

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 and ACCF Partner in “Trek to New Heights” Program

This month we are partnering with Amador Community College Foundation (ACCF) to showcase educational opportunities for women and girls in Amador County and to hear from our Tech Trek scholarship recipients.

The program is titled “Trek To New Heights” and is being held on Thursday, October 22, 2015 from 6:00-7:30 PM in Conference Room ABCD of the HHS Building located at 10877 Conductor Blvd., Sutter Creek.

The program will highlight **Tech Trek**, the science and math summer camp to which we have been sending girls for many years. The camp is designed to develop interest, excitement, and self-confidence in young women during the summer before their 8th grade year. The camp features hands-on activities in math, science, and related fields and is held on the campus of California State University, Fresno for Amador County students. The girls were chosen through a selection process that includes a teacher recommendation, followed by an application, an essay and an interview by AAUW members. Our branch supports this program with

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Comedy Night Fundraiser

Sunday, October 25, 5 PM

Please come to comedy night — bring friends, laugh, drink wine, eat appetizers and help our branch raise money for scholarships. The total number of tickets available is 150 at a cost of \$52 each \$20 of which is tax-deductible. These proceeds go to our scholarship fund.



If all 150 tickets are sold, we will make \$3,000!! This is the easiest \$3,000 we will ever make for scholarships. You can purchase tickets on our website using PayPal or in person at the Volcano Union Inn and Pub.

This amount of money will fund either three Tech Trek scholarships or one Upper Division/Reentry/Graduate School scholarship or one and one half community college scholarships. All you have to do is buy a ticket and come to the party. Please help make this a sell out.

The comedy night events are run by the Volcano Union Inn & Pub and held at the Armory. The Union Inn prepares and serves the appetizers, provides the no-host wine and beer bar set-up. The informational flyer is on page 5.

Thank you. Michele



AAUW-Amador Branch &
Amador Community College
Foundation
Present



Trek to New Heights



Date: Thursday, October 22, 2015

Time: 6:00 – 7:30 PM

Place: Conference Room ABCD

Health & Human Services Building

10877 Conductor Blvd.

Sutter Creek, CA 95685

Come and learn about educational opportunities
for women in Amador County!

- ✓ Tech Trek – summer science and math camps for girls
- ✓ Amador Learning Centers – college degree and certificate programs

President's Message

by Michele Powell

We are all so thankful that the Butte Fire as of this morning — September 26 — is 93% contained after two weeks and three days. Many of our family members, friends, neighbors, and branch members were under forced evacuation, many chose to evacuate for health and safety reasons and we all experienced the fear and anxiety along with the smoke and ash. Our hearts and prayers go out to all those who lost valuables and property in the fire. In situations like this we are always thankful that it was not worse and we are praying for rain.

Our kick-off event was held at Drytown Cellars for the second year in a row and it was awesome and exciting for the second year in a row. The extreme heat broke and the weather was wonderful. There were 35 members and six guests in attendance. Dr. Kerr's presentation on public health was fascinating and informative; the breadth and importance of her responsibilities is awe-inspiring. The Butte Fire brought certain aspects of public health to the forefront as we contemplate the impact the fire has on our air quality.

I want to thank all the members who worked to present this program: Helen Bonner, Program VP; Claire Wait and Janet Kendig who took on the role of hospitality and did a beautiful job; Myrna-Kay Robison who not only performed the promotion and publicity duties as the PR chair, but also was instrumental in planning the event; Liz Powell who took on the role of "techie" to ensure that the PowerPoint presentation went as planned; Sandee Bowman, Membership VP, and Lynne Brumit, Sunshine Chair, who staffed the welcome and membership tables. Sandi Baracco was everywhere with her camera documenting the event. We thank Suzanne and Allen Kreutzer, Drytown Cellars owners, for hosting us once again with grace and with wine tasting. I'd like to thank Julie Hoyle, Drytown



2015 Kick-off Event



All photos by Sandi Baracco

Cellars office manager, for all her help with set up and organization. And finally, thank you to the board members who provide the delicious appetizers as they always do. And thank you to all the members and guests who attended and made the program a success.

We have two programs in October. On Thursday, October 22 Amador Community College Foundation will co-host our program. This will be held at the ACCF Learning Center. It is your chance to hear the Tech Trek scholarship recipients tell us about their experiences at Tech Trek camp this past summer and to learn about higher education opportunities in Amador as we tour the Learning Center. All the details are on page 1.

On Sunday, October 25 we are holding a Comedy Night scholarship fundraiser. This is a first for us and the board members are very excited. See my article on page 1 for all details. All funds raised go to the scholarship fund. I hope you will attend and help this effort.

We still have several open board positions: President-Elect, Hospitality and Community Liaison. Please consider filling one of these spots. We need you.

