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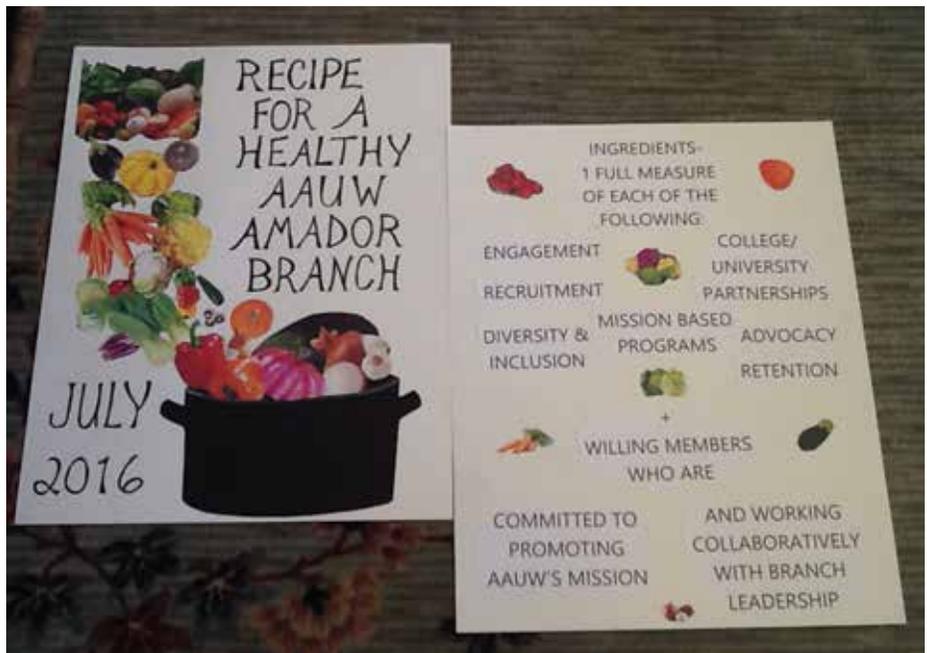


Amador Branch
American Association
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Mission Statement

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.

Branch Planning Workshop

Thank you to all who attended the Annual Meeting on June 11th. It was great to see everyone and enjoy a lively discussion about our 2016/17 Plan. As promised, we will hold a half day workshop for all members on July 9th to develop a strategic plan for the Branch. See page 2 for information on workshop format and topics. You will have received an email or letter invite by now. Please take a moment to RSVP either by phone or email to Sandee Bowman or Rebecca Wilson as follows: sbowman56@gmail.com or rdiannaw75@icloud.com.

Date: July 9th
Time: 9:00 a.m to 1:00 p.m.
Place: Sutter Creek Community Center

Recipe For A Healthy Branch

By Nancy Street

On July 9, I will be facilitating the strategy session, “Recipe for A Healthy Branch.” The theme is based on an article of that title in the most recent AAUW-CA California Perspective. The session is set up as a workshop using the Institute of Cultural Affairs’ Technology of Participation Workshop Method, in which I have been trained and have used in my career. The method is team-driven and participatory. This session is the next step toward revitalizing our branch.

It is a structured experience with 5 key steps:

- Context – Setting the stage
- Brainstorm – Generating new ideas
- Organize – Forming new relationships
- Name – Discerning the consensus
- Reflect – Confirming the resolve

Hope to see you at 9:00 AM on Saturday, July 9, at the Sutter Creek Community Center.

The Technology of Participation Workshop Method is used when a group wants to:

- Generate creativity and new energy in a short amount of time
- Infuse the team with a sense of responsibility
- Catalyze integrated thinking (rational and intuitive)
- Build practical team consensus



AAUW AMADOR STRATEGY WORKSHOP

JULY 9, 2016

RECIPE FOR A HEALTHY BRANCH



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

	RATIONAL OBJECTIVE(S) What does the team need to clarify?	EXPERIENTIAL OBJECTIVE(S) What does the team need to experience?		
<p>Welcome-Sandee Icebreaker-Rebecca</p> <p>CONTEXT Setting the Stage Workshop-Nancy</p> <p>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>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>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.



