

# 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.

PLEASE MAIL \$10 CHECK SO IT IS RECEIVED BY JUNE 9<sup>th</sup>

## AMADOR AAUW BRUNCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Saturday, June 13, 2015 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM Election of 2015-16 Officers Approval of 2015-2016 Budgets POWERPOINT WRAP UP OF OUR **OUTSTANDING YEAR**

**SUTTER CREEK COMMUNITY BUILDING**  
Catered by Mother Lode Deli: \$10.00 prior to June 9\*  
For reservations mail check payable to:  
Amador AAUW  
PO Box 611  
Sutter Creek, CA 95685

\*\$24.97 @ Door

## Evening Book Group

Love books? Love book clubs? Love the idea of getting together with other AAUW members for fun and fiction?

If the answer to any of the above is YES, but work prevents you from joining

one of the existing AAUW book clubs, then you're not alone. But all of that's about to change!

If you're interested in starting up and participating in

## L & C June Date Set

Libations & Conversations is June 11 Thursday at Baiocchi Wine in Sutter Creek at 82 Main Street from 5:30-6:30. Amador County Supervisor Lynn Morgan will be leading our discussion topic: "Let's Train Our Young Women to Stand Up and Shout Out!" Members please take this opportunity to introduce your friends to AAUW Amador and join us for this gathering in the front garden of Baiocchi Wine. No need to RSVP.

There is no meeting in July or August as L&C is taking a summer break. You'll get an email announcement about the next meeting as needed.

an evening book club geared toward working members, please email Liz Powell at [mslizpowell@gmail.com](mailto:mslizpowell@gmail.com) to sign up. Please include days of the week and times that work best with your current schedule.

Hope to hear from you!

*-Liz Powell*

## President's Message

by Michele Powell

The Scholarship Awards Ceremony <Ice Cream Social> is always a wonderful celebration of the reasons why we work so hard all year on the home tour...and this year was yet another example of this. I am so proud of these promising and talented young women and so gratified that our branch can help their dreams of a higher education come true by providing financial support. We awarded three Tech Trek scholarships, four community college scholarships, one graduate school scholarship, one reentry scholarship and the Stephen Honeychurch Memorial Scholarship. You can see photographs of the recipients on page 6.

Congratulations and thanks go to Robin Stolk, VP Funds, for organizing this event and to all the members who helped her. I am always grateful to Bruce and Sandi Baracco for welcoming us into their Creek Side Garden for this celebration. The Scholarship Chairs- Gretchen Carlson, Tech Trek; Kelli Garcia, Community College; and Kathy Guletz, Upper Division/Graduate School/Reentry and their committees worked diligently and joyfully to select outstanding young women.

Fifty-nine people attended the ceremony; 23 of these were branch members. It is gratifying to see so many friends and family members of the recipients there to applaud them. If you weren't able to attend, please put it on your calendar for next year. Seeing these happy faces makes it all worthwhile.

Our Annual Meeting is Saturday June 13 at 9:30. We'll have a brunch catered by Mother Lode Deli for a cost of \$10.00 per person. I hope you can join us as we wrap up the year by looking back on our accomplishments and our fun, recognize the Funds Honoree, vote on the draft 2015-2016 budget <page 4>that was approved by the board and elect the Board of Directors <page ???> for 2015-2016. See page 1 for all details.

Our branch is growing! We have 21 new members since September 2014. Six joined at the September Kick-Off at Drytown cellars; seven joined at October Libations & Conversations; five joined in March 2015; and three joined in April 2015. At the next event if you see an unfamiliar face, introduce yourself and offer her a warm welcome to the branch. This growth is largely due the efforts of Susan Staggs who was our VP Membership until January 2015 when she resigned because she was moving to Sonoma. Susan started Libations & Conversations and with her committee, Lani Chapman, Bonnie Krupp and Suzanne Nicholson, produced a very successful recruiting program. The committee members are continuing their yeoman efforts and L&C continues to be very popular and well attended.

State and National boards have noticed the double-digit growth of our branch and our methods will be shared at the

National convention this month in San Diego.

It is time to renew your membership for 2015-2016. Late renewal cause extra paperwork and stress for our hardworking treasurer, so I urge to renew today. See Isabel's message below.

It has been a pleasure and an honor to serve as your president this year. I could not have done my job without the support and hard work of all our board members. I look forward to more successes and more fun events next year.

