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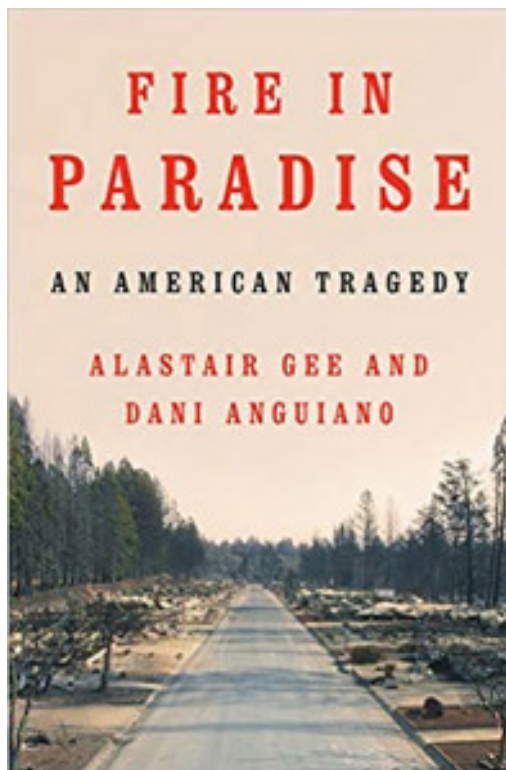
Author Presentation and Discussion
Dani Anguiano joins us on Zoom
Sunday, February 13, 2022 at 2 p.m.

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

By joining AAUW, we belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women and girls have a fair chance.

AAUW membership is open to all graduates holding a recognized associate (or equivalent), baccalaureate, or higher degree from a qualified educational institution.

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, disability, or class.



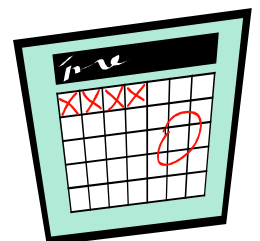
Dani Anguiano is co-author with Alastair Gee of *Fire in Paradise: An American Tragedy*. Ms. Anguiano was a reporter for the *Chico Enterprise-Record* and moved on to UK's *The Guardian* newspaper in San Francisco in 2018.

Within hours of the fire, *The Guardian*, dispatched Anguiano to cover the fire because she knew the people and the area. While writing for the *Enterprise-Record*, Anguiano lived just 20 minutes from Paradise for a decade. Anguiano covers a story that has personally affected every one of us. Her intimate knowledge of Paradise and the surrounding areas, helped her create a crisp, remarkably dramatic and moving account of the fire that is based on her own observations and on the hundreds of in-depth interviews she conducted with survivors, firefighters, police, and scientific experts.

Her paperback book is short yet, as stated by Carolyn Kellogg of the *Washington Post*, "It is a story that is both sweeping in scope and vivid in its particulars." All members and friends can enjoy this event without reading the book. However, reading the book in advance it will make the meeting with Anguiano more personal and informative. *Fire in Paradise* is available from Amazon for \$11.69 and from Barnes & Noble for \$16.95 with 10% off if you are a member. This promises to be an exciting event and we can appreciate the discussion from the comfort and safety of our homes through the magic of Zoom. An email message with your link to join the Zoom event will be sent to you a few days prior to February 13.

Other dates for your calendar:

April 9 - Interbranch Council luncheon - speaker is Dr. Reem Al'Alabi (recipient of AAUW Funds research publication grant)
April 30 - AAUW-CA Virtual Convention - *Adventures in AAUWLand*

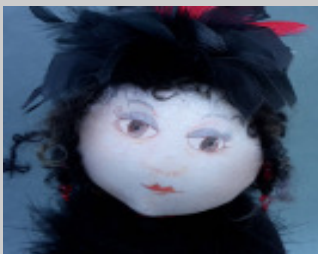


AAUW Event News

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Dolls for the
Boutique were
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AAUW. Thanks!