President's Message

Dear Members,

Thank you for your support of our new Board of Directors, named in the Annual Meeting Minutes below and as voted in at our Annual Meeting on June 11. We are all humbled and honored to hold a position on the Board and we will work to make this year productive so that, moving forward, we have an engaged and dynamic membership.

As many of you will note, Rebecca Wilson stepped up to take on two Elected Board positions, plus continue to produce our monthly newsletter. As you might imagine, the weight of all three responsibilities became rather formidable. As of July 1, Rebecca opted to step down from her role as Treasurer and, per our By-Laws, the Board of Directors has voted to elect Bonnie Krupp as the Branch's new Treasurer. Bonnie responded to the energetic vibe at our Annual Meeting and was generous enough to offer to become Treasurer. Bonnie brings a wealth of experience with AAUW; she served as President in the South Lake Tahoe Branch and has acted in various Board positions in both the South Lake Tahoe Branch and our Branch. We are

thrilled to welcome Bonnie to the Board. She will bring experience, verve and creativity to her new position.

By now, you should have received a 'Save the Date' notice and invitation to a membership-wide, half-day Planning Workshop, on July 9. This is your opportunity to have a voice in determining our short and long-term strategy as an organization. Additional details are included on page 2.

Summer is officially here and, as we move into vacation mode, I entreat each of you, as you relax into the season, to daydream a little. Think about how you see our AAUW Amador Branch in the next 2-5 years. I hope that you envision the Branch, engaged in advocacy for mission-aligned projects, bringing awareness to our community and making a meaningful contribution to the wellbeing of women and girls of all ages in Amador County.

Stay Cool and Safe and Most Importantly – Have Fun!

*Warmly,
Santee Bowman*

MINUTES: June Annual Meeting, AAUW Amador Branch

June 11, 2016
Sutter Creek Community Center

President Michele Powell called the meeting to order at 10:10 AM. She welcomed Brenda Walker, who recently rejoined and is one of eight new members.

Michele introduced Myrna-Kay Robison as the AAUW Funds Named Honoree for this year.

Treasurer, Isabel Singleton, shared the May/June financial report: checking balance \$5,874.63, Money Market balance \$5659.76, and Amador Community Foundation \$20,698.23 as of June 10, 2016.

The President introduced nominees for the 2015-16 slate of elected officers: President-Santee Bowman, President Elect-Rebecca Wilson, V.P. Membership-Sara Wilson, Secretary-Janet Kendig, and Treasurer-Rebecca Wilson. She then called for nominees from the floor. There were none.

Santee Bowman, Rebecca Wilson, Janet Kendig and Sara Wilson presented the Branch Reorganization Plan, which is based on survey and nominating committee results. Sandi Baracco gave an overview of past accomplishments of AAUW-Amador. The presentation reviewed the



*Myrna-Kay Robison,
AAUW Funds Named
Honoree*

Bonnie Krupp Treasurer

She first joined AAUW as a college student member back in the early 70s. She agreed with their public policy agenda and still does. In the 1980s, she was a member of the South Lake Tahoe branch serving in several positions including Home Tour Chair, Vice President and President. She joined the Amador Branch in 2003-04 and has held the following positions: VP Membership – 2005-06, Co-VP Membership – 2006-07, Home Tour Chair – 2006-07, Co-VP Programs – 2007-08, VP Programs – 2008-09, Co-VP Funds – 2010-11, VP Funds 2011-12, and Public Policy/Ed Equity – 2014-15.

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MINUTES: June Annual Meeting

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mission, ideas from the state convention, community connections, the importance of membership, the importance of partnerships and asked for commitment to revitalize our branch. Questions and discussion followed. A strategic planning meeting is being planned for July.

Isabel presented the 2016-17 Proposed Operating Budget.

