

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 Annual Meeting Salad Potluck

Branch 45th Birthday Celebration

June 11, 2014
5:30-7:30 p.m.
Sutter Creek Methodist Church

- We will have a short business meeting to elect 2014-15 officers, to adopt the proposed operating budget, and to adopt mandatory by-law changes.
 - Please bring a salad to share. Rolls, dessert, and beverages will be provided.
 - Please RSVP to Jackie Martinez at jackiemartinezm@aol.com by **JUNE 5, 2014.**



June L&C Set

Libations & Conversations will meet Tuesday, June 17, 5:30-6:30 p.m., on the rear patio at the Imperial Hotel in Amador City. Our conversation topic will be "The Media Gender Gap and thoughts on Resiliency". Members, please take this opportunity to introduce your friends to AAUW Amador and join us in a beautiful garden setting with lively conversation over no-host drinks. L&C will not meet in July, but will begin meeting again in August, date and topic information will be shared in an email later in the summer.

L&C on the Air

Libations & Conversations Committee will host a one-hour program on TSPN from 6-7 p.m. on Wednesday, June 4th. We will be discussing AAUW's mission and goals, the Amador Branch, and what Libations & Conversations is all about. You can view the show on Cable TV or streamed live on your computer or watch a recording later via the TSPN website.

The Libations Committee:
Lani Chapman, Bonnie Krupp, Suzanne Nicholson, and Susan Staggs.

President's Message

by Nancy Street

AAUW Empowers Women: We are the nation's leading voice promoting equity and education for women and girls.

Quote of the Month: *My father gave me the greatest gift anyone could give another person: He believed in me.* Jim Valvano

Wow! It has been a brilliant two years. I gladly pass the gavel to Michele, but with great appreciation and thanks to all of you for hanging in there as we attempted to revitalize a wonderful branch of truly amazing women. I know we go forward under excellent leadership, and things will continue to get better and better.

Now, I need to gather with my family and mourn the loss of my father, grieve and celebrate the life of an inspirational man.

Thank you all for your amazing and brilliant support!

The AAUW Funds Social Celebration highlights one of our main focuses and inspires us every year. The scholarship recipients are our future, and it makes me proud, hopeful, and awed to recognize the accomplishments and goals of these brilliant young women. Kudos to Robin Stolk for organizing the event and to all who helped her make it happen. We are ever grateful to Sandi and Bruce Baracco for sharing their lovely garden with us. The Scholarship Chairs, Gretchen Carlson (Tech Trek), Suzanne Nicholson (Community College), Kathy Guletz (Upper Division/Graduate), and their committees selected outstanding young women for us to support. Thank you for all the hard and discerning work. It was especially wonderful to see so many family members and friends of the recipients there to celebrate them. Congratulations to Michele Powell for being selected as AAUW Funds Honoree for 2014. The award is well deserved and we all thank her for her dedication to our branch.

Our annual meeting will take place on June 11, 2014, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Sutter Creek Methodist Church. We will have a brief meeting to vote on our slate of officers, approve the 2014-15 operating budget, and adopt changes in the by-laws. Copies of the by-law changes were sent via email earlier. After the meeting, we will have a salad potluck dinner, time to socialize, and celebrate our 45th birthday as a branch. I could use a few volunteers to help with set-up and clean-up. If you can help, please let me know at streetjb@volcano.net.

It is time to renew membership dues. They are still \$81.00; checks should be made out to AAUW Amador and mailed to AAUW Amador, Attn: Michele Powell, PO Box 611, Sutter Creek, CA 95685. Late dues should be paid by mid-June to allow for processing by June 30. Renewals cause headaches (extra

paperwork) for our hardworking treasurer, so please send them in on time!

It has been terrific working with all of you. I thank you for your hard work making the Home Tour a success and our programs excellent, as well as supporting our scholarships. I especially want to thank the board for their support. I look forward to serving as secretary next year.

Time to close out our year; take a break and enjoy the summer.

Hope to see you on June 11th!

Thank you all for your dedication, and as always, for being *brilliant*.

NJS

President-Elect Message

by Michele Powell

On May 10 Sandi Baracco, Susan Staggs and I attended the AAUW North San Joaquin Leadership Day. There were four primary topics under discussion: Leadership, It's Not About Doing, It's About Being; Best Practices for Outstanding Boards; Membership, How to Get New Members and Keep the Ones You Have; and Creating Mission-Based Programs. These are four areas in which I am very interested especially, what practices we can employ to be an even more outstanding board and how we can recruit new members and engage both current and new ones in branch activities.

