

The American Association of University Women



The Post Graduate

Jan - Feb 2020

Upcoming Events

January

Jan 6 – Play Reading Group

Jan 9 – Great Discussions Group

Jan 11 – Program: Sex Trafficking Awareness, Placerville Library

Jan 14 – Second Tuesday Book Club

Jan 22 – Fourth Wednesday Book Club

Jan 15 – Bridge Group

Jan 16 – Out to Lunch Bunch, Heyday Cafe, Placerville

Jan 25 – IBC Luncheon

Jan 27 – Art Group

February

Feb 3 – Play Reading Group

Feb 11 – Second Tuesday Book Club

Feb 13 – Great Discussions Group

Feb 15 – Speech Trek, Federated Church, Placerville

Feb 19 – Bridge Group

Feb 20 – Out to Lunch Bunch, Rudy's Hideaway, Folsom

Feb 24 – Art Group

Feb 26 – Fourth Wednesday Book Club





Co-PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

We have three interesting programs coming up. On January 11, Judy Knapp will speak on the topic of Sex Trafficking Awareness. Prospective members will find this program very interesting. See Barbara Smiley's article for details.

Please see the attached AAUW IBC Luncheon Reservation Form. The speakers at this luncheon on January 25 are AAUW Scholarship winners who talk about their fields of interest. You also have the opportunity to meet AAAUW members from other Sacramento area branches while enjoying a delicious luncheon. I will be organizing a carpool so call me at 530-621-3443 if you plan to attend. The deadline for reservations is Jan. 17.

On February 15, we need the attendance and support of all branch members at our first Speech Trek Program. We'll meet at 1 p.m. at Federated Church to hear local high school students compete for \$500, \$300, and \$100 in prize money. They will all speak on the topic "Are men and women truly equal today, or are the Suffragettes of 1920 still suffering in 2020?" The candidates will be video taped and 3 winners **will be** chosen by a panel of judges. The first place winner will then compete at the state level, with all expenses paid by AAUW-CA, and a top prize of \$1500. **SAVE THE DATE AND PLAN TO ATTEND!!!**

Casey Carlton-Mercado

Co-President

See below for Co-President Diane Dunnigan's information on our new website.



CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE!

The good news for 2020 is our **AAUW Foothills of El Dorado Branch website** is up and running! No password is required to access the site - just type the web address into your browser:

<https://eldorado-ca.aauw.net/>.

Our website can also be accessed from the state and national AAUW websites.

Please add the link to your bookmarks and contacts and check out the site if you haven't already done so.

The **Post Graduate Newsletters** can be read directly from links on the homepage, and information about events will be added as it becomes available. Members are encouraged to provide feedback about the website so we can continue to improve the site so it meets the needs of our branch and supports the success of our programs.

Diane Dunnigan

Co-President



JANUARY 11 PROGRAM – SEX TRAFFICKING AWARENESS

Our first program of the new year will be held on **Saturday, January 11th at Placerville Library conference room from 1:30 to 3:00**. Our speaker is Judy Knapp of PreventionWORKS, a non-profit promoting safe children and healthy families. This is a reschedule of Judy Knapp's talk on sex trafficking awareness and what is being presented in our schools to promote awareness and safety. Please join us for this informative program.



Eleanor Stem Allen Memorial Speech Trek

Speech Trek is a speaking contest open to all California high school students.

This program is an AAUW California project that begins on the branch level with a speech tournament for local students and culminates with three top statewide finalists performing their five-minute speeches at the AAUW California convention/annual meeting in April.

Women have been marching toward equality for over 100 years, starting with the Women's March of 1913 and continuing to the Women's Marches of today. The topic for 2019-2020 Speech Treko is:

Are men and women truly equal today, or are the Suffragettes of 1920 still suffering in 2020?

This year our Foothills of El Dorado County Branch will be participating for the first time in Speech Trek. Please join us for our local contest to be held on ***Saturday, February 15, 2020***, from ***1:00-5:00 PM*** at the Federated Church. Students will be competing for cash prizes, and the best speech will be entered in the State Final Competition. Please join us for our first local Speech Trek Event!

Sharon Warner, *Speech Trek Committee Chair*



Inter-Branch Council Meeting

This month we encourage you to attend the **Interbranch Council Luncheon and program on Sat. Jan. 25** featuring women speaking about their advanced studies sponsored in part by AAUW. If you can attend, please fill out and send in the attached reservation form before the deadline of Jan. 17. **Contact Casey Carlton-Mercado (530-621-3443) for carpool instructions.**

The venue is Plates Café and Catering, 14 Business Park Way, Sacramento. Plates is an employment learning program for formerly homeless mothers with children. Plates provides women with a unique opportunity to learn valuable skills necessary to enter the culinary and service industries. Upon completion of the Plates program, graduates are qualified for positions in the culinary, retail and/or hospitality industries. Plates helps place graduates into careers in these industries.



AAUW Public Policy Priorities, Continued

Below are some of AAUW California Public Policy Priorities, continued from last month's *Post Graduate*.