The slate of officers and the Reorganization Plan were approved by secret ballot. The budget was approved by a raise of hands.

After discussion about concerns that the Home Tour might be cancelled, a hand vote was taken, and the Home Tour was approved for 2017. Additional funding will be needed.

Nancy Street presented Michele Powell with the Past President's Pin.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 AM.

Secretary, Nancy Street

Home Tour 2017 Is Shaping Up!

With all the exciting changes being proposed for Amador AAUW 2016-17, it seems that one thing will remain for another year — Our 45th Annual Home Tour. With the outstanding work of Bobbie Brubaker, Home Finder, we're locking in some fine homes in Sutter Creek. A couple of them are homes we've had our eyes on for over forty years. And because she loves Sutter Creek, AAUW, Old Homes, and Scholarships, Sandi Baracco has signed on to be chair. It's her second time as chair, the last time was for the 10th Annual.

Of course, we're counting on all of you to help make this the most successful tour since its start in 1972. We have several committee positions to fill, we're hopeful of pairing some members that have done their job for years with members who want to intern. Just a little bit of volunteer time from each of you makes for success!

Call Sandi e-mail at BaraccoArchitect@comcast.net and let me know how you want to volunteer.



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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Tech Trek 2016

By Gretchen Carlson

I had the pleasure of visiting Fresno Tech Trek on the first full day of camp. It was fun seeing our Tech Trekers, Carissa Lowe, Cherrise Carney, and Hailey Kirkbride participating in camp activities. Our past TT'er and three time camp junior counselor Samantha Fisher gave me a tour of camp. All of the girls were engaged and seemed to be having a good time. The photos show the girls learning about aerodynamics by making and shooting off straw rockets, learning to program computers, and learning about chemical reactions by comparing what happens when different substances are added to soda. I had a nice visit with the camp nurse, Josie, and got to thinking that since I will be retiring soon, I might just apply to be Fresno TT camp nurse next year!



Chemical reaction



Tech Trek participants



Carissa Lowe working on computer programming.



Learning about aerodynamics with straws, paper, and tape.



Hailey Kirkbride doing an experiment - adding Mentos and then salt to soda and comparing reactions.



Camp nurse Josie

Special Interest Groups

Afternoon Book Group

Robin Stolk, Chair
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Join us for a thoughtful and friendly book discussion the 2nd Monday of each month at 2 p.m. Our next meeting is July 11th at Mona Brown's home. We will be discussing *To Kill a Mockingbird / Go Set a Watchman* by Harper Lee. New members are welcome. If you'd like to join the group, contact Robin Stolk.



Art in Action

Bev York, Chair
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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.



Book Lovers & Page Turners

Jackie Martinez, Chair
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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 July 25 at the home of Nancy Street. We'll discuss *The Rosie Project* by Graeme Simson. 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.



Cork & Fork

Michele Powell, Chair
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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. Our July 10th gathering of the three groups will be at Bella Grace tasting room on Main St. in Sutter Creek at the usual time of 5:30 to 7:30. If you'd like to join C&F or want to know about the interest group, contact Michele Powell.



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.



Lunch Bunch

Kelli Garcia, Chair
kgarciaod@hotmail.com

July Lunch Bunch is meeting Thursday, July 14th at Taqueria Ahi on Main St., Sutter Creek. You are invited to join the lunch bunch for a fun experience. RSVP to Carol Campbell at carol1191@volcano.net.



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Supper Club

Claire Wait, Chair
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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 July 21st. We will meet at Sonny Graves' home. Please contact Rebecca Wilson at rdiannaw75@icloud.com for more information.



Branch Member Notes

Sunshine Update for July –

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 Nancy Schuster.

–Lynne Brumit

Birthdays

Best wishes to our members with July birthdays.

Sheila Berg	Bethany Renfree
Margie Guletz	Linda Rianda
Samme McMahan	Nancy Street
Belva Pummer	

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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Save the Date

Summer Libations & Conversations

August 2nd

Location and Topic
 to be announced soon

August Newsletter Deadline

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