

President's Message *by Sandra Campbell*

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MISSION STATEMENT:

AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, 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.

The days are growing shorter and trees are taking on their fall hues. With Halloween behind us and the end of daylight savings time coming up, we naturally start looking toward the holiday season. I'm not going to count off the days before Christmas—I'd like to enjoy Thanksgiving first—but that December holiday is creeping up on us. As there is no November program, the holiday party is the next time all of us can gather. You will be hearing more about that event next month.

Recently I took a tour of the various AAUW websites and recommend that you do as well from time to time. On our branch website (aauwamador.org) I discovered a newer page with a list of all Special Interest Groups with dates and times of meetings together with the group contact. Bobbie Brubaker, website editor, and Judy Regnier, website contractor, keep the site up to date with

program listings and photos of past events. Current and past newsletters are available along with other information on our branch.

The state site (aauw-ca.org) is currently featuring celebrations of the centennial of women winning the right to vote in California. Included are photos from the Sacramento event and a video from Oakland branch, with many of the women (and a few men) in period costume. National AAUW (aauw.org) is touting its 130th Anniversary on November 28 and has declared November National AAUW Month. AAUW is launching a program to encourage young women to register to vote. Not a bad idea to encourage our young men to register as well. As with Christmas, the election season will soon be on us.

Before all of that, enjoy your Thanksgiving celebrations with family and friends.

Editor's Note:

This month's newsletter is a short one, so I thought I'd share some of the legislation recently signed by Governor Brown that promotes equity for women. You can find more information on this legislation at aauw-ca.org

- ◇ SB222 & AB210 requires maternity coverage in all insurance and HMO policies.
- ◇ SB299 requires continued maternity insurance while on disability leave.
- ◇ AB90 provides additional penalties and makes sex trafficking of minors easier to prosecute.
- ◇ AB499 expands existing law to allow minors to consent to confidential medical services for the prevention of sexually transmitted diseases.

Sonora AAUW Home Tour

Tickets are available for the 45th Annual AAUW Home Tour, scheduled for Saturday, December 3, from 12 to 4 p.m. Members of the Sonora Branch of AAUW are busy preparing for their only fundraiser of the year, featuring a tour of three beautiful Sonora homes and the historic sanctuary of the First Presbyterian "Church of the 49ers" in Columbia. Tickets are \$20 for the affair, which also includes tea and cookies, a boutique, and the popular basket raffle in Faith Hall at the Church of the 49ers. The homes on the tour are all located near downtown Sonora, and the Church of the 49ers is on Parrotts Ferry Road and Jackson Street in Columbia, only 3 miles up Highway 49 from Sonora.

Tickets are available at Mountain Bookshop in the Junction Shopping Center in Sonora and Columbia Candle & Soap Works in Columbia, or by calling [209-586-1322](tel:209-586-1322). Proceeds benefit scholarships for Tuolumne County women and girls.

The Sonora Branch of AAUW was chartered in 1961 and is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year with a theme of "Women Empowering Women."

Board Briefs for October 20, 2011

- Minutes were approved for September 15 and addendum to minutes of August 18 necessitated by a change in our bank's policies.
- The Treasurer gave her report.
- Programs were discussed including feedback on the fall Kick-Off, finalizing the October program and publicity concerns related to the January author event.
- Scholarship job descriptions were reviewed; suggested changes will be brought back to the next meeting. There was discussion of how to divide up scholarship money and possible increases in awards. More discussion later.
- Carol provided an update on sites selected for Home Tour 2012; there was discussion of changing the amount paid for tickets by participating members. No decision was reached.
- Directories were provided by Sandi Baracco; she will bring them to the next events for distribution.
- Changes to Policies and Procedures were presented and were adopted with a minor change to the

section on financial review.

Based on discussion, it is unlikely a December meeting will be held.

November Board Meeting
Thursday, November 17 at
1:00 p.m.



“Getting to know you, getting to know all about you.” - Karen Ostigny

- ◆ Karen grew up in Southern California with her three sisters and her family moved to El Dorado County when she was a junior in high school.
- ◆ After attending business college, she worked in office positions for 37 years. In addition, Karen worked as a field electrician for 6 years. She holds an A.A. degree in Math and Physical Science from American River College.
- ◆ She is the mother of two sons, Jonathan and Steven Godman.
- ◆ An avid quilter, Karen was an active member of the Mother Lode Quilt Guild until she returned to school full time in Fall 2010.
- ◆ Inspired by her sister and other women who have made a success of their personal and professional lives, Karen has returned to college. She is currently attending California State University, Sacramento, where she is working toward a B.S. in psychology.
- ◆ Karen is AAUW-Amador’s 2011 Re-Entry Scholarship recipient!