Have a wonderful, restful and fun-filled summer with family and friends.

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## Membership Renewal for 2015-16

Dear AAUW Members,

It's time once again to renew your annual AAUW membership. Our current membership year runs through June 30, 2015.

This year National has developed a new payment program that allows you to pay online or pay by check whichever way is easier for you. We will be sending out the renewal notices this week via email that will provide you with explicit directions on how to pay your renewal online.

If you prefer not to renew online, then you can always send in your check for \$85.00. Please remember that last year AAUW members voted to increase the State dues by \$4.00, accounting for the increase. The new dues breakdown is: National-\$49, State-\$20, Branch-\$16. All of the information will be provided in the renewal email.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at your convenience.

Thank you for your continued support and I look forward to seeing you and working with you in the coming year!

**Isabel Singleton  
Treasurer**

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## September Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for submitting articles and information for the September issue of Gold Filings is **August 26th**. The new GF editor is Rebecca Wilson. Please submit material to [rdiannaw@icloud.com](mailto:rdiannaw@icloud.com). Thank you.

## Board Briefs

### Board Briefs May 21, 2015

- Sunshine Chair, Lynne Brumit sent word that there had been no cards mailed since the last board meeting. The Ice Cream Social had 59 people in attendance, 23 were branch members.
- Treasurer Isabel Singleton reported a checking account balance of \$10,959.65, expenses of \$4,733.59 and income of \$12,024.07 for April. Isabel also presented the proposed budget for next year. The proposed budget could not be voted upon because we did not have a quorum, so President Michele Powell will conduct an electronic vote per our bylaws.
- Nancy Schuster made her final Home Tour report following the committee's "rap up" meeting two weeks ago. Treasurer Isabel Singleton presented the home tour budget and recommended that we have a separate account for the home tour.
- Isabel presented details on a possible Comedy Club fundraiser to be held in Volcano where AAUW could profit ten dollars for every ticket sold. She and Cathy Yochheim had conferred with Ed Tracy the manager of the Volcano Union Hotel who sponsors the monthly events. They reported feeling this could be a successful fund raiser with little extra work involved. Since no board quorum was present, president Michele will conduct an electronic vote.
- Under New Business, items addressed included the issue of not having a Home Tour Chair for next year, additions to our website, a gate being installed by the owners at our storage space, AAUW new Public Media Release Form.
- It was announced that Stephen Honeychurch's bicycling group donated \$638.00 to the scholarship in memory of Stephen, and it seemed appropriate to add that to the recipient's amount.
- It was announced that Susan Staggs had gotten a message from Kathy Andreini from AAUW State Board inquiring how our chapter got so many new members. Our branch growth has garnered attention from State and National and the info Michele provided Kathy will be shared during a panel presentation at the national convention in June 2015.
- Under Reports it was announced that our slate of nominees now include Sandee Bowman for Membership Chair and Rebecca Wilson for Newsletter Editor. Still open are home tour chair, hospitality and community representative.
- Claire Wait commented on refreshments at the Ice Cream Social and Nancy Schuster suggested that the AAUW named honoree be presented at the June annual General Meeting. Discussion followed regarding initiating of new board members and acknowledgement of outgoing board members. The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 PM

## Getting to Know You: Sandee Bowman

**M**eet Sandee Bowman, a cyclist, skier, corporate manager, world traveler and the next VP of Membership for AAUW – Amador! Sandee and her husband moved here 5.5 years ago from Chicago, but they are originally from Montclair, CA. She graduated from St. Mary's in Oakland with a BA in Management.

While on a bicycle trip called Sierra Century, they fell in love with Amador County when

they stayed in Sutter Creek and even attended the Italian Picnic & Parade. They looked for over a year for the perfect spot before finding their new home on Shake Ridge Road.

As a corporate manager for GE Capital off and on since 1987, Sandee has done a LOT of traveling, visiting 37 countries so far and hoping to make it to 50 countries altogether. In fact, their total move into Amador County was somewhat delayed until 6

months ago. She was posted to Singapore with GE and spent two years there before finally deciding to return 'home' to Sutter Creek.

She is the mother of two daughters, two stepdaughters, one granddaughter and three grandsons (finally got the boys in there) with two of the families living in close proximity. When she is not doing her outdoor activities (i.e., hiking, backpacking, cycling), she attends the AAUW Book Lovers



group and is looking at other groups within AAUW to get involved with as time allows.

