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Mid-March Update 2022 March is Women's History Month!

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Membership

We are beginning a regular monthly feature highlighting our members, both new and existing--we need to make time celebrate ourselves!

Member Spotlight-- Judy Lerner-Liston

Judy has been a member of AAUW since 1990 right after she moved to Amador County. She attended the September new-member meeting which kicked off the coming year's activities. This adds up to almost 32 years of contributing to our Branch's success.

Judy originally hails from Brooklyn, New York, where she was born and attended Brooklyn College, studying education. When she was newly married, Judy's husband was accepted at University of California, Berkeley, so they moved to California. While in Berkeley, she taught elementary school for a couple of years, then worked for

Lawrence Livermore Labs as an editor in the technical writing department for a year or two until the babies started arriving. Judy has three children. Judy and second husband, Don Liston, moved to Amador County in 1990 to escape the Bay Area, and 'live in the boonies' which she has never regretted.

Judy has always been active in our organization. Off the top of her head she mentioned serving as President, Treasurer, Membership Chair, and there were probably additional positions over the years. For many years she served as the Home Tour Ticket Chair. Judy has also been active in STARS (STARS provides free Support, Transportation and Resource Services to cancer patients and their families). Her hobbies involve mostly reading, but she has also enjoyed arts and crafts and sewing.

Travel experiences include various spots in Europe, Scotland, and the Panama Canal. The most exotic locale was Thailand. One thing that most people don't know about Judy is that this former city gal enjoyed horseback riding on the bridle paths in a Brooklyn public park. She also worked at a summer camp which included horseback riding.

When asked what belonging to AAUW has meant to her, Judy immediately responded with the friendships she has made with people she genuinely enjoys.

Thank you, Judy, for sharing a bit of your life with us!

New Member Spotlight--Cheri Peterson



Cheri is a retired RN. After starting out in Lodi, she moved to St. Joe's in Stockton to the Cardiac ICU where she spent 30 years. Cheri was also a clinical instructor for the ADN Program at Delta College for 20+ years. In her final 3 years she was the Project Manager at Delta for a grant awarded to the ADN Program.

Cheri & her husband Wayne bought their house in Volcano as a vacation home in 2012 and moved in full time after she retired. They were very lucky to get this property-- they're right next door to son Erik and his family. They share 600 ft of property line so there is a trail from his house to theirs that the grandkids use to come visit.

Her husband is a retired Criminal Investigator for the District Attorney's Office in San Joaquin County. Incidentally, their son Erik is also a DA Investigator for Amador County after serving in the AC Sheriff's Office.

They like to travel but COVID has put a damper on that. Cheri was bored during the pandemic (she had hoped to go back to teaching) so she volunteered at the vaccine clinic at the Public Health Office. Now that things have opened up a bit she just booked a trip to Hawaii to visit her girlfriend on Oahu.

Membership Renewal Time is Here

The new membership period (2022-2023) is here and you can renew your membership as of March 16. You should get a renewal email that includes instructions about how to renew online. If you prefer, you can renew by check--send to PO Box 611, Sutter Creek, CA 95685

National membership dues will increase \$5 to \$67 for 2022-23, out of which \$64 will be tax deductible. CA dues & our Branch dues will remain the same. The total membership dues for this year will be \$103.

More Ways to Celebrate Women's History Month

March 15 is Equal Pay Day 2022, the date that marks how far into the new year all women must work to reach what all men were paid the previous year. Join AAUW in raising awareness about the damaging realities of the gender pay gap and the necessity of passing the Paycheck Fairness Act!

Title IX Update

“Know Your Title IX: What You Don’t Know Can Hurt You”

Saturday, March 19, 2022 11:30-1pm: Santa Clara County Interbranch Council presents a Webinar:
Contact Marian Sacco at marian.sacco@gmail.com for the link.

PBS Newshour Features Women for Women International's Afghan Program

PBS *Newshour* had a segment recently about the current conditions for women in Afghanistan. It featured Women for Women International's Afghan Program. It's 9 minutes long
<https://www.pbs.org/newshour/show/despite-brutal-repression-afghan-women-demand-the-right-to-go-to-school-and-work>

Book Recommendation:

Her Hidden Genius By Marie Benedict

This powerful January release reimagines the life of Rosalind Franklin, the woman who made groundbreaking discoveries about DNA — and whose accomplishments were denied by history after three men took the credit. Beatriz Williams raves, “Marie Benedict has a remarkable talent for forcing open the cracks of history to draw extraordinary women into the sunlight... Fans of historical fiction will devour this complex portrait.”