The Art Boutique was an event sponsored by Jana Lawton for the benefit of our scholarship programs and local women artists. It would not have been possible without the assistance of so many of our members. Heartfelt appreciation goes to **Roxanne Ferry, Mary Huntsinger,** and **Ruth Berger** who welcomed all guests and helped spur donations to our scholarship funds. **We raised an additional \$1592** in support of Tech Trek, AAUW Funds, and our local schol-

arships. **Nancy Praizler, Carol Holzgrafe,** and **Katy Azevdo** handled the sales and recordkeeping to track all purchases to the correct artist. **Adele Arnold, Lyn Smith,** and **Jan Britton** carefully packed all items for the patrons to take home. **Sue Blizman** and **Carol Krok** were there to “do what was needed at the time” which was so helpful at the opening of the Boutique. AND we thank all of you who came to find special treasures at the Boutique and brought your friends.

Antiques Appraisal Faire - The Tech Trek Committee and our board have tentatively shifted our Appraisal Faire from February to April due to COVID. We are awaiting confirmation of a date from the appraisers. We will keep everyone informed in future newsletters.

Tech Trek - Right now, it appears we will be holding an in-person camp at the University of California, Davis the week of July 17. We are in need of someone who will be a Dorm Mom for that week. It is a fun job for anyone who enjoys working with teens. You get to stay at Davis and do all the activities with the girls. If anyone is interested, please call Sue Blizman at 530-891-3481.

AAUW-CA Convention - There will have no in-person convention this year, alas, the AAUW-CA board is trying something new called *Adventures in AAUWLand* to be held Saturday, April 30, from 9 to 11:30 and again from 12 to 2 p.m. on Zoom.

Keynote speaker will be Lisa Maatz who is the most riveting, most amusing, most informative speaker I think I have ever heard. She is worth a trip to D.C. which, of course, we don't have to do. Thank you Zoom. Besides conducting some business, part of the day is devoted to topics of interest (you get to choose) in break out rooms.

Interspersed with the other stuff will be videos of the three Speech Trek finalists. We should pay particular attention to these because our Chico branch may be taking on this project. It involves branch members helping high school students prepare and present a 6 minute video on a particular topic. The prizes are not insignificant; what the students learn is invaluable and these kids' presentations will “blow you away.” The Speech Trek topic for 2022: “Has the United States lived up to its pledge of “liberty and justice for all? Would requiring the study of diversity, equity and inclusion in a high school setting help ensure liberty and justice for all?”

I promise it will be a good way to spend a day. More details later.

Carol Holzgrafe

AAUW-CA Director - Branch/Membership Assistance

Member News and Notes

NEW MEMBERS!

Tami Ritter
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A message from
Claire Altheuser

Welcome to our newest member **Tami Ritter**. Her contact information is listed at left, along with our other new members Jeannie Trizzino and Gloria Burson, so don't forget to add them to your most recent branch directory. A brief introduction to Gloria Burson follows. Thanks to **Carol Krok** who interviews our new members and writes these short biographies.

If you know people who might want to become a member of the branch, pass on the contact information to me and I will follow up.

Lyn Smith, Membership Chair
(530) 636-4984 or email to lindy_48@yahoo.com

Gloria Burson hails from Rock Island, Illinois. She earned her B.S. in music education at the University of Illinois. After college, she spent 38 years in Visalia, CA, where she taught classroom music, mostly with 4th to 6th graders. In addition to being an educator, Gloria also raised her family, was active in Visalia's local AAUW branch, and directed a children's choir for 10 years.

2012 found Gloria and her husband retired and moving to Chico where 2 of their children live. They also have a daughter in Ojai, CA. They have 5 grandchildren, ages 4-12, and Gloria is very involved in caring for them. Gloria loves to say, however, that her favorite grandchild is her dachshund, Cooper.

She is very happy to be involved in the North Valley Chamber Chorale under David Scholtz. A highlight was being able to participate in the singing of the Messiah at Laxson Auditorium. You may also find Gloria out on the golf course. COVID has put a crimp on her interest in playing bridge lately but she does look forward to participating in a "live" AAUW bridge group. Even in retirement, Gloria is one busy lady, and we are glad she has chosen to join us.

As a result of multiple issues, including a double embolism (clot in each lung) and an easy bout with COVID, it seemed best that I accept Susie's and Dan's invitation (request) that I move to Idaho Falls with them. That way, no one would be 850 miles away when the next disaster happened (which it won't). Thus, as of tomorrow (1/11/2022), my new address will be:

2962 N.Waverly Rd.
Idaho Falls, ID 83401

My phone number is 530-513-0253 and email: greypanther12@gmail.com

The best way to stay in touch is by email or text. Needless to say, I shall miss you all, but there are great memories of lots of fun. Stay well and happy.

