

Gold Filings



Mid-October 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 Committee

Great News!

As you may remember, we never received the online sales income from the 2023 Home Tour because the ticket company was having financial difficulties. We finally received a refund for the full amount (\$6200). Hooray!

We all owe a great deal of thanks to Greta McElroy, Sandee Bowman and especially Terrie Houseman for their dogged work on behalf of the branch!

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Programs

PERSPECTIVES A CONVERSATION WITH WOMEN IN ELECTED OFFICES

SATURDAY

OCTOBER 26TH - 2:00 PM

Giles Turner Performing Arts Center

AMADOR HIGH SCHOOL

No RSVP - Free Admission

BRING YOUR
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PANELISTS:

SANDY STAPLES
MAYOR, AMADOR CITY

CLAIRE GUNSELMAN
MAYOR, SUTTER CREEK

MARIANNE ACKERLAND
MAYOR, PLYMOUTH

MARIE ALVARADO-GIL
CA STATE SENATOR

MODERATOR: KATIE SCOTT



Perspectives from Women in Elected Office

October 26th at 2:00 p.m.

Please join us for AAUW's first program of the year. We will host a panel of women who will share their experiences as elected officials. To date, Mayors Sandy Staples of Amador City, Claire Gunselman of Sutter Creek and Marianne Akerland of Plymouth have accepted our invitation to participate, as well as State Senator Marie Alvarado-Gil. Learn about how they became interested in running for office and their perspectives on serving the community.

Whether you are interested in running for office, interested in the workings of local government, or learning more about the women who are representing their communities, this should be an interesting discussion. AAUW member, Katie Scott, will moderate the event.

Please encourage other women and girls who might be interested in this topic to attend.

The program will be held at the Giles

Turner Performing Arts Center on the Amador High School campus, 330 Spanish Street, Sutter Creek. The Performing Arts Center is on the north side of the campus across the road from Sutter Creek Elementary School. This event is being held at Amador High School to encourage high school students to attend and consider serving in elected offices in the future.

Late October Calendar

Tuesday, October 15, 4:00 pm PDT
Black in Appalachia Podcast Recording
See article below for link to register

Saturday, October 19
Freedom to Read Day of Action

Tuesday, October 22, 5:30pm
Working Girls Book Club

This month we will meet at Graze Restaurant in Pine Grove to discuss *The Cemetery of Untold Stories* by Julia Alvarez.

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

Wednesday, October 23rd, 9:00am

Walking Group

Location: Amador City / 3-4 miles - moderate walk

Meet at the gravel parking lot at the end of town.

Contact [Sandee Bowman](mailto:SandeeBowman) to confirm you are joining the walk.

Saturday, October 26, 2:00-4:00pm

PROGRAM: Women in Elected Office

Amador High School Giles Turner Performing Arts Center

330 Spanish Street, Sutter Creek

See article above for details.

Monday, October 28, 12:00-1:30pm

Great Decisions

We will meet at the Jackson View Clubhouse to discuss *The High Seas Treaty*.

Monday, October 28, 2:00-4:00pm

Page Turners & Book Lovers

We will meet at Kate Kramer Ingvaldstad's house to discuss *The Invention of Wings* by Sue Monk Kidd.

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

Save These Dates!

Tuesday, December 3, 4:00-6:30pm--Giving Tuesday

Kathryn Drexel Hall in Martell

Sunday, December 8, 2:00-5:00pm--Holiday Party

at Kani Flansburg's house in Pine Grove

Saturday, January 11, 2:00pm

PROGRAM: The State of Journalism with Scott Anderson

DEI--Diversity, Equity, Inclusion

We are looking for a new DEI Coordinator!

Please contact Bonnie Krupp or Terrie Houseman if you are interested!

