



**June
2008**



GOLD FILINGS

President's Message

Bobbie Brubaker & Kelly Trotter

A big thank you to all who helped with Home Tour! The Home Tour Chairs will give you a final accounting, but we made enough to continue our scholarship program on a par with this year. The one disappointment in the final accounting was that only 37 members of our 85 membership purchased tickets. While we realize we ask much of our membership in order to put on the Home Tour, including cookies and a half day commitment to hostess a venue, we have to remember this is the **ONLY** fundraising we do for the year. Active participants are given the opportunity to purchase half price tickets (\$10 this year) for themselves. If all our members purchased that \$10 ticket, it would amount to another Community College Scholarship! If each of you purchased a full price ticket for a friend or spouse, we'd have another Community College scholarship, and a forth Tech Trek camper! We need to remember why we put all our efforts into Home Tour. If you're feeling guilty, it's not too late to write a check to the scholarship fund! We really don't want the surrounding Counties to fully fund our programs, do we?

This brings up another focus of our scholarship program, our new mentoring program. If you've ever had the honor & privilege of sitting on a selection committee, you'll find it's a real eye opener. I sat on the Tech Trek selection committee and a separate organization scholarship selection committee this year (those applicants were the same as ours).

The life stories from some of the girls are amazing. The fact that they have college bound goals that have not been buried by life, is truly uplifting. You want to give every applicant a chance at the life they aspire to.

It's with that thought in mind, AAUW has started a mentoring program for our scholarship winners. We hope this program will encourage those having

difficulties in the future with an encouraging word, and perhaps an unbiased discussion of their goals. As only a few of you have signed up for the program, I'd like to encourage you to join me in this worthwhile use of time. Please contact Aieleen Parker at Aieleen@juno.com for an application, or see page 7 of this issue. The girls of our community truly can use the support.

In closing, I hope you've had a chance to complete the membership application form in the May newsletter, and sent it in with your renewal check. A copy appears in this issue as well. We want to update our membership information, and encourage you to consider becoming more active in our Branch. The same faces keep rotating positions, and it's time for some new ones! New blood brings new ideas, skills, and opportunities for life-time friendships...it's a two way growth opportunity! Don't be shy, join in the fun, and meet some of the most interesting women in the County!

Have a fabulous summer & see you all at the Ice Cream Social!

~Bobbie & Kelly

June Program Calendar and Meetings

- **4** **Walkers & Strollers**
- **9** **Afternoon Book Group**
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- **23** **Book Lovers**
- **26** **Ice Cream Social & Election of Officers for 2008-2009**

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Ice Cream Social ~ Annual Meeting

Thursday, June 26

7:00PM

Lynne Brumit's home

RSVP to Lynne

***Root Beer Floats, Ice Cream sundaes, cookies, all the goodies you love
but never eat - time to treat yourself and bring a guest (prospective
members very welcome!)***

***Please be there- this is our opportunity to see how we spent our
money this year, and to vote in our new Board for the coming year!***

Board Briefs for April 17, 2008 Meeting

Treasurer’s Report: We are on track with our budget, Home Tour income is lower at this point than last year, but expenses are correspondingly lower as well.

Old Business

- Bobbie led a discussion of what information currently published in Gold Filings should not be available in our newsletters when they are on our website. Newsletters are a good way for prospective members to learn about our branch. Decision: addresses, emails, and phone numbers should be removed from Gold Filings before they are posted to website.
- Kelly led a discussion of how we can mentor Board Members more effectively – one of the goals stated by current board. We focused on gathering information in binders over the year, taking time to orient the next person in the job, updating job descriptions together.

We discussed the draft description of Public Information (PI) job. All information should all go to that person to be edited and to be submitted to various media outlets in a timely manner. PI chair should create a calendar of deadlines for media outlets, so chair of each monthly program knows what is required and when deadlines occur. The Home Tour publicity chair and Public Information chair need to coordinate their efforts.

