

# Gold Filings



April 2021

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## Fundraising Report

We have received donations from 14 people totaling \$2,270 in memory of Margie Guletz. We will all miss Margie's presence and positive influence on our branch.

In response to our "stimulus check donation request" we also received donations from 21 people totaling \$3,020. This brings recent donations to a total of \$5,290 to support our scholarships fund for next year! Very exciting for that level of support during what we can only consider an unusual year!

The breakdown of donations are:

- 15 people donated to Tech Trek for \$1,980
- 10 people donated without indication of which program for \$1,900
- 8 people donated to Reentry for \$687.50
- 4 people donated to Upper Division for \$260
- 3 people donated to Community College for \$412.50
- 1 person donated to the Branch for \$50.

Thank you to everyone for continued support to our local young women!

## AAUW California Annual Meeting- April 17

Plan to attend (via Zoom) the **AAUW California Annual Meeting- Saturday 9:30 am April 17** to hear AAUW Board Chair Julia Brown as she brings us all the news from AAUW National and the latest about the proposed bylaws change. Registration is required. Click [HERE](#) to register.

## TWO AAUW ELECTION EVENTS

**CALIFORNIA ELECTIONS =  
OFFICERS & BOARD  
STRUCTURE**

**California Voting period: April 16-May 7**

## NATIONAL ELECTIONS = PROPOSED BYLAWS CHANGE

April 7th through May 17th

The AAUW Board of Directors and the CA Board of Directors urges support of a “yes” vote on the bylaws change to remove the degree requirement for membership in AAUW. To learn more visit the [AAUW website](#).

This is an important election that requires a 2/3 vote to approve the change. AAUW has survived for over 130 years because it has been willing to change as the world has changed. Now it is our turn to help AAUW continue to thrive with the changing times. It is up to us to ensure that our children and grandchildren can enjoy AAUW in the foreseeable future! **Vote YES between April 7th - May 17th for proposed National change.**

### Note from Stephanie Young and the Leadership Committee:

The proposed national bylaws change is intended to increase our inclusion and equity. The name and the mission will not change but it will allow us to recruit other smart, creative women who for one reason or another weren't able to attend or complete college. It will help us in Amador County because of the demographics of our population. Please vote, and we recommend that you vote **YES**.



**Membership Renewal**

The message below is from the AAUW California Board)

There are three positions to be filled on the CA Board of Directors and the nominees are:

President-Elect:

- Sandi Gabe (uncontested)

Chief Financial Officer:

- Roli Wendorf (uncontested)

Director: (choose one)

- Judy Cavin Brown
- Carol Holzgrafe

To keep AAUW California aligned with our mission to advance equity for women and girls and remain consistent with our values of fair and equitable opportunities for our diverse society, vote “yes” on the ballot for:

- Economic Security for All Women
- Equal Access to Quality Public Education for All Students
- Social and Racial Justice for All Members of Society
- Changes to the bylaws

We urge you to vote “yes” to two changes related to the Board of Directors structure.

1. The addition of a one-year term Director elected in even years to serve opposite the President-Elect position, which is elected, in odd years. In doing this, we will eliminate an increasing imbalance of positions elected in even years. (Currently, 8 out of 12 positions are elected in even years) This imbalance represents a challenge in even years to fill all the board openings and to maintain a level of continuity of experience on the board in the face of high turnover.

2. Separately, to align with the best practice of having an odd number of voting members and for budgetary efficiencies that would not affect board effectiveness, we recommend reducing the number of board positions from twelve to eleven.

**California Voting period: April 16-May 7**

If we have your email address, you will get a link to vote online; a mail-in ballot will be sent to you if we do not have your email address.

Click [HERE](#) for details on candidates, public policy priorities, and changes to the bylaws. When you vote, It MATTERS!

**Amador Annual Meeting via Zoom**

Now is the time to renew your membership in AAUW for 2021-2022. You have received the membership renewal from National. *Please* renew as soon as you can. It is safe and easy to renew via this email. And it is so much easier for Candy Smith, our financial officer.

## Help Wanted!

We are looking for members who want to serve on the Leadership Committee to help guide our branch through what we hope is an exciting, important year for our branch. Several positions and committees have openings, so please contact Stephanie Young if you are interested in joining our leadership team.

We definitely need a **Financial Officer** because Candy has been doing that job for three years and according to our bylaws she cannot serve another year. We need a **Secretary** to take Leadership Committee meeting minutes and be responsible for correspondence.

## Science Saturday

The Leadership Committee discussed the desire and the feasibility of continuing the Science Saturday program. Members of the Committee were unanimous in wanting to continue this program.

BUT- we need a member to come forward to lead the effort and head the Science Saturday committee. Please consider this opportunity and contact our Chair, Stephanie Young, if you want to volunteer or if you have questions.

Amador County Branch Annual Meeting--  
Saturday, June 12 from 11 am-1pm. Zoom invitation will be sent a little later. Topics include--  
-Budget Approval  
-Elections  
-Planning Update

## Program in May - Zoom

We are proud and happy to announce that we are having a Zoom program on Tuesday May 11 at 7:00 PM. Local author, Sere' Prince Halverson will talk to us about her books and her process as a writer. Seré Prince Halverson is the international bestselling author of *The Underside of Joy* (2012) and *All the Winters After* (2016)—novels that explore nature, grief, forgiveness, and the intimate layers of family. Her work has been translated into eighteen languages.

For twenty years, she was a freelance copywriter and creative director in order to help pay the bills. But writing fiction has always been her passion. She is currently working on her latest novel, *Once Upon Telegraph Hill*, which spans nearly a century and four generations of a San Francisco family. Seré and her husband, Stan, have four grown children and live in Amador County.

We will send a Zoom meeting invitation a few days ahead of the program.

## Happy Birthday to our members who are celebrating birthdays in April.

Renee Day  
Jacquelyn Fletcher  
Keli Garcia  
Floy Goulart  
Andrea Sexton  
Anna Jones Williams

## Sunshine Cards sent since our last Gold Filings

No cards were sent.

## AAUW Amador Spring Fundraiser!

### Coming Soon!

Our Fundraising Team is hosting an AAUW Un-Tea Party in support of our efforts to maintain Branch solvency. Look for your invitation this spring and join your sister members in a cup of tea and take a moment to reflect on AAUW



and its connection to the women and girls in our community.



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