We were very impressed to learn about all the resources that are available on both state and national websites to guide us in branch activities and to learn that the "Program in a Box" feature is free to branches. We came away inspired and excited about our activities and programs in the upcoming year,

One of the best parts of the day for me was meeting and exchanging ideas with members of the other branches in our region. I joined conversations and learned about different ways to structure a scholarship program; about ways to engage and work with new members; about how some branches divide their board positions into two or three positions and thus make it more manageable for those chairs or office holders; and about other types of fundraising activities. I was proud to share information about our branch and especially about our home tour.

Our February Mission-Based program, "Resources for Brighter Future," was recognized at the state convention as one of the Top Ten for the AAUW CA Wall of Fame. I was espe-

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Board Briefs

Minutes of April 17, 2014, were approved as amended.

- Michele Powell presented the final 2014 Home Tour budget, the proposed 2015 Home Tour budget, the April 2014 Financial report, the proposed 2014-15 Operations Budget, and an Amador Community Foundation fund statement.
- Robin Stolk reported on progress for the May 17 Scholarship Awards program. She has all she needs and everything is organized.
- Nancy Street presented ideas for the June 11 Annual Meeting. In addition to electing officers and voting to approve by-laws, the branch will celebrate its 45th birthday. Former Branch Presidents will be invited.
- Nancy Schuster presented the proposed location for next year's Home Tour, Upcountry: Pine Grove, Surrey Junction, KC Ranchettes, and Jackson Pines. The board approved the location.

- 2014-15 Board Update: Kelli Garcia will serve as Community Scholarship Chair. Claire Wait and possibly Sandy Campbell will serve as Hospitality Chairs.
- Some Hospitality equipment changes were proposed and discussed.
- Mandatory By-Law changes from State were accepted by the board.
- Nancy Street reminded outgoing board members to meet with their new counterparts to help with the transition to the 2014-15 board.
- Sarah Hart will be asked to run a financial review of branch books this summer.
- Sandi Baracco and Michele Powell reported on the May 10 NSJA Leadership Workshop.
- Michele Powell announced a planning meeting for the new board to be held on June 19.
- Belva Pummer volunteered to help with Gold Filings mailing to non-internet connected members.

President-Elect

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cially proud to accept this award on behalf of the branch and in particular on behalf of the committee members, Norma King, Myrna-Kay Robison, Robin Stolk, Danise Kaps, and Judy Lerner-Liston, who worked so hard to produce this program. Details about this program are in the February Gold Filings on page one and the award announcement is in the April Issue on page five.

The slate of officers and chairs for 2014-2015 is filled out except for President-Elect. Please consider serving in this important position. You can do it! And we need you! When we work together we can achieve all things.

I look forward to the next year and serving as your president. Our branch is filled with wonderful members who are committed to our mission and we have a wonderful board of enthused, excited and creative women. I thank everyone who has been so helpful and supportive to me and for being committed to the success of AAUW Amador.

Have a restful and fun summer.

Michele

2014-15 Membership Renewal

It is time to renew our membership in the branch; dues for the 2014-2015 year are payable starting now.

Dues are the same as the last several years: \$81; of this \$49 goes to National and \$46 of this is tax-deductible as a charitable contribution; \$16 goes to State and \$16 stays with our branch.

Please renew as soon as possible. After I receive your check, there is lots of paperwork, online work and bank work I have to do; this is why an early renewal is very important and helpful.

Make your check out to **AAUW Amador** and send to:
AAUW Amador
P.O. Box 611
Sutter Creek CA 95685-0611
Thank you very much for renewing your membership.

Michele Powell, Treasurer

September Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for submitting articles and information for the September issue of Gold Filings is **August 25**. Please submit material as soon as you can. Thank you.

Amador Branch Board of Directors for 2014-15

Elected Officers

President	Michele Powell
President Elect	OPEN
Program VP	Sandi Baracco
Membership VP (and Directory)	Susan Staggs
AAUW Funds	Robin Stolk
Secretary	Nancy Street
Treasurer	Isabel Singleton

Appointed Positions

By-laws	Sarah Hart
Community Liaison	Norma King
Historians	Marjorie Guletz & Sandi Baracco

Home Tour	Nancy Schuster
Hospitality	Sandy Campbell & Claire Wait
Newsletter	Michele Powell
Public Policy/Ed Equity	Bonnie Krupp
Public Relations	Myrna-Kay Robison

Scholarships

Community College	Kelli Garcia
Upper Division / Graduate	Kathy Guletz
Tech Trek	Gretchen Carlson
Sunshine	Lynne Brumit
Website Editor	Belva Pummer

Getting to Know You: Isabel Singleton

Meet Isabel Singleton, our incoming treasurer for 2014-2015

- I was born in Munich, Germany; my father was in the Army, and mother is from Spain.
- I grew up in Hollister, California, but spent 30+ years in Mt. View before coming up here ten years ago. I fell in love with Amador County when I came up here with friends to go wine tasting.
- Went back to school in 1990 and graduated from UC Berkley with a degree in business.
- I have a very adventurous appetite for food and wine and love to go wine tasting. I work part time at a local winery and have worked for several local wineries over the past ten years since moving to Amador County.
- I jumped out of a perfectly good airplane! My 20-year marriage was ending which precipitated my accompanying friends who were going skydiving. While they were

jumping independently, I opted to jump tandem and made sure that I had a very good-looking jumpmaster strapped to my back!

