

Gold Filings



55th Anniversary
AAUW
Amador Branch 1969-2024

July 2024

AAUW Mission: Advancing gender equity through research, education, and advocacy

Vision: Equality for all.

Values: Nonpartisan. Fact-based. Integrity. Inclusion and Intersectionality



Message from the Leadership Chair



Greetings, everyone!

The sun is shining, the days are warming and we're all itching to travel or go to the beach. Before you do that, remind yourself to renew your AAUW membership if you have a June 30 renewal date.

There was a lot to celebrate at the Annual Meeting on Saturday, June 22. Thirty-five members met to celebrate our 55 years of service. New members introduced themselves, we celebrated our scholarship winners, heard from a successful former

scholarship winner, and awarded the 2024 Named Funds Honoree to the 2023 Home Tour Committee members. Scroll to the end of the newsletter to see more photos from the celebration.

After electing our new Leadership Committee, approving a new budget and bylaws, we adjourned and celebrated our anniversary with cake. Take a look at the picture of that cake. It was gorgeous!

We also discussed a new fundraising effort to generate operating revenue, which we're obligated to do as a nonprofit. Since we paused the Home Tour in 2024, we didn't get the benefit of a portion of the proceeds for operating revenue. Enter Adopt-A-Fund. Want to support your favorite budget item? Here's your chance to support the success of the branch. See more details below.

Last, but not least, have a little fun by participating in our "Intentional Typo" contest. This will be the last time we do this crazy contest, so put on your proofreading glasses. Kathy Guletz, Betty Olson-Jones, Janet Kendig, Terri Works, Zeffy Ruvalcaba, Julie Taylor, Heidi Christensen, and Barb Gurnari correctly identified the "intentional typo" in the last few issues, so they received a \$10 Choc-O-Latte gift card for their eagle-eyed proofreading.

Here's how the contest works: The first person who finds and reports the **ONE** "intentional typo" in this issue (only Stephanie and I will know), will receive a \$10 gift card from Choc-o-Latte. Just email what you find to me and the first correct answer gets the gift card. There's one winner per issue and it has to be the "intentional typo." Hopefully, we don't have other "unintentional typos" because those don't qualify, So sorry! We proofread the daylight out of these issues, but unintentional typos do happen. We hope you enjoy this ridiculous contest and have some fun. Good luck!

So go back to enjoying this great weather and head for the beach!

Cheers,
Terrie Houseman
Leadership Chair



Adopt-a-Fund

The "Effortless" FUNdraiser

Just like each of you the Branch has bills to pay, and as a nonprofit, we have to generate our own operating revenue. In previous years, our operating expenses have been covered by a designated portion of the proceeds from the Home Tour. After a year without a Home Tour, the Branch finds itself in a financial bind. Expenses are closely monitored and kept as low as possible, but certain expenses are necessary to keep the Branch running.

We have been able to continue to support our scholarship and Tech Trek programs because of the 2023 Home Tour, Giving Tuesday, and generous donations from our members and other friends of the Branch. But money raised for scholarships cannot be used for operating expenses which leaves the Branch short of operating funds.

The solution? A unique Amador Branch FUNdraising Event. After careful consideration of the options, the Leadership Committee decided that they would ask members to contribute to their favorite Fund (budget line item). Do you love our programs and events? There is a budget item for that. Do you love Gold Filings? There is a budget item for that. Have a look at the list---there is a Fund for everyone. Feel free to donate whatever you would like---to support a fund entirely or partially. If the budget item you select is over-subscribed, your donation will go to the most-needed fund.

Please note: Since your donation will go to support Branch operating expenses your contribution is NOT tax deductible.

Bottom line. How do you contribute to this Effortless FUNdraising Event?

- 1) Send a check to Amador AAUW. P.O. Box 611, Sutter Creek, CA 95685 (with a notation identifying which fund you support)
- 2) If you have a Zelle account, contact Sandee Bowman (sbowman56@gmail.com) to arrange a Zelle online payment

The deadline for donations is mid-September. We will celebrate the success of our *Effortless FUNdraising Event* at the September 2024 meeting.

