

The Chico AAUW Grapevine



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Next Branch Events ...

March 26 - Antique Appraisal Faire
March 27 - What about the other women?

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.

Sunday, March 26 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Chico Women's Club - 592 E. Third Street

The Antique Appraisal Faire presents you with the perfect opportunity see how much those wonderful treasures or collectibles you have are worth. Come visit our superb appraisers who volunteer their time to help AAUW.

Funds raised send our incredible 8th-grade girls to Tech Trek camp this summer at UC, Davis. It is also a great opportunity to meet former Tech Trekkers who help at the event. Share this information with friends and neighbors who

can help support Tech Trek and get an expert appraisal at the same time. Fees for camp have gone up to \$1000 per girl so we appreciate all the help we can get. Donations are always accepted! For more information, call Sue Blizman (530) 519-9082



Monday, March 27 at 5:30 p.m.

Butte Co. Library - 1108 Sherman Ave
What about the other women?

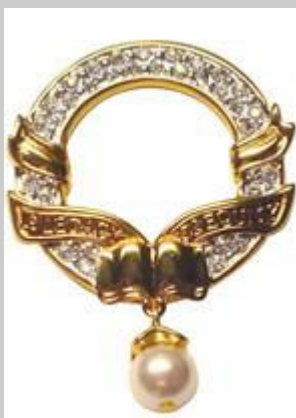
The women who are incarcerated or immersed in the criminal justice system whether it is jail, probation, or prison. How do we empower marginalized women? What happens to women in custody and after they are released?

Members **Adele Arnold, Sue Griffin, Sylvia Hedlind** and **Margaret Swick** will talk about their professional careers in corrections. Student Meaghan Odell will share her aspirations as a CSU, Chico student in criminal justice and her work experience at the 6th Street Shelter. Listen to Lynn A. (counseled in prison by Sylvia) tell us how she changed her life while in prison and how she now works to help women find empowerment after they, too, are released. Join us to learn about the *other* women and to ponder the question of how we can empower all women to achieve high quality lives. Branch programs are free and open to all. Family and friends especially welcome. *Immediately following the meeting a branch brainstorming session will be held. Please stay a little while and give us your ideas on programs, branch promotion, and priorities.*

Branch News and Notes

Branch Leaders

President -
Sue Blizman
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Dori Moura
Finance -
Lyn Smith
Secretary -
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Jan Britton
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Jana Lawton
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Pam Bodnar
Sylvia Hedlind
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Margaret Swick
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CCSA Scholarship Team -
Ruth Berger
Mary Jensen
Caroline Langen
CSUC Scholarship Team -
Sue Blizman
Jan Britton
Toni Reid
Technology -
Helen Gesick
Toni Reid
Historian -
historian needed



Legacy Circle pin

WILL YOU BE ATTENDING?!

GovTrek Finale & Campaign Competition

Saturday, March 25, 2023, from 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

You can be in the “room where it happens.” Join us for the final session of the GovTrek program on Saturday, March 25. Listen to inspirational remarks from Senator Toni G. Atkins, then watch the final competition between eight teams of smart, talented young women who are exploring careers in public service. They have spent four Saturdays crafting a realistic campaign simulation for this competition. Who will win? Who has the best stump speech, the best campaign flyers, and the best voter outreach plan? Program is free but registration is required in order to gain on-line access to the program. Register at www.aauw-ca.org.