

# 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 Fall Harvest Party

## September 15th at 6 PM

### Sutter Creek Community Center

*This is a great opportunity to learn about this year’s programs and interest groups.  
Don’t forget to invite a friend.*



## AGENDA

WELCOME and INTRODUCTION

INTEREST GROUPS  
Member Presentations

TECH-CONNECT-CARE  
Member Presentations

FOOD – WINE – FUN!

## Amador Community College Foundation (ACCF) Presents

# Koyou – A Night in Japan’s Red Leaves

### Fourth Annual Gala

The Amador Community College Foundation presents its 4th annual gala Koyou – A Night in Japan’s Red Leaves at the Jackson Rancheria Casino Grand Oak Ballroom on Saturday, November 5, 2016 from 5:30 pm to 11:00 PM.

“Koyou” are to the Japanese autumn what cherry blossoms are to spring. The viewing of autumn leaves has been a quite popular activity in Japan for centuries and today draws large numbers of travelers to famous spots. Themed décor will create the enchantment of Koyou right here in Amador where you can share Japan’s beauty and culture on this enchanted evening. On entrance you will enjoy a complimentary specialty drink and appetizers. Live and silent auction items will showcase a breathtaking array of items for your shopping pleasure. An elegant 3 course plated Japanese dinner will delight your palate. Koyou will culminate with Japanese inspired entertainment.

Placer Ume Taiko Drum Corps will play this widely practiced popular-culture art form in contemporary Japanese society. Taiko, literally means big drum, and it originated in the festivals and rituals of ancient Japan’s agricultural society.

The Studio Dancers will dance to Japanese traditional music evoking the reflective beauty of falling autumn leaves.

Kelsey Long will sing Un Bel Di Vendremo (from “Madame Butterfly”) - Puccini and Lost in Thoughts All Alone (from “Fire Emblem Fates”) - Hiroki Morishita.

Come celebrate with us. Your tickets to Koyou – A Night in Japan’s Red Leaves is offered at: <http://www.jacksoncasino.com/entertainment/full-schedule> under community events for \$100 per plate. Tables of 10 are available for groups.

All proceeds benefit Amador College Connect operated by the Amador Community College Foundation, a volunteer non-

profit organization whose mission is to advocate, facilitate, and support higher education in Amador County.

Koyou – A Night in Japan’s Red Leaves is a rare opportunity for Amador County to join together for a fun filled evening while raising much-needed funds for Amador College Connect providing accredited college degree, certificate and transfer programs locally. “This year more than ever, we appreciate the generous contributions from our friends in Amador County who continue to support the Amador Community College

Foundation,” states Paul Molinelli, Jr., ACCF Board Chair. Molinelli said the funds raised at the event will help ACCF expand its course offerings, increase its classroom space, support the internship program, and provide technology upgrades. “We want to expand our service hours too and that means adding additional staff. Your financial support will help us serve more of our local residents with ongoing mentoring and tutoring,” reports Molinelli.



Amador College Connect offers more than 50 AA/AS degrees and certificate programs provided locally through distance education. There are two physical venues: one for student support services of mentoring, tutoring, and collaboration, the other for interactive video courses. ACCF’s offerings in-

clude content from Alan Hancock College, Coastline Community College, Foothill Community College, and Shasta College. ACCF programs are especially appealing to those students who lack transportation, need financial assistance, work full time, or want to save money for their four-year goals.

Koyou – A Night in Japan’s Red Leaves promises to be an unforgettable night of style, surprises and amusement, benefiting a worthy cause. Surely an event not to be missed! Can you help us raise funds for more college programs in Amador County? We need your help because so many of our young people can’t afford to go away to college.

**Bipolar Disorder...**  
**PTSD... Depression...**  
**Anxiety...**  
**Schizophrenia...**



**You are not alone.**

From the Amador Chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI Amador):

## **PEER TO PEER EDUCATION -- FREE 5-Week Course**

Support for people with serious mental illnesses and disorders.