Black in Appalachia Podcast Recording

October 15 @ 4:00 pm – 5:30 pm PDT

The National Archives Foundation will host a live-recorded episode of the *Black in Appalachia* podcast moderated by Dr. Enkeshi El-Amin, who studies the link between race and place and Black community life in Appalachia and beyond. She will lead a discussion on Black life in Eastern Kentucky’s coal communities with Ron Carson, co-founder of the Appalachian African American Cultural Center (AAACC), and Dr. Karida Brown, professor of Sociology at Emory University, where she teaches courses on race and racism, sports and society, and historical archival methods. Click [HERE](#) to register.

Membership

A Welcome to Our Newest Members!



Katherine Evatt is a North Carolina native who moved to Amador County from San Francisco with her husband, Pete Bell, in 1979. Earlier she attended Syracuse University and the San Francisco Art Institute, earning a BFA in 1976. Katherine is retired from the State of California, where she worked primarily in communications and marketing. She and Pete helped found the local nonprofit advocacy organization, *Foothill Conservancy*, in 1989, and served in its leadership until mid-2020. Katherine has a special interest in California native wildflowers, river conservation, public policy, and music.



Hello, my name is **Amanda Avila**, and I am thrilled to be joining the AAUW community. I have been married to my high school sweetheart, Marc, for 20 years. Together, we have three children. We have lived in Jackson for nearly 15 years.

With a BA in Liberal Studies, Multiple Subject and Physical Education Teaching Credentials, a Master’s Degree in Curriculum and Instruction, and an Administrative Services Credential, education has been the central focus of my life’s work. Since moving to Amador County, I’ve had the pleasure of serving as principal of Pine Grove Elementary before transitioning to district administration. I am the Director of School and Community Integration, overseeing areas such as Health Services, School & Community Outreach, Foster & Homeless Student Programs,

Social-Emotional Counseling, Wellness & Resource Centers, Community Partnerships, and related grants. A fun fact about me: I used to race motorcycles and taught my husband how to ride!

I look forward to getting more involved with AAUW and deepening my connection to this wonderful community. I’m excited about the opportunity to contribute and collaborate with all of you.



My name is **Greg Wall** and I am a high school teacher at Amador High School, where I have been plying the trade since 1997. Originally, I started teaching as a bilingual ESL 6th grade staff member at a small school south of Santa Barbara, though family needs brought me north to Amador County. In addition to my time in the classroom, I have patrolled the soccer sidelines as a coach for both boys' and girls' teams since my first job and the 33 years of team pictures adorn the back wall of my classroom. Personally I look forward to the weekends when I get to be 'pop-pop' to two grandsons, who have me thoroughly wrapped around their little fingers.

2025 "Great Decisions" Is Forming Now

If you are interested in joining the 2025 *Great Decisions* discussion group, please contact [Stephanie Young](#) by October 16. There is a 20% discount on the issue books if we order 10 or more at once, and that sale is only available for one week near the end of October. There will be one daytime discussion group and one evening discussion group.

The 2025 Topics are:

- American Foreign Policy at a Crossroads
- U.S. Changing Leadership of the World Economy
- U.S.-China Relations
- International Cooperation on Climate Change
- The Future of NATO and European Security
- AI and American National Security
- India: between China, the West, and the Global South
- After Gaza: American Policy in the Middle East

A Call for Volunteers!

- We need volunteers to assist with all programs (contact Sue Harrington)
- We need a new DEI Coordinator (contact Bonnie Krupp if you have questions)
- We need volunteers for the Hospitality Committee (contact Terrie Houseman)

We encourage all members to contribute to Gold Filings

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

Public Policy

AAUW Voter Issue Guide

<https://www.aauwaction.org/voter-education/voter-issue-guide/>

How to Use the 2024 Voter Issue Guide: This nonpartisan guide will help you learn about key issues supporting gender equity so you can cast your ballot for candidates who share your values.

