

The Chico AAUW Grapevine



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Next Event:

Antique Appraisal Faire
Sunday, April 10, 2022 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Chico Women's Club - 592 E. Third Street

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.

Appraisers will be on site to give you information on the value, and perhaps some history, of such items as fine art, books, china, clocks, clothing, coins, furniture, glass, jewelry, dolls, photos, postcards, quilts, stamps, toys, and antique weapons.

If you've had treasured items in your family for many years, now is the time to learn a little more about them and how much they might be worth. Appraisals are just \$8 per item or matched set. Good photos of larger items can also be used for an appraisal.

We will have a special drawing for an American Brilliant cut glass pitcher and glasses. Tickets for the drawing are \$2 each or \$5 for 3 tickets.

This is a win-win event. With each appraisal you get valuable information about your antiques or collectibles and you help support our branch fundraiser to send Chico middle-schools girls to Tech Trek camp for a week at UC, Davis. If each branch member brought one item in for appraisal or invited friends or neighbors to take advantage of this opportunity, we could have a successful event. Those who don't have any items they would like to have appraised can still help the fundraiser by bringing in a contribution to help "Build A Girl." Donations large and small can be used to add arms, legs, hands, etc. until the girl (a paper doll) is complete and we can send one girl to camp.

Print out the poster at the back of the newsletter and pass it on to people who might be interested in this once-a-year opportunity for appraisals. All of our appraisers volunteer their time to support our organization so all proceeds directly benefit the Tech Trek program.



Branch News and Notes

Branch Officers

President -

Jan Britton

Vice President -

Sue Blizman

Membership -

Lyn Smith

Finance -

Pam Bodnar

Secretary -

Maria Elena Ramirez

Newsletter Editor -

Jana Lawton

Public Policy -

Carol Holzgrafe

Tech Trek Coordinator -

Joan Cleveland

Technology -

Helen Gesick

Historian -

historian needed

This year's nominating committee is pleased to announce that many members have stepped up to serve the branch for the 2022-2023 term.

At the branch meeting in May, three positions(*) for AAUW Chico's leadership team will be voted upon by the membership. Each candidate has agreed to serve and, in accordance with AAUW by-laws, a vote will be taken.

*President - Sue Blizman

*Treasurer - Lyn Smith

*Secretary - Maria Elena Ramirez

Positions not requiring a vote:

Membership - Dori Moura

Program Chair - Jan Britton

Public Policy - Carol Holzgrafe

Grapevine Editor - Jana Lawton

Directory - Helen Gesick

Branch Website - Helen Gesick

Tech Trek Team - Carol Holzgrafe, Pam Bodnar, and Sylvia Hedlind

CCSA Scholarship Team - Mary Jensen, Caroline Langen, and Ruth Berger
(for graduating high school seniors)

CSU, Chico Scholarship Team - Sue Blizman, Jan Britton, and Toni Reid
(for graduate education students at Chico State)

The Historian position is unfilled at this time. Jana Lawton agreed to be the custodian of our branch records until someone volunteers to take on the position. Members interested in investigating the Tech Trek or Scholarship Committees should contact one of the leaders. They can use your help! Many thanks to the members above who have chosen to serve our branch.

Nominating Committee: Marilyn Myrick and Ruth Berger

DUES - Advance notice to members and prospective members.

Dues to our Association have increased and will take effect on July 1 for the 2022-23 year. At the local level, we have managed to do without a dues increase for a number of years and especially for the past few years when COVID-19 kept us in our homes and the branch has not had many expenses. We fully expect to be back to in-person meetings and a much more active agenda for the branch in the coming year. Because most items in our budget have an increased cost (meeting room rental, postage, food, etc.), we will increase Chico branch dues to \$18 for a total of \$105 which includes local, state and national dues.



Branch News and Notes (continued)



The annual Tech Trek picnic will be held on Friday, April 29 at 5:30 p.m. The location is on the patio of the historic Lott Home, 1067 Montgomery Street, in Oroville. All 2022 Tech Trek campers, their parents, and AAUW members are encouraged to attend. Tech Trek alums are invited as well! This is an important meeting to learn about Tech Trek, how to prepare, and what to expect.

