

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

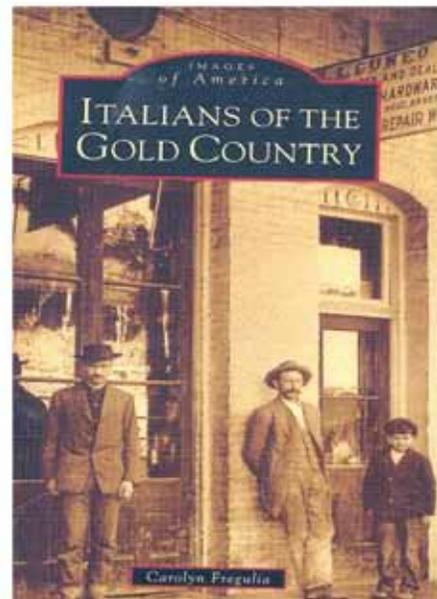
In principle and in practice, AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, or disability.

AAUW proudly presents: An Evening with author Carolyn Fregulia

Author and Historian of the Gold Country
and her Books:
Silently They Speak
Italians of the Gold Country
Logging in Central California:
Images of America

Please come on January 15,
2014
6:30—8:00 pm
Margaret Dalton Children's
Center,
975 Mission St.
Jackson, CA

Free, Open to Public



AAUW Presents Carolyn Fregulia discussing her books and the history of Amador County. This will be a fascinating look back at the development of the Gold Country and its residents, builders, and important characters. Come enjoy!

President's Message

by Nancy Street

AAUW Priority: "AAUW promotes educational and life long learning opportunities for women."

Quote of the Month: "Year's end is neither an end nor a beginning, but a going on, with all the wisdom that experience instills in us. Cheers to a new year and another chance for us to get it right." *Oprah Winfrey*

Thanks to all of you who showed concern and inquired about my Dad. Basically, I think we saved his mind, if not his life, by removing him from the rehab hospital. He's now with my stepmom in a nice independent living situation. Still some kinks to work out, but at age 92, one expects that. I also need to send out a thank you to the anonymous board member who purchased a new nametag for me. What a sweet gesture; I really appreciate it!

Our December Holiday Open House was wonderful. Thanks to Bernice and Stephen Honeychurch for sharing their lovely home with us. And kudos to Bev York, Judy Regnier, Jackie Martinez and their helpers for organizing a great party. Thanks to all of you who provided goodies for us to enjoy!

Our next event is our Community Author Presentation, featuring Carolyn Fregulia, local Amador history writer. It will be on January 15, 2014, 6:30-8 p.m., at the Margaret Dalton Children's Center, 975 Broadway, Jackson. Hope to see you there. And save February 12, 3-5 p.m. for our Community Program on Healthcare for Amador Women and Children. Don't forget Libations and Conversations on January 22, 5:30-6:30 p.m., at The Cellar at Hotel Sutter in Sutter Creek.

Claire Wait and her hardworking committee are progressing toward a successful Home Tour in April. Please plan to do your part to make it so. **Be sure to save the date for the Home Tour in Sutter Creek: April 12, 2014.**

Sandy Campbell is chair of our Nominating Committee. She and her team are looking for officer candidates and committee chairs. Please be open to serving our branch as an officer or board member. Everyone has valuable experience to share and the potential to use it positively. New folks and new ideas are just what we need!

I am finally including a copy of our board approved 2013-14 Action Plan in this newsletter. You can see we are progressing very nicely on it. The board was not able to work on section IIA Branch in November, but will continue with Board Improvement at our January Board Meeting. When that section is complete, we will present it with possible bylaws and/or procedural changes.

As 2014 begins, I wish you all good health, warm hearts, and friends and family to cherish. Thank you for your dedication, perseverance, and BRILLIANCE

NJS

AAUW Amador Action Plan: 2013-2014

I. FOCUS: EDUCATION

- A. Low Income Women/Families/Seniors
- B. ACCF
- C. Middle School Essay Contest
- D. Scholarships

II. FOCUS: BRANCH

- Member Recruitment
- Board Improvement

ACTION ITEMS:

I.A. EDUCATION: Low Income Women/Families/Seniors

AAUW Priority: *AAUW promotes the economic, social and physical wellbeing of all persons.*

What: Organize a forum to inform members and public of needs of low income women, families and seniors, and provide opportunities to help. Identify issues that need to be addressed and develop program.

