

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.

March: Women's History Month

by Mary Thorpe

It has been 94 years since women of these United States were first able to go to the polls and cast their votes in a national election. It was common to hear that women were "given" the vote. Nothing could be further from the truth. It was hardly a gift, but rather a mighty struggle that spanned more than seven decades. The American Association of Women actively participated in that struggle. After a long hard journey, women were finally able to vote in their first presidential election in 1920.

Earning the right to vote was a monumental victory; however, discrimination in property, family and employment law was prevalent. It was clear to many of the activists in the suffrage movement that much more needed to be done before women achieved true equality. To that end the movement for the Equal Rights Amendment was launched, under the



leadership of Alice Paul. Although the amendment was first introduced in 1923 it was not until 1972 it passed both the House and Senate and was sent to the States for ratification. An other 10-year battle ensued in an effort to pass (continued on page 9)

Celebrate Women's History Month AAUW Style

March is Women's History Month. In honor of this, the Amador County's AAUW found great young writers to share their thoughts on the subject. The prompt was simple: write an essay to share with others about a woman who inspired you. Include information about her accomplishments, dreams, education, and what makes her special.

There will be two winners each in first, second and third place categories. Cash prizes will be awarded.

Everyone is welcome to join these young writers sharing their essays at the AAUW's 3rd Annual March event on Friday, March 14, 2014 at the Sutter Creek Community Center at 5:30 p.m. This event is open to the public. Refreshments will be served... So, come and enjoy the cookies, stay and be inspired by the youth of our community.

President's Message

by Nancy Street

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.

Quote of the Month: "When a woman walks through the door, she does not close it behind her. Instead she holds it open, grabs the hand of another woman, and pulls her through the door."

Kenia Rioja Naranjo,

2013 NCCWSL Scholarship Recipient

I read this month's quote in the 2014 winter AAUW Outlook and it struck a chord immediately. Coming from an AAUW scholarship recipient, it epitomizes what AAUW is all about. Our February program was all about women helping each other. I was deeply moved when I witnessed one of the attendees get up from her seat at the presentation, and move back to another woman to help her find a solution to her concerns. It was a wonderful display of the empowerment our program was providing. Bravo to Judy Lerner-Liston, Norma King, Myrna-Kay Robison, and Robin Stolz for an outstanding job! And many thanks to Judy Regnier, Bev York, Jackie Martinez, Carol Smallfield and their team of helpers as well.

This month we will pull some younger hands through as we honor our annual Women's History Month Essay Contest winners. The award presentations will be Friday, March 14 at 5:30 p.m. at the Sutter Creek Community Center. Be sure to attend to honor these bright junior high school students.

Home Tour is fast approaching and all systems are ready to go. Claire and her energetic crew are getting it all done. Please plan to do your part; serving on the day of Home Tour in some capacity is an expectation of membership in our branch. Be sure to check out the stunning quilt ready for the opportunity drawing. Tickets are now on sale and packets are available for members to sell. The quilt is also available for display at any of your meetings with other groups. Please contact Sue Harrington, susanlh@volcano.net. Be sure to save the date for the Home Tour in Sutter Creek: April 12, 2014.

May brings our ice cream social to honor our scholarship recipients. Gretchen Carlson (Tech Trek), Suzanne Nicholson (Community College), Kathy Guletz (Upper Division/Graduate/Re-Entry) and their committees are gearing up for the selection process.

Our mighty Nominating Committee, Sandy Campbell and Lynne Brumit, have put together an awesome slate of officers and appointees for next year's board. We still have three openings on the board: Community, Hospitality, and Public Policy. Please consider helping out with one of these positions (Board meeting attendance is not mandatory). Our annual meeting and election of officers will take place June 11, 2014, 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Sutter Creek Methodist Church.

AAUW California will be putting a \$4.00 dues increase on the ballot again. All members are encouraged to vote. It is good to remember that the state organization supports our branch in a variety of ways. The tangible example is that State President Alicia Hetman facilitated our Focus Group in August. Some direct results of that meeting are the Action Plan, Libations and Conversations, our wonderful March program, and a visible renewed energy in our branch. The state organization has provided our branch a wealth of resources and support including membership recruitment and retention ideas, program help, finance advice, recognition, etc. Please visit www.aauw-ca.org to read about how AAUW-CA supports us and California women.