New Business:

Aieleen Parker presented a draft of the scholarship brochure detailing current awards, plus our new reentry scholarship. Marge O’Neill will rework the format and Board will review further next month.

The team that will explore the idea of setting up an non-profit 501 (c (3) entity for our branch will meet with a CPA to understand tax implications of having both a tax-deductible and non-deductible organization. This will include current and next year co-presidents, current and next year’s Treasurer.

Committee Reports:

- We reviewed a draft of website logo and home page. Changes were suggested and web designer will continue her work with more to come next month.
- The Educational foundation luncheon is Saturday May 17, 11:30 at Mel & Faye’s. Reservation deadline: May 9. Our last meeting of the year is Thursday June 26 – Ice Cream Social at Lynne Brumit’s home. It is also the Annual Meeting where we will vote on officers for next year and give thanks to this year’s Board

~Kelly Trotter

Board Briefs for meeting of May 15, 2008

Old Business:

Scholarship Brochure: The mock up was reviewed and several suggestions were made for revision.

The final version will be placed on the web site, and made available to members for distribution.

Public Information Chair Job description: the revised description was reviewed, and additional suggestions were made to clarify the position. A draft job description will be presented at the August Board meeting.

New Business:

The agenda for the Ice Cream Social / election/installation of officers was planned. See you at 7pm at Lynne Brumit’s on June 26.

Reports:

Scholarship: Discussion of awards to be made, along with the Scholarship Chair position.

Home Tour: we were successful!

Web site: passwords are being created for officers , pages are being created. Construction continues.

Programs: The College on Track program will be discontinued, due to poor public attendance.

Next meeting: at the discretion of the incoming Presidents.

Submitted, Bobbie Brubaker

~ A Reminder ~

AAUW Dues Time..... Our 2008-2009 Dues are payable now and must be sent in by June 30.

The total is \$79 (47 Nat'l, 16 CA, 16 Branch). Your timely payment will save lots of paperwork, get your information in the directory and keep your treasurer happy! 😊

Send your checks to:

**AAUW
P.O. Box 611
Sutter Creek, CA 95685**

***Thank you to those
who have already paid
their dues for
2008-2009 !!!!***



Membership Information

If you joined our branch more than a couple of years ago, we probably do not have current information about your hobbies and interests. In addition, we are always in need of members who are interested in being on our Board or becoming involved in one of our many projects. By providing us with the following information, we are better able to identify who you are and contact you. Please take a few minutes to complete the following form and mail it to us along with your check for membership renewal.

Interest groups (circle all that apply):

- Book Club
- Cork & Fork
- Computer
- Drawing & Painting
- Gardening
- Lunch Bunch
- Supper Club
- Walking

Tell us a little about yourself:

- I joined AAUW because

- List passions, interests, skills:_____

- Are you interested in mentoring a scholarship recipient?_____

- Do you want to participate on our Board?_____

- What type position would interest you?

- I'm not sure, but ask me._____

Community Service Opportunities

~Judy Durant, 2007-2008 Community Representative

A friend recently reminded me, "When you want something done, get a busy person to do it!" I had to think about that statement for a minute to realize how truthful it is. The point seems to be; busy people don't have time to waste on not getting a task completed. Since most of us in AAUW fit the "very busy" category, we are just the ladies to ask when members of our local community need a helping hand.

I have recently talked with Nina Machado (First 5 Amador executive director) and Ginger Rolf (executive director of Amador STARS) about the volunteer needs of their respective organizations. As you may know, First 5 Amador promotes optimal development of Amador county children zero to five years of age. Nina suggested volunteers are very much needed for activity and reading programs at both the Pine Grove Community Center and Camanche Community center. Many other opportunities are available, so give Nina a call for the latest update on how you can help out.

With cancer support programs the focus of Amador STARS, Ginger mentioned that planning is well underway for *Camp Out for Cancer* (September 20-21). Volunteers are needed for a variety of jobs for that inspirational, yearly fundraising event. Additionally, Ginger emphasized the need for the Cancer Van drivers. She said schedules are suited to the individual volunteer. Substitute drivers are always in demand if you can't commit to a specific day and time. Please call Nina or Ginger if you find you can fit volunteering at these two worthwhile organizations into your busy schedule. If you like to wind down for the summer, put the information into your memory bank for future action.