I am looking forward to a wonderful AAUW year and I hope you are, too.

- Michele

Board Briefs – 9/16/15

- The minutes for August 20, 2015 were approved as written.
- The Treasurer gave her report.
- Kelli Garcia shared thank you letters from scholarship recipients.
- Nancy Street will send letters of appreciation to agencies working to contain the Butte Fire.
- Helen Bonner highlighted the Program Calendar for the year.
- Sandee Bowman reported that Katie Scott will forward Facebook likes to her. Sandee will host a new member celebration at her home on October 1 for new members, their mentors, and board members.
- The Comedy night fundraiser is October 25, featuring Jeff Applebaum. Twenty dollars out of each fifty dollar ticket will go AAUW-Amador. The board approved signing on with PayPal for this event and the Home Tour.
- Karen Dickerson discussed the Amador Community College Foundation's (ACCF) "La Bella Notte" fundraiser dinner. The board approved buying a \$1000.00 sponsorship and is looking into a possible raffle or giveaway of the four free tickets we will receive as a sponsor.
- The Home Tour opportunity quilt is ready for quilting.
- Karen Baker attended the Legislative Lobby Day as part of the AAUW-CA team.
- The North San Joaquin Area meeting is September 22, 2015; the next meeting will be February 23, 2016. The AAUW-CA convention is April 15-17, 2016, in San Mateo.
- The board explored ideas to build a working relationship with ACCF. Karen Dickerson outlined their needs. There will be a table at the September Kick-Off meeting for members to sign up as volunteers.

NOTE: Since the board meeting, the price of tickets has changed to \$52 to cover the PayPal charges.

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scholarships from money raised through the annual Home Tour. Summer 2015 Tech Trek Campers will share their experiences at this event.

The second featured program is the Amador Learning Center, founded by the Amador Community College Foundation (ACCF), offering distance education degree and certificate programs through participating regional and state community colleges. The Amador Learning Center has served over 169 students since May 2013 and 74% of them have been women that find the flexible distance education solutions offered meet their academic needs and busy lifestyles. In addition, the Amador Learning Center provides academic assistance in college application, orientation, financial aid, assessment, course registration, textbook purchase, tutoring, and ongoing mentoring. A computer lab is available for student use. A tour of the Amador Learning Center will be conducted. Student speakers will share their experiences with the Amador Learning Center and how it provided the opportunity for them to further their education locally.

Please join us for this program that promises to be very inspiring. It is open to the public. No RSVP is necessary.

2016 Home Tour

The next Home Tour is scheduled for April 16, 2016. We are hoping for a walking tour of Amador City but still need two homes to fill out the tour. If you are aware of a home that might work, please let us know.



We are going to be contacting members to help organize the tour. If you would like to join the committee please contact one of us. The first meeting of the Home Tour Committee will be on Thursday, October 15, at 11:00, at Margie Guletz's house. Please join us even if you are not sure how you can help.

Steering Committee:

Bobbie Brubaker
Sandra Campbell
Claire Wait
Judy Venckus
Nancy Schuster

Comedy Night

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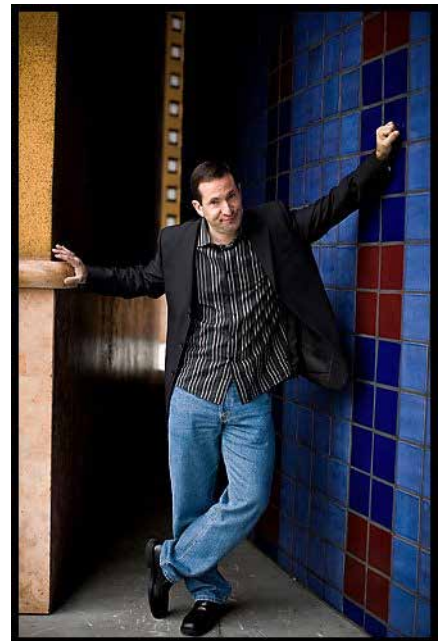
Jeff Applebaum

Hosted by AAUW

Proceeds benefit the
AAUW Scholarship Fund

After 20+ years in California, this New York City native is finally learning to speak English. Jeff's clean comedy examines his particular life experiences, which include being the only white kid on his Little League team in Queens, moving to Long Island for high school, having a Chinese wife and raising children who call themselves "Jewnese," because he says it sounds better than "Chine-ish."

Jeff made his national TV debut on CBS as a comedian on the "Late Late Show with Craig Ferguson."



Sunday, October 25, 2015

Open to the Public • The Volcano Armory

Tickets: \$52 per person includes show and heavy appetizers provided by the Volcano Union Inn. No Host Bar.