Branch Activities

Monthly Calendar--Local Events

Monday, March 21 5:30-6:30

Libations & Conversations. Our speaker this month is Jim Rooney, Amador County Assessor. Jim will speak about new laws that affect the assessments and property taxes along with other property value information. Location: the back room at El Torero Mexican Restaurant

Monday, March 28. 2pm

Page Turners & Book Lovers—*Beneath a Scarlet Sky* by Mark Sullivan. Meet at Chris van Flet's house (this may change to a Zoom meeting)

Save the dates: Mark your calendars now

Saturday, April 23 at 1pm

Member Celebration!

Celebrating New and Ongoing Members--We are hosting a Meet & Greet to celebrate YOU, our members. Yes, we are focusing on welcoming our new members but we hope to see lots of familiar faces as we talk about each other & the branch. There will be fun & games galore, as well as dessert, coffee and wine.

Saturday, June 18 at 11am

Branch Annual Meeting

We are hosting a potluck lunch (bring a salad or dessert) to accompany our branch annual business meeting. We will be voting on the budget and next year's slate of officers. So come one, come all!

Monthly Calendar--Other Branches, State & National Events

66th UN Commission on the Status of Women

Join AAUW on **March 16** for our parallel event—an expert panel discussion about gender and work, the double burden and expectations of women's paid and unpaid work, and solutions that support equity and success in the workforce.
Register online today!

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ZCldImMCSMqHr5BMofY33A?emci=21533604-d39b-ec11-a22a-281878b85110&emdi=57202b7b-d69b-ec11-a22a-281878b85110&ceid=941716

Title IX: What You Don't Know CAN Hurt You
Saturday, March 19, 2022 Noon to 1 p.m. ~ Free Virtual Event
See above for details

Intersectionality Identified
Thursday, March 24, 2022, 7 p.m. ET

By understanding the dimensions of diversity and how they intersect, we can begin to grasp the complex and cumulative impact of discrimination and oppression. Please join the Inclusion & Equity Committee for this discussion of intersectionality and how to create branch or state programming for members on this concept.

Dr. Ibram X. Kendi, *How to Be an Antiracist*
Thursday, March 31, 2022 7:30PM

[Mondavi Center Presenting Program](#)

Dr. Ibram X. Kendi is one of America's foremost historians and leading antiracist scholars. In 2020, Time Magazine named him one of the 100 most influential people in the world. He is a National Book Award-winning and #1 *New York Times*-bestselling author of seven books. Dr. Kendi is the Andrew W. Mellon Professor in the Humanities and the Founding Director of the Boston University Center for Antiracist Research. He is also the 2020-2021 Frances B. Cashin Fellow at the Radcliffe Institute for the Advanced Study at Harvard University. Dr. Kendi is a contributing writer at *The Atlantic* and a CBS News Racial Justice Contributor. He is the host of *Be Antiracist with Ibram X. Kendi*, a new podcast he launched in 2021.

Heather McGhee: *The Sum of Us*
Sunday, April 3, 2022 7:30PM

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A renowned expert on the American economy, Heather McGhee is one of the most brilliant and influential thinkers exploring inequality today. Both her viral TED talk and her instant *New York Times* bestseller *The Sum of Us* reveal the devastating true cost of racism—not just for people of color, but for everyone. McGhee explains that racism doesn't just hurt us on a personal level. It divides and alienates companies and their employees, employees and their clients, clients and brands. The trickle-down, explains McGhee, is far-reaching. Her talks address this with clear takeaways, like how to make the process mission-critical, how to get buy-in from your teams, and how to do it all with joy. Deeply stirring, intelligent, and compassionate, McGhee's talks offer us an actionable roadmap during one of the most critical—and most troubled—periods in history.

Save the date:

The Annual Event: "*Adventures in AAUWLand*" (aka the State Conference)
April 30th via Zoom

It will be an all-day event with great speakers, awards, and an afternoon of freewheeling conversations. More information to come.