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# Proposed 2015-2016 Budget Announced

## Proposed Budget 2015-2016

### Projected Operating Revenue

Dues <if all renew>	\$1,520.00
Home Tour branch share	\$3,232.00
sponsor revenue	\$1,000.00
<b>total</b>	<b>\$5,752.00</b>

### Expense Categories

	Operating Budget
AAUW Funds/EF	\$60.00
AAUW Funds/LAF	\$100.00
AAUW Funds Celebration	\$200.00
Administrative	\$200.00
Advertising	\$100.00
Chamber/ Commerce	\$75.00
Directory/By-Laws	\$300.00
Hospitality	\$250.00
Insurance	\$350.00
Pins	\$250.00
Newsletter	\$50.00
P.O. Box Rental	\$65.00
Past Pres Pins(incl. in Pins)	Incl. in Pins
Programs	\$300.00
Web Site	\$300.00
Scholarship Expense	\$150.00
Sober Grad	\$100.00
State Convention Training	\$300.00
Sunshine	\$50.00
Equipment	\$450.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$3,650.00</b>
Home Tour	\$4,400.00
Total Budgets	\$8,050.00

## Awards Planning 2016

Amador Community Foundation balance as of 5/6/2015  
 (includes money from quilt tix sales, H.T. tix and sponsorship ads)

\$22,059.65

<b>H.T. Money</b>	
H.T. ticket sales	\$6,675
sponsor revenue	\$2,800
quilt tix sales	\$1,625
<b>\$11,100</b>	

encumbered for 2015      \$10,000.00  
**balance for 2016**      **\$12,059.65**

<i>4 Comm College</i>	<i>\$4,000</i>
<i>3 Upper Division</i>	<i>\$6,000</i>

## 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
<b>Balance</b>	<b>\$610</b>

<i>possible ACF activity based on '13-'14</i>		<i>possible net gain of</i>
<i>MINUS possible fees</i>	\$250	
<i>PLUS possible gains</i>	\$400	\$150

Balance      \$760  
 after 2015-2016 awards

## Assets

Checkbook Balance	\$7,155.82
after HT transfer	
Money Mkt Balance	\$6,655.85
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$13,811.67</b>
	<i>as of 5/26/15</i>

## Slate of Officer Nominees and Board 2015-2016

### Elected Officers

- President—Michele Powell
- President Elect—**OPEN**
- Program V.P.—Helen Bonner
- Membership V.P.—Sandee Bowman
- Funds V.P.—Suzanne Nicholson
- Secretary—Nancy Street/Jackie Martinez
- Treasurer—Isabel Singleton

### Appointed Positions

- By-laws—Karen Baker
- Community Rep—**OPEN**
- Directory—Laurie Brunson
- Historian—Sandi Baracco
- Home Tour Chair—**OPEN**
- Hospitality—**OPEN**
- International Relations—Rita Bohl
- Newsletter—Rebecca Wilson
- Public Policy/Ed. Equity—Karen Dickerson
- Public Relations—Myrna Kay Robison
- Sunshine—Lynne Brumit
- Website—Sue Harrington

### Scholarships

- Community College—Kelli Garcia
- Upper Division/Graduate/Re-entry—Kathy Guletz
- Tech Trek—Gretchen Carlson

## Bowman

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When asked why she joined AAUW, she said that other than her neighbors, she didn't know anyone here in the county. She wanted to get engaged in her community and was looking for social avenues to meet others, especially women. She looked up AAUW online, liked what she learned, attended a Libations & Conversations, and joined the group. She is enthusiastic, fun and funny and a wonderful addition to the group.

As the new Membership VP, Sandee will bring years of experience and a new enthusiasm that will keep our branch growing and our members happy. She will carry on the wonderful practices implemented by Susan Staggs, who set the bar high.

*—Isabel Singleton*

## Stephen Honeychurch Memorial Scholarship

Last fall our branch established a scholarship in memory of Stephen Honeychurch. Stephen was the husband of long-time branch member, Bernice Honeychurch, and an active friend and supporter of the branch. Both Bernice and Stephen were participating contributors in Amador AAUW's successes. The Honeychurches hosted many AAUW Amador events at their lovely home in Plymouth where Stephen was a generous and enthusiastic hosting partner to Bernice.