Download the 2024 Voter Issue Guide in [English](#) and [Spanish](#):

From CA & the Online Branch

Project 2025

On **October 22 at 7:00pm** the California Online Branch will host a webinar presented by the Public Policy Committee entitled, "**Project 2025 and How it Would Impact AAUW Public Policy Priorities**".

Amy Hom, co-chair of AAUW California Public Policy, will give a brief overview of where Project 2025 came from, who the Heritage Foundation is, and what the project is broadly attempting to do. She will then address specific parts of the project that would impact AAUW Public Policy Priorities, such as education, Title IX, reproductive health, and gender equity. Missy Maceyko, co-chair of AAUW California Public Policy, will join to help with Q&A.

Please click [HERE](#) to register.

What is Project 2025?

Excerpted from an article by Mike Wendling, BBC News

Project 2025 is a 900-page policy "wish list" for the next Republican president, a proposal that would expand presidential power and impose an ultra-conservative social vision. It proposes that the entire federal bureaucracy, including independent agencies such as the Department of Justice, be placed under direct presidential control - a controversial idea known as "unitary executive theory".

In practice, that would streamline decision-making, allowing the president to directly implement policies in a number of areas. The proposals also call for eliminating job protections for thousands of government employees, who could then be replaced by political appointees.

Who wrote Project 2025? The Heritage Foundation, which is one of Washington's most prominent right-wing think tanks. It first produced policy plans for future Republican administrations in 1981, when Ronald Reagan was about to take office. It has produced similar documents in connection with subsequent presidential elections, including in 2016, when Trump won the presidency.

Dozens of former Trump administration officials have contributed to the think tank's proposals, providing Democrats with an attack line against the former president. Trump began pushing away from

the document in early July. "I know nothing about Project 2025," he posted on his social media platform, Truth Social. "I have no idea who is behind it."

Arts and Education

One Fine Day ~ New 2024 Edition

It's been 40 years since the release of ONE FINE DAY. And American women have made progress. There are far fewer barriers blocking our path than there were in 1984. But one door remains locked and bolted. The door to the Oval Office. There is yet to be a woman elected President of the United States.

In honor of candidate Kamala Harris, One Fine Day has been updated to include a few of the many gains we have made over the past 40 years – to celebrate a few of the many women who have broken through barriers.

Kay Weaver and Martha Wheelock began work on their Music Film, One Fine Day in 1983. When Geraldine Ferraro was nominated for Vice President in 1984, Kay and Martha added images of the nominee to their production in progress and used the film, in part, to promote Ferraro's campaign. One Fine Day was made to bring Women's History into schools and public spaces. *To Make Women and their accomplishments More Visible!*

In our screenings, women wept and cheered. It became more than just a film—it was a personal mantra, an ode to encouragement. Women love to celebrate their foremothers and to acknowledge their impact on our lives. As Kamala Harris said when she became our Vice President in 2020, "All the heroic and ambitious women before me, whose sacrifice, determination, and resilience make my presence here today even possible."

Meet the Leadership Committee "It Takes a Village"



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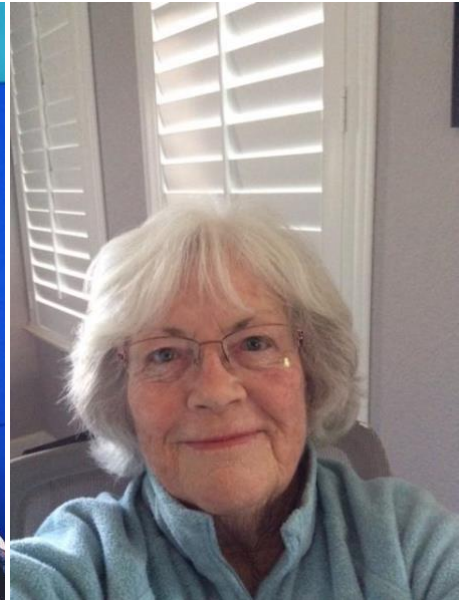
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