

The American Association of University Women



The Post Graduate

Sept - Oct 2019

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Oct 23 – Fourth Wednesday Book Club



Co-PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

As we begin our new program year, your board hopes you will attend the many fine events our program co-chairs Barbara Smiley and Jane Sonner will be organizing. Be sure to bring prospective members to our Tech Trek Tea Luncheon and Program on Oct. 5 to share the enthusiasm of our science and math camp winners. New this year is a White Elephant Silent Auction which will provide an opportunity for you to donate treasures you no longer use.

We are especially fortunate to welcome Diane Dunnigan to our board as Co-President as you will see by her impressive bio. Be sure to introduce yourself and welcome her at your first opportunity.

Casey Carlton Mercado

As a new member of AAUW, I am honored to have been asked to serve as Co-president this year with Casey Mercado. I am looking forward to getting to know everyone and contributing my time and talents to the organization and working to help promote and maintain all the wonderful programs and activities offered by the Foothills of El Dorado County branch. I recently retired after 22 years of teaching science and PLTW Engineering electives at Marina Village Middle School in El Dorado Hills. Prior to becoming a teacher, I worked in aerospace flight test at Edwards Air Force Base in Southern California, where I met my husband John. We have three grown sons and three grandchildren. I am an avid gardener and cyclist, and enjoy reading and practicing my favorite musical instruments (piano, guitar and ukulele) in my spare time.

Diane Dunnigan



Tech Trek Scholarship Tea Luncheon and Fundraiser

Saturday, October 5, 2019 at 1:00 pm

Park Community Church

3901 Wild Chapparal, Shingle Springs

Please join us at our Seventh Annual Tech Trek Fundraiser

You will meet the 11 girls we sent to Tech Trek Camp. Seven went to UC Davis campus: Mahee Kaswani, Marina Village; Tarika Kahlon, Rolling Hills; Whilder Kijstriopas, Camerado; Audrey Mayo, Miller's Hill; Garima Penummechchu, Rolling Hills; Wrenna Potter, Camino Poly Tech; and Luaryn Suminoto, California Montessori Project. Four attended camp at CSU-Fresno: Skylar Allen, Golden Sierra; Brooklind Stevens, Gold Trail; Trinity Findelton, Camerado; and Morgan Halverson, California Montessori Project.

They all had a wonderful time and plan to share their experiences with us at the luncheon. You will not want to miss their presentations.

We hope that everyone plans to attend this year. It will be a tea, with both savory and sweet delicacies to enjoy. It is our **only fundraiser** for Tech Trek.

Here is a photo of the girls who went to the UC Davis camp.



Here's what you can do to make this event a huge success:

1. **RSVP must be received no later than Oct. 1! Reservations should be made by calling Casey Carlton Mercado at (530) 621-3443 or emailing her at caseym@riverfast.net. Send your check for \$25/per lunch ticket made out to AAUW-Foothills of El Dorado to Casey, 4280 Patterson Dr. #54, Diamond Springs 95619. Write "luncheon" on the memo line of your check.**
2. If you aren't able to attend and want to donate to Tech Trek, send a check payable to AAUW to our treasurer, Norma Brink. Her address is 3078 Edythe Court, Placerville, 95667. Your check will be sent to the UC Davis Tech Trek camp treasurer to benefit our 2020 branch campers. **There is a donation form attached to this email.**
3. We hope to attract new members! **Bring friends and potential new members** to this fun event.
4. The **silent auction** is always a big part of the Tech Trek fundraiser and we need donations from our members. We are counting on our members to **donate items** that may be sold at our silent auction. Suggestions include white elephant items, wine, food, books, jewelry, objets d'art, nice quality re-gifted or gently used items. Jane Sonner is collecting the donations. Her contact information: (530) 295-9406 or (530) 748-7671; 2700 Sleepy Hollow Ct., Placerville (near DMV). Donations can be dropped off at her house or she will pick them up. **Please let her know by October 3** what you can donate and give an approximate value.
5. Our tea luncheon will be catered by Diane Wilkinson and served buffet style. She will probably bring her own helper but if she should need help, it would be nice to have several people available. We will also need several people to help with putting the room back in order. **Please call Casey Carlton -Mercado at 530-621-3443 if you can help.**
6. **Directions:** If coming from the Placerville area, exit Hwy 50 at Ponderosa Rd. At the top of the exit ramp, turn right onto Ponderosa and make a quick left at the light onto Wild Chaparral. Drive 1/4 mile to the church on the right. If coming from the west, exit Hwy 50 at Ponderosa and turn left at the top of the exit ramp onto Ponderosa. Drive across the overpass and turn left at the second light onto Wild Chaparral. The church will be on your right in 1/4 mile.



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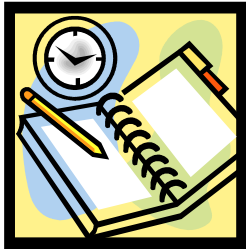
Amazon will donate a portion of your purchase price on many items, at no cost to you, when you set up an Amazon Smile account.

Go to smile.amazon.com and follow the prompts to set up the American Association of University Women as your favorite charitable organization. It's easy to do and works with your existing account.



Program: Sex Trafficking Awareness – Sept. 14

Our first program this year will be on **Saturday, September 14, in the 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. She will be speaking on sex trafficking awareness and what is being presented in our schools to promote awareness and safety. She will be glad to answer any questions we may have afterward. We hope to have a good attendance.