**Where: Sutter Amador Hospital, Mountain Room – 200 Mission Blvd, Jackson**

**When: Saturdays in October, 9 am – 1 pm starting October 1**

**Peer-to-Peer** is a 5-week course that teaches problem-solving skills and strategies, and offers practical and emotional support for people living with mental illness.

Led by NAMI state-certified instructors and mentors, each class builds upon the prior one, so participants must sign up and attend all five sessions.

The goal is to provide education about mental illness, emotional and practical support, independent problem solving and relapse prevention. You will gain knowledge and skills to cope more effectively with your personal diagnosis and recovery plans.

**"This group helps me feel like I'm controlling my own well-being."**

**"I feel more optimistic about my future."**

**"I am coping better than before."**

**-- Peer-to-Peer Participants**



[www.NAMIamador.org](http://www.NAMIamador.org)

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National Alliance on Mental Illness

## President's Message

Dear Members,

TECH – CONNECT – CARE! You will see these words multiple times and in multiple places, for instance: the new Membership Directory, our website, the *Gold Filings* Newsletter and, in various news articles and outlets. As you all know, many of our Branch members (about 30 in total) gathered twice over the summer to create a strategic plan of action around 2016/2017 activities. Collectively, the membership has adopted the maxim: Tech – Connect – Care! In support of our mission of advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research, our Branch will roll out three projects and an activity, outlined briefly below and in Nancy Street's detailed report of our August 27th Action Planning Workshop. The planned projects and activities are:

Our Branch will host a local, one-day, Tech Trek for girls, ages 10-12. The local Tech Trek will occur in the spring of 2017. More details will be forthcoming as the program develops.

The Branch's long-term (years) project will focus on mentoring girls and women, beginning in early adolescence through college. The goal is to build a system of readiness coaching to offer one-on-one mentoring for girls and women, which supports them in developing educational, professional and life-skills com-

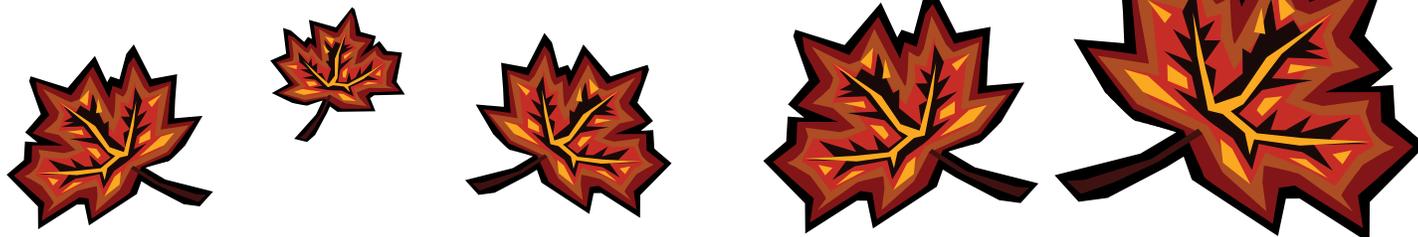
petencies and prepares them for an exceptional future. Think of it as mentoring for financial literacy, interview prep, resume writing, scholarship and college application preparation.

Thirdly, we will begin to develop our outreach program to Operation Care, offering mentoring services to support women's re-entry into the community after a life-changing event. The committee will begin its outreach in September.

Our fourth and final community fun activity will be to have a sparkling presence in the Parade of Lights on December 10th!

To learn more about all of the above activities and projects and how you can be a part of the fun, be sure to attend the Fall Harvest Party on Thursday, September 15th from 6:00-9:00 p.m. We will celebrate the upcoming year of Tech – Connect – Care! Plus, members of our Interest Groups will take a little time to give members and guests an update on each of the Interest Groups and their ongoing endeavors. The party will be held at the Sutter Creek Community Center. There will be wine, food and motivating discussions. Bring a guest!