Thank you all for opening doors, having the strength and confidence to pull others through, and as always, for being BRILLIANT

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April Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for submitting articles and information for the April issue of Gold Filings is **March 24th**. Please submit material as soon as you can. Thank you.

Building a Pipeline for Women Candidates: Ways Women Can Step Up and Empower Other Women

March is Women's History month. This year's theme is celebrating character, courage and commitment.

Each month Amador AAUW members, friends and interested persons gather in an interest group called Libations & Conversations for lively conversation on topics submitted by women attending the meetings.

The topic for the gather-

ing on Wednesday, February 19th was "Building a Pipeline for Women Candidates". The following two items represent a portion of our conversations that evening.

The first one lists 12 engaging ways women can step up and empower other women; the second one outlines some shocking and amazing facts about American women in politics and government.

12 Steps to Empowering Other women

From *Success, Work*,
August 20, 2013

I recently saw this wonderful saying "Girls compete, women empower". How do we step up as women and empower others. It is not always easy going first, but too often women who have had to carve their own path forget to keep the path open for those who follow behind. The reverse unfortunately also often

happens, where women who step up into leadership roles are held to higher standards than their male counterparts, particularly from other female workers. For things to change we need to be kinder to the sisterhood. So how can we empower others?

Become a mentor – Act as a mentor to other women. Sharing your story with other women can help them feel less alone and see their own experiences from a different per-

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Board Briefs

The Next Board Meeting

March Board meeting is March 20.

AAUW Board Briefs February 20, 2014

- The minutes for January 16, 2014 were approved as corrected.
- Treasurer Michele Powell presented the budget report for January 2014.
- The February program, "Resources for a Brighter Future", was very successful with forty-three people in attendance, including presenters. Ways to improve publicity and attendance were discussed.
- The March program is the annual Women's History Month Essay Contest and Awards Presentation at the Sutter Creek Community Center on March 14, 2014, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Heidi O'Hara and her committee are progressing on organization. Set-up/clean-up helpers are needed, as well a few volunteers to make cookies for the event.
- Claire Wait reported on Home Tour organizational progress. The theme is "Jewels of the Mother Lode". All hostess slots are filled. Board voted to increase the 2014 Home Tour budget by 10%.
- Nominating Committee Chair Sandy Campbell reported that all but three appointed positions are filled. All elected officer nominations are completed.
- Website chair Belva Pummer led a discussion of the website, focusing on presentation of Home Tour information.
- Nancy Street announced that the North San Joaquin Area Leadership Day is May 10. Branch leaders are invited to attend.
- Michele Powell suggested that there be a short article about Women's History Month in the March Gold Filings. Mary Thorpe will be asked to write it.
- Sandy Campbell reported that the Art In Action interest group was invited to share their expertise with the Ione Junior High School Lunchtime Art Club (Heidi O'Hara). The first visit was a success and more are being planned.
- Nancy Street reiterated the idea to nominate the February program for state branch recognition. She will ask Myrna -Kay Robison to write the nomination.

Pipeline

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spective. Mentoring isn't telling someone what to do, but rather helping them see and connect with opportunities.

Stop judging others – Remember someone else's choice is not a criticism of yours. When criticizing a female colleague or leader ask yourself if you would hold a man to the same standard.

Treat everyone fairly at work – Show everyone respect and support non-discrimination.

Promote education, training and professional development for women – Encourage and support other women to continue to build their professional skills.

Encourage – Encourage other women to take advantage of opportunities and to reach their full potential.

Be supportive – Be supportive of the efforts of other women, whatever path they choose to follow.

Celebrate the achievements of other women – Recognize and celebrate the achievements of other women. Achievements help clear the path for those who follow.

Support women in developing countries – Make a difference in someone's life. Women do 70% of the work in the world and control less than 10% of the money. There are some great opportunities to reach out and help women in developing countries. Help to keep a girl in school or help to finance a microloan (from \$50) for women to set up a business.

Vote – Be aware of your political candidate's views on empowering women and have your say.

Support women entrepreneurs – Where possible support women entrepreneurs. As more women achieve success they can help change the work landscape.

Empower yourself so you can empower others – Take time out to develop yourself first so you can position yourself to help other women.

Build strong networks – Reach out to other women and build strong supportive networks.