Assess needs.

How/Who: Contact Denise Norma King, Path 2 Health Grant Bethany Renfree, MyrnaKay Robison, Judy Lerner-Liston

Letters to editor

When: Subcommittee Report by November Board Meeting; Program in February 2014

Where: To be determined by leads and Program V.P.s

I.B. EDUCATION: Amador Community College Foundation

AAUW Priority: *AAUW advocates increased access to higher education, especially for women in poverty.*

What: Continue and deepen partnership. Broaden branch participation in volunteer opportunities.

How/Who: Liaison Marge Chisholm, Attends ACCF Meetings and reports to AAUW.

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Action Plan

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Forms committee, Bring AAUW newsletter /booklets to ACCF meetings

Solicit mentors: Michele Powell and Nancy Street

Facebook: Bethany Renfree

Find out and make master list of other board/organizations our members belong to and get word out through them: Nancy Street

ACCF Public Program: Judy Regnier, Bev York, Marge Chisholm, Susan Staggs, Norma King, Michele Powell

When/Where: October 29, 2013, Sutter Creek Community Center

Other: Ongoing

I.C. EDUCATION: Junior High Essay Contest

AAUW Priority: AAUW's mission is to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research, and speaks to women's needs, aspirations, and concerns across the life span. (A specific priority will be addressed by Essay topic.)

What: Continue Women's History Essay Contest at local Junior high schools

How/Who: Continue program as structured including PR, select essay topic with board input.

When: Committee organizing in January and February 2014

Awards Ceremony March 14 or 21, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Where: Sutter Creek Community Center

I.D. EDUCATION: Scholarships

AAUW Priority: AAUW advocates increased access to higher education, especially for women in poverty

CONTINUE HOME TOUR AND SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS

II.A. BRANCH: Member Recruitment

AAUW Priority: AAUW brings people together for the common goal of breaking through educational and economic barriers for women and girls.

tions" events to be held several times a year.

How/Who: Form a committee to organize events: Susan Staggs (Committee members are Susan, Lani Chapman, Suzanne Nicholson, and Bonnie Krupp)

When: First committee meeting was held on Sept. 13, 2013: Events TBD by committee

Where: Sept 13, J & D's Steakhouse, First L & C: Tuesday, October 22, 2013, 5:30-6:30 p.m. at J & D Steakhouse in Sutter Creek

II.B. BRANCH: Board Improvement

AAUW Priority: AAUW Amador will strive to have an effective board to enable action on the above items.

What: Discuss/plan/ implement changes to composition of board and its process.

How/Who: Nancy Street and Board members

When: Sept. 19 Board Meeting and continued as needed

Where: Home of Margie Guletz

Board News & Updates

January Board Meeting

The next Board meeting will be held on January 16. We always meet at 1 p.m. at the home of Margie Guletz. All branch members are welcome.

Board meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month except for June, July and December when the Board takes a break.

February Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for submitting articles and information for the February issue of Gold Filings is **January 27th**. Please submit material as soon as you can. Thank you.

Getting to Know You: Greta McElroy

by Nancy Street

Greta was born in Nebraska, but grew up in Sacramento. Her mother still lives in the house she grew up in! She earned her B.A. in Management from St. Mary's in Moraga and worked for over a decade in school transportation, first as a trainer of bus drivers, and eventually being in charge of training for Northern California. She is now an elections officer for Amador County. "I started in elections sort of by mistake; I had been a poll worker for a long time when I asked if they needed help at the elections office in San Mateo County

and they said yes--been working in elections ever since, which is about thirteen years."

Greta's husband, Mike, was an attorney and software engineer before retirement. Between them they have three children and seven grandchildren. She especially enjoys cooking, photography, reading, and Pilates (of course). Her secret talent is that she is very good at teaching adults and children.

Greta's mother was an active AAUW member, so when she finally got her degree (it

only took over twenty years), she joined the Half Moon Bay branch, serving as President, and also was a dorm mother at one of the first Tech Trek camps at Stanford. "When I

think of it, almost all of my friends are either members of AAUW or friends of AAUW members. I'm looking forward to making new friends and being active in AAUW here."

Home Tour Opportunity Quilt 2014

by Sue Harrington

The Home Tour quilt will soon be complete and ready to go on tour! It is a beautiful quilt and I know you won't want to miss the chance to put your name in the basket. Tickets will be available at the January meeting to check out and to purchase. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. If you would like to take

a packet of tickets to sell to family, friends and members of other organizations you belong to, packets of 30 (\$25) and 60 (\$50) will be available.