First 5 Amador: Contact Nina Machado nina@first5amador.com
Amador STARS: Contact Ginger Rolf at amadorstars.org

Scholarship News.....

Scholarship recipients were honored at the EF Luncheon held at Mel and Faye's Diner in Jackson on Saturday, May 17. The photo below is of Abby Barnes and Lesli Bryan, two of our Tech Trekkers with Gretchen Carlson, program coordinator. Breanne Orey was absent. Thanks, Gretchen, for all your efforts!

We've received a note of thanks from Alina Fortson, upper division scholarship recipient. Her letter notes: "I cannot express how much this scholarship will help me as I finish my undergraduate education next year and begin preparing for law school." Our congratulations to Alina

Submitted by Kelly Trottier & Bobbie Brubaker



Summer Birthdays plus one!!!

*May 24 Ruth Witebsky



June

Janet Caccia
Linda Johnson
Judy McCurdy
Mardelle Probasco
Charline Unger

July

Sheila Berg
Betty Brandson
Jeane Doncaster
Margie Guletz
Hilde Langlet
Myra Lawrence
Gail McBride
Ruth Murrill
Cheryl Richards
Susan Robles
Nancy Street

August

Sandi Baracco
Emily Beals
Marilyn Bustillos
Gretchen Carlson
Lani Chapman
Kathy Guletz
Sue Harrington
Gwen Starrett
Janet vanMastrigt
Linda Zender



**My apologies to Ruth Witebsky for omitting her May birthday. We hope it was a happy one!

Tidbit: Did you know that 29% of Amador Branch birthdays occur in July and August?

The Sunshine Chairperson, **Betty Brandson**, will send a note or card on behalf of AAUW to any member who needs some sunshine (for illness or condolences) or should be congratulated on a marriage or birth of a child. If you know of a member who should receive any of the above, please telephone Betty at <bbbrandson@volcano.net> .

Please include the name, address, phone number, and the reason for the correspondence.

Thank you Betty!!



AAUW & Friends at MSTW

The next AAUW & Friends night at Main Street Theatre Works is Friday, June 27th, at the Kennedy Mine Amphitheatre. Please put it on your calendar and join us, bring a picnic dinner and your friends.

To Kill a Mockingbird

Based on the Pulitzer Prize-winning novel by Harper Lee
Dramatized by Christopher Sergel
Directed by Susan McCandless



AAUW AMADOR BRANCH MENTOR APPLICATION

Amador Branch members will be matched with one of our annual scholarship recipients to provide information and encouragement on educational progress and career choices. Mentors will attend the EF Luncheon with the recipient and their guest, maintain contact to consult on educational progress, recognize special occasions, and inform the recipient about AAUW events.

Member Name:

Address:

E-mail:

Phone:

Past occupations/job titles (limit 3):

Present occupation:

Educational Majors/Fields of Study/Degrees:

Educational Institutions attended:

Current Interests/Hobbies:

Return to: Aieleen Parker

Aieleen@juno.com

Thank You! to Cathy Castillo, CPA in Sutter Hill who gave AAUW an hour and a half consultation regarding formation of a 501C3 without charge. Cathy gave us lots to think about in the coming year.

