

Gold Filings



August 2025

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

Vision: Equality for all.

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

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2025-26 Leadership Team

Elected Officers

Leadership Co-Chairs -- Rachel Stahl and Stephanie Young

Finance -- Marilyn Newton

Membership Co-Chairs -- Sandra Bowman and Jen Ellis

Programs -- Sandra Bowman

Secretary -- Candace Diamond (Six months)

Appointed Positions

E-Doc Coordinator/Website -- Lucy Hackett

Gold Filings Editor -- Stephanie Young

Publicity -- Lucy Hackett

Social Media -- Lucy Hackett

Sunshine -- Aieleen Parker

Telephone Outreach -- Candace Diamond, Hope Nelson

DEI Coordinator -- OPEN (Bonnie Krupp)

Historian -- OPEN
National Funds Chair -- OPEN
Public Policy -- Terrie Houseman
Scholarship Committee Chair -- Kathy Guletz
Tech Trek Committee Chair -- Gretchen Carlson

Special Interest Group Chairs

Afternoon Book Group -- Debra Brown
Page Turners Book Group -- Sue Harrington
Working Girl Book Group -- Jacque Fletcher
Great Decisions -- Stephanie Young
Cork & Fork -- Rita Bohl

August Calendar

Monday, August 4, 2:00-4:00pm

Afternoon Book Group

We will meet at Stephanie Young's house to discuss *Run Rose Run* by Dolly Parton & James Patterson.

Contact [Debra Brown](#) if you would like to join the group.

Tuesday, August 5, 11:00am-1:00pm

Leadership Committee Meeting

via Zoom

Monday, August 25, 2:00-4:00pm

Page Turners & Book Lovers

We are meeting at Stephanie Young's house to discuss *Dinners with Ruth* by Nina Totenberg.

Contact [Sue Harrington](#) if you would like to join the group.

Wednesday, August 27 5:30pm

Working Girls Book Club

We will meet at Saluti's (new location on Main Street. in Jackson) to discuss *The Bright Years* by Sarah Damoff.

Contact [Jacque Fletcher](#) if you would like to join the group or have questions.

Great Decisions and Libations & Conversations will next meet in September.

Save the Date!

Member Appreciation Event

Saturday, September 20, 10:00am-noon

Details to come in September issue

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Tech Trek

Tech Trek Visitor Day **Branch Representatives: Julie Taylor, Greta McElroy-White**

This year's Amador Tech Trek campers, Avery Metz, Meadow Fisk and Meris Schauer, reported they were having a great time on Tech Trek Camp Visitor Day (Thursday, July 17).

Approximately 35 Northern CA AAUW members spent the morning on the UC Davis campus observing 92 campers participate in core classes of Anatomy, Plant Biology, Coding, Engineering, and Genetics at UC Davis/Camp Jemison.