2024 Operation Budget Expense Items

Admin Expense -- \$565.00
Advertising -- \$250.00
Chamber of Commerce -- \$125.00
Constant Contact -- Newsletter -- \$300.00
Membership Directory -- \$50.00
Equipment -- \$150.00
June Membership Meeting and Scholarship Recipient Celebration -- \$425.00
Fundraising costs for operating expense-related fundraising -- \$500.00
National Funds Gift Honoree Payment -- \$750.00
Hospitality -- \$200.00
Historian -- \$200.00
Branch Insurance paid to the State -- \$325.00
September Meeting and Tech Trek Celebration -- \$425.00
Student Memberships -- \$272.00
PO Box Rental -- \$180.00
Programs//Education. -- \$1,000.00
State Funds Membership Assessment -- \$40.00
Storage Unit -- \$480.00
Sunshine -- \$25.00
Zoom -- \$191.00

July Calendar

Monday, July 8, 2:00-4:00pm

Afternoon Book Group

We are meeting at Brenda Walker's house to discuss *The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride.

Contact Debra Brown if you would like to join our group debrown6@gmail.com

Thursday, July 11, 4:00-6:00pm

Leadership Committee Meeting via Zoom

All members are invited to attend. If you wish to be included, please contact Terrie Houseman.

Thursday, July 18, 5:30

Working Girls Book Club

This month we will meet at the Hotel Sutter in Sutter Creek and will be discussing *Miss Benson's Beetle* by Rachel Joyce.

Contact Jacque Fletcher fletcherja4545@gmail.com if you would like to join or have any questions.

Monday, July 22, 2:00-4:00pm

Page Turners & Book Lovers

We will meet at Sue Harrington's house to discuss *Mad Honey* by Jodi Picoult.

Contact Sandee Bowman if you are interested in joining the group. Sbowman56@gmail.com

Libations and Conversations will not meet in July.

The next meeting will be on August 8 at 5:30pm. Site TBA

Our topic in August is our "Best Summer Read". We gather and share our favorite book recommendations

Members, guests and the public are welcome to attend this no fee presentation.

No need to RSVP, just come and join the discussion.

The Great Decisions Discussion Group will not meet in July or August. The next meeting will be on Monday, September 23 at noon.

DEI- Diversity, Equity, Inclusion

AAUW California Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Strategic Plan 2024-2027

Over this past year Charmen Goehring (incoming State President), with assistance from branch DEI coordinators and DEI advisors, Dr. Lata Murti and Carmen Hobbs, created a strategic plan for DEI efforts for AAUW California and its branches. It is hoped this plan will help our organization's future growth while also strengthening our mission of advancing equity for women and girls.

The Strategic Plan which you can access from this link [HERE](#). includes sections on where are we now and where do we want to go, Vision and Mission statements and goals and strategies for getting there. There are also tactics for measuring success.

This document includes important information and direction for our branch in creating and implementing our own DEI Strategic Plan.

- What are our DEI goals over the next few years?

- Do they mesh with the AAUW California goals?

Please have a look at the State Strategic Plan and let me know your thoughts.

Bonnie Krupp, DEI Coordinator
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Our Scholarship Winners

Jessica Garner who received our Re-Entry student scholarship in 2022 is an Upper Division Scholarship recipient for 2024, receiving \$2000. Jessica is enrolled in Grand Canyon University where she has maintained a 3.74 GPA. She is majoring in Psychology with her goal to have a job in Applied Behavioral Analysis Therapy.

Deja Douglas is an Upper Division Scholarship Recipient for 2024, receiving \$2000. Deja was instrumental in the adoption of "The Declaration for Equity in Arts Learning" by the Amador County School Board in 2018, and she was Amador County's second Poet Laureate from 2020 through 2022. Deja is currently enrolled in Sacramento State University majoring in Psychology. She will be the first person in her family to graduate from college, and she is interested in a career in Art Therapy.

Sandra Anabel Diaz Doyle is an Upper Division Scholarship recipient for 2024, receiving \$2000. Her goal is to obtain a Degree in Nursing

See photos below in the Annual Meeting Re-Cap section.

Moving Forward

Our Strategic Plan Outline will be sent to you soon via separate email.

New Member Spotlight



Bryan Ellis is our newest member--he joined at the 2024 Annual Meeting. Bryan and his wife Jennifer met in Southern California and got married in 1998. They have two grown children; Theo and Kiera. He has a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering from the US Air Force Academy, and a MBA from University of Phoenix. After 24 years of active, air national guard, and reserve duty, he retired as a Lieutenant Colonel. He currently works for the Coast Guard on the planning for future construction projects on the west coast including Alaska, Hawaii, and Guam. He enjoys working on various projects around the house and tinkering on the old cars they have.

NOTE: If you are a new member who joined this past year or so and have not yet

been highlighted in Gold Filings, please send a picture and a short bio to [Stephanie](#) so we can include you in the newsletter.

