

Gold Filings

Amador Branch
American Association
of University Women



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Mission Statement

AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

Diversity Statement

In principle and in practice, AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, or disability.

AAUW AMADOR

August 27, 2016

ACTION PLANNING WORKSHOP

<p>Welcome-Sandee Icebreaker</p> <p>Workshop-Nancy Helpers Ground Rules</p> <p>We will be creating an Action Plan that will Focus on Mission-based Programs for School Students. We will also Plan additional actions To deal with funding, Program, Operation Care, Food bank collections, Parade of Lights and fellowship Speakers.</p> <p>Review of Process. Rehearse what has already been decided.</p>	<p>RATIONAL OBJECTIVE(S) To discern the necessary action steps.</p> <p>VICTORY</p> <p>Assess current reality: Strengths Weaknesses Benefits Dangers</p> <p>What does our current reality reveal about our "victory"? State our commitment.</p>	<p>EXPERIENTIAL OBJECTIVE(S) To feel I'm part of a "winning team".</p> <p>KEY ACTIONS</p> <p>Individual brainstorm Tasks: big and small. Choose Key Ideas and Organize. Divide into task Forces to work on details and calendar.</p>	<p>CALENDAR AND ASSIGNMENTS</p> <p>Meet as Task Forces To decide actions and Calendar: Launch Ongoing activities Completion</p> <p>WHAT WHY HOW WHO WHEN WHERE COST</p> <p>Task Force Reports</p>	<p>REFLECTION</p> <p>What stands out for you from our time together? Where do you sense we had a breakthrough? What are you looking forward to? Create a motivating image, slogan or theme: Brainstorm, cluster, choose. Chart it!</p>
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Action Planning Workshop

Thank you to all who attended the our Branch Planning Workshop on July 9th. If you missed the workshop, please check out the recap on pages 2 and 3. The next stage of the process is the Action Planning Workshop where we will come up with specific plans for our great ideas. Please take a moment to RSVP either to Sandee Bowman (sbowman56@gmail.com) or Rebecca Wilson (rdiannaw75@icloud.com).

Date: August 27th

Time: 10:00 a.m to 1:00 p.m.

Place: Sutter Creek Community Center

Summary of July 9, 2016 Planning Meeting Amador Branch of AAUW Community Center, Sutter Creek, California

Recorded by Janet Kendig, 7/9/2016

The meeting started at about 9:15 A.M. after a short coffee and fruit beginning. President Sandra Bowman welcomed the attendees (22) and introduced President-Elect Rebecca Wilson who conducted a fun ice-breaker that helped everyone to get to know each other better.

Nancy Street was introduced as the workshop facilitator. She explained the workshop process. Ground rules were set by the group, and the consideration of “12 Steps to Empowering Other Women” and the “Recipe for A Healthy Branch” (found in the June state AAUW publication) began.

Next came individual brainstorming, each member writing ideas on paper, then meeting with a small group and pulling ideas from each group member. Ideas were posted on a “sticky board,” ideas were elucidated and grouped in broad categories being: Mission-based programs — community and schools; Community Partnerships; and Outreach and Advocacy. From those broad categories came the



AAUW AMADOR STRATEGY WORKSHOP
JULY 9, 2016

RECIPE FOR A HEALTHY BRANCH

Workshop Question: - What Are Our Directions for this Recipe?

<p>CONTEXT Setting the Stage Workshop-Nancy Helpers Ground Rules</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Highlight /Refine workshop question. 2. Outline process & timeline. 3. Set the stage. ORID: Recipe Ingredients 	<p>RATIONAL OBJECTIVE(S) What does the team need to clarify?</p> <p>BRAINSTORM Generating New Ideas</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Brainstorm individually on a sheet of paper. 2. Select 5-7 important ideas. Write on cards. Plan for a total of 35-40 cards. 3. Put up 1 or 2 cards from each person or small group. Ask for questions of clarity. 	<p>EXPERIENTIAL OBJECTIVE(S) What does the team need to experience?</p> <p>ORGANIZE Forming New Relationships</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Form 4-6 pairs intuitively. 2. Ask for cards that are different and develop clusters. 3. Quickly give each cluster a 1-2 word label. 	<p>NAME Discerning the Consensus</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Talk through a cluster What are we saying? What is our insight? 2. Give the cluster a 3-5 word name 3. Repeat for remaining clusters. 	<p>REFLECT Confirming the Resolve</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Read focus question and cluster titles. 2. Discuss significance of product - can use ORID. 3. Next steps 4. Create a chart or design to hold consensus.
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“One Big Idea: Mission-Based Program/s for School Students.” Ancillary Ideas included: partnering with Operation Care.