Building the Pipeline of Women Candidates

The Issue

Extensive research shows that when women run for office,

they perform as well as men. Yet women remain severely under-represented in our political institutions. The fundamental reason for women's under-representation is that they do not run for office. There is a substantial gender gap in political ambition; men tend to have it and women don't. Even in the highest tiers of professional accomplishment, women are substantially less likely to demonstrate ambition to seek public office. These results hold regardless of age, partisan affiliation, income and profession. In addition, at the emergence of a more diverse group of political candidates and leaders, overall levels of political ambition for women and men have remained fairly constant. Men continue to enjoy more comfort, confidence and freedom than women when thinking about running for office. According to recent research, the first ever survey of 18-25 year old men and women on political aspirations reveal that women still fall far behind their male counterparts in what's becoming known as the "ambition gap" or the likelihood to think of running for office someday. Given this persistent gender gap in political ambition, we are a long way from a political reality in which young women and men are equally likely to aspire to seek and hold elective office in the future.

Statistics

- None of the CEOs at the top 15 media corporations are women.
- Only 3 % of CEOs in fortune 500 companies are women.
- Only 15% of board members among Fortune 500 companies are women.
- Only 18% of law partners are women, even though women make up 48% of law school graduates.
- Only 21% of nonprofits with budgets of \$25 million or more have female CEOs.
- Only 29% of board members on college and university boards are women.
- Only 18% of the seats in congress are held by women, ranking us behind Afghanistan, Ethiopia, and Nepal.
- Only 24% of seats in state legislatures are held by women.
- Only 5 out of 50 states have a female governor.
- Currently the United States ranks 77th on an international list of women's participation in national government.

Getting to Know You: Marilyn Hoopes

Interview by Lani Chapman

The following is an interview with Marilyn Hoopes, a former AAUW scholarship recipient and a talented, multifaceted local role model for girls and women.

Q: What did you think you were going to be when you grew up?

A: I wanted to be a lawyer from about the age of eight.

Q: Tell me about how you got into your line of work?

A: I got married perhaps too young, recognized my mistake, worked hard to overcome my error and committed myself to law school.

Q: What do you like most about being in the field of law?

A: The United States Constitution is, to me, the most impressive aspect of practicing law.

Q: What have been your proudest moments in your pursuit of your law degree?

A: The first was getting into the University of California Davis School of Law. UC Davis had only sixteen seats. I already felt I was a step behind coming from a state college. (I was the first older AAUW scholarship recipient returning for undergraduate education.) The second proudest moment was the thrill of seeing the legal system work.

Q: Would you choose the same career path again? Why?

A: Yes, because of the opportunity to work to make justice available to more people.

Q: What were your biggest obstacles in pursuit of your law degree?

A: Retraining my brain to learn the logic and think like a lawyer. The first year was the hardest because I learned civil procedure, torts, contracts, criminal law, property law, and legal writing. So many of these things are not intuitively apparent from one's previous experience and education.

Q: Where did you obtain the strength and the skills to reach your goal and complete law school?

A: Unfinished business to please my mother, who had already passed. There was also a mandate to go into the practice of law that was passed through the family from my grandfather. Before law school, I didn't feel whole. I felt driven but unfulfilled. Being a lawyer was the highest goal given from my grandfather for his sons, but not for his daughter. I was determined to prove that a daughter could do it. Perhaps I didn't have the confidence I needed, but I did have the drive.

Q: How did you acquire the gift of believing in yourself?

A: The book *To Kill a Mockingbird* had a substantial early influence on me. I was given the gift of believing in myself at a very early age in life. I had to go into law to fulfill what was in me. I knew that a lawyer was what I was meant to be.

Q: What are your current activities involving law today?

A: I am a contract Administrative Law Judge. I believe in law and I have compassion. When the system works it is so exhilarating. Yes, the system is slow, but it works.

Q: What lessons have your work life taught you?

A: Life and law aren't always fair, but keep on trying. You can't give up the faith.

Q: What advice do you have for girls and women in their professional lives?

A: Women can expect the road to be harder, but the rewards are greater.

Q: What advice do you have for girls and women in their personal lives?

A: Your heart has to be in your profession. Let go of the guilt. There is no such thing as a superwoman. You are never done; let it be.

Q: How could AAUW make a greater impact on women?

A: By getting knowledge and information out that the glass ceiling is not broken for poor, for minorities, for middle class or upper middle class women. AAUW is needed more now to insure young women succeed because of our new demographics. The change in demographics, especially in California with the increase in poverty, statistically determined that a large group will not even finish high school. This same group does not have the dream of college, graduate school, or a professional career. AAUW needs to do a special outreach to this group to let them know the dream is alive and viable. The equality message of the 1960's – early 80's has been lost to this younger generation.

