

Gold Filings

55th Anniversary
AAU
Amador Branch 1969-2024

**Special Edition
Fall 2023**

Membership Celebration

September 14



Meet & Greet



**We Are an Attentive
Audience**

Membership Celebration Program--TECH TREK

55th Anniversary Celebration September 2023
Tech Trekers - Miki Diregolo, Angelika Jalandó-On, Mackenzie Ramsey



2024 TechTrek Campers

Miki Diregolo,
Angelika Jalandó-On,
Mackenzie Ramsey
with Gretchen Carlson

Click [HERE](#) to see the UC Davis 2023 Tech
Trek Camp Video

[Membership Celebration Awards and Thanks](#)

55th Anniversary Celebration September 2023
Anastasia Karneke, former Tech Treker
now a Biomechanical Engineer



Anastasia Karnaze

Former TechTrekker,
now a Biomedical Engineer

AAUW 55th Anniversary
Marge Chisholm, Gretchen Kingsbury,
Loretta Porteus. Sept 20



Charter Members

Marge Chisolm,
Gretchen Kingsbury, First President
Loretta Porteus

The plaque reads:

Gretchen Kingsbury

To acknowledge your service
and commitment to
AAUW Amador
and your service as
First President of our Branch in 1969.



Julie Taylor, Funds Chair, presents a
Certificate of Appreciation
to **Michelle Powell**
for her contributions in 2022-23 to
the National Greatest Needs fund.

There were also several visual presentations that we will be using throughout
the year and plan to post on our Website, Facebook page and YouTube channel
soon. Take a look to see what your branch has accomplished.

2023-24 Programs and Events

Look at all the great programs, we have lined up for this year!
Join us for all of them, and **volunteer to assist** on at least one of them.

Of course, we began the fall with our Membership Celebration on September 14. Then on October 21 we will welcome Tieja Isolato, an Amador HS alum who is doing research into Alzheimers and other neuro-generative diseases. On November 28 we will participate in Giving Tuesday and then hope to have a holiday party in early December. We are also looking at a speaker for early November (TBA).

On January 25, we will hold a Candidates' Forum or other election program in preparation for the March primary. Simultaneously some of us will participate in GovTrek, a virtual state program for high school junior and senior girls. On February 10 we will present Authors and Chocolate--featuring two authors on that Saturday. We have an important program on Censorship and Book Banning (Titled "Who Gets to Choose What we Read?") scheduled on March 9, presented by Amador County Head Librarian Kathryn Olson. We are also hoping to host one of AAUW's fellowship winners in February or March.

April includes the Home Tour on April 20 and the CA State Conference, presented virtually on April 27. In May we plan on having another program (specifics still in development.) Then we finish the year on June 22 with our Annual Meeting.

Volunteers Needed

Home Tour

Our most urgent need is to find two members to co-Chair the 2024 Home Tour, in Plymouth on April 20, 2024. As you know, this is our biggest source of funds for both operations and scholarships. It's important because it provides a financial cushion for the entire year.

We already have several members willing to work on the planning committee and to reprise their 2023 roles. There has been some preliminary work done

on finding homes for the tour, but **WE NEED TWO LEADERS** to step up! Please contact [Terrie Houseman](#) to contribute to the branch and have some fun.

Programs

4–6 Volunteers are needed for most of our programs—please sign up today! Contact [Stephanie Young](#) to sign up.

Hospitality Committee

Have you ever wanted to be an event planner? Do your guests tell you that you're a great host? Do you enjoy organizing the details necessary to provide a fun event? Then AAUW has the job for you! Hospitality is fun and rewarding! You get to visit with members and others as they arrive at the event. **Please consider helping us and contact Stephanie Young if you are interested.**

2023-24 Special Interest Groups Forming

Get to know other members in small group settings focused on various special interests! At our Membership Celebration we provided attendees with an opportunity to sign up for one or more of our special interest groups. All our groups welcome new participants:

Book Groups:

Afternoon Book Group-- *meets the 2nd Monday of the month at 2pm*

* Contact Debra Brown to join the group.

Book Lovers and Page Turners-- *meets the 4th Monday of the month at 2pm*

* Contact Sandee Bowman to join the group

Working Girls Book Group-- *meets at a restaurant at 5:30 once monthly*

* Contact Jacque Fletcher to join the group.

Social Groups:

Cork and Fork-- *3 groups meet bi-monthly on a Sunday evening to sample wine and food pairings.* * Contact Rita Bohl to join the groups.

Supper Club-- *has been on hiatus for some time, but the group hopes to reform this year.* * Contact Claire Wait to join the group.

Great Decisions: Discussion of world events and foreign policy

Meets eight times per year (Rescheduled yearly to suit the group.)

2024 Topics: Mideast Realignment; Climate Technology and Competition; Science Across Borders, U.S. –China Trade Rivalry; NATO’s Future; Understanding Indonesia; High Seas Treaty; Pandemic Preparedness

Any member who wants to organize a group and recruit members to focus on a specific activity is welcome to do so. In the past we have had a hiking group, a garden group, an art-making group, etc.

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