Stephen was an obstetrician-gynecologist in the Bay Area when he unexpectedly suffered a heart attack and at that point retired early. Stephen and Bernice moved from Danville to Plymouth where they built a beautiful home in the midst of Amador County's Shenandoah wine country. Once settled in Amador County they became active in the community

Stephen's interest in growing grapes and making fine wine flourished. He grew Viognier and Zinfandel in his vineyard and he received several awards for these and other exceptional wines.

One of Stephen's other interests was his bicycle club known as Erma's Diner. He had many close friends in the club and rode extensively and often with them. In mid-May we learned that the members of Stephen's bicycling club donated \$638 to help fund this scholarship. Our deepest thanks go to Anita Herman, Penny & Jim Gray and the all the members of the club for this generous donation.

This scholarship is funded entirely by donations. Our members and friends donated a total of \$2,000 by January 2015 and combined with the bicycle club donation that brings the total award to \$2,638.

The recipient of this scholarship is Davina Edmonson. She was born and raised in Amador County. A graduate of Argonaut High School, Davina is the first generation of her family to attend college. She received her Associate of Science from Folsom Lake College and is headed for Sacramento City College to complete her nursing degree.

# Ten Amador Students Receive Scholarships at Annual AAUW Awards Ceremony

Ten Amador County students were Awarded AAUW scholarships at the annual awards ceremony held May 16.



Rylee Quick



Sierra Whaling



Jazmin Diaz

## Tech Trek Summer Camp

Three impressive young ladies have been selected for Tech Trek this year. They are Sierra Whaling of Jackson Jr. High, and Jazmin Diaz and Rylee Quick from Ione Jr. High. They will be attending Tech Trek science, math and technology summer camp at California State University, Fresno for a week in June.

## Community College Scholarships

Four amazing young women received scholarships for attendance at a California



Rebecca Boulden



Natalie Herrera-Trejo

community college this fall. Our recipients for 2015 are Rebecca Boulden from Mountain Oaks Charter School, Melissa Bean from Amador High School, and Natalie Herrera-Trejo and Skylor Phillips from Argonaut High School.

## Upper Division/Graduate/ Re-entry Scholarships

Two outstanding women have been selected this year. Michelle Tillery is the recipient of our Re-Entry Scholarship. Rachel Diane Jenkins is our Graduate Scholarship recipient. Rachel was unavailable for a photograph.

## Stephen Honeychurch Memorial Scholarship

Davina Edmonson is the recipient of this memorial scholarship. For more information see the Honeychurch article on page 5.



Skylor Phillips



Michelle Tillery



Davina Edmonson



Melissa Bean



## *Open House & Raffle/Silent Auction*

*June 17th, 2015 3pm to 6pm*

Raffle tickets on sale now!!! Proceeds benefit the Fresh Start Program which allows victims of domestic violence to transition into their own violence free homes.

Lots of great prizes :

- Wine, cheese and chocolate
- Oil Changes
- 2 Zephyr Cove Captain's Passes
- 2 Six Flags Tickets
- Stockton Ports Tickets
- 49'er Autographed Football
- Doggy Daycare Package
- Girl's Night in Package
- Autographed Giants Baseball
- Bed and Breakfast Stay
- Artwork
- And so much more

Purchase Pre-Sale  
Tickets Now



Ticket Information: \$5.00= 5 tickets

\$10.00 = 10 tickets \$20.00= 25 tickets \$ 50.00=75 tickets

\$15.00= 15 tickets \$100.00= 150 tickets!!! Best Value

## Special Interest Groups

### Afternoon Book Group

Robin Stolk, Chair  
[robinstolk@sbcglobal.net](mailto:robinstolk@sbcglobal.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. On June 8 we'll discuss *The Secret History* by Donna Tartt at the home of Mona Brown; on July 13 we'll be discussing *Twelve Years a Slave* by Solomon Northrup meeting again at the home of Mona Brown; on August 10 we'll discuss *The Goldfinch* by Donna Tartt at the home of Debra Brown. If you'd like to join any of these meeting, contact the hostess. If you'd like to join the group, contact Robin Stolk.