Q: Were there people who had a particularly strong influence on your life? Tell me about them.

A: My dad. He had integrity. He believed in honesty, civics, paying back to the community and belonging to organizations that help the community. Another person is my brother Jack who is also an attorney. We went to Law School later in life at the same time. We are very competitive. He has been a huge

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Support Heidi O'Hara's Art Club

by Sandra Campbell

Heidi O'Hara, a member of our Amador Branch, teaches at Lone Junior High School, and has formed an Art Club for interested students who attend on their—and her—Tuesday lunch hour, as there are no art classes. In February, three members of the Art in Action interest group met with the students at Heidi's request. We showed some of our work, brought a few supplies and conducted a short lesson. The club has received a few donations but much more is needed, as the students would like to have a show during Open House. Among their requests are . . .

- “Real” drawing pencils (4B or 6B), as they are using the usual No. 2s; good erasers would be nice too.
- Brushes for water colors; they are using the ones from the classroom paint sets and they are well used, to put it kindly.
- Watercolor paper: 140lb. in tablets not blocks; 8 x 10 or 9 x 12
- Decorative duct tape

These are very basic needs and I could go on and on with other ideas for supplies. If you would like to help in this effort,



Jeri Killion (standing, left), a member of Art in Action and Sandra Campbell participate in O'Hara's Art Club at Lone Junior High.

contact Heidi, Charlene Unger or Sandra Campbell.

Getting to Know You

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influence on my education, the law and my life in general.

The former Judge Martin H. Ryan was a great influence on me during law school and practice. I had the privilege of clerking for him and not only learning the nuts and bolts of law but learning judicial integrity, respect for everyone who came before him and to work until the right answer was found. He also taught me as did my father and mother to admit when you did make a mistake even when it is painful.

Q: Who has been the most important person in your life? Can you tell me about him or her?

A: Todd, my husband. He is my best friend, my best supporter in anything I choose to do, and my rock. He said he would have sent me down a different path if he would have had a say, but he knows I wouldn't have been fulfilled.

Q: What are the most important lessons you've learned in life?

A: Forgiveness (including myself), when to let go, perseverance and diligence.

Q: What are some of your hobbies?

A: Politics, music, women's issues. Art is one I just picked up

again after fifteen years.

Q: If you could vacation anywhere in the world, where would you go?

A: The Paris flea market in a minute. I adore that place.

Q: If you only had two words to describe yourself, what two words come to mind?

A: Compassionate, tenacious, and diligent. I never follow the rules; that is why there are three words, I'm an attorney.

Q: If you could go back in history, who you would you like to meet.

A: Thomas Jefferson

Q: What do you think is one of the most undervalued professions today?

A: Teachers, by far.

Q: Who in your life has influenced you the most? How did they do it?

A: My mom and dad, my husband, Todd, and my brother, Jack Hoopes influenced me with their integrity. Mom was a well-mannered lady with her “feminism” even though she didn't know it existed. She had the concept and the steps to correct injustices.

Home Tour Update and Preview

Home Tour 2014 is getting close! Six weeks! Nancy and Aieleen have filled all hostess spots. Wow!

Michele Powell and Susan Staggs have sold \$2,950 of advertising for the tour brochure! The postcards have been printed to send to previous attendees. Kathy Guletz, our own music impresario, is “booking” groups to perform at the tea! Your HT committee is doing so much to make our 42nd Home Tour a fabulous success.

The tour not only benefits our scholarship fund, it benefits our local businesses and communities through tourism, exposure and sales, and it unites us with a viable project and a worthwhile cause. Enjoy meeting members who you don't know well and enjoy meeting homeowners who are proud members of our Amador communities and enjoy being part of a lively, creative, fun-loving, hard-working group of women—Amador AAUW!

I look forward to seeing you on April 12, 2014.

Claire Wait

In our last issue, we highlighted two of the residences on the tour. Here are the other three.

Davis House

This 1920's Craftsman style home was constructed for the Trudgen family and owned by the family until purchased by the Davis' in 1981. When Rod and Loraine Davis purchased the home, the living area was downstairs: one bedroom, one bath, small kitchen, and living/dining room—all in need of restoration. Over the years, with Loraine's inspirations and Rod's skills, they have created a model for historic renovation.