The next step is the Action Plan meeting at which time the implementation particulars will be worked out, planned and put on a time line. All are welcome to attend as input from all members is valued and appreciated. The meeting will be August 27th from 10 AM to 1 PM at the Sutter Creek Community Center.

Strategic Workshop

Sticky Wall Categories and Focus Ideas



Categories:

Mission Based Programs-Schools

- Mentor Jr. High through College
- Local Tech Trek Day
- Speech and Tech Trek Scholarships
- Mentor Students and Parents
- Institute Speech Trek
- Mentoring
- Jr. High College Prep Program
- Programs/Outreach in Local Schools
- Local College Alumni Resources/People
- Career Day
- Re-institute Academic Decathlon

Community Partnerships

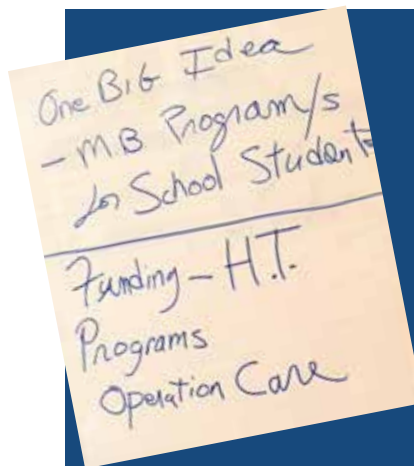
- Work with Operation Care
- Gift Cards for Operation Care
- Community Service Organizations Fair
- Community Partnerships
- Food Bank Collections
- Promote Internships with Local Businesses

Outreach/Advocacy

- Sutter Creek Parade of Lights
- Reallocate Home Tour \$\$
- ERA and Equal Pay Advocacy
- Title IX
- Community Advocacy
- Outreach Team!
- Attract Pre-Retirement Members

Mission Based Programs-Community

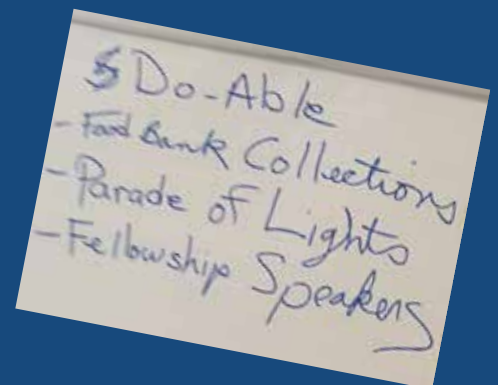
- Fellowship Speakers
- Healthy Aging Program
- Mentoring Women—Jobs, Health, Finance
- Financial Literacy
- S.T.E.M. Makers' Fair
- Battling Media Stereotypes



**ONE BIG IDEA
TO FOCUS ON:**
Mission Based Programs
for School Students

**ANCILLARY
IDEAS:**

Programs
Operation Care



President's Message

Dear Members,

Although it seems as if they have just begun, the Dog Days of summer are nearly over. During the waning days of summer, I hope you all have a chance to enjoy a break from work, travel or relish the company of your families and good friends.

For those of you who generously shared your time on Saturday, July 9th, we wish to thank you for your enthusiasm and passion. As a team, we were able to create a Branch strategy for the upcoming year. The goal was to agree on The One Big Thing upon which we would focus. Mentoring Students is the high level, short version, of our agreed strategy. Underlying are a variety of brilliant ideas for building a series of ongoing workshops or programs for providing coaching and training for life skills, professional skills, and education oriented planning. We also agreed to begin developing a partnership program with Operation Care and, we identified some 'quick hits' to further build a positive perception of AAUW in Amador County.