Warmly,  
Sandee



## Board Briefs – 7/28/16 – Paisano's Pizza in Jackson

- The minutes for June 11, 2016 Annual Meeting were approved as written. [Subsequent electronic approval of May board meeting minutes as written.]
- The Treasurer recently received audited reports. Arrangements for new signatories at the bank discussed.
- The Action Planning meeting is August 27, 2016, at 10:00 AM at the Sutter Creek Community Center. Nancy handed out agendas for the planning session. Refreshments will be provided and all branch members are encouraged to attend.
- Sandee mentioned several leadership positions are open and available.
- Some members of the Home Tour committee discussed current status.
- Next board meeting scheduled for Tuesday, September 13 at Paisano's Pizza at 6:00. All branch members welcome.
- Next branch meeting: AAUW Fall Harvest Party; Bring a Friend! September 15th, 6 PM at the Sutter Creek Community Center.

# Getting to Know You: Hon. Reneé Day

by Suzanne Nicholson

*You were recently appointed to the bench by Governor Brown, and told us a little bit about that process at a Libations & Conversations last spring. For our members who weren't able to attend - can you give a brief description of how that process works?*

The judicial appointment process consists of a lot of work and a lot of waiting. In California, judges are elected to serve six-year terms. If a judge retires during their term, as Judge Harlan did, the position may be filled by appointment. I completed an application, which included my educational background and practice history. The practice history portion includes information about cases I have tried before a jury or judge—the nature of the case, and who the opposing attorney(s) and judges were. There were essay type questions about my qualifications and cases that were significant in my practice. After the application was submitted, an informal vetting process occurred wherein Appellate Justices called around to the judges before whom I had appeared and asked about me. About six months later I received a call from an evaluation commissioner who asked for the email addresses of 75 attorneys I had either worked with or would know my reputation in the legal community. Questionnaires were sent to those attorneys and once the responses were compiled, I met with the commission, whose job was to determine whether I was qualified to be a judge. I passed that test and waited two more months for an interview with Governor Brown's appointment advisor. I received my appointment in November of 2015.

*What are some of the biggest challenges and rewards of your position on the bench in a rural county like Amador?*

One of the challenges of working in a rural county is accessibility to resources that could be beneficial to our population. For example, in a juvenile dependency case an in-patient drug/alcohol treatment program may be the best chance for a parent to be successful in their case plan. There are no such programs in the county so the parents have to go out of county for treatment. That makes it difficult on small children who have to travel an hour or more to visit their parents, and also on the foster parents, CASA (court appointed special advocates) and social workers who transport the children. Given the challenges such as this example, I am amazed and grateful for the level



Hon. Reneé Day

of commitment the volunteers in our community demonstrate. The sense of community in Amador County is one of the reasons why I live and work here.

*Can you give us a few of your thoughts on the importance of mentoring for young women and girls?*

I am a believer in mentorship and am fortunate to have had an employer who was a champion for learning and education. I started my career as a legal secretary after graduating with an AS degree in legal office administration. My boss encouraged my inquisitiveness and desire to learn more about the substantive

law. The firm actually paid my tuition to obtain my paralegal certificate (providing I got A's and B's, which I did), and allowed me to work flexible hours so I could attend the necessary classes. Then, when I went on to my BS in political science, still working full time as a paralegal, I was able to work flexible hours to attend classes. While at work I was given as much responsibility as I requested and even challenged with tasks I had no idea I was capable of.

*How did you learn about our branch and what brought you to join?*

I learned about AAUW by reading the *Gold Filings* on the Amador Community News website. I joined because I enjoyed the group of women I met at Libations and I want to support our young women and help them achieve their potential by believing in them, sharing experiences and providing the financial assistance the scholarships provide.

*Can you tell us a little bit about your family?*

My husband, Robert is a nuclear medicine technologist at Marshall Hospital in Placerville. He has two grown children, a son and a daughter, who live in Southern California.

