

**AAUW --- Forty Years in Amador County
A Time Line**

- 1969-70 First meeting January 23, 1969
Charter date, April 14, 1969
First study group --- School District Unification
- 1970-71 Study group --- "This Beleaguered Earth"
- 1971-72 **Home Tour Begins**
- 1972-73 AAUW receives \$20,000 Federal Grant to study the needs of the elderly
in Amador County
- 1973-74 UC Berkeley speaker on college life
- 1974-75 AAUW conducts Hospital study
- 1975-76 **AAUW starts local scholarship program**
- 1976-77 AAUW sets guidelines for countywide solid waste recycling program
- 1977-78 AAUW hosts nutrition panel discussion
- 1978-79 Chamber of Commerce commends AAUW for Home Tour
Branch hosts forum on State Propositions including Peripheral Canal
- 1979-80 "Amador County at the Crossroads" slideshow is previewed
- 1980-81 Programs include an emergency health care forum and "Death of a
Partner" panel discussion
- 1981-82 AAUW wins First Place at Amador County Fair
- 1982-83 AAUW study topic leads to School District Unification
AAUW sets up Math Hotline for local students and hosts a UOP
International Women's Panel
- 1983-84 Local scholarships are in eighth year. 13th annual Home Tour
- 1984-85 Board of Supervisors proclaim March 3-9, 1985, AAUW Week
AAUW helps raise funds for the Senior Center
- 1985-86 March 2-8, 1986 is AAUW Week
Branch brings "Story Tailors" to elementary schools
- 1986-87 NOW and AAUW hold first Women's Health Fair
- 1988-89 Slide show "Amador's Heritage---Still Here or Gone Forever"
AAUW public forum, "Child Care & Teen Advocacy and Volunteer
Leadership Training Project (VoLT)
- 1989-90 AAUW hosts program on "Future of the Foothills"

- 1990-91 AAUW leads drive to furnish Child Care Center and co-hosts a workshop on Foothill Environmental Concerns with UC Cooperative Extension
- 1991-92 Branch sponsors "Education Equity for Girls" workshop
- 1992-93 Study topic is Educational Equity
- 1993-94 Branch celebrates 25th anniversary. Hosts a forum on School Vouchers
- 1994-95 Programs include "Focus on Yourself" workshop
- 1995-96 25th Annual Home Tour
- 1996-97 Branch hosts School Board Candidates Night and "East Meets West" health program
- 1997-98 Branch welcomes the first male member
- 2000-01 Branch concentrates on outreach to the community and AAUW's involvement in educational endeavors
- 2001-02 Programs include presentations by the County Sheriff on Megan's Law and by the Grand Jury Foreman
- 2002-03 Branch initiates the development of "Getting Your Student on Track," providing Jr. High students and their parents with College prep information. Support for Tech Trek students re-instated. Development of Branch job descriptions started.
- 2003-04 Branch presents "A Fair to Remember," an arts and craft sale, silent auction and tea to raise money for future AAUW programs
- 2004-05 Branch sponsors a candidates' night and programs included "Women in the California Gold Rush and the "Latest Developments in Amador County"
- 2005-06 Branch held meetings with State and National representatives to exchange concern regarding use of dues.
- 2006-07 Study group forms to organize scholarship priorities and documents their findings
- 2007-08 Programs include "Bead for Life" sale of jewelry to benefit women in Uganda, "Have a Heart: Take care of Mother Earth," and Marie Wolbeck the founder of Tech Trek. Work begins on Branch website
- 2008-09 40th Branch Anniversary

AAUW Amador Branch Some Highlights of the Past 10 Years

Home Tour

This year will mark the 37th AAUW Amador Branch Home Tour. The Home Tour is our Branch's primary means to raise funds for local women and girls for college scholarships. It also provides the necessary funds to support Tech Trek scholarships, the National AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund and Educational Foundation contributions, and several local programs such as Sober Grad night. In addition, the Home Tour also provides operating funds for the Branch. For all thirty-seven Home Tours, our Branch members have provided the planning and the women-power that makes this event a great success.

Scholarships

The result of each successful Home Tour is the ability to award multiple scholarships each year to local women and girls. Since the Amador Branch initiated the program in 1975-76, over \$50,000 in scholarships have been awarded to over 60 women enabling them to attend Community College or pursue their upper division or graduate studies. During the 2008-09 award year, the Branch will add a re-entry scholarship, reaching out to additional women in the community.

Tech Trek

Starting in 2002-03, our Branch reinstated support for Tech Trek a program that sends 8th grade girls to a summer science camp at Mills College. The Branch has sent two girls each year (three in 2007-08), and if the wonderful reports that we get back from the participants each year have any meaning, the girls both enjoy themselves and are encouraged to develop an interest in Science and Math that may translate to perusing college and career decisions in these fields.

College: Getting Your Student on Track

From 2003 to 2008, the Amador branch presented this free program as a community service for junior high students and their parents. The program offered advice on planning for college or training programs after high school, with topics covering an overview of types of colleges and training, sources of financial aid, and courses to take in high school. The program was presented 15 times and reached about 250 to 300 parents and students.

Bead for Life

This event raises money from the sale of handmade jewelry to benefit Ugandan women. The Amador Branch sponsored two jewelry sales both of which were extremely well attended by the community. We raised over \$9,600 for the Bead for Life Foundation.

Educational Programs Open to the Community

There have been too many wonderful programs to mention, but they include environmental programs, county planning issues, personal finances, international women's issues, health care concerns, local authors, and candidate forums.

Local Organizations Supported by AAUW Members

Branch members individually support many local organizations through fund drives sponsored by our Branch including the Women's Health Forum, Operation Care, Project Thanks, and the community Food Bank.