

The Chico AAUW Grapevine



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Next Event:

Public Service and Public Policy
Supervisor Debra Lucero joins us on Zoom
Saturday, March 19, 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.



Chico AAUW will celebrate Woman's History Month with a Zoom visit from Butte County Supervisor, Debra Lucero. A Zoom link will be sent by email a few days before the meeting. Supervisor Lucero will focus on the importance of public service, local gerrymandering questions, and public policy, including women's issues, such as equal pay. Lucero has a unique close-up view of what it takes to provide effective public service and hands-on experience in dealing with important local issues.

Oroville's Annual Women's History Tea and Luncheon Tech Trek Fundraiser

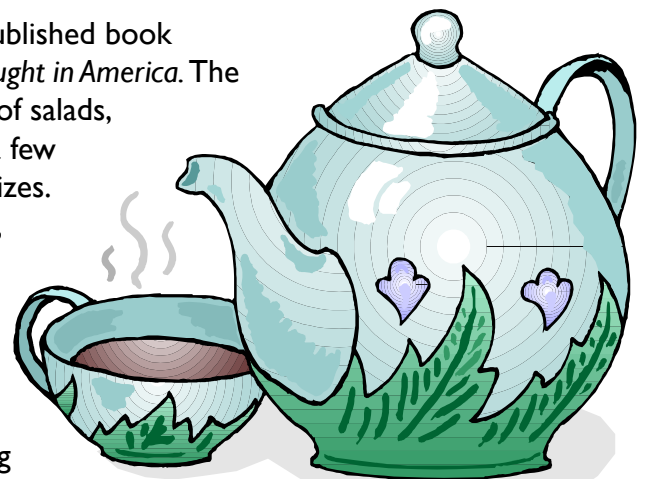
On March 12, at 11:30 a.m. the Oroville AAUW branch is celebrating Women's History Month with a fundraiser for sending its girls to the Tech Trek Math and Science Camp at UC Davis. All members of the Chico and Paradise branches are invited. The program and guest speaker are not to be missed. Kristen Del Real, a Chico Junior High School science teacher will speak about climate change: understanding the basics, finding solutions, and the challenges of teaching climate science in today's world.

Del Real was featured in a recently published book *Miseducation: How Climate Change is Taught in America*. The \$20 admission price includes a buffet of salads, scones, desserts, and tea. And, bring a few extra dollars to get in on the raffle prizes.

Location: Trinity Presbyterian Church, 2350 Foothill Boulevard, Oroville.

Contact Alma Short to **make a reservation by March 5.** at almashort@comcast.net. You can pay at the door if you make a reservation.

Jana Lawton is coordinating carpooling for those who would like to share a ride to Oroville. Call (530) 894-1843 to be a rider or driver.



President's Message

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March is turning out to be a busy month of exciting meetings on Zoom, or in person, and a time for preparation for our Tech Trek Appraisal Faire that helps raise funds to send our girls to Tech Trek at University of California, Davis. Yes, it looks like the camp will be in-person this year. At last! This also means that, thankfully, COVID has eased.

The Tech Trek Committee and the Board voted to postpone the fundraiser from our usual February date to Sunday, April 10 at the Chico Women's Club. It was determined that we could have all or part of the event outside this year. If you have any antiques or collectibles you wish to have appraised, this is your chance. Or you can help BUILD A GIRL by dropping off a donation for Tech Trek at the fundraiser on April 10 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Either way, you help send our local girls to a life changing math and science camp at UC Davis.

THE BOARD AT WORK

Our Board is hard at work to make the fundraiser happen and to bring interesting programs to you for the remainder of the year. It is also the time of the year when our Nominating Committee is in search of members to replace our retiring Board members. We need a few new people to serve on our Board in the coming year. A number of our current Board members will remain in their positions for another year, which means we retain a base of experienced leaders to help the new Board members. We do need a few people to fill some important positions. The work is not difficult, and is very rewarding. Keeping our branch running is not the job of any one person, it is a TEAM effort and currently we need some new team members. Please consider helping us. Here are the positions we need to fill:

TREASURER

Past Treasurer, Marilyn Myrick, has agreed to train and help the new treasurer. This is one of three primary officers required to run a branch in California and we need one for the 2022-23 year.