The 1920's porch was enclosed with custom windows to become a large entry area and a new front porch and steps were added, all emulating the original architecture. Removing walls created a large living room. Two guest bedrooms, bathroom and the master suite were built upstairs by utilizing the unfinished attic. Before the

attic space could be used, the ceiling needed to be raised to 8' and the floor joists reinforced. The transformation upstairs is much more than bedrooms and includes activity areas. Each guest room has been decorated with a theme including a “Disney” mural. When the garages were extended, the space above became room for a master suite sitting area. Features of the suite include an ornately framed wide-screen TV that appears to be a large painting, a toolbox chest built by Rod's grandfather and a gas fireplace across from the bed.

The kitchen remodel combined the service porch and a small kitchen into an open, light filled area. The replica 1930's Heartland stove fits the era. The microwave rests on an old wood stove that was rescued from Loraine's grandfather's cabin. Natural light comes into the kitchen through glass-backed wall cabinets. Special American art tiles highlight the tile work.

Adjacent to the kitchen backdoor is the downstairs bathroom.

The original tub with its brass fixtures inspired the use of brass throughout the house. The remodeling of the bathroom included new linoleum flooring and reusing the original beadboard as wainscoting.

Exit through the kitchen backdoor and enjoy the exterior's many Craftsmen details.

Sutter Creek Inn: 75 Main St.

Pioneer John Keyes built the original part of today's Sutter Creek Inn in 1859, probably for his young bride, Clara McIntire; in 1882 after Keyes' death, Clara's 2nd husband, Edward C. Voorheis, added the southern wing. For over a century descendants of McIntire-Voorheis owned the home before selling it to Jane Way in 1966.

While visiting Sutter Creek in 1966, Jane Way fell in love with the town and the vacant home owned by Gertrude Voorheis Clark, who was in a rest home. Way finally persuaded the owner to sell it. Reminiscing later in her life, Way said she bought it “on a whim” during

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Second Cookie Reminder:

Our Tea this year is at the home of Chip Lusby where we serve cookies and beverages to include coffee, tea, and water. We need each member to bake five dozen cookies.

The guidelines are:

- Home-baked cookies only – no store bought, please!
- Cookies should be small – one or two bites
- If you hate to bake, find a “baking buddy” and have a cookie baking party!
- Please take your cookies to one of the following locations on Friday April 11 before 3 p.m.

Cookie Drop-Off Locations

- Jackson: Margie Guletz home (please call first)
- Sutter Creek: Lizzie Ann's Bubble Gum Books
- Pine Grove: Sierra Travel
19900 Hwy 88
- Ione: Jackie Martinez's home (please call first)

Do not bring cookies directly to the tea. Doing so makes it difficult for the Tea Committee. They have quite enough to do without receiving new deliveries.

Thank you very much for your commitment to this program.

Preview

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“an all-time low in my life.” Seeking to “reinvent her life,” Way turned the property into one of the first bed-and-breakfast inns in the West which became well known in travel guide books. In addition to the original house, Sutter Creek Inn’s facilities include numerous adjacent original historic buildings now offering 17 rooms, many with wood-burning fireplaces, swinging beds, and private patios. The rooms are themed and decorated with Way’s antiques. Jane Way’s children, Lindsay and David, operate the inn. Jane passed away three years ago at age 91 knowing that her legacy will endure.

Home Tour visitors will view the public rooms of the inn and available guest rooms. The large living room affords areas for many activities. The office is decorated with numerous antiques, photos, and paintings, including the Thomas Kinkaid painting of the inn. The long pine tables in the dining room are for serving guests family-style breakfasts. Every day the aroma of cookies baking in the kitchen lets the guests know they will want to return in the afternoon for cookies and tea. In the kitchen, among other antiques, look for the interesting fireplace mantle—a wood-pecked old post complete with acorns. The gardens may be explored to enjoy arbors, alcoves with sculptures, hammock, and hundred-year-old trees and vines

Enola’s Cottage: 120 Hanford Street

Enola’s cottage was built in the late 1940’s and has recently been remodeled to characterize its roots from this era. This cottage was home to talented artist Enola Scott for fifty years,

hence the name that was chosen by new owners, John and Angel LeSage. This quaint 1,200 square foot cottage has 2 bedrooms and one bath. The new owners have given the cottage a new life as a vacation rental.

