

The American Association of University Women



The Post Graduate

Nov - Dec 2019

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Nov 4 – Play Reading Group

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Co-PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Our seventh annual Tech Trek Tea Luncheon on October 5th was a resounding success and was well attended by parents, teachers and AAUW members. It was great meeting the scholarship recipients and hearing them express their appreciation for such a wonderful opportunity to engage in hands-on science and meet other like-minded young ladies. Mr. Joe Bania, who generously donated funds for 6 girls to attend UC Davis camp this year, gave a short and inspiring pep talk. A total of 11 local girls attended Tech Trek this year, with our branch sponsoring three girls and two Soroptomist branches sponsoring two. The girls did a fabulous job sharing their experiences at the UC Davis and CSU Fresno Tech Trek Camps this summer. Many wonderful items were donated for the silent auction, and fundraising proceeds from the event totaled \$698.

Thank you to the entire Tech Trek Committee for all their hard work on our signature scholarship event: Chairs: Misty di Vittorio, Darlene Tarlton, Jane Sonner and members Jan Ives, Jane Havilla, Laurel Gromer, Vicky Kennedy, Diane Dunnigan, Barbara Smiley, and M. Pino Jones, member at large.

Diane Dunnigan

Our excellent programs continue on Nov. 9th with Dr. Ed Manansela speaking on the "Successes and Challenges" of Education in El Dorado Co. On Dec. 15, join us for lunch out and a matinee performance of the "Addams Family," a kooky, spooky musical comedy at our local Imagination Theater. See the details in this issue of the Post Grad. Please check your new directory for Committee Listings. If you are not yet on a committee, please consider joining one to help run our branch. If your name has been accidentally omitted, please call the chair of that committee to be included.

Also, if your phone, address, or e-mail changes, please contact Lee Boylan who will include your change in the next Post Grad. Please let Sunshine Chair Hannah Jacobsen know if any member is ill or recovering from an accident, so that she can send a card. And get your flu shot---it works!

Casey Carlton-Mercado



November 9 Program – Education in El Dorado County

Come hear County Superintendent of Instruction Ed Manansala talk about “Education in El Dorado County, Its Successes and Challenges.” A question and answer period will follow, so be sure to express your concerns with questions or comments.

Join us November 9, 10:00 am-12:00 noon at Eskaton Placerville at 3380 Blairs Lane in Placerville. Parking is limited, so we suggest carpooling.



December 15 Program – Imagination Theater

Our program for December will be a production by the Imagination Theater in Placerville. They are doing *The Addams Family—a Musical* at 2 pm on Sunday, December 15. An unusual and fun Christmas offering! From the writers of Tony Award-winning *Jersey Boys*, *The Addams Family* tells the story every father’s nightmare: Wednesday Addams is grown up and in love with a “normal” boy. Inviting his family to the Addams mansion sets the stage for a meet-and-greet gone gothic. Savor the horrific hospitality of Gomez, Morticia, Pugsley and everyone’s favorite weirdo, Uncle Fester, as they face up to the one horrible thing they’ve managed to avoid for a generation: change.

We will be having lunch at 12:30 at Danette's Brick Oven Pub located at 2875 Ray Lawyer Drive. Please **contact Barbara Smiley with your reservation by Saturday, November 30** by calling (916) 813-6281 or emailing smiley.barbara96@gmail.com. Please send a check for \$20/ticket payable to “AAUW Foothills of El Dorado” to Barbara at 3820 Market Ct. F3 Shingle Springs, CA 95682.





Speech Trek Date Change

Due to a scheduling conflict with the area speech teams, the Speech Trek competition originally scheduled for Feb 22, 2020 has been changed to Saturday, Feb 15, 2020 at 1 PM, in the Federated Church. Please mark your calendars and save the new date!

Sharon Warner, *Speech Trek Chair*



Tech Trek Thank You

We received delightful thank you notes from all the girls who attended Tech Trek this past summer. Here is a sampling:

"This camp opened my eyes to both the brightness of my future and the challenges that lie ahead. Thank you so much for this opportunity that taught me so much, not only about science but also about myself." – *Lauryn Sumimoto*

"I cannot even begin to describe how grateful I am to you for allowing me to attend Tech Trek. It was a wonderful experience that ...strengthened and solidified my hopes of a career in STEM." – *Audrey Mayo*

"The unique activities from learning about forensics, constructing solar cars, and meeting successful women in STEM, just to name a few, have really inspired and motivated me to explore STEM even more." – *Mahee Kaswani*



A Note from Our Treasurer

Net proceeds from the Tech Trek Tea on October 5 were \$698, including proceeds from the silent auction and donations received. Nine of the eleven girls we sponsored to the one-week summer camp (7 to UC Davis camp and 4 to Fresno) spoke about their experiences. I am so sorry if you missed that inspiring occasion. The cost per girl to attend camp is \$900; parents are asked to contribute only \$50 of this amount, so any contributions you make are very helpful. Attached is a donation form if you wish to make a donation.

Norma Brink, *Treasurer*



AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund

Our Foothills of El Dorado branch contributed \$200 this past year to the AAUW Fund. The Legal Advocacy Fund is a subdivision of that fund. Here is some information on the Legal Advocacy Fund.

The Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF) works to challenge sex discrimination in higher education and the workplace. Our resources range from community outreach programs to backing of major cases.

Sex discrimination today takes a variety of forms: unfair pay, pregnancy discrimination, sexual harassment, sexual assault, and violations of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 can affect both women and men. LAF addresses these barriers by informing people of their rights and using the legal system to seek justice and change.



AAUW Public Policy

2020 is the 100th anniversary of women gaining the right to vote. Also, the 2020 election will be one of the most significant in our lifetime. Below are some of AAUW California Public Policy Priorities. (More priorities in the next Post Grad issue.)

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.**

We will meet at **Amerikan Ichi**, 1234 Broadway, Placerville on Thursday, November 21 at noon.

On December 19 at noon, we will go to **The Bacchus House**, 1004 East Bidwell Street, Folsom. This is in the south end of the big parking lot across the street and east of Trader Joe's. They're said to have wonderful Christmas decorations inside the restaurant.



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)

Nov 12, 1:00 p.m.
Nancy Hansen
4480 Fowler Ln, Placerville

The Art of Hearing Heartbeats by Jan-Phillip Sendker

Dec 10, NOON potluck
Sara Edwards
5521 Gold Hill Rd, Placerville

The Music Shop by Rachel Joyce

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

Nov 20, 1:00 p.m.
Dyana Anderly
3484 Chasen Dr, Cameron Park

Next Year in Havana by Chanel Cleeton

No December meeting



Update Your Directory

Sara Edwards has a new email address: sara.leeed@gmail.com. **Note: This is a new email for Sara and yes, there are 3 e's in a row.**