- My favorite place to go: Disneyland, Puerto Vallarta, or any beach vacation.
- I love to volunteer, entertain and am devoted to rescuing cats and kittens.
- I currently work for an IT company in Chico as the Business Development Manager, as well as in the tasting room of Wilderrotter Winery in the Shenandoah Valley.



Isabel Singleton

Seven Receive Scholarships at Annual Awards Ceremony

Seven Amador County students were awarded AAUW Scholarships at the annual Awards ceremony held on May 17.

Tech Trek awards were given to Juliette Bionaz and Pristine Day to attend science camp at Fresno State University

The Community College Scholarships were prestned to Taylor Cranston and Sicily Singleton from Amador High School, and Sabrina Smith from Argonaut High School.

Upper Division/Graduate Scholarships went to Bethany Renfree and Stephanie Bramer for continued attendance as university graduate students this fall.



Pristine Day



Sabrina Smith



Sicily Singleton



Award Winners: (l-r) Taylor Cranston, Sicily Singleton, Stephanie Bramer, Bethany Renfree, Pristine Day and Sabrina Smith. Not pictured: Juliette Bionaz.



Stephanie Bramer



Taylor Cranston



Branch Award: Outgoing Branch President Nancy Street (l) announced the selection of incoming president Michele Powell as the AAUW Funds Honoree for 2014.



Bethany Renfree

Special Interest Groups

Afternoon Book Group

Iris Aparicio, Chair
joeiris@volcano.net

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.



June 9—*Nine Parts of Desire* by Geraldine Brooks; contact Debra Brown if you'd like to join the discussion; July 14—*The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry* by Rachel Joyce; contact Mona Brown to attend; August 11—*Citizens of London* by Lynne Olson; contact Ruth Murrill to attend the gathering.

Art in Action

Charlene Unger, Chair
cux2@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 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 June 23 we will discuss *My Beloved World* by Sonia Sotomayor; if you'd like to join the group please contact Sue Harrington to reserve. On July 28 we will discuss *Mary Coin* by Marisa Silver; if you'd like to attend contact Nancy Street to reserve a place. On August 25 we will discuss *The Snow Child* by Eowyn Ivey; if you'd like to join the conversation, contact Carolyn Hennings.

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 whole group will meet for a summer picnic and beer tasting hosted by the Honeychurchs and the Regniers on July 13. Contact Bonnie if you are interested in attending or if you'd 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 destination on June 18th is Front Yard Nursery in Placerville. It is the largest nursery in El Dorado County and features drought-tolerant, native and unique plants and trees. We'll meet at the parking lot next to the post office in Sutter Creek at 10 a.m.



Plans for July and August are still being finalized. If you can join the Groupies, just let me know. Contact info above.

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 members are welcome. On Thursday June 12th at 11:45 a.m. Lunch Bunch is going to meet at Guilty Indulgence. This is a restaurant new to our area specializing in fresh homemade and delicious foods that are prepared daily. It is located off of Hwy 49 in Martell (Right behind Jack-in-the-Box and close to Starbuck's.) Address is 11248 Old Mill Ln. We want to continue our last month's established tradition that is to greet June birthday girls with just a little something extra. But ... birthday or not ... please join us for the opportunity to chat



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with friends and have some delicious indulgence!

Please RSVP to Myrna-Kay Robison by Monday June 9th at: myrna-kay@volcano.net.

Supper Club

Claire Wait, Chair
clairesc@sbcglobal.net



Supper Club meets quarterly for good food and great fellowship. The menus are decided by the hostesses and usually feature a theme. Supper Club members enjoyed Moroccan food in February. Each hostess volunteers for a certain date and selects the recipes to spread the preparation among all the couples attending. For information about the next supper club gathering, contact Claire Wait.