*Any interesting hobbies?*

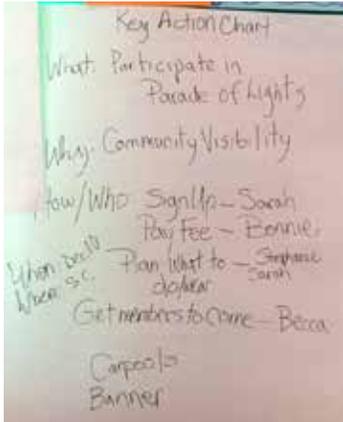
I'm not sure my hobbies are much different than others in our community. I love playing outside—not to be confused with athletic proficiency. My favorite ways to enjoy the outdoors are cycling, hiking, kayaking, snowshoeing and cross country skiing. Robert and I also enjoy hosting gatherings at home, from casual Friday nights to 40 plus friends and family for holidays.

# AAUW Amador Action Plan 2016-2017

## Tech-Connect-Care

**Key Action:** Participate in the Sutter Creek Parade of Lights

**Why:** To promote Community Visibility



**How/Who:**  
Sign up- Sara Wilson  
Pay Fee- Bonnie Krupp  
Plan what to do/wear- Stephanie Young, Sara Wilson  
Get members to participate- Rebecca Wilson  
Arrange carpools-  
Get and carry banner-

**When:** December 10, 2016

**Where:** Sutter Creek

**Key Action:** Build a Long Term Mentor Program

**Why:** To empower women and girls to reach their highest potential, and to create more visibility in schools and communities

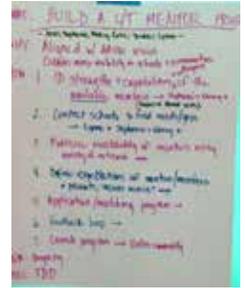
**How/Who:**

Identify strengths, capabilities, and willingness of available members- Stephanie Young, Nancy Street  
Contact schools to find needs/gaps- Lynne Brumit, Stephanie Young, Nancy Street  
Publicize availability of mentors using a variety of outreach-  
Define expectations of mentors, mentees, and parents;  
success metrics-  
Application/Matching program-  
Feedback Loop-  
Launch Program- entire community

**When:** Ongoing

**Where:** TBD

*By Katie Scott, Janet Kendig, Sandee Bowman, Stephanie Young, Nancy Street, Lynne Brumit*



A "Save the Date" poster for the "Red Leaf Royou" event. The title "紅葉 ROYOU" is written in large, stylized red characters. Below it, the subtitle reads "a Night in Japan's Red Leaves". The event is scheduled for "Saturday, November 5, 2016" at the "Jackson Rancheria Hotel Grand Oak Ballroom" from "5:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.". The poster also notes it is an "Annual Themed Ball Fundraising Event" where "Proceeds benefit a college center in Amador County" and is a "501 c (3) non-profit organization". The Jackson Rancheria Casino Resort logo is in the bottom right corner.

**Key Action:** Hold a Tech Trek Day

**Why:** To promote “non-traditional” (in demand and high paying) careers for women

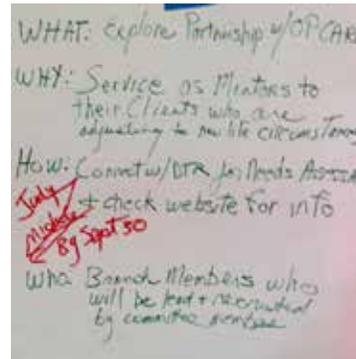
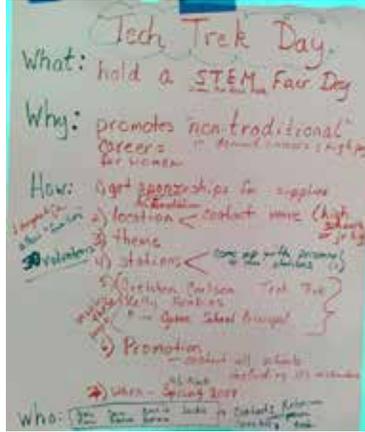
**How/Who:**