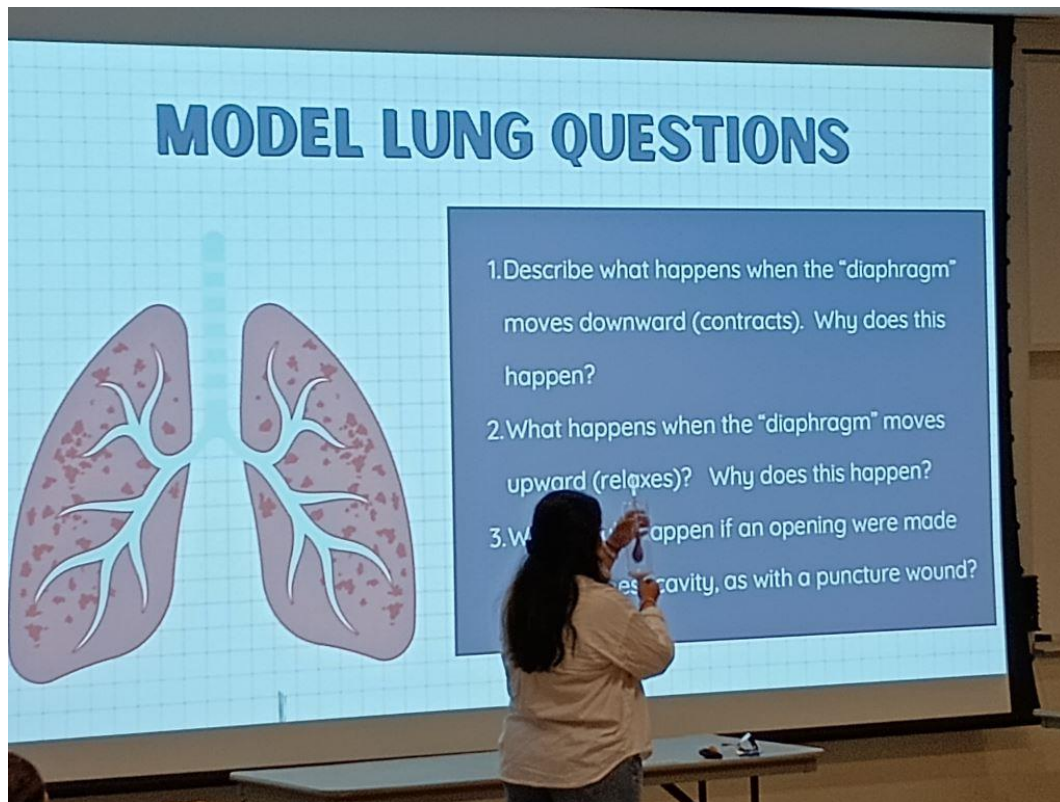
Members sat with their branch campers during lunch to hear about their experiences with classes, dorm life, and friendly competitions. When asked if they would keep in touch with the program, the Amador campers were unanimous in expressing their intent to return in a few years as counselors (the minimum age to be a counselor is 16). Clearly the camp had a significant impact on them and there was still the excitement of that evening's cardboard and duct tape boat races and team-built robot races the following day. No one was anxious to go home!

During lunch, it was announced that a camp name had been selected after voting by campers earlier in the week. While all the women in STEM careers were strong contenders, Mae Jemison, the first African-American female to travel into space onboard the Space Shuttle Endeavor in 1992, rose above the others. Dr. Jemison is also an engineer, a physician and a scientist. UC Davis Tech Trek was re-named Camp Jemison.

Branch members are encouraged to attend a future Visitor Day to show support for the students. During a Q&A session with the Camp Director, she explained that it is discouraging for students who do not have a branch representative attend the event. To alleviate disappointment, lunch tables were pre-arranged to put such campers together; the Amador table welcomed three Siskiyou County campers.

One last note; Amador's students were very appreciative of the opportunity to attend Tech Trek and expressed their gratitude in being selected. We will hear about their camp experience first-hand at the September meeting including how the cardboard boats fared and which team's robot made it over the finish line.

Submitted by Branch Member, Julie Taylor



Pictured: Anatomy curriculum (above) and
Thank You notes from our campers (below)



University of California, Davis

7-18-15

Dear Alameda County AAUW,

I really appreciate the opportunity you've given me. Everything from meeting other girls who love the same things I do, to just getting to see the UC Davis Greenhouse. This camp has truly been everything I hoped it be, and more. None of my great experiences I'm having would be possible without you, so really thank you. Tech Trek has helped me learn things I never knew, and friends I never thought I'd meet.

Thankfully,

Meadow Fisk



University of California, Davis

July 16th 2025

Thank you for this amazing opportunity
of attending Tech Trek 2025! My favorite
thing was the VET and how we practiced
every thing! I also loved making new friends
also the crime investigations. I really
appreciate being to be apart of this!
Thank you so much! again thank you
so much AAUW AMADOR COUNTY

sincerely

Avery Metz



University of California, Davis

Dear AAVW

Amaro county branch,
Thank you for raising the money to
send me here! Your hard work and
dedication let me have a great time
here at Tech Trek. I made many friends
here even though I thought I didn't have
the social skills to do so. Making sure you
guys raised enough money to let me go has
made me insanely thankful. I want to
thank you again for letting me go!

Sincerely,

Milo S. [Signature]

Membership

"As society sees what women can do, as women see what women can do, there will be more women out there doing things, and we'll all be better off for it."