To support a strong system of high quality public education, AAUW CA advocates:

- Vigorous enforcement of federal Title IX (Education Amendments of 1972) and all other federal and California civil rights laws pertaining to education.
- Adequate and equitable funding for high quality public education for all students, including preschoolers.
- Increased support for programs that break through barriers for women and girls in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) fields.
- Protection of programs that meet the needs of girls and women in all levels of education and fields of study, including sexual health education and athletics.
- Opposition to the use of public funds for nonpublic elementary and secondary education, and for charter schools that do not adhere to the same civil rights and accountability standards as required of other public schools.
- Support for and adequate funding that gives women and other disadvantaged populations access to higher education, including two-year degree programs and vocational training.

To guarantee equality, individual rights and social justice for a diverse and inclusive society, AAUW CA advocates:

- Self- determination of one's reproductive health decisions.
- Increased access to quality, affordable health care, and comprehensive family planning services.
- Freedom from violence and fear of violence, including bullying, sexual harassment, sexual assault, human trafficking, hate crimes and gun violence, in homes, schools, workplaces and communities.
- Strengthening California programs, including affordable housing, that improve the lives of women, children and families living at or below the poverty level.
- Support for United Nations programs that address human rights and women's and girls' concerns.
- Freedom in definition of self-identity and family, and guarantee of civil rights for all forms of self-identity and all family structures.
- Vigorous protection of and full access to civil and constitutional rights for all. Continued support for passage of the Equal Rights Amendment.

Interest Groups

You are encouraged to participate in one or more of these groups in order to socialize with fellow AAUW members and share common interests. ***Our branch has the policy that you must be a member of AAUW to participate in an interest group. You may attend up to 3 meetings of a group without joining AAUW, but then you must join AAUW or drop out of the interest group. Hardship cases may appeal to the exec board by contacting the branch president.***



Out to Lunch Bunch – Sara Edwards, Chair

The Out to Lunch Bunch meets the **third Thursday** of the month. All branch members are welcome and encouraged to come. Reservations must be made two days in advance by notifying Sara Edwards at (530) 622-0703 or by e-mailing Sara at sara.leeed@gmail.com. **Note: This is a new email for Sara and yes, there are 3 e's in a row.**

On Thursday, January 16, we will go to **Heyday Cafe**, 325 Main Street, Placerville, at noon.

On Thursday, February 20, we will go to **Rudy's Hideaway**, 12303 Folsom Blvd., in Rancho Cordova. It's south of Hwy. 50, at Hazel and Folsom Blvd. We will meet at noon, also.



Ladies Third Wednesday Bridge Group

The ladies bridge group meets on the third Wednesday of the month. For more information, please call or e-mail Jan Ives. (530) 295-8170, janives@sbcglobal.net. Players do not need to be AAUW members. Part of the proceeds goes toward scholarships and part is reserved for prizes for the top team score in each group. There is also a couples bridge group who arrange their own playing time. Contact Jan Ives for more information.



Play Reading Group – Barbara Reider, Chair

On the **first Monday** of each month, a group of enthusiastic women who love to "cold read" plays meets at homes of the readers. The program is so successful, that no new members are being solicited. Since the plays are mailed to us, we have no choice as to their titles; as a result, subjects are of an interesting variety. There is no preparation necessary other than to let the chair know in advance of one's participation. Typically, the group finishes in May. Summers are free, and meetings begin again in October. If you are a member and if attending, please call Barbara at least two days in advance at (530) 677-0627.



Great Discussions (Current Events) – Patricia Garon, Chair

We enjoy lively discussions on current events, and local, national, and international issues. The meetings are held on the **second Thursday** of each month at 10 a.m. in the homes of members. The discussion group gets pretty wild at times...why don't you join us and see (hear) for yourself? All opinions welcome – the more diverse, the better! For more information, call Patricia Garon at (530) 647-2736 or e-mail pacbgaron423@gmail.com



Art Group – Hannah Jacobsen, Chair

AAUW Art Group meets on the 4th Monday of the month at 10 AM. The group is limited to 6 members due to space issues. We would welcome more women into our group but art supplies take up room and most of us do not have enough area for anything over six people.





Second Tuesday Book Club – Co-Chairs: Betty Hamilton (530-676-2411)

Jan 14, 1:00 p.m.
Diane Ettlich
101 Flindell Way, Folsom

Never Tell by Lisa Gardner

Feb 11, 1:00 p.m.
Virginia Duncan
3099 Briw Ridge Rd, Placerville

Elephant Company by Vicki Constantine Croke

Fourth Wednesday Book Club – Janet Walker, Chair (530) 409-0192

Jan 22, 1:00 p.m.
Sharon Lawrence
3378 Sudbury Rd., Cameron Park

Next Year in Havana by Chanel Cleeton

Feb 26, 1:00 p.m.
Hostess and book to be determined at Jan meeting



Need A Ride?

Call a membership committee member (listed on page 9 in the directory) if you need a ride to an event.