- Get sponsorship for supplies-
- Determine location/venue-
- Decide theme-
- Recruit personnel to man stations-
- Involve Gretchen Carlson (Tech Trek), Kelly Hunkins (Pine Grove School Principal)-
- Promotion, contact all schools (including high schools and charters)-
- Target sixth grade, allow families, estimate need 30 volunteers

**When:** Spring 2017

**Where:** TBD

**By** *Rebecca Wilson, Greta McElroy, Sara Wilson, Bonnie Krupp, Jackie Martinez, Karen Dickerson, Norma King*



**Key Action:** Explore a Partnership with Operation Care

**Why:** To provide service as mentors to their clients who are adjusting to new life circumstances

**How/Who:** Connect with Director for needs assessment-Judy Lerner-Liston

- Check website for information-Michele Powell
- Include branch members who will be led and recruited by committee members-

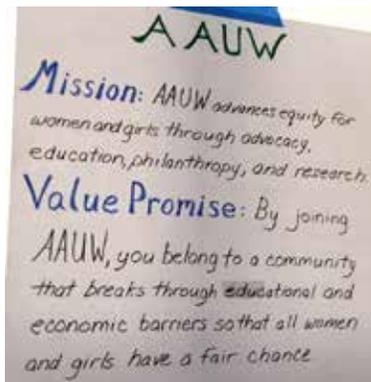
**When:** Initial contact by September 30, 2016.

**Where:** TBD

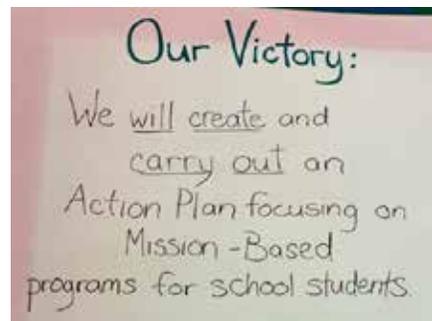
**By** *Michele Powell, Judy Lerner-Liston, Myrna-Kay Robison*

## TECH – CONNECT – CARE

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AAUW Amador will host a local, one-day, Tech Trek for girls, ages 10-12. The one-day Tech Trek is a pre-cursor to the AAUW-sponsored, week long Tech Trek, an experiential summer camp backed by research and designed to make STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) exciting and accessible to girls in middle school. The local Tech Trek will occur in the spring of 2017 and more details will be forthcoming as the program develops.



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developing educational, professional and life-skills competencies and prepares them for an exceptional future. Think: financial literacy, interview prep, resume writing, scholarship and college application preparation.

AAUW Amador will also begin to develop its offering to community organizations to mentor women whose re-entry into the community after a life changing event is susceptible to failure.

Join our Fall Harvest Party on September 15th from 6:00-9:00 p.m. We will celebrate a new year of Tech – Connect – Care! The party will be held at the Sutter Creek Community Center. There will be wine and food and everyone is welcome!

Also, look for the sparkling women of AAUW Amador County in the Parade of Lights on December 10th!

## Our 45th Annual Home Tour

### Save The Date

**Saturday, April 22, 2017**

**11:00 AM – 4:00 PM**

**Downtown Sutter Creek**

Our first Home Tour Committee Meeting is set for Thursday, September 8, 2016, at 2:30 PM, in Sutter Creek at 44 Eureka Street. We will determine the meeting date and time for the rest of the year depending on the majority of committee members.

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 will make for a huge success!

Call Sandi Baracco to let her know if you can attend on Thursday, Sept. 8th e-mail [BaraccoArchitect@comcast.net](mailto:BaraccoArchitect@comcast.net)

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## Help Wanted!

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

### Programs Vice President

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

### Hospitality

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

### Libations & Conversations Committee

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

# Special Interest Groups

## Afternoon Book Group

Robin Stolk, Chair  
[robinfstolk@sbcglobal.net](mailto:robinfstolk@sbcglobal.net)



Join us for a thoughtful and friendly book discussion the 2nd Monday of each month at 2 p.m. Our next meeting is September 12th at Brenda Walker's home. We will be discussing *All the Light we Cannot See* by Anthony Doer. New members are welcome. If you'd like to join the group, contact Robin Stolk.