Love,
Claire Altheuser



Branch News and Notes

The AAUW Chico Scholarship Committee (for graduating high school seniors) announces its 2022 scholarships, which total will \$12,000. The Sydney Stewart Memorial Scholarship, the Jackson Heron Family Scholarship and two AAUW Chico Scholarships will be awarded this May, each providing \$3,000 to a deserving young person. This is possible due to the continued generosity of our members.



Portrait of an AAUW Chico Scholarship Awardee

Gemma Chadderdon, pictured at left, is a 2021 graduate of Chico High School. She is currently studying forensic anthropology at CSU, Chico. Gemma is a focused and hard working student, and another example of the outstanding Chico area scholarship recipients we have been able to support.



Joan Cleveland sits with Catalyst representatives **Nat Calcutta** and **Carolina Cruz** amid all the gifts purchased by branch members for two of the client families supported by Catalyst Domestic Violence Services. Food was great. Music was fun and engaging, Company and conversation was the best. Thanks to all for making our holiday party such a memorable occasion.



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Interest Sections

New to AAUW?

Call a group leader for more information about a section you might find of interest. A few have reached capacity but most would welcome new members.



Les Flaneurs

Carol Holzgrafe - (530) 774-4009
The group usually meets Tuesdays, Thursdays, and/or Saturdays at 8:30 or 9:30 a.m. depending on the season. A walking/talking group of Chico and Paradise members who wander through local parks and neighborhoods - and sometimes farther afield - commenting on landscaping, architecture, and life, and getting exercise. Email or call for schedule if you might be interested. Carol Holzgrafe, carol@holzgrafe.com, (530) 874-6906 or Satsie Veith at (530) 570-3550.

Wine and Whine, the Fall Version

Meets the 3rd Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. Locations change each month Please contact Carol Holzgrafe, carol@holzgrafe.com if you want to join in. And bring a friend or relative. We are nice people. Too much COVID for whining this month. We'll try again next month if we can be outside.

Out to Lunch

Group meets on 2nd Thursday
Mary Huntsinger (530) 521-1323
Call Mary for details on time and location.. Both Paradise and Chico branch members welcome.

Computer and iPad Group

Helen Gesick (530) 570-5185
Meets 4th Tuesday at 2:00 p.m.
Call Helen for Zoom information



Foreign Policy Discussion Group

Roxanne Ferry - 891-1722 All welcome.
Group meets 4th Monday at 7 p.m.
Jan 27 - A planning meeting to select topics for 2022. Hosted by Linda MacMichael at 900 Laburnum AT 3 p.m. Call Roxanne for information about joining and ordering the study guide.



Evening Book Discussion Group

Mary Huntsinger (530) 521-1323
Group meets at 7:00 p.m. on 2nd Tuesday
Call for update on book selections and locations.

Ethnic Writers Book Discussion Group

Severance Dolan 433-0258 All welcome!
Group meets at 1:00 p.m. on 4th Wednesday
Jan 26 - *Pachinko* by Min Jin Lee Hosted by Severance Dolan.

Non-fiction Book Discussion Group

Group meets on 1st Friday at 10 a.m.
Contact Susan Critchfield for Zoom info at (530) 519-3460. Group will continue to have Zoom sessions

Mystery Book Discussion Group

Denise Worth 343-5711
Group meets at 3 p.m. on 3rd Wednesday
Call for update on book selection and meeting location.

Friday Book Discussion Group

Severance Dolan (530) 433-0258
Group meets at 10 a.m. on 4th Friday at Woodoak condominium club house located at 555 Vallombrosa
Jan 28 - *For Whom the Bell Tolls* by Ernest Hemingway. Seeking new members. Group reads both fiction and non fiction.

Items for your calendar

February 13 - on Zoom at 2 p.m. A conversation with Dani Anguiano - journalist and coauthor of the book *Fire in Paradise: An American Tragedy*.

April 9 - Interbranch Council luncheon at the Oroville Congregational Church. Guest speaker is Dr. Reem Al'Olabi. She is the recipient of an AAUW Research Publications Grant and also a faculty member in the College of Health Sciences at California Northstate University, a newly accredited medical school located in Elk Grove. Guests are welcome at AAUW meetings.

April 30 - AAUW CA Convention - *Adventures in AAUWLand* will be a virtual convention open to all members.

