

The Chico AAUW Grapevine



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Next Event: AAUW Holiday Party

December 10 - 3 to 5 p.m.

St John's Episcopal Church - 2341 Floral Ave in Chico

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.



Come and join your AAUW friends from Chico and Paradise branches. We anticipate a time for good cheer, conversation, yummy beverages and snacks, music, and YES, a fun game and door prizes. You are welcome to invite friends or spouses to join you.

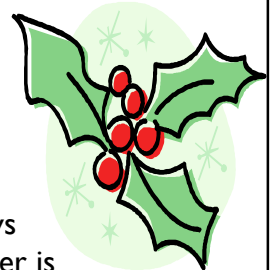
The "price of admission" is bringing something to share. Use the following guide in determining what to bring. Either purchased or homemade goodies are fine.

Last names starting with A through L will bring a sweet

Last names starting with M through Z will bring a savory

Please mark your dish if it has meat or is vegetarian

Coffee, tea, and sparkling waters provided. Wine will be available for a small donation.



Even though we want to have a fun social event, our meetings always have an important purpose. Our branch special project in December is to support three families who are clients of Catalyst Domestic Violence Services. Our gifts of clothing, home goods, and toys for the kids will all help these families who are trying to start new lives free from domestic abuse. If you have purchased gifts for the families, please bring them to the party. A representative from Catalyst will be there to receive them. Any questions? Call Jan Britton at 530/896-1240.

The Art Boutique is on December 3 and 4

Get inspired at an old fashioned holiday boutique held at the historic Bell home place located at 12555 Meridian Road in Chico. Buy fine quality art and handmade goods from local artists. This event supports women artists and our scholarship programs.

Review the November *Grapevine* for profiles of the participating artists and the kind of art you will find at the Boutique.

Saturday, December 3 (10 a.m. to 4 p.m.)

Sunday, December 4 (noon to 4 p.m.)



12555 Meridian Road is on the northwest edge of Chico, just off Highway 32 (heading to Orland). All welcome.

Message from the President

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Best wishes for a wonderful month! So many things to celebrate and enjoy. Look for articles with all the details on each event within this newsletter.

1. Branch Board meeting- December 1 at 4:00 p.m. Hosted by Lyn Smith at 25 Abbott Circle. All members are welcome to participate. Please let Lyn know if you would like to attend (530) 721-8992.
2. Art Boutique (scholarship fundraiser) December 3 and 4
3. Party Time!- Branch holiday gathering on December 10
4. Support our Catalyst families with gifts. Gifts due on or before our holiday party on December 10.
5. Baking Contest! - (kidding). Really, this is a chance to NOT bake and use funds saved to support our Chico State scholarship.

May your holidays sparkle with moments of love, laughter and good will and may the year ahead be full of happiness, good health and joy.

Sue Blizman
President, Chico AAUW



This is a repeat of a recent email message. It is just a reminder of a way each member can participate in our holiday project with Catalyst - supporting 3 of their family clients with gifts that will make their holidays brighter and ease their transition to safe home environments.

Click on the link at the end of this message. It will open a spreadsheet which lists all of the gift requests from the family members. Choose the gift(s) you wish to purchase and place your name in the column by that item.

Here are some important reminders:

- **Do NOT wrap the gifts** (parents will wrap the gifts for their children).
- Include a TAG with each gift with the **family code # and who the gift is for** (e.g. family #102 for daughter age?)
- You may wish to give a **Gift Card instead of the requested gift** (especially if you cannot find that specific gift)
- Bring your gift(s) to our AAUW **Holiday Party Dec 10th at St. John's Episcopal Church** (representatives from Catalyst will attend to collect the gifts)
- **If you will not be attending the party**, call Pam Bodnar at (530) 521-7321 to arrange gift drop off before Dec 10th

If you are using an **iPad** simply double tap the box to insert your name.
You apparently cannot use your **iPhone** to sign-up. SORRY!

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or want help with signing up to participate - Pam Bodnar 530-521-7321 or pbinuganda@yahoo.com
Thank you for your generosity in sharing with others this season. Happy Holidays to you and your families!!!