If you belong to an organization and would like to borrow the quilt to sell tickets please let me (Sue Harrington) know and I will put you on the touring schedule. Remember you can also sell tickets wherever you go - photos of the quilt are in the packets.



This a sample of the pattern and is not the actual quilt

The drawing for the winning ticket will be held at the Home Tour Tea at 3:30 p.m. The winner need not be present to win.

The queen-size quilt (approximately 84" x 84") is created from Jinny Beyer's Around the World quilt pattern. It is a medallion-style quilt design with a center Mariner's Compass. Many of the fabrics used are from Jinny Beyer's collection. The dark background sets the stage for a gradation of colors from light turquoise to dark purple creating a stunning quilt.

The quilt was constructed by Barbara Garcia, Sarah Hart and Sue Harrington. The quilting was donated by Jackie Reeves.

If you are a quilter and are interested in assisting us with the next quilt, please contact Sue Harrington (susanlh@volcano.net).

Where Would You Like to Be a Hostess?

by Nancy Schuster

Before we start bombarding you with emails and phone calls we thought you might want to contact either of us to pick the location of your choice. This is an amazing collection of sites - each one is fantastic in its own particular way. Chose one of the following, and indicate your preference for a morning or afternoon start time.

- Baracco home
- Davis home
- Enola's Cottage (LeSage/owners)
- Trudgen home
- Sutter Creek Inn: (will need one hostess in the morning and another in the afternoon to take tickets. The Inn will take care of the tour portion)
- Lusby home: this is the site for the tea. Hospitality (Jackie Martinez and Carol Smallfield) will head up the group working at the tea.

We currently have a list of about a dozen members who signed up at our kick-off meeting and since then. They will be given first choice (Ogburn, Street, Berg, Van Fleet, Krupp, Staggs, King, Brumit, Campbell, Bilheimer, Stolk, McElroy) IF they choose by January 15th.

RSVP to: Aieleen Parker: aieleen@juno.com, or Nancy Schuster: nancys@volcano.net.

If there is a reason (a really good one) why you cannot help out on this day, please let one of us know that too. Thanks in advance for your quick response!

February Community Program – Committee Report

by Judy Lerner-Liston

In February AAUW will be holding a Community Program which we are naming ... "Resources for a Brighter Future". This workshop is to help women in Amador County find resources to assist them in obtaining health services, housing assistance, employment opportunities and/or nutritional programs. Our community does have opportunities in these areas, but sometimes residents are not aware of what exists. The workshop will be unique in its design. We will have representatives from established local agencies speak to the group during the first hour of the workshop, and then during the second hour the presenters will be seated at individual tables where attendees can speak directly to voice concerns or get first hand information.

It will be important that our AAUW members participate in several different ways. First, if you know some women who could benefit from the information provided at the workshop... please spread the word. Also, we will have flyers available if you know of some good places to distribute workshop information. The committee members are also distributing flyers, but there

may be some places we have not thought about. The other way that it will be important for AAUW members to participate will be to attend the workshop. In this way our members can learn more about what is going on in our community, and then during the second hour of the workshop AAUW members can mingle with the participants to help them find the appropriate resources.

Details of the workshop are as follows. It will be held on Wednesday February 12th from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Margaret Dalton Children's Center, 925 Mission St. in Jackson. There is no cost to attend the workshop. Refreshments will be served. Child care will also be provided. Our committee is still firming up who all the agency representatives will be ... but we already have some excellent possibilities.

Committee Lead: Judy Lerner Liston. Committee members: Robin Stolk, Norma King, Myrna-Kay Robison, Bethany Renfree

Special Interest Groups

Afternoon Book Group

Iris Aparicio, Chair
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Join us for a thoughtful and friendly book discussion the 2nd Monday of each month at 2 p.m. We meet at members' homes to discuss a book chosen from our yearly list compiled in September. Our list is a mix of fiction and nonfiction. New members are welcome.

We are reading *One Hundred Flowers* by Gail Tsukiyami. We will meet on January 13 at 2 p.m. at the home of Judy Lerner-Liston. Email Judy at dandjl@suttercreek.com if you would like to join us.

Art in Action

Charlene Unger, Chair
cux2@volcano.net



We are a group whose members enjoy drawing and painting at each other's homes or various outdoor locations such as PiPi Valley, Bear River and Tabeau Lake. 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 Charlene for information about the next meeting.