## Art in Action

Bev York, Chair  
[likacb@volcano.net](mailto:likacb@volcano.net)

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



## Book Lovers & Page Turners

Jackie Martinez, Chair  
[jackiemartinezm@aol.com](mailto:jackiemartinezm@aol.com)



Come join us! We meet at 2 p.m. on the fourth Monday of each month (except December) at members' homes. We have great discussions about books while sharing a light dessert. New members are welcome. Our next meeting is September 26 at the home of Chris Van Fleet. We'll discuss *Colorless Tsukuru Tazaki and His Years of Pilgrimage* by Murakami. 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  
[powell.michele288@gmail.com](mailto:powell.michele288@gmail.com)



This group meets every other month to enjoy wine tasting and appetizers. Members' homes are the usual meeting place, but we sometimes gather at a winery tasting room or other appropriate venue. The next meeting of Cork & Fork is September 11th at the usual time 5:30. 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](mailto: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 will be meeting next month for a planning session. If you are interested in joining, contact Judy at 781-5305 or [venckus@aol.com](mailto:venckus@aol.com).

## Lunch Bunch

Kelli Garcia, Chair  
[kgarciaod@hotmail.com](mailto:kgarciaod@hotmail.com)



Lunch Bunch is meeting Thursday, September 8th at 11:45 at Bistro Bella Cucina, 250 French Bar Rd. in Jackson. You are invited to join the lunch bunch for a fun experience and some freshly prepared Mediterranean cuisine. Please RSVP to Myrna-Kay Robison at [myrna-kay@volcano.net](mailto:myrna-kay@volcano.net) by Tuesday September 6th.

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## Supper Club

Claire Wait, Chair  
[clairesc@sbcgloba.net](mailto:clairesc@sbcgloba.net)

Supper Club will gather in October for a Halloween-themed Party. Please call or email Claire Wait for more information on joining us.



## Working Girls' Book Group

The Working Girls' Book Group will be discussing *Soldier Girls: The Battles of Three Women at Home and at War* by Helen Thorpe on September 7th. We will meet at Provisions in Sutter Creek. Please contact Rebecca Wilson at [rdiannaw75@icloud.com](mailto:rdiannaw75@icloud.com) for more information.



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## September Board Meeting

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

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

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## October Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for submitting articles and information for the October issue of *Gold Filings* is **September 21st**. Please submit material to [rdiannaw75@icloud.com](mailto:rdiannaw75@icloud.com). Thank you.

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## ACCF and VA Benefits

Please check out this *Amador Ledger Dispatch* story about using VA benefits at ACCF.

<http://www.ledger-dispatch.com/news/using-your-va-educational-benefits-locally-2>

## Branch Member Notes

### Sunshine Update for September –

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

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

–Lynne Brumit

### Birthdays

Best wishes to our members with September birthdays.

Rita Bohl	Sarah Hart
Lynne Brumit	Mary O'Neal
Carolyn Hennings	Jo Ann Ogburn
Claire Wait	Brenda Walker
Beverly York	

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## Upcoming Libations & Conversations

September Libations and Conversations will take place Wednesday, September 21st at Lone Wolf Restaurant in the Jackson Rancheria Casino Resort. Janet Kendig will be our speaker and she will share with us some amazing information about how and where to look to get connected from home in minutes to a multitude of charities, all needing support. This should be a very valuable session, giving us ways to give back to organizations close to our hearts and mission. As usual, the L&C meeting will occur between 5:30 pm and 6:30 pm, and the idea is that perhaps we will follow the meeting with dinner, including your spouse if you would like, in this great restaurant, on what is a “locals night.” In order to be sure the restaurant saves room for dinner, please RSVP to Katie Scott at [kbscott3576@gmail.com](mailto:kbscott3576@gmail.com) if you plan to attend the dinner portion of this special evening.