HISTORIAN

The branch historian collects and preserves a record of our activities by saving newspaper clippings, photographs, newsletters, or any other memorabilia of note. Materials are saved in notebooks for future reference. Requires a small amount of storage space to keep old notebooks.

All the members who will continue to serve on the Board in 2022-23 deserve our gratitude and thanks for helping carry on during the difficult COVID period. We hope that more of you will join us over the year to make this the best AAUW branch and the best year possible. It is an excellent way to become better acquainted with the amazing women who are members of your branch.

Thank you,
Jan Britton
President, AAUW Chico Branch

We were deeply saddened by the news that Wendy Woods' husband John died on February 11. Our condolences to Wendy and her family.



More Opportunities to Learn

WHO HAS
MY WATER!

Butte County Water:

Where Does it Come From, How is it Distributed, Why does it Matter?

League of Women Voters of Butte County to Host Zoom Session

March 3, 2022, 7:00 p.m.

The League of Women Voters of Butte County is hosting a presentation on this important topic in a Zoom format. The public is invited. Water issues in Butte County are frequently in the headlines. This presentation from the League will unpack where each area of Butte County gets water, who has control of the water, and how it gets distributed. The public is invited to suggest questions through the Zoom Chat function. Questions should be connected to the webinar topic. **Preregistration is required.** Register for the presentation by clicking on the following link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1NECCHQ5LA8qrDk3TvCvj7-9pn58-Gjr45ldhQITl_U/edit?usp=sharing

For more information contact LWVBC: (530) 895-8683, by email at

lwwbutte@gmail.com or go to the League website at <https://my.lww.org/california/butte-county>

Annual Interbranch Council (IBC) Luncheon

Our IBC annual luncheon is hosted this year by the Oroville branch at the Congregational Church in Oroville, 1715 Bird Street. Starting at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday,

April 9, a highlight of the event will be our guest speaker, Dr. Reem Al'Olabi, a recipient of a 2022 AAUW research publication grant. Dr Al'Olabi is a pharmacist and assistant professor of biology and biotechnology at California Northstate University. She received both her Masters and Doctorate degrees from The American University in Cairo.

The cost for the catered luncheon will be \$25.00. The menu is: mixed green salad, baked fish with vegetables in white wine, rice pilaf, cheesecake with nut crust/raspberries/chocolate, rolls and butter.

RSVP to Jana Lawton (530) 894-1843 by March 31. Because this luncheon is a joint venture with other IBC branches, we do need to register in advance and make payment. Checks for \$25 should be made payable to AAUW and mailed or delivered to Jana at 1112 Bidwell Ave, Chico, CA 95926. Also, let her know if you would like to be part of a carpool to Oroville.

Max Steiner Meets With Chico AAUW's Foreign Policy Discussion Group

Our branch Foreign Policy Discussion Group is hosting Max Steiner on March 28 at 3 p.m. at the home of Kelley Crockett (11 Noyo Court), who will open her outdoor patio for this meeting. Steiner, who is currently running for Congress, recently approached this group and offered to share his experience in foreign relations and with the State Department. The meeting is open to Chico and Paradise members. While it is slated to be held outdoors, it may rain or be too cold. So members should be ready to present proof of vaccination and wear masks, if needed.

IMPORTANT NOTE: We also invited Congressman Doug LaMalfa to speak with our group to discuss the importance of public service and important issues in Butte County. He did not accept our invitation for a late February meeting either for himself or for a local representative from his office to speak with us on Zoom or in person.



Branch News and Notes

Action Network is the cornerstone of AAUW's electronic-advocacy efforts. By signing up today, you'll receive urgent e-mail and/or text notices to contact your elected officials on important issues, including equal pay, education, and ending violence against women. With our Two-Minute Activist tool, it takes just minutes to make your voice heard! You can sign up for the Two-Minute Activist at this link: <https://www.aauw.org/act/two-minute-activist/>

Or you can send me your name, email, zip code and cell phone (if you want to receive texts) and I can sign you up. If you sign up online, you can specify which particular areas of concern for which you want notification. You will receive a Two Minute Activist email on an issue with a link to fill in your information and it will automatically go to the appropriate person or agency. Easy way to be an Activist!