Book Lovers & Page Turners

Michele Powell, Chair
powell.michele288@gmail.com



We meet at 2 p.m. on the fourth Monday of each month (except December) at members' homes. We have great discussions about the books and how their themes and characters relate to our own lives and worlds. New members are welcome.

On January 27 we will meet to discuss *Flight Behavior* by Barbara Kingsolver at Mary Thorpe's home. RSVP to Mary at wetwo@volcano.net

Cork & Fork

Bonnie Krupp, Chair
bonniekrupp@yahoo.com



This group meets every other month with significant others to enjoy wine tasting and appetizers. Member's homes are the usual meeting place, but we sometimes gather at a winery tasting room or other appropriate venue. Cork & Fork meets the 2nd Sunday except in May when we meet on the 3rd Sunday because of Mother's Day.

The next meeting is January 12, hosted by Lani and Jim Chapman with Bonnie and Harold Krupp assisting. Call Bonnie if you are interested in attending or would like more information.

Garden Groupies

Nancy Schuster, Chair
nancys@volcano.net



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.

Our next meeting will be on January 15th, and Bobbie Brubaker, an AAUW member and a Master Gardener, has agreed to speak at this meeting. The plan is to meet in Sutter Creek at the Hotel Sutter at 11a.m. where Bobbie will answer questions, have handouts, and share her knowledge.

After the question/answer period we'll have lunch and plan our schedule for the rest of the year.

Please RSVP by Monday, January 13th to Nancy Schuster: nancys@volcano.net

Libations & Conversations

Libations and Conversations next meeting is Wednesday, January 22, 5:30-6:30 p.m. at The Cellar (Hotel Sutter) in Sutter Creek. Our topic of conversation will be "Is the Internet making us smarter or stupider." Everyone is welcome to attend. Come mix and mingle with members and prospective members and participate in some focused conversation on an interesting topic over no-host drinks. No need to RSVP; just drop in! If you need more information contact staggs@volcano.net



L&C Committee: Lani Chapman, Bonnie Krupp, Suzanne Nicholson, Susan Staggs

Lunch Bunch

Kelli Garcia, Chair
kgarciaod@hotmail.com



Lunch Bunch meets the second Thursday every month at 11:45 a.m. We patronize new restaurants and local favorites. Hostess duties rotate each month and she chooses the restaurant and makes the reservations. Members pay for their own meals. New member are welcome. We usually have 10-14 women at each luncheon. It's a great way to visit and catch up on each others' lives. Please join us!

Claire Wait is the hostess for the January 9th meeting at Clarke's Corner, Ione. Please RSVP to her by January 8th at clairesc@sbcglobal.net

Supper Club

Claire Wait, Chair
clairesc@sbcglobal.net



A planning meeting for Supper Club will be held at Claire's house on January 3rd, 2 p.m. Please bring your ideas for menus and dates that you can host. The more ideas we have, the more fun we have!

Supper Club meets quarterly for good food and great fellowship. The menus are decided by the hostesses and usually feature a theme. Recent themes were a Downton Abbey picnic and a Thai food feast. Each hostess volunteers for a certain date and selects the recipes to spread the preparation among all the couples attending. If you aren't part of a couple, find an AAUW friend, become a 'Supper Club' couple and join the fun.

Walking & Strolling Group

Sheila Berg, Chair
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Walks in the county are determined by the group at a planning meeting early in the year. The group takes one walk each month. Some popular walks of the past have taken us to Pi Pi, Lake Tabeau, French Bar and Electra Road. We usually bring a lunch to share along the way or at the end of the walk. If there is rain, the walk is cancelled. Call or email to attend or to get more information.

Branch Member Notes

An Appeal from Sunshine to Members

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.

Lynne Brumit

Birthdays

Best wishes to our members with January birthdays.

Marge O'Neill

Robin Stolk

Myrna-Kay Robison

Greta McElroy

Teresa Ryan

Friends of Amador County Library
Present the 4th Annual

Boots 'N Books

Featuring Nationally Acclaimed Cowboy Entertainer **Dave Stamey**

Sunday, February 9
3 PM
Doors Open at 2:30 PM

Calvary Chapel
18400 Ridge Road, Pine Grove

Light Refreshments* Raffle* Door Prizes
Proceeds benefit Friends of the Amador County Library

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