Time: 5:30 PM Doors Open — 7 PM Show

\$20 from each ticket is tax deductible as a charitable contribution. Tickets can be purchased at amador-ca.aauw.net or, mail checks to AAUW, PO Box 611, Sutter Creek, 95685.

Getting to Know You: Jeannette (Jeannie) Jentzen

By *Patt McHugh-Ostenberg*

Jeannette (Jeannie) Jentzen is a new member to AAUW. She became a member at last year's kick-off. The following are ten characteristics or events that are a must know in becoming acquainted with Jeannie.

10. Jeannie once got so nervous in a T.V. interview she referred to herself as Jeanninnie.
9. Jeannie has lived in five states in the United States.
8. Jeannie can usually be contacted in her classroom in Pioneer Elementary any time of day or any day of the week. (Teaching is a passion)
7. Jeannie calls BOOTS – SWAMPERS, HATS – CHUKE, and GLOVES – CHOPPERS.
6. Jeannie is the 5th child of 6 children in her family and her husband, James, is also the 5th child of 6 children.
5. Jeannie has moved 22 times since she left her family's home.
4. Jeannie has traveled to 42 of the 50 states.
3. Jeannie's maiden name is KITCHEN and her best friend in grade school was Carrie COOK.
2. Jeannie has taken at least one college level course every year since 1983.
1. Jeannie once chose the winning lottery numbers but forgot to buy a ticket.

Jeannie's first grade class at Pioneer Elementary would like to share the following to describe their teacher and these are direct quotes from the students: Mrs. Jentzen is nice, at times talks using a funny voice (Mickey Mouse), loving, friendly, fun, sweet,

November/December Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for submitting articles and information for the November/December issue of Gold Filings is **November 6th**. Please submit material to rdiannaw75@icloud.com. Thank you.



Jeannette (Jeannie) Jentzen

has a good heart, teaches, has Fun Friday, is very smart, fun, silly, crazy, has a good school, goofy, hard worker, good reader, winks, sings songs, wears masks (Groucho Marks glasses), and wears cool clothes.

Information About the Next Issue of Gold Filings

The 2014-2015 Board of Directors discussed and approved the idea of publishing a combined newsletter for November and December. We are putting that into effect this year.

This combined issue will be later than usual because both Rebecca Wilson, newsletter editor, and I will be out of town the last week of October. You will receive your next issue of *Gold Filings* between November 8th and November 10th.

I apologize for any inconvenience. Thank you.

- Michele

2015 Kick-off Event



All photos by Sandi Baracco

Upcoming: Libations & Conversations

AAUW Amador's Libations & Conversations group is meeting on Thursday, October 15, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. at the Lone Wolf Restaurant and Lounge, located upstairs in the casino at Jackson Rancheria, 12222 New York Ranch Road. We have a private room reserved and those that want to stay for dinner afterwards

can. The topic of conversation is "The Importance of Inspiration" and will be led by member Janet Kendig. No-host wine/beer/cocktails available. No need to RSVP, just come join the fun and bring a friend!

AAUW Amador is a Sponsor of ACCF's La Bella Notte

The AAUW Amador board of directors unanimously voted in favor of sponsoring the La Bella Notte Gala fundraiser at the \$1,000 level as a statement of support for the Amador Community College Foundation. The gala is being held on Saturday, November 7. The ACCF has been working tirelessly for higher education opportunities in Amador County since 2013. The AAUW national organization and AAUW Amador are fiercely committed to higher education. Our branch demonstrates this commitment by our long running scholarship program. This is a natural partnership.

media releases about the gala. This publicity will be a boost in our efforts to recruit new members and raise our profile in the county. AAUW Amador is thanked online on ACCF's webpage – www.amadorcommunitycollege.org and Facebook page – [facebook/amadorlearningcenter](https://facebook.com/amadorlearningcenter).

As a sponsor AAUW Amador gets listed in the event program, signage recognition at the event, and acknowledgement in

An additional benefit of sponsorship is that we get four tickets to the gala; the tickets cost \$100 each. These will be given to four members at the AAUW Comedy Night fundraiser Sunday, October 25 either through a raffle or as a door prize. You can read more details about the Comedy Night in the brief article on page 1 and the flyer on page 5. The informational flyer about La Bella Notte is on page 10.

Special Interest Groups

Afternoon Book Group

Robin Stolk, Chair
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 October 12. 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. If you'd like to join the group, contact Robin Stolk.