### Art in Action

Charlene Unger, Chair  
[cux2@volcano.net](mailto: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 Lake Tabeaud. 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

Jackie Martinez, Chair  
[jackiemartinezm@aol.com](mailto:jackiemartinezm@aol.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 22 we'll be discussing *Orphan Train* by Christina Baker Kline and meeting at JoAnn Chevrette's home; on July 27 we'll discuss *Bury Me Standing* by Isabel Fonseca; on August 24 we'll discuss *The Invention of Wings* by Sue Monk Kidd at the home of Cathy Yochheim. If you'd like to join any of these conversations, contact the hostess by email or phone. If you'd like to join the book group, contact Jackie Martinez.

### Cork & Fork

Greta McElroy, Chair  
[gretamcw@coastsidene.net](mailto:gretamcw@coastsidene.net)



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. Cork & Fork meets the 2nd Sunday except in May when we meet on the 3rd Sunday because of Mother's Day. The next meeting of Cork & Fork is Sunday July 12. All three Cork and Fork groups are meeting together at 5:30 at a local winery tasting room in Sutter Creek. The venue for the gathering will be emailed in mid-June. For details about this Cork & Fork meeting location or if you'd like to join the group, contact Greta McElroy.

### Garden Groupies

Nancy Schuster, Chair  
[nancys@volcano.net](mailto: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. The Garden Group met in January to schedule our plans for the entire year.

Summer plans for the Garden Group include the following excursions:

June 17 is the date for our visit to the Columbia Nursery, Florist and Garden Café in Sonora. If time permits, a visit to the historic town of Columbia could be on our agenda.

July 15 has us going back to High Hand Nursery in Loomis which includes lunch at the Conservatory. This is always one of our favorite trips.

We didn't schedule anything for August, but if there is enough interest we could go to the Antique Gardener in Sutter Creek where Amy would be happy to schedule a class for us. Some of her classes involve living wreaths. I usually send an RSVP request to the Groupies about a week before the event to confirm final meeting times. If you can join us on any of these days, just let me know. Nancy Schuster, Groupie Announcer at [nancys@volcano.net](mailto:nancys@volcano.net)

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## Lunch Bunch

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



Lunch Bunch meets the second Thursday of every month. We patronize new restaurants and local favorites. Each month a different hostess chooses the restaurant and makes the reservations. Attendees pay for their own meals. New Lunch Bunchers are always welcome. This month we meet on Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:45am at Hotel Sutter on Main Street in Sutter Creek. Our hostess is Helen Bonner. Please RSVP by Monday June 8th to Helen by phone or [hbonron@sbcglobal.net](mailto:hbonron@sbcglobal.net)

## Supper Club

Claire Wait, Chair  
[clairesc@sbcglobal.net](mailto: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. Each hostess volunteers for a certain date and selects the recipes to spread the preparation among all the couples attending.

Supper Club will host a BBQ on August 8, our annual outdoors get-together. Joe & Iris Aparicio and Dick & Carol Billemer will be our hosts. Please contact them for information. Contact Claire Wait [clairesc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:clairesc@sbcglobal.net), if you are interested in joining this group of people who enjoy good food and great company.

## Walking & Strolling Group

Sheila Berg, Chair  
[sberg@volcano.net](mailto: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 Taber, 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 Sheila to attend or to get more information.

## Branch Member Notes

### Sunshine Update for April

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.

The attendance at the Ice Cream Social Scholarship Awards program was 59 people of which 23 were members.

Since our last issue of Gold Filings, I have sent a sunshine card to Nancy Street.

*—Lynne Brumit*

### Birthdays

Best wishes to our members with June birthdays.

Karen Dickerson  
 Cynthia Greer  
 Janet Kendig  
 Mardelle Probasco

Robin Spronk  
 Charlene Unger  
 Sara Wilson

### Contact Updates

Judy Lerner-Liston has a new telephone number.

Bobbie Brubaker has a new email address: [schome100@gmail.com](mailto:schome100@gmail.com)





Save The Date

The Amador Community College Foundation Presents

# *La Bella Notte*

## *The Beautiful Night*



Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015  
Jackson Rancheria Grand Oak Ballroom  
5:30 -11:00pm ☀ (209) 304-8094

Elegant Italian Cuisine  
Silent and Live Auctions ☀ Entertainment

\$100 per plate ☀ RSVP by November 1<sup>st</sup>  
Proceeds Benefit Amador Learning Centers  
A 501(c)3 Non-profit Organization