Membership

Be as Active as You Can, but Stay a Member



July Birthdays

July 9 -- Nora Coryell
July 9 -- Beth Goodlin-Jones
July 25 -- Cyndie Zikmund

We encourage all members to contribute to Gold Filings.

If you have a recommendation for a book, film, event or a special interest group update, please send the info to Stephanie by the 10th or the 25th of the month

NOTE This summer we will have only one issue each month, on July 1 and August 1.

Recommendation from Norma King:

Don't miss this documentary about Ruth Bader Ginsberg currently streaming on Netflix:

"On the Basis of Sex"

Walking Group

We are taking a hiatus for the summer and will resume in the fall.

All walks are from 3-5 miles long and the level of difficulty, depending on walking speed, is moderate. We live in Amador County so none of the walks are flat--there will be some uphill and downhill trails.

Any questions? Please call or text (415) 420-5098 or email sbowman56@gmail.com

Amador 2024 Named Gift Honoree

What is a Named Gift Honoree?

Branches have an opportunity to make an annual Named Gift to pay tribute to an individual, a group, or an organization giving extraordinary service to AAUW. An Honoree is named for each \$750 contributed by a branch or its members before December 31st. The Amador Branch sends a contribution to AAUW in Washington, DC (known as National), where it helps to fund research and analysis into issues of equity for women and girls. There are several Funds to contribute to, including: Education and Training; Economic Security; and Leadership. The Branch typically assigns its contribution to the Greatest Need, to provide National with the flexibility to use it where it is needed most. National encourages individuals to contribute to a Fund of their choice. Since 1969, the Branch has donated more than \$46,000 to National.

A member, or group, who has made a significant contribution of time and effort to the Branch and AAUW's mission is selected by a committee and recognized at the annual meeting. Past Honorees are listed on the website: [Funds Named Honorees](#)

2023-2024 Amador Branch Named Gift Honoree



This year's Named Gift Honoree are members of the **2023 Home Tour Committee**. If you attended the 48th Home Tour, you will agree that the many hours of energy, enthusiasm and organizational skills by committee members paid off. *Celebrate Spring in Sutter Creek*, held on April 22, 2023 after a pandemic hiatus, was a success for the community and the branch. Five beautiful homes, several sites of historic interest, a lovely tea and a record number of raffle baskets made the day memorable and with almost 450 attendees, you

could feel the town buzzing with energy. The following committee members were instrumental in organizing the event:

- Co-Chairs - Terrie Houseman and Bonnie Krupp
- Publicity – Sue Harrington and Janet Kendig
- Past Home Tour Advisor - Stephanie Young
- Sponsorships – A'laina Lyons
- Home Finder – Sandi Baracco
- Tea – Kathy Guletz, Hope Nelson, Brenda Walker and Gretchen Carlson
- Docent Coordinators – Rachel Stahl and Deborah Yates
- Printed Materials Designer – Jim Powell
- Booklet Proofreader – Kelli Garcia
- Ticket Sales – Greta McElroy-White
- Poster Distribution – Nancy Street and members
- Raffle Baskets – Rita Bohl and Gretchen Carlsen
- Administrative – Barb Gurnari
- Finance -- Sylvia Pardini

The Home Tour is a special county tradition and many residents were disappointed that it wasn't held this year. If held in 2025, the 49th Home Tour location is TBD (but lone is looking like a good choice). With one co-chair onboard, a core group of members is needed to plan logistic details. You will meet business owners, develop friendships while sharing many laughs, and have a great sense of pride and accomplishment on event day. It is a wonderful event that all members should experience at least once. Contact Terrie Houseman if you can help the branch hold the 2025 Home Tour.

Submitted by Julie Taylor, FY24 Funds Chair

Annual Meeting Re-Cap



Upper Division Scholarship Winners Jennifer Garner and Deja Douglas flanking Scholarship Chair Kathy Guletz.



Newly Installed Officers:
Barb Gurnari, Secretary; Terrie Housemann, Leadership Chair; Sandee Bowman, Finance Chair, Sue Harrington, Program Chair. Not Pictured: Zeffy Ruvacalba, Membership Chair.



{Photos courtesy of Norma King, Brenda Walker, Julie Taylor and Gretchen Carlson.}





Members Mel Welsh and Bob Hartmann with Ariel Halbach, former scholarship winner, who worked with Bob as a Medical Assistant at Sutter Internal Medicine in Jackson



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