Art in Action

Charlene Unger, Chair
cux2@volcano.net

We are a group whose members enjoy drawing and painting at each others' homes or various outdoor locations such as PiPi Valley, Bear River, and Lake Tabcaud. 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
jackiemartinez@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 books and how their themes and characters relate to our own lives and worlds, while sharing a light dessert. New members are welcome. Our next meeting is October 26 at the home of Carolyn Hennings. We'll discuss "Under a Wide and Starry Sky" by Nancy Horan. 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

Greta McElroy, Chair
gretamcw@coastside.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. The next meeting is November 15. 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

Fall colors are here! *The Sacramento Bee* reports Hope Valley is one of the best places to view the spectacle. We will travel to Sorenson's Resort where aspens and willows are backstopped by the greens of the forest. Bring your camera and meet us on October 21 at the parking lot by the Sutter Creek Post Office. The drive is about two hours so we'll meet at 9:00 am. Nancy Schuster is temporarily out of commission so contact Judy Venckus by Oct. 17 if you wish to attend or have questions at venckus@aol.com.



Lunch Bunch

Kelli Garcia, Chair
kgarciaod@hotmail.com

Lunch Bunch meets the second Thursday of every month at 11:45 am. We patronize new and favorite restaurants in Amador County. The duty of the hostess rotates each month. The hostess is responsible for all arrangements including receiving reservations. We plan to meet on October 8th at Las Minas Mexican restaurant in Pine Grove at 20220 Highway 88. Please RSVP to Floy Guilart by October 5th at f90@volcano.net



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Supper Club

Claire Wait, Chair
clairesc@sbcglobal.net

Does your mouth water at the thought of Baked Cod Provençal or tarte tatin? If so, please join the Supper Club on October 17 and partake in a dinner featuring specialties from the South of France.

Norva and Claire are hostesses extraordinaires and the members of Supper Club assist with preparing dishes from the chosen menu. Please call Norva or Claire this month to add your names to the jolly, gourmet group of diners.



Working Girls' Book Group

Liz Powell, Chair
mslizpowell@gmail.com

The Working Girls' Book Group will hold their next meeting on Monday, October 19th at 7 p.m. at the home of Rebecca Wilson. We will be discussing Ami Tan's *The Valley of Amazement*.



Branch Member Notes

Sunshine Update for Summer

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 sunshine cards to Kathy Allen, Sandee Bowman, Floy Goulart, Margie Guletz, Bethany Renfree (former member), Kristen Root, and Bev York.

—Lynne Brumit

Birthdays

Best wishes to our members with October birthdays.

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| Pamela Bennets | Patricia McHugh |
| Sandra Bowman | Lynn Morgan |
| Peggy Jolley | Marianne Pantle |
| Kate Kramer | |

Directory Corrections

Janet Kendig's email is incorrect. The correct email for Janet is: kendig@volcano.net

AAUW Name Badges

Have you lost your name badge? Do you want the "new look" name badge? Do you want a new name badge that has the magnet instead of a pin? As a member who was given a badge when you joined, you have to bear the cost of a replacement badge. The more badges we order, the less each one costs. There are several new members for whom we'll be ordering badges and if you'd like or need a new one, this is a great time to do it.

The price for six to 15 badges is \$8.40 while the price for a single one is \$15.00. I'd like to put in as big an order as possible, so everyone saves money.

If you want to order a badge or have any questions, contact Sandee Bowman, Membership VP at sbowman56@gmail.com.

Upcoming Events

October 15th

Libations & Conversations

Time: 5:30 to 6:30 PM

Location: Lone Wolf Restaurant and Lounge,
 Jackson Rancheria

October 22nd

Trek to New Heights

Time: 6 to 8 PM

Location: Health & Human Services Bldg.,
 10877 Conductor Blvd., Sutter Creek

October 25th

Comedy Club Fundraiser with Jeff Applebaum

Time: 5:30 PM Doors Open, 7 to 9 PM Show

Location: The Armory, Volcano

November 7th

La Bella Notte Gala

Time: 5:30 to 11 PM

Location: Grand Ballroom, Jackson Rancheria

Give a Grad a Gift

We all know that the future of our organization depends on today's graduates. Did you know that as AAUW members, you can give a free national membership to as many recent graduates as you like? It's free for you and free for them. You could even gift the entire graduating class of your local college or university! Go to this page for full information. www.aauw.org/resource/give-a-grad-a-gift/

The Amador Community College Foundation Presents

La Bella Notte

The Good Night

Highlights include elegant Italian cuisine, silent and live auctions, themed décor and entertainment including dance, chamber music, and solo artists transporting you to the magic and mystery of the famed Masquerade Balls of Venice.



Saturday, November 7, 2015 5:30 - 11:00pm

Jackson Rancheria Casino Resort
in the Grand Oak Ballroom



Please come dressed in semi-formal attire with your masks!
Prizes will be given for unique masks!



Tickets are \$100 per plate
Purchase tickets online by November 1 at
www.jacksoncasino.com/entertainment/full-schedule
Click on Community Events