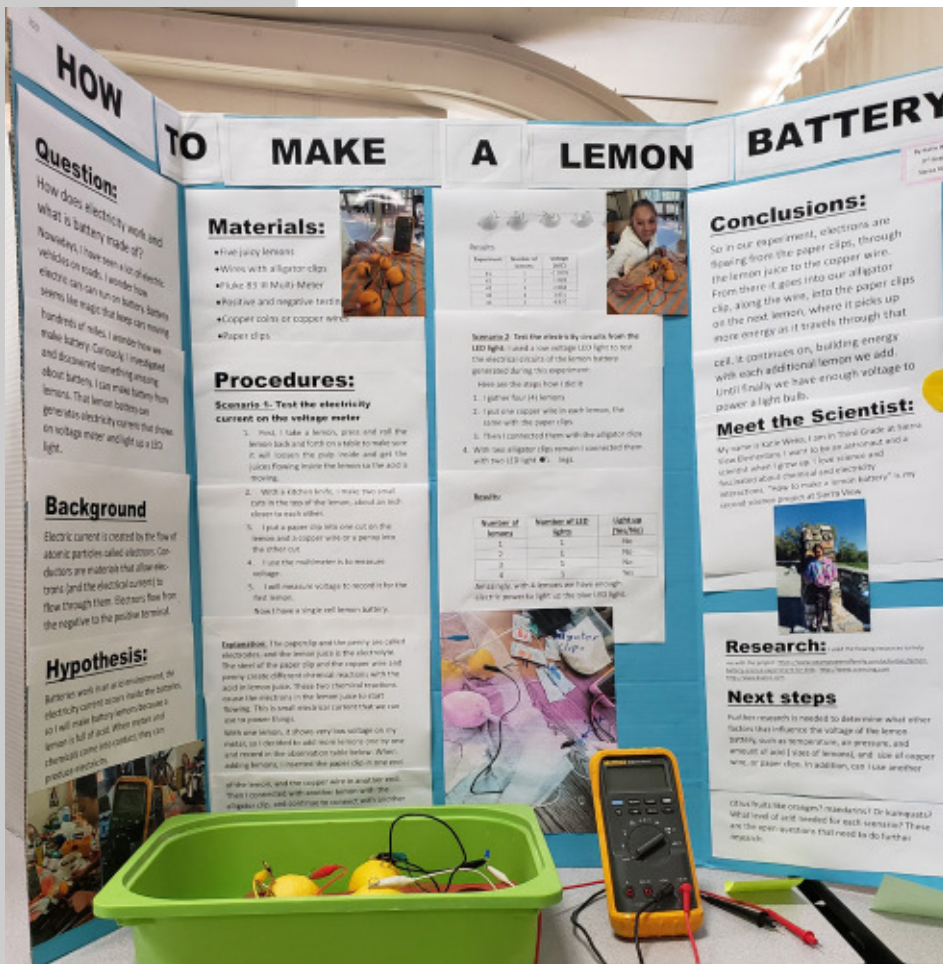
All AAUW members attending are asked to pay \$10 to cover the cost of the sandwiches, cookies, and drinks. In addition, Oroville AAUW members will

bring the salads. There is no charge for Tech Trek girls and their families.

Please RSVP by April 22 to Jeannie Maes, jeanniemaes@gmail.com, or Kris Shorrock krishshorrock@comcast.net.

There was no Chico Science Fair this year but that didn't stop the students at Sierra View Elementary School from having their own. A member of the Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) reached out to AAUW and asked if any of our members could help judge the projects or provide an award or certificate recognizing a particularly good project.

Jan Britton and Jana Lawton were able to spend a few hours in the school cafeteria on April 23 to help out the PTO by judging projects for 3rd through 5th graders. Jan and Jana found the project by 3rd grade student Katie Weiss to be exemplary, not only for the experiment on electricity, but also for her clear and well organized visual presentation, and her curiosity and interest in further research. We were happy to award Katie a certificate from AAUW for an outstanding project in scientific discovery and a gift certificate for books.



Spend a Day in AAUWLand

Gloria
Blackwell



Lisa
Maatz



Calling all AAUW adventurers!

Grab your compass and join the expedition to AAUWLand at the AAUW Annual Event on Saturday, April 30th 9-3 via Zoom. It's free so sign up in advance at www.aauw-ca.org. We will all be explorers, searching for new routes to connect to AAUW and its mission.

To launch the trip, the morning session will:

*Kick off with inspirational words from Gloria Blackwell, AAUW CEO, and Lisa Maatz, Senior Adviser, Ohio Citizen Action and former AAUW Policy Rock Star.

*Focus our telescopes on the year's accomplishments.

*Honor our AAUW expedition leaders with the announcement of the Named Gift Honoree, Equity Champion, and Top 10 Branch Fund Contributions.

*Review our advocacy efforts.

*Share important news and updates.

*Hear the inspiring words of the three Speech Trek finalists (throughout the day).

*Listen to the hosts of the breakout sessions pitch their topics.



During the afternoon route we will:

*Be introduced to the accomplished candidates for the 2022-23 board of directors.

*Meet dancing scientist, Jasmine Sadler, owner and founder, The STEAM Collaborative.

*Honor the three winners of the 2022 Branch Activity of the Year Award and hear about what they did.

*Award a Speech Trek winner.

*Along the way, we will wind into unfamiliar territory. You can "Choose Your Own Adventure" with self-guided journies deep into the "topical" jungle of AAUW ideas that you might be interested in talking about. We'll network and share thoughts, stories, experiences, and maybe some debate. There's no set trip itinerary. You will be able to move freely back and forth between Zoom breakout rooms to stay and share or take off and find another!

So, don your pith helmet and register for Adventures in AAUWland!

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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
Call Lyn Smith at (530) 636-4984 to make a reservation for lunch at Stoble's. 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.
Apr 25 - *Outer Space Policy* Hosted by Jana Lawton at 1112 Bidwell Avenue (530) 894-1843



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
Apr 27 - *The Personal Librarian* by Marie Benedict and Victor Christopher Murray.
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 (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
Apr 22 - Call for update on book selection

Items for your calendar

April 9 - 11:30 a.m. Interbranch Council luncheon at the Oroville Congregational Church. Guest speaker is Dr. Reem Al'Olaby. 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 29 - Tech Trek picnic at the Lott Home in Oroville. All welcome.

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

May 21 - 10 to noon Strawberry Brunch at the home of Sue Blizman - Election of officers and annual award ceremony.

Guests are welcome at AAUW meetings.



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