~Bobbie Brubaker

2007-2008 AAUW AMADOR BOARD

Co-Presidents	Bobbie Brubaker Kelly Trottier	Home Tour Co-Chairs	Carolyn Hennings & Susan Tigner
Co-President s Elect	Carolyn Hennings Susan Tigner	Hospitality	Lynne Brumit & Susan Tigner
Co-V.P. Program	Lani Chapman Bonnie Krupp	International Interest	Sue Harrington
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V.P. Legal Advocacy Fund	Gail McBride	Public Information	Jennifer Gee
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Community Area Rep	Judy Durant	Sunshine	Betty Brandson
Ed. Equity, Public Policy	Mary Thorpe	Tech Trek	Gretchen Carlson
Historian	Margie Guletz	Calaveras Liaison	Sue Harrington

TEFAP Monthly Food Drive

***The Emergency Food Assistance Program
Food request for June:***

***High Protein Foods:
canned tuna, chicken, corned beef, beans,
chili, or hash***

General distribution of food is on the 2nd Thursday of each month. There is also a special Senior food distribution day on the 1st Wednesday of each month.

A-TCAA is located in back of the Oak Store 936 S. Hwy. 49, Jackson Hours: 8:30 to noon & 1-5 pm M-F

Interfaith Food Bank

Call Kathleen at 267-9006 if you want the opportunity to serve others in need.

Fresh produce and shelf stable foods are always needed to feed 2,800 people each month. The food bank is 100% community supported.

The Food Bank is located at:
12181 Airport Road, Jackson

AAUW

MISSION STATEMENT: AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research.

DIVERSITY STATEMENT: In principle and in practice, AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, or disability.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The next Gold Filings to be published will be in August for the month of September. We are still desperately looking for an editor to take over the helm. Training will be provided for as long as necessary!!

Call or email me if interested: Linda Johnson

eljay10@volcano.net



SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS (SIGs)

~for AAUW Members AND FRIENDS!!~

AFTERNOON BOOK GROUP

Chair: Iris Aparicio

We meet on the 2nd Monday of each month at 2 p.m. On June 9 we will be meeting at Deborah Brown's home to discuss Ines of My Soul. RSVP to Deborah



BOOK LOVERS AND PAGE TURNERS

Chair: Bernice Honeychurch

Group normally meets on the fourth Monday at 2:00p.m. On June 23rd at 2pm we will be discussing Eat, Pray, Love by Elizabeth Gilbert at Carolyn Hennings' home. RSVP to Carolyn or Bernice



On July 28 we will meet at Nancy Street's home to discuss Lost Lady, by Willa Cather. RSVP to Nancy at streetjb@volcano.net or Bernice.

LUNCH BUNCH

June Chair, Mardelle Probasco,

We will meet on Thursday, June 12 at 11:45am in Volcano at the Union Inn, 21375 Consolation, (right around the corner from the "main street") which is back in business and better than before. Contact Mardelle Probasco at mprob@volcano.net by June 9, if you would like to attend. Lynne Brumit has a special house tour she may be able to arrange for us in Volcano that day and more information on this is forthcoming.



ART IN ACTION

Chair: Charlene Unger, cux2@volcano.net

We are a group that enjoys drawing and painting. Beginners are welcome. Please contact Charlene Unger for



information at cux2@volcano.net

COMPUTER GROUP

Chair: Pat Houghton

Please call Pat for more information.



SUPPER CLUB

The Supper Club is accepting more members!

If interested, call Bev York.



CORK & FORK

Chair: Bobbie Brubaker, [<dbbrubaker@softcom.net>](mailto:dbbrubaker@softcom.net)

Our group meets odd months, with significant others, in member homes for appetizers and wine tasting. Contact Bobbie for information.



WALKING/STROLLING GROUP

Chair: Sheila Berg

Mark your calendar and join us!!!



FAIR WEATHER FRIENDS

Chair: Bernice Honeychurch, honeybb@dishmail.net



June 4: PiPi walk on walking paths and roads in campground. Bring sack lunch and fluids, chair, books and water shoes if you want to dip your feet in the creek. Meet at Sanghera's Market in Pine Grove at 9am to car pool. We will stay as long as the group cares to..... Rain cancels.

Please call Bernice for more information.

REMEMBER: The deadline for the September Gold Filings is August 14

~Linda Johnson [<eljay10@volcano.net>](mailto:eljay10@volcano.net)



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Event of the Month

June 26

**Ice Cream Social and Election of
2008-2009 Branch Officers**