By now, you should have received an invitation to a membership-wide, Action Planning Session, on August 27th. The purpose of the session is to agree on and establish a plan for

implementing the components of our strategic plan. I would encourage you to attend if possible; your attendance on July 9th is not a prerequisite to participate on August 27th. As on July 9th, the August session will be your opportunity to have a voice in determining the path forward for our Branch. Thank you to those of you who have sent an RSVP.

As before, Nancy Street will exercise her considerable skill as our facilitator.

Next Up: Our September Meeting – We will be having an AAUW Harvest Party on September 15th. Please bring a friend to help us celebrate fall and AAUW. We will do a brief overview of our programs, projects, the home tour, and interest groups for the next year while reconnecting as a branch and welcoming potential new members.

Savor the month of August. Hydrate, drink lemonade and, relax in the shade with a good book!

Warmly,
Santee Bowman



紅葉 ROYOU
a Night in Japan's Red Leaves

Save the Date
Saturday, November 5, 2016
Jackson Rancheria Hotel Grand Oak Ballroom
5:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Annual Themed Ball Fundraising Event
Proceeds benefit a college center in Amador County
501 c (3) non-profit organization

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Getting to Know You: Marianne Chang

by Sandee Bowman

She has goats, pigs, chickens and a dog. She studies Art and Math. She loves to travel and she is a passionate educator. New member Marianne Chang has a wide and varied range of pursuits and passions. Her menagerie is formed of rescue animals and she finds peace in simply watching chicken-antics and musing about life.

Marianne and her siblings were born in different countries all over the world – England, Guyana and Barbados. With a German mother and a father from Guyana, Marianne was born in Barbados and when she entered 6th grade, became a resident of the Oakland Hills. There she remained through High School. Marianne and her partner, Brian, moved to Amador County nearly 10 years ago and the Bay Area transplant



Marianne Chang

is eager to continue to build her social network and contribute to the mission of AAUW.

Marianne has a BA in International Relations and an MS in Organizational Leadership. Although she briefly entertained joining the corporate world, Marianne is an Educator with a capital “E”. She was an instructional coach for several years and now teaches 7th and 8th grade classes at Lockeford Elementary School. She will enter a Math Certification program later this year to continue enhancing her skills and building more value for her students.

Please join me in welcoming Marianne to our Branch. We are pleased and honored to have her on board and part of our vibrant team.

California President’s Message - New Beginnings

(Reprint of July 9, 2016 Email)

Each New Year brings the opportunity for new beginnings. As we stand at the beginning of our new fiscal year, we have the choice to continue as we always have or to change what we are doing. In AAUW, it is easy to fall into a rut and do things the way they have always been done. But, we don’t have to do that. We can make a choice today to challenge tradition.

In California, our branches have been losing members slowly over the past many years. We need to look at some of the reasons. The obvious reason that comes to mind is that many of our members are going to the great AAUW beyond. If we stop looking for reasons there, we can just throw up our hands and accept the inevitable.

If we look beyond the obvious, we become aware of all the women’s organizations that are available today. We have a lot in common with many of them, but what makes us stand out? How can we draw new members if we are all the same? What does each of our branches do that makes women want to become part of us?

In California, we lead the nation in the number of members and branches in one state. We need to revitalize our members.

Some branches are struggling just to find members to serve in leadership roles. Over the years, their leadership team may have grown to 30 or 40 members. They may need to downsize their leadership team and go back to “lean and mean”, like many businesses of today. We can learn from business. If no one is interested in chairing the annual tea, then maybe we don’t need to hold the annual tea anymore. Branches need to look at their priorities and decide what the most important reasons for their existence are.

In my generation, we waited until we retired to look for ways to give back to the community. Today’s women are looking for ways to be part of the community and fit that in to their active working lives. Think about how we can become that organization and still support the mission of AAUW, by advancing equity for all women and girls, through advocacy, education, research and philanthropy.