Sandra Day O'Connor 1930 - 2023



August Birthdays



Amanda Avila
Sandi Baracco
Gretchen Carlson
Heidi Christensen
Kani Flansburg
Pam Greene
Kathy Guletz
Sue Harrington
Anne Kel-Artinian
Deborah Mackey
Lisa Peterson
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DEI--Diversity, Equity, Inclusion

Using an Equity Lens—

Creating a positive, respectful, and inclusive environment within our Branch

As we start to plan for the Branch 2025-2026 year something to consider when we plan, develop, or evaluate a program, policy or decision is using an Equity Lens. An Equity Lens is a set of questions we ask ourselves. Are we identifying impacts? What is our goal? Are there barriers such as accessibility or cost to be addressed? Are we including the right people with multiple perspectives in the process?

When we are planning programs, engaging in outreach in the community, writing articles for the newsletter, designing content for the website or social media using an Equity Lens encourages inclusivity.

"Using an Equity Lens," a detailed explanation and set of questions is available on the AAUW CA website [HERE](#).

**Bonnie Krupp,
DEI Coordinator**

From National and State

AAUW Fellowship & Grant Applications Open August 1

We're excited to announce that applications open August 1! Each year, AAUW provides millions in funding to support women pursuing academic, research, and professional opportunities that advance equity for women and girls. From graduate education to community-based projects, our awards empower changemakers at every level. Spread the word, applications close **September 30!**

Encourage eligible students, scholars, and community leaders to apply today.

Our Local Partners



*Amador College Connect
invites you to...*

TUSCANY UNDER THE STARS

*Join us for an unforgettable night with
exclusive auction items, fine wines,
and Italian dinner served family style!*

DATE: Saturday, October 25
TIME: 5:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
VENUE: Domenico Winery
11655 Paine Rd, Ione, CA

Scan QR Code to pay via DonorBox or send a
check to Amador College Connect with your
name, email and phone number at 1
Prosperity Court, Sutter Creek, CA 95685

**\$125 per ticket
\$900 for a table of eight**

SCAN ME

Contact with questions: 209-217-8239

Amador College Connect is a nonprofit 501 (c) (3) organization located in Sutter Creek, CA

ACC Fundraiser Coming in October

Save the Date!
Saturday, October 25
5:30-9:30
Domenico Winery

Let's support the fundraising
efforts of one of our closest
partners!

UpCountry 88 Lions Club

The Upcountry 88 Lions Club is holding a Bowling Fundraiser on Saturday, August 23 beginning at 9am. Proceeds benefit Student Scholarships & Service Projects. The fundraiser will be at Gold Country Lanes, 81 Ridge Rd, Sutter Creek. Cost: \$40/per person and \$30/kids 16 & under, which includes 3 lines/games of bowling, shoe rental, and pizza

All skill levels welcomed. Silent Auction, Mini-golf, laser tag, bounce house, arcade, VR laser maze and billiards are available for an additional charge. Lane Sponsorships for \$100 are available. Website: <https://upcountry88lions.org/bowling-fundraiser>.

To register, or if you have questions, email upcountry88lions@gmail.com. Make check payable to "Upcountry 88 Lions". Send to PO BOX 777 PINE GROVE CA 95665. REGISTER SOON – SPACE IS LIMITED!

Finding Your Voice

The Two-Minute Activist

Let's begin with the question, "What is an advocate"? Merriam-Webster defines an advocate as (1) one who defends or maintains a cause or proposal [e.g. an education for women advocate], (2) one who supports or promotes the interests of a cause or group [e.g. a women's health advocate], or (3) one who pleads the cause of another [e.g. a social justice advocate].

You joined AAUW because you believe it is important to help advance gender equity and create a more economically secure world for women and girls. Advocating for these beliefs can be performed in many ways; you don't have to march or protest, but that is your right. Alternatively, you can be a **Two-Minute Activist** by joining AAUW members in the fight for equal pay, equity in education, paid leave, protections against sexual harassment and more. Sign up to get alerts on when and how to engage, including sending letters to legislators, writing letters to the editor of a newspaper, and other timely calls to action.

We need this now more than ever.

AAUW's Public Policy issues are at [Two-Minute-Activist](#). Current priorities include:

- Ø Prioritize Paid Leave & Child Care
- Ø Raise the Federal Minimum Wage
- Ø BE HEARD in the Workplace Act
- Ø Support the Healthy Families Act
- Ø Support the Gender Equity in Education Act

With your help, AAUW can let Congress know that members want to see improved and expanded legislation that protects access to education, economic security and civil rights.