The living room’s knotty pine walls and ceiling are original to the home. The fireplace now has a gas insert; a self-contained ductless heating and air conditioning provide modern comfort. The sconces in the living room have beautiful new glass shades custom made by nearby Chaos Glass. Two of Enola Scott’s watercolors are seen in the living room.

Owner John LeSage is well known in locally as the “The Wood Wizard”. He built most of the wood furniture seen in the cottage. Of particular interest is the dining room table; the tabletop is decorated with a collage of wine bottle labels from local wineries.

The original plank wood walls in the bedrooms have been sealed and freshened with butter-yellow paint. The original fir wood floors have been refinished. The bedside tables, built by John, and lamps are both wall-mounted to reduce clutter.

The updated shared bath now has all the features of a spa shower and the shower walls are lined with Corian. The “Wood Wizard” has left his magic touch in this bathroom by building the vanity and matching mirror frame.

The kitchen and dining room have new flooring of linoleum squares for a 1940’s vintage look; a cabinet was added for a coffee station, and cabinets were painted. The kitchen counter tops are the original small subway tiles. The area under the sink was left open and a skirt was made to conceal the area—a nice old-fashioned touch. Exit through the back door to see the patio and BBQ area and walk down the driveway.

Support Our Home Tour Sponsors

The following businesses and organizations have supported AAUW Amador through sponsorship ads for our 2014 Home Tour brochure. Please support them by giving them your business... and let them know how much we appreciate their donations to our Scholarship Fund

Amador Community Foundation	Creskide Cottage at Sutter Creek
Anne Lintz, State Farm Insurance, Licensed Agent	Eureka Street Inn-Bed & Breakfast, Sutter Creek
Barron’s Flooring & Design, Sutter Creek	Foxes Inn, Sutter Creek Bed & Breakfast
Bella’s Corner- Children’s Boutique, Sutter Creek	Gail Harris, All Power Brokers, Licensed Broker
Bodies n Balance, Denise Schaad, Certified Personal Trainer	Grey Gables Inn –A Sutter Creek Bed & Breakfast
Davenport Properties & Real Estate	Griffin’s Steakhouse & Pasta, Sutter Creek
Rose-Marie Zweig Coldwell Banker, Licensed Broker	Hotel Sutter-Restaurant-Bar, Sutter Creek

Imperial Inn, Saloon & Restaurant, Amador City	Stuart London, Handyman, County-wide
Jackie Reeves Quilting, Angels Camp	Susan’s Place Wine Bar & Eatery, Sutter Creek
Jackson Rancheria Casino Resort	Sutter Creek Community Benefit Foundation
JB’s Awards & Engraving, Jackson	Sutter Creek Cottage at Sutter Creek
Judy Holt, Century 21 Licensed Realtor	Tera Donahoo, Licensed Realtor with Davenport Properties
Sue Hepworth, Coldwell Banker, Licensed Broker	The Griffin Company, Real Estate Agency
Michael G. Slater, Certified Public Accountant	Thomi’s Café, Sutter Creek & Jackson
More Than Just Hair, Sutter Creek	Water Street Antiques, Sutter Creek
Nancy Street, Pilates Certified Instructor	Zoom Smog & Automotive, Sutter Creek
Peg’s Place, A Country Eatery, Sutter Creek	

Michele Powell & Susan Staggs
Co-Chairs
Home Tour Sponsorship

Program Summary: “Resources for a Brighter Future”

The February program was a resounding success. While the turnout was not as high as we would have liked, the community women who attended learned a great deal about what social services are available in our county. They were grateful for the opportunity to meet and talk with the representatives of the various agencies.

Nina Machado, First 5 Director said, “Great job on the resource fair! Although the turnout wasn’t huge, the women who attended benefitted tremendously”

The speakers all gave practical information in the first half and then individual help at the resource tables in the second half of the program.

The list of speakers and participants is below:

Moderator – Danise Kaps, TLC

Health Insurance – Cathy Vanderford, ATCAA Outreach Coordinator

Tammie Portzer, Manassero Insurance, Certified CA agent/ACA

Behavioral Health – Jennifer Kromm, Client & Family Advocate, AC Behavioral Health

Jobs – Karen Puccio, Manager, Mother Lode Job Training, Amador Office



(l-r) Danise Kaps (at podium), Jennifer Kromm, Shirlee Runnings, Karen Puccio, Nina Machado and Rebecca Schimp

- Housing – Denise Cloward, ATCAA Housing Program Manager, Betty Mann and Yolanda Miranda, Housing Resources Coordinators
- Childcare – Kelly Graesch, Resource Connection
- Early Childhood – Shirlee Runnings, WIC Program Director,
- Nina Machado, First 5 Program Director



(r-l) Nina Machado (at podium), Tammie Portzer, Cathy Vanderford, Yolanda Miranda, Betty Mann and Denise Cloward

Women’s History Month

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the Amendment, only to have it go down in defeat in 1982.