Walking & Strolling Group

Sheila Berg, Chair
sberg@volcano.net



The group determines which walks will be taken 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 PiPi, 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

Welcome New Members

Dixie Camardo

Dixie is a retired teacher from A.C.U.S.D. having taught English at Jackson Junior High for many years and lives in Sutter Creek. She was trained by ACTTA to help people enroll in the Affordable Care Act (Covered California). She was impressed by our February workshop on “Steps For A Brighter Future” for low-income women and our scholarship donations from our annual AAUW Home Tour

Cathy Yochheim

Cathy recently retired from her own real estate business in Jackson. She lives with her husband on the Buena Vista buttes in Ione. She moved to Amador County over 25 years ago and left once for a brief sojourn in Wyoming where she was instrumental in starting a Habitat for Humanity chapter in Riverton. She has three married sons with families, two of them live in Amador County and one lives at Lake Tahoe.

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.

Sunshine cards were sent to Judy Regnier and Sue Harrington.

Lynne Brumit

Birthdays

Best wishes to our members with Summer birthdays.

June

Belva Pummer
Mardelle Probasco
Bethany Renfree

Charlene Unger

Robin Spronk

August

Sandi Baracco

July

Sheila Berg

Sharon Burwell

Betty Brandson

Gretchen Carlson

Margie Guletz

Lani Chapman

Ruth Murrill

Kathy Guletz

Nancy Street

Sue Harrington

Gretchen Kingsbury

Sagamore Lake at Great Camp Sagamore, NY. Photo by Jim Powell



Proposed Budget 2014-2015

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Dues to be Collected	if all 80 renew
goes to National (78* \$49)	\$3,822.00
goes to State (80*\$16)	\$1,280.00
Stays in Branch (80* \$16)	\$1,280.00

Projected Operating Revenue

Dues <if all renew>	\$1,280.00
Home Tour branch share	\$4,069.00
sponsor revenue	\$1,500.00
total	\$6,849.00

Expense Categories

Operating Budget

AAUW Funds/EF	\$60.00
AAUW Funds/LAF	\$100.00
AAUW Funds Celebration	\$250.00
Administrative	\$200.00
Advertising	\$200.00
Chamber/ Commerce	\$75.00
Directory/By-Laws	\$250.00
Hospitality	\$250.00
Insurance	\$300.00
Membership/ Pins	\$200.00
Newsletter	\$50.00
P.O. Box Rental	\$60.00
Past Pres Pins	\$100.00
Programs	\$300.00
Web Site	\$800.00
Scholarship Expense	\$250.00
Sober Grad	\$100.00
State Convention Training	\$300.00
Sunshine	\$50.00
Home Tour	\$4,400.00
Totals	\$8,295.00

Awards Planning 2015

Amador Community \$19,137.07
 Foundation balance
 as of 5/28/2014
 (includes money from
 quilt tix sales, H.T. tix
 and sponsorship ads)

encumbered for 2014 \$7,000.00
balance for 2015 \$12,137.07

H.T. Money	
H.T. ticket sales	\$8,307
sponsor revenue	\$1,500
quilt tix sales	\$1,525
Total	\$11,332

3 Comm College	\$3,000
2 Upper Division	\$4,000

Proposed Awards

TechTrek 3@\$900	\$2,700
Comty Clg 4@\$1000	\$4,000
Upper/Reentry 2@\$2000	\$4,000
total in awards	\$10,700
reserved / Funds	\$750
reserved/ Essay Contest	\$140
Balance	\$547

<i>possible ACF activity based on '13-'14</i>		
<i>MINUS possible fees</i>	\$275	<i>possible net gain of \$585</i>
<i>PLUS possible gains</i>	\$860	

Balance \$1,132
 after 2014-2015 awards

Assets

Checkbook Balance	\$9,629.34	AFTER DUES SENT TO STATE & NAT'L
after HT transfer		
Money Mkt Balance	\$6,649.19	
Total Assets	\$16,278.53	<i>as of 5/28/14</i>

Summer Solstice CELEBRATION *and Fundraiser*

*Proceeds to benefit Operation Care's
"Fresh Start" Program*

Featuring:

"THE BOX MUSIC FAMILY"

"As seen on Good Day Sacramento"

Food · Drink · Raffle

Sierra Ridge Winery

Saturday, June 21, 2014

6-10 PM

Contribution: \$75 per person

"Helping clients transition into safe, violence-free homes."



Tickets available at Operation Care | 619 New York Ranch Road, Jackson
209.223.2897 | www.operationcare.org

Sierra Ridge Winery is located at 14110 Ridge Road, between Sutter Creek and Pine Grove

Operation Care's new "Fresh Start" program provides financial assistance to help survivors of domestic violence transition from our safehouse into their own safe, violence-free housing. Contact Operation Care for eligibility requirements.

"Dave and the Box" The Box Music Family: <https://www.facebook.com/theboxmusicfamily>