Pam Bodnar

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1FB6rrS2PtQKrTD-U2H5f0SaUbOx7kNRLZ8IRhf_fh_/edit?usp=sharing

Membership News

NEW MEMBERS

Add to Directory

Julie Butler

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This month we are pleased to introduce you to two of our new members, **Julie Butler** and **Billie Kanter**. Thanks to **Carol Krok** for welcoming them and writing their short biographies. Don't forget to add their contact information to your directories.

If you know people who might want to become a member of the branch, invite them to a meeting and/or pass on the contact information to me and I will follow up. If you're on social media, be sure to like and share our posts on Facebook and Instagram. The more you interact with our content, the more likely that potential new members will see it on their newsfeeds.

Dori Moura, Membership Chair
(530) 321-6508 or dorimoura@yahoo.com

Julie Butler has taken control of her life with meaning and purpose. She is an area native. Born in Oroville, she started life on a ranch in Durham and lived there until she was 6 years old, visiting her grandparents every summer, doing chores and playing with her cousins, and finally moving back to the ranch in 2006. Durham? A ranch? Yes, she is the daughter of member, Severance Dolan, who also grew up in Durham.

Julie is focusing her life on helping the homeless. She has been doing volunteer work at Safe Space. One could find her listening to the stories of the people in a homeless encampment. Julie is working on an honor's project for her degree in social work at Chico State. Currently, she is an intern at Behavioral Health in Gridley. Julie plans to conduct classes at the Torres Shelter, working with concepts of pain reduction through therapy, alternative methods such as meditation and mindfulness.

Julie enjoys the cultural events in Chico. She also likes walking or riding her bike in Bidwell Park. She is looking forward to socializing with AAUW members at book groups and engaging in League of Women Voters activities.

Born in Brooklyn, NY, **Billie Kanter** moved with her family to CA when she was a little over one year old. Having lived in L.A. and the Bay area, Billie settled in Chico in 1965 when she attended Chico State. She liked the size of the town and was far enough away from home to feel on her own and close enough to easily visit. Billie and her husband live in Chico and her son has settled in Sparks, NV. Her brothers are in Israel, Lodi and Ben Lomond.

Billie worked at Chico State as an Administrative Assistant. She humorously describes her career as a "fireperson." Now retired, Billie has been very involved with the True North Housing Alliance since 2008. This organization moves people forward and out of homelessness with compassion, dignity, and accountability. She volunteers weekly and is on their board. One can find her biking most mornings, often with a group of ladies. She has completed a 545-mile San Francisco to Los Angeles bike ride twice, as part of a fundraiser for AIDS. The AIDS/Lifecycle 2023 is June 4th – 10th, 2023 should you be interested. I am sure Billie would be happy to talk to you about her experience.

With a strong belief in educating women, Billie looks forward to helping the scholarship committee. Our newest member has a range of activities and interests, and we are fortunate to have her join us.

Branch News and Notes



Honoring AAUW Chico Members

This season brings thoughts and acts of gratitude and giving. In recent years, generous contributions have been made by branch members and families in the names of former AAUW Chico branch members **Sydney Stewart, Dorothy Jackson, and Barbara Heron** toward scholarships for graduating seniors.

Others have made one-time donations to our general scholarship fund. Helping young graduates with the costs of higher education is one way we meet our branch mission to support the educational goals of young women each year.

A general contribution should be made payable to *AAUW Chico*; with High School Scholarship Fund on the memo line. For a tax deductible contribution, write your check to *CCSA* (Chico Community Scholarship Association), with AAUW High School Fund on the memo line. All checks should be mailed to our branch treasurer, Lyn Smith, 25 Abbott Circle, Chico 95973.

Interbranch Luncheon Save the Date

Save the date for the annual Interbranch Luncheon February 4, 2023 starting at 11:30. The Redding branch will be our hosts and they have reserved a beautiful location for the event - the McConnell Foundation, 800 Shasta View Drive in Redding. The interbranch meeting gives us the opportunity to meet with other AAUW members from Redding, Gridley, Paradise, Marysville/Yuba City, and Oroville, enjoy a lovely catered meal, and hear a thought provoking speaker. All the details will be in the next newsletter. Everyone is welcome to join in the carpool.

