04 pm

Minutes (*Becky Mock*)

- Agenda meeting minutes-approved and submitted to Jill for the newsletter.

Membership Update (*Dina Lambert, Bonnie Little*)

- Still at 74 members
- 3 potential members attending this meeting. They will be able to join for the reduced rate if they join today.

Finance Report (*Dina Lambert*)

- Income: \$791.87 for membership renewals; \$246.85 for Tech Trek; \$ 9977.76 for Mad Hatter (!) for a total of \$11,016.14
- Expenses:\$644 for state and national dues; awards and gifts \$63; \$24.15 postage; \$7.20 webhosting; \$141.38 facilities; \$100 miscellaneous for a total of \$979.73
- Ending balance of \$13,407.36.
- Jill made a motion to approve the finance report. Jaye seconded. Motion carried.

Standing Projects:

Backpack (*Kim Monson & Rebecca Swisher*)

- Coulterville Park on Saturday July 20th from 9:00am - 12:00pm
- Mariposa Family Resource and Empowerment Center (5070 Bullion St.) on Saturday July 27th from 8:00am - 12:00pm
- Kim will be contacting the schools to see what their needs may be since the district is providing the school supplies next year.

Tech Trek (*Trish Darcy*)

- Camp is June 16-22
- There was an article in the Gazette about this year's camp.
- Annie Bryant will be a peer counselor again this year.

STEMEd (*Trish Darcy*)

- Try again in the fall

Gov Trek

- Kim will be heading this up next year

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• Jeri Jones, possible new member, has offered to help with this as she was a high school government teacher.

Fundraisers:

- Yard Sale Replacement
- Mad Hatter-Thank you, Sandi!!!!

Programs:

A Conversation with Ranger Shelton Johnson (Trish Darcy)

• Went well; there were a little over 20 people in attendance

Old Business:

Mentor Program (Anne and Trish)

• Anne will begin looking at this in the fall

New Business:

- July Planning Meeting is moved to July 2nd at 10:00 at Becky's house
- Voting for next year's Leadership Team: Dina motioned to approve the slate of officers for next year's Leadership Team. Saralynn seconded. Motion carried.
- Voting on changes in Bylaws: Dina made a motion to approve the changes to the bylaws. Kim seconded. Motion carried.

Upcoming Dates:

- Planning Meeting-July 2nd at 10:00 Potluck lunch at Becky's house

The meeting was adjourned at 3:47 pm

Thank yous presented by Trish! :)

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Kim Monson	Team Member

Project Chairs/Coordinators

Backpack Project	Kim Monson & Rebecca Swisher
Fundraising	Sandi Gabe
Good Will Ambassador	Anne Dolchanczyk
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Gov Trek	Kim Monson
Programs/Events	open
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Social Media	Trish Darcy
Tech Trek	Trish Darcy & Barbara Silva
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