State Bills Would Require Passport or Birth Certificate to Register to Vote

State legislatures around the country are considering bills that would require Americans to present a passport or birth certificate to register to vote. Much of this legislation echoes the SAVE Act, a federal bill passed by the House in April that has now been pending in the Senate amidst significant opposition from legislators and constituents alike. It also mirrors a similar executive order signed by President Trump in March that two federal judges have partially blocked, including one in a Brennan Center lawsuit.

These policies purport to prevent widespread voting by noncitizens, which in reality is not a problem. Instead, the SAVE Act would block tens of millions of American citizens from voting because they don't have ready access to the documents required. It would also upend voter registration systems nationwide. The state versions of the bill would cause similar damage to the freedom to vote.

Despite certain lawmakers prioritizing these suppressive policies, voters and advocates have been successful in slowing their progress in some states.

In total, lawmakers in at least 27 states have introduced one or more bills in 2025 that would require some or all voters to show citizenship documents to vote. So far, only Indiana and Wyoming enacted such laws.

Arts and Education

You never know when you might need to use this information!

(see answers below)

1. Why is 2025 a special year in the world?
2. Which date is the 100th day of the year?

July 2025: L&C Summer Book Suggestions

Every summer we devote our Libations & Conversations meeting to share book ideas and suggestions. Here is this year's list--read and enjoy. There is an annotated version of this list too. If you want a copy of it, contact Stephanie Young [HERE](#)

The Fabulous Sylvester, Joshua Gamson
The Season of the Witch, David Talbot
We Solve Murders, Richard Osman
My Friends, Fredriik Backman
The Little Paris Bookshop, Nina George
The Rose Code, Kate Quinn
Ultra-Processed People, Christ Van Tulleken
Queens of Crime, Marie Benedict
The Personal Librarian, Marie Benedict
The God of the Woods, Liz Moore
Frozen River, Ariel Lawhon
The Outer Most House: A year of life on the great beach of Cape Cod, Henry Beston
The Doorman, Chris Pavone
The Art Spy, Michelle Young
Dawn of Detroit: A Chronicle of Bondage and Freedom in the City of the Straits, Tiya Miles
We are Water, Wally Lamb
The Magic of Ordinary Days, Ann Howard Creel
My Sister's Keeper, Jodi Picoult
The Midnight Feast, Lucy Foley
Lulu Dean's Little Library of Banned Books, Kirsten Miller
Isola, Allegra Goodman
Horse, Geraldine Brooks
Our Pristine Mind: A Practical Guide to Unconditional Happiness, Orgyen Chawang
Outlive: The Science and Art of Longevity, Peter Attia, M.D.

Big Little Lies, Liane Moriarty
The Silk Road Score, Cathy Patrenos
The Girl with the Louding Voice, Abi Dare
Vera, Carol Edgarian
Orbital, Samantha Harvey
Careless People: A Cautionary Tale of Power, Greed, and Lost Idealism,
Sarah Wynn-Williams
Caste: The Origin of our Discontents, Isabel Wilkerson
Still Life, Sarah Winman
Winter Garden, Kristin Hannah
The Lost Bookshop, Evie Woods
The Secret Life of Sunflowers, Marta Molnar
Summer Island, Kristen Hannah

Holidays and Significant Dates in August

- National Black Business Month: Celebrated throughout the month of August.
- National Watermelon Day: August 3rd
- Perseid Meteor Shower Peak: August 12-13
- National Relaxation Day: August 15th.
- National Waffle Day: August 24th.
- Women's Equality Day: Celebrated on August 26th, commemorating the 1920 ratification of the 19th Amendment to the US Constitution, granting women the right to vote.

Answer #1 2025 is a special year—not just because of world events or personal milestones, but mathematically! It's a perfect square: $45 \times 45 = 2025$. Perfect square years are rare, and given typical human lifespans, 2025 is likely the only one most people alive today will experience to prove they themselves are not square!

Answer #2 April 10 is the 100th day of the year (101st in leap years) in the Gregorian calendar; 265 days remain until the end of the year.

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