Although women’s rights have been expanded since earning the right to vote, those rights have been achieved piecemeal through legislation such as Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Title IX passed in 1973. Unfortunately enforcement of these laws (such as the many Title IX cases and the more highly publicized employment discrimination case brought by Lilly Ledbetter that AAUW has supported) is sparse and victims of discrimination frequently turn to litigation as the only remedy.

We as AAUW members have played a role in writing women’s history and have a right to be proud of our organizations active advocacy for women’s equity. Our Branch is celebrating Women’s History on March 14th. Come join in the celebration. (See box on Page 1.)

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.

The Afternoon Book Group is reading *The Care and Handling of Roses With Thorns* by Margaret Dilloway on March 10, at 2 p.m. at the home of Dot Haislet. Call Dot if you would like to join us.

Art in Action

Charlene Unger, Chair
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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
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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 March 24 we'll be discussing *The End of Your Life Book Club* by Will Schwalbe. We are meeting at the home of JoAnn Chevrette; please call JoAnn if you'd like to attend.

Cork & Fork

Bonnie Krupp, Chair
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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. On March 9 we will be meeting in two groups hosted by the McElroys and the Bilheimers. Contact Bonnie if you are interested in attending or if you'd like more information.

Garden Groupies

Nancy Schuster, Chair
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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. On March 19th the Garden Group will visit Ironstone Vineyards in Murphys. Ironstone reports the annual "color parade" kicks off in March with an explosive burst of over 300,000 daffodils that signal the coming of spring and herald their annual festival of food, wine, art and Daffodils. We meet at the parking lot in Sutter Creek, next to the Post Office. Departure at 10 a.m. This will be a fun trip! Join us if you can.

Libations & Conversations

Libations & Conversations will meet on Tuesday, March 18, 5:30-6:30 p.m., at the Imperial Hotel in Amador City. Our topic of conversation will be "Achieving Equal Pay" in anticipation of Equal Pay Day on April 8, 2014. All AAUW members, prospective members and interested friends are invited to join us for lively conversation over no-host drinks. Maybe you will be the lucky one to win the door prize! Email ideas for future topics to staggs@volcano.net



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

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Lunch Bunch

Kelli Garcia, Chair
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Lunch Bunch meets the second Thursday every month at 11:45am. 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.

Lunch Bunch will take a break in March and resume in April.

Supper Club

Claire Wait, Chair
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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. We dined on lamb tagine, chicken b'stilla, carrot salad, eggplant, sliced oranges and cookies followed by mint tea. Each hostess volunteers for a certain date and selects the recipes to spread the preparation among all the couples attending. Our next meeting will feature the food of Spain and will be held on May 31. If you would like to join the fun, contact Lani Chapman.

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.

Sunshine sent cards to the following members of our branch between January 11 and February 25.

Lynne Brumit	Gretchen Kingsbury
Sandi Baracco	Charlene Unger
Jacqueline Garcia	Linda Zender
Margie Guletz	

Lynne Brumit

Report from the Nominating Committee

Lynne Brumit and Sandra Campbell have completed nominations for elected officers for the 2014-15 year, which starts in July. A list of these will be published later. Most of the appointed positions are filled as well. The following spots, however, remain open: Community Representative, Hospitality and Public Policy/Educational Equity. Hospitality works best with two people handling the job. I am considering this but would need a partner to help. Or, if two friends wish to fill this slot, that would be fine as well. The website (aauwamador.org) contains job descriptions for all of these so that you may see what each entails.

If you are interested, please contact Sandy at skcampbell@volcano.net.

Sandy Campbell

Birthdays

Best wishes to our members with March birthdays.

Iris Aparicio	Heidi O'Hara
Marge Chisholm	Suzanne Kreutzer
Norva Fagg	Kathy Allen
Judy Regnier	Mona Evans Brown
Carol Bilheimer	