I will have a computer at the next in-person AAUW meeting for those that might want to sign up then.

Helen Gesick, gesick@comcast.net (530-570-5185)

Including AAUW in your estate plans is a lovely way to leave an enduring legacy that will support women and girls long into the future. By making a planned gift to AAUW National, you become a member of the **AAUW Legacy Circle** and affirm your commitment to equity. These gifts, or bequests are donations that you designate in your will, estate or trust. There is no minimum gift requirement to join the Legacy Circle, and the benefits are many. For example:

- *Planned gifts afford you flexibility to provide for your family and support AAUW.
- *Certain planned gifts may reduce estate or capital gains taxes.
- *Planned gifts need not affect your cash flow during your lifetime.
- *The joy of knowing that your legacy gift will sustain AAUW's programs for years to come is the ultimate benefit!

To learn more, contact AAUW Director of Advancement Heather Miller at millerh@aauw.org or 202.785.7766. If you have already included AAUW National in your estate plans, please contact Heather Miller to enroll in the Legacy Circle so that we may celebrate you too!

Website and Social Media News - Did you misplace the email containing your *Grapevine* newsletter? Every *Grapevine* is posted on our branch website: <http://www.aauw-chico.org/newsletter.html>

The site is undergoing some updating but still has the latest events, a calendar (as far as is known), information about Tech Trek, Title IX, scholarships, bylaws, and membership information.

We have a Facebook account (<http://www.facebook.com/pages/AAUW-Chico/490079914395870>) and just recently an Instagram account (https://www.instagram.com/aauw_chico/). Is anyone out there interested in maintaining information on Facebook or Instagram? Let me know.

Helen Gesick, gesick@comcast.net

The logo for the AAUW Legacy Circle. It features the words "Legacy Circle" in a large, elegant, green cursive font. To the right of "Circle" is the AAUW logo, which consists of the letters "AAUW" in a blue, sans-serif font next to a blue circular icon containing a white figure. Below the main text, the tagline "Your Legacy Ensures a Better Future for Women and Girls" is written in a smaller, purple, sans-serif font.

Your Legacy Ensures a Better Future
for Women and Girls

A GUIDE TO HELP YOU MAKE A LASTING IMPACT AND ADVANCE EQUITY FOR ALL

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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 Spring 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. An email will be sent with location if it seems safe to meet outside this month (and the weather cooperates).

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 3rd Tuesday at 2:00 p.m.
Note new meeting day. Call Helen for information. Decision on meeting in person or on Zoom will be made month to month.



Foreign Policy Discussion Group

Roxanne Ferry - 891-1722 All welcome.
Group meets 4th Monday at 7 p.m.
Mar 28 - *No end in sight: a century of drug wars.* Hosted by Kelley Crockett at 11 Noyo Court.
This month only, the group will start at 3 p.m. with a talk by Max Steiner, a candidate for Congress, who will discuss his experience with foreign relations and with the State Department. All branch members are invited to this talk, to be held outdoors.



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
Mar 23 - *The Bad Muslim Discount* by Syed Masood. Hosted by Denise Worth.

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 (530) 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
Mar 25 - Call for update on book selection

Items for your calendar

March 3 - 7 p.m. League of Women Voters Zoom presentation on Butte County water. Registration required.

March 12 - 11:30 a.m. Women's History Tea and Luncheon hosted by Oroville AAUW. Kristen Del Real will speak about climate change and teaching climate science in the public schools. Reservations required.

March 19 - 2 p.m. Zoom meeting with Supervisor Debra Lucero.

March 28 - 3 p.m. Max Steiner talks about his foreign relations and Department of State experience with the Foreign Policy Discussion Group. You're invited too.

April 9 - 11:30 a.m. Interbranch Council luncheon at the Oroville Congregational Church. Guest speaker is Dr. Reem Al'Olabay. 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.

April 10 - 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Antique Appraisal Faire - fundraising event at the Chico Women's Club for Chico AAUW Tech Trek girls.

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