No Bake Bake Sale

Don't feel like baking for a fundraiser? This one is for you— A NO Bake, Bake Sale! All you do is donate the cost of your baked goods (or any dollar amount you wish) to help raise funds for our CSU, Chico graduate student scholarship. This award is for a person who is in the Credential Program for teaching STEM classes at the elementary or high school levels.



Do you remember meeting **Jennifer Brush** at our September branch meeting? She was our scholarship recipient last year - a motivated mother of three who is going back to school to get her teaching credential. We were proud to be able to provide needed financial support to her.

The donations must be in before December 26, 2022 as the amount raised by the end of this year will determine if we can give a second scholarship in the spring. Please write your check as follows: Payee is: The University Foundation – CSU, Chico. In the memo line write AAUW Scholarship. Mail or deliver your check to our branch treasurer: Lyn Smith, 25 Abbott Circle, Chico, CA 95973

We hope you'll agree that participating in this NO bake sale is the easiest ever. Your contributions are also tax deductible if you write your checks to the Foundation.

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.



New Group

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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 parks and neighborhoods. Email or call for schedule carol@holzgrafe.com, or Satsie Veith at (530) 570-3550.

Wine and Whine

Meets the 3rd Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.
Dec 21 - Jana's farmhouse - 12555 Meridian Rd. Contact Carol Holzgrafe at carol@holzgrafe.com if you want to join in. A special holiday gathering. Bring wine or a snack to share. All welcome.

Out to Lunch

Group meets on 2nd Thursday
Call Mary Huntsinger at (530) 809-0705 to make a reservation. Both Paradise and Chico branch members welcome.
Dec 8 - 11:30

Culture Club

Dori Moura (530) 321-6508
Seeking out cultural opportunities of all kinds and sharing them with friends.
Dec 18 - Chico Theater Company
Outings to museums, gardens, and other theater productions are being planned. Call if you want to receive information. Most reservations are made in advance.

Wordsmiths

Dori Moura (530) 321-6508
Meets 2nd Sunday at 2 p.m.
All welcome. For people who want to write, encourage and inspire one another, and celebrate writing.
Dec 11 - Hosted by Nancy Praizler at 1014 Frances Dr (530) 592-8078. Share what you've written with the group.

Foreign Policy Discussion Group

Roxanne Ferry - 891-1722 All welcome.
Group meets 4th Monday at 7 p.m.
No meeting in December.



The Wine and Whiners are a convivial group

Evening Book Discussion Group

Mary Huntsinger (530) 521-1323
Group meets at 7:00 p.m. on 2nd Tuesday
Dec 13 - Call for details this month

Ethnic Writers Book Discussion Group

Severance Dolan 433-0258 All welcome!
Group meets at 1:00 p.m. on 4th Wednesday
Dec 28 - *A Long Petal of the Sea* by Isabel Allende. Hosted by Roxanne Ferry at 1163 Patricia Drive (530) 891-1722

Non-fiction Book Discussion Group

Group meets on 1st Friday at 10 a.m.
Contact Helen Gesick (530) 570-5185

Mystery Book Discussion Group

Denise Worth (530) 343-5711
Group meets at 3 p.m. on 3rd Wednesday
Dec 21 - Call for details this month.

Friday Book Discussion Group

Severance Dolan (530) 433-0258
Group meets at 10 a.m. on 4th Friday at Woodoak condominiums club house located at 555 Vallombrosa
Dec 23 - Contact Severance for information.

Computer and iPad Group

Helen Gesick (530) 570-5185
Meets 3rd Tuesday at 2:00 p.m.

Call Helen for information.
Mostly meeting in person.
Zoom can be an option.



Items for your calendar

Dec 1 - 4 p.m. Chico branch Board meeting at the home of Lyn Smith.
All welcome

Dec 3 and 4 - Art Boutique (scholarship fundraiser) at the historic Bell home place located at 12555 Meridian Road in Chico. Hours are 10 to 4 p.m. on Saturday and noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday. Get your goodies here!

Dec 10 - 3 to 5 p.m. Holiday party with gifts for Catalyst families. St. John's Episcopal Church

Jan 5 - 4 p.m. Chico branch Board meeting

Feb 4 - 11:30 a.m. North Valley Interbranch Luncheon in Redding, CA.

Apr 22, 2023 - Amador branch Home Tour in Sutter Creek