I challenge you to make our California branches more vital and effective in this new year. Look for your unique qualities and “market” them.

Donna Mertens, California AAUW President

Save the Date

AAUW Harvest Party



September 15th at 6 PM

Sutter Creek Community Center

Let's start the year with a party to celebrate fall and our branch! In addition to food, drinks, and fun games, we will do a quick overview of the projects and programs we are planning for the year and have our interest groups give a brief update on their plans for the year so that we can all start the year with a bang.

This is a great event to bring a friend who might be interested in joining!

Help Wanted!

Our branch needs a few positions filled to make everything run smoothly. Please consider volunteering. These positions could be filled by a single person or a group of people who could share responsibilities.

Programs Vice President

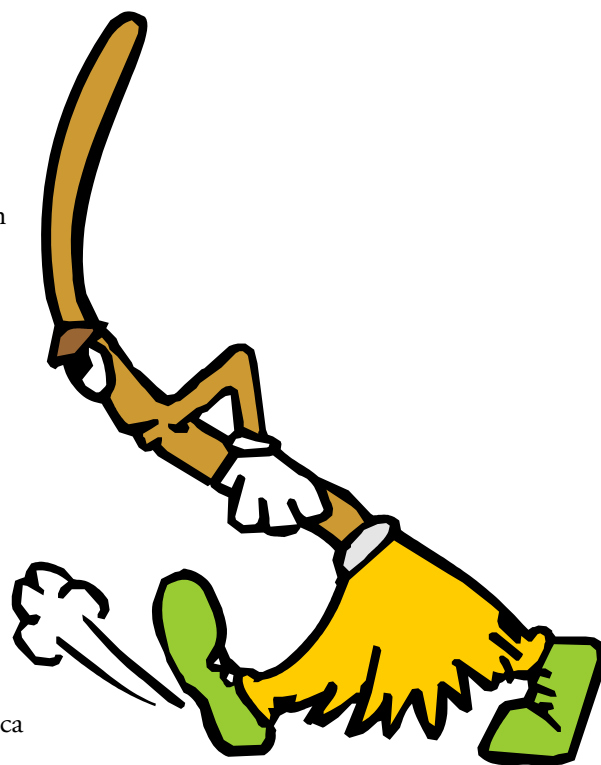
We need someone to act as coordinator for our programs, projects, and other events. Your primary responsibilities are to make sure the one page insurance form is submitted for all events, to reserve locations when necessary, and to coordinate with other committees to ensure everything runs smoothly. Please contact Sandee Bowman (Sbowman56@gmail.com) or Rebecca Wilson (rdiannaw75@icloud.com) if you are interested.

Hospitality

We need someone to coordinate hospitality for our branch. Your responsibilities are to coordinate volunteers for refreshments, set up and clean up, and to either pull supplies from storage or arrange for someone to pull supplies. Please contact Sandee Bowman (Sbowman56@gmail.com) or Rebecca Wilson (rdiannaw75@icloud.com) if you are interested.

Libations & Conversations Committee

The L&C committee is looking for a few more members to help find venues and speakers for L&C. Please contact Katie Scott (kbscott3576@gmail.com) if you are interested.



Special Interest Groups

Afternoon Book Group

Robin Stolk, Chair
robinfstolk@sbcglobal.net

Join us for a thoughtful and friendly book discussion the 2nd Monday of each month at 2 p.m. Our next meeting is August 8th at Floy Goulart's home. We will be discussing *Being Mortal* by Atul Gawande. New members are welcome. If you'd like to join the group, contact Robin Stolk.



Cork & Fork

Michele Powell, Chair
powell.michele288@gmail.com

This group meets every other month to enjoy wine tasting and appetizers. Members' homes are the usual meeting place, but we sometimes gather at a winery tasting room or other appropriate venue. The next meeting of Cork & Fork is September 11th at the usual time 5:30 to 6:30. If you'd like to join C&F or want to know about the interest group, contact Michele Powell.