Interview by Nancy Street

Welcome New Members!

Suzanne Kreutzer

Suzanne@drytowncellars.com

B.S, M.S.in Economics from UC Santa Cruz

Kathy Allen

frankkat@aol.com

B.S. in Bacteriology from UC Davis

Happy November Birthdays!

Norma King
Bonnie Krupp
Peggy Roberts
Barbara Gibbs
Dot Haislet
Christine Van Fleet



Happy
Anniversary!

Teresa and Martin Ryan are celebrating their 11th wedding anniversary on 11-11-11!



Announcements

November Events

- Nov. 8: Art in Action
- Nov. 10: Lunch Bunch
- Nov. 14: Afternoon Book Group
- Nov. 16: Garden Groupies
- Nov. 17: Board Meetings
- Nov. 28: Book Lovers

2011-2012 Directory

The Directories are printed and are being distributed, first at the October Board Meeting, then at the ATCAA Forum and some Interest Group meetings. If you haven't received your Directory yet, it can be picked up at my home or we will have them at the Holiday Party. As always, we would like to save the cost of postage.

Thank you,
Sandi Baracco
Directory Editor

!! 2011-2012 Directory Corrections !!

Contact Sandi Baracco for corrections!



AAUW Amador is in need of volunteer hostesses for our 2012 Home Tour in lone!! This is your chance to be a part of our major fundraiser for the year. Contact Carol Campbell or Claire Wait for details.

Missing in Action!!

A collection of AAUW Amador Home Tour posters and brochures from years past has gone missing! If anyone has any information as to the whereabouts of these keepsakes, please contact Carol Campbell.



The Sunshine Chair, **Lynne Brumit**, will send a note or card on behalf of AAUW to any member who needs some sunshine (for illness, condolences or simply "thinking of you") 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 contact Lynne by telephone at 296-2600. If information for recipient is not in the AAUW Directory, please provide it.



AMADOR AAUW SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

AFTERNOON BOOK GROUP

Chair: Judy Venckus,
venckus@aol.com



The Checklist Manifesto by Atul Gawande is the topic of discussion this month. Meeting is at Marylyn Copper's at 2 P.M. November 14. Regrets only.

SUPPER CLUB

Chair: Claire Wait,
clairesc@sbcglobal.net



Contact Claire for more information.

BOOK LOVERS AND PAGE TURNERS

Chair: Sue Harrington,
susanlh@volcano.net



On Monday, November 28, we will meet at 2 p.m. at Norma King 's home to discuss Still Alice by Lisa Genova. Please RSVP to Norma at nlking1@yahoo.com.

LUNCH BUNCH

Chair: Floy Goulart
f80@volcano.net



We will be having a HOLIDAY lunch bunch. at the Imperial Hotel in Amador City on November 10. We need a minimum of 10 people or it will have to be canceled as the hotel is opening its lunch room just for our group. We will meet at the usual time, 11:30, with lunch served at noon.

GARDEN GROUPIES

Chair: Claire Wait,
clairesc@sbcglobal.net



Garden Groupies meets the third Wednesday of each month. Contact Claire for more information.

The cost is \$18.00. This includes a mixed green salad, choice of grilled ham & cheese, chicken salad, or vegetarian sandwich. Dessert is a chocolate sundae with a home-made cookie, and coffee or tea. A no-host bar will be available.

RSVP to Margaret O'Neill at love2dance@drytownca.com as soon as possible with your sandwich choice as the deadline to let the hotel know is November 4, 2011.

CORK & FORK

Chair: Bobbie Brubaker,
dbbrubaker@softcom.net



Our group meets odd months, with significant others, in members' homes for appetizers and wine tasting.

Contact Bobbie for information.

ART IN ACTION

Chair: Charlene Unger,
cux2@volcano.net



We are a group that enjoys drawing and painting at various indoor and outdoor locations. We meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. Beginners are welcome. Contact Charlene for more information.

WALKING/STROLLING GROUP

Chair: Sheila Berg,
sberg@volcano.net



The deadline for the December Gold Filings is November 22.

Please send articles via email to Suzanne Nicholson at sooze29@yahoo.com.

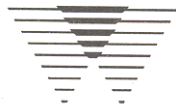
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