AAUW Programs for 2019-2020

SEPTEMBER 14: Speaker: Sex Trafficking Awareness, 1:30-3:00, *Placerville Library*

OCTOBER 5: Tech Trek Tea and Fundraiser, 1:00, *Park Community Church*

NOVEMBER 9: Superintendent of Instruction Ed Manansala: Education in EDC, Its Successes and Challenges, 10:00-12:00, *place TBD*

DECEMBER: Theater production, *TBD*

JANUARY: New Member Orientation

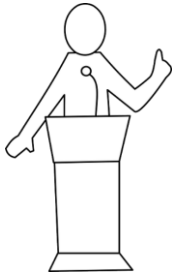
FEBRUARY 22: Speech Trek, 1:00-5:00, *Federated Church*

MARCH: Program: Universal Health Care and How to Pay for It

APRIL: Movie and Discussion: "Rise of the Wahine: Champions of Title IX"

MAY: Docent-led tour and lunch at Crocker Museum

JUNE: Marathon Bridge Party, Luncheon and Scholarship Fundraiser



Eleanor Stem Allen Memorial Speech Trek

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

This program, in its eleventh year, 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 is:

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

This year Foothills of El Dorado Branch will be participating for the first time in Speech Trek. Mark your calendars for our local contest to be held on Saturday, February 22, 2020, from 1-5 PM at the Federated Church. If you would like to help with this, here's how:

We need at least two more judges. If you know of someone interested in speech and debate who is NOT an AAUW member please refer them to me. Also, we could use a committee member or two. If you would like to join us please let me know.

Sharon Warner

Speech Trek Committee Chair – (530) 305-4428 or sharonlovestravel@hotmail.com



Sunshine Chairwoman

If you hear of a member who is suffering an illness or the loss of a loved one, please contact Hannah Jacobsen at (530) 409-3252 or gardengma10@yahoo.com.

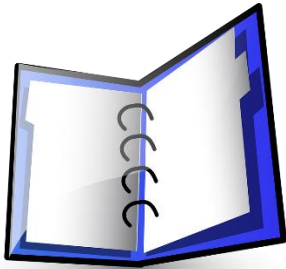
Hannah will send an appropriate card on behalf of our branch. Be sure to provide an address if different than the one in the most current directory.

Meeting

Board Meeting – Sept. 5

Our branch board will meet on Sept. 5 at 1:00 pm at Hannah Jacobsen's home. All officers and committee chairs are expected to attend and should bring their budget items. Any member is welcome and we can always use fresh ideas. Please RSVP to Hannah at (530) 409-3252 or gardengma10@yahoo.com by Sept 3. We will work on the new budget, plus details for the Tech Trek Tea and Fundraiser on Oct. 5. If you cannot attend but have budget items, send them to Norma Brink at nrmbrnk@gmail.com.

Directions to Hannah's: From Hwy. 50, go South on Greenstone. Go across Mother Lode Dr. onto Old French Town Rd. Drive 1.4 miles to Marybelle Ln and turn left. In 0.7 miles turn right on Crescent Hill Rd. In 200 ft. turn left onto Model Away and continue to 3545. Note: 3545 is also the gate code.



Committee Information Needed for Directory

Lee Boylan is finalizing our 2019-20 member directory. She would like to include the names of those participating on our various committees. Please email Lee by **Sept. 12** at LeeBoylan46@gmail.com to let her know **if you are – or wish to be – a member of any of these committees:**

- **Hospitality:** Bring refreshments to meetings, help set up, greet guests
- **Membership:** Welcome and mentor a new member by taking her out to lunch, calling her to attend a meeting, etc.
- **Phone Tree:** Call an assigned number of members with details on upcoming program, refer them to a nearby member for a ride
- **Program:** Help organize, set up and publicize meetings
- **Speech Trek:** Help organize speech competition

We also need:

- **Historian:** Take pictures and send to newsletter editor
- **Website Coordinator:** Manage our website



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.lee.edwards@gmail.com.

We will meet at **Fat's Asia Bistro**, 2585 Iron Point Road, Folsom on Thursday, Sept. 19 at noon.

On October 17, we will go to **The Independent**, 629 Main Street, Placerville, at noon. **Please let Hannah Jacobsen know if you can attend by Wed. Oct. 16 at (530) 676-3252 (Sara will be out of town).**



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 – Patricia Garon, 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 Patricia at least two days in advance at (530) 647-2736 or e-mail pacbgaron423@gmail.com



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)

Sept 10, 1:00 p.m. Little Fires Everywhere by Celeste Ng
Judy Jewel
8026 Fallview Wy, El Dorado Hills

Oct 8, 1:00 p.m. Book TBD
Betty Hamilton
3033 Twin Oaks Rd., Cameron Park

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

Sept 25, 1:00 p.m. The Rainbow Comes and Goes
Sharon Lawrence by Anderson Cooper & Gloria Vanderbilt
3378 Sudbury Rd., Cameron Park

Oct 23, 1:00 p.m. The Elephant Whisperer by Lawrence Anthony
Mary Jane Ruggieri
4390 Patterson Dr. Unit #265, Diamond Springs



New Member Bio

This year we have the pleasure of welcoming **Ann Chambers** as a new member. She has lived in Camino for 5 years with her husband, Patrick, and they enjoy being close to their daughter and grandchildren in Sacramento. Ann is involved in the local chapter of The Daughters of the American Revolution and interested in helping us with fundraising and Tech Trek. A graduate of UC Berkeley in chemical engineering, Ann is looking forward to getting involved with our group.