Art in Action

Bev York, Chair
likacb@volcano.net

We are a group whose members enjoy drawing and painting at each others' homes or various outdoor locations such as PiPi Valley, Bear River, and Lake Tabaud. We share information about art workshops and gallery exhibits. Art in Action group members are responsible for the Art Show at the Home Tour. Beginners are welcome. Lunch is always part of the day. Meetings are every 2nd & 4th Tuesday. Contact Bev for information about the next meeting.



Garden Groupies

Judy Venckus, Chair
venckus@aol.com

Garden groupies love plants and the beauty they add to our lives. No digging, raking, or pruning is required. Just join us in visiting some very interesting places. The Garden Groupies are taking a hot summer break. We'll reconvene in September.



Book Lovers & Page Turners

Jackie Martinez, Chair
jackiemartinezm@aol.com

Come join us! We meet at 2 p.m. on the fourth Monday of each month (except December) at members' homes. We have great discussions about books while sharing a light dessert. New members are welcome. Our next meeting is August 22nd at the home of Michele Powell. We'll discuss *Midnight in Peking* by Paul French. If you'd like to join these conversations, contact the hostess by email or phone. If you'd like to join the book group, contact Jackie Martinez.



Lunch Bunch

Kelli Garcia, Chair
kgarciaod@hotmail.com

August Lunch Bunch is meeting Thursday, August 11th at Golden Dragon Chinese Restaurant (formerly Golden Wok) 11980 Hwy 88 in Martell (by SaveMart). You are invited to join the lunch bunch for a fun experience. RSVP to Kelli Garcia at kgarciaod@hotmail.com.



Supper Club

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Claire Wait, Chair
clairesc@sbcglobal.net

Supper Club will gather on August 6th for a Southern BBQ. Norva and Doug Fagg will host at their lovely Jackson Valley home and Lani and Jim Chapman will co-host. Please call or email Claire Wait for more information on joining us.



Working Girls' Book Group

The Working Girls' Book Group will be discussing *Eighty Days: Nellie Bly and Elizabeth Bisland's History-Making Race Around the World* by Matthew Goodman on August 10th (we decided to reschedule last month's group). We will meet at Provisions in Sutter Creek. Please contact Rebecca Wilson at rdiannaw75@icloud.com for more information.



September Board Meeting

The next Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 13th. We always meet at 6 PM at Paisano's Pizza in Jackson. All branch members are welcome.

Board meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month except for August and December when the Board takes a vacation.

Amador College Connect Has a New Home

Amador College Connect
Jackson Creek Plaza
525-6 Highway 49
Jackson, CA 95642
(209) 217-8239

September Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for submitting articles and information for the September issue of *Gold Filings* is **August 22nd**. Please submit material to rdiannaw75@icloud.com. Thank you.

Branch Member Notes

Sunshine Update for August –

I would be honored to send a card on behalf of our branch to any member you feel needs sunshine for illness or loss; congratulations for significant family happenings or noteworthy community contributions; or just “thinking of you.” As I am a technological illiterate, you will have to call me.

Since our last issue of *Gold Filings*, I have sent a sunshine card to Bailey Burton and Kelly Trottier.

–Lynne Brumit

Birthdays

Best wishes to our members with August birthdays.

Sandi Baracco

Kathy Guletz

Sharon Burwell

Sue Harrington

Gretchen Carlson

Gretchen Kingsbury

Lani Chapman

2016-2017 Member Directory

I am directory editor this year and am beginning the process for the 2016-2017 edition. Please review your entry in the current branch directory; If you see anything that needs to be changed or corrected, let me know as soon as you can. You might want to add a cell phone number as we're all using them more than ever.

Thank you for help with this project. Call or email if I can offer any assistance or answer any questions.

Michele Powell

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Upcoming Libations & Conversations

The next L&C is going to be on Wednesday, September 21st at the Lone Wolf Restaurant at the Jackson Rancheria from 5:30pm - 6:30pm. At 6:30, we will break and have dinner for those interested in staying, spouses welcome. Janet Kendig will be our speaker.



P.O. Box 611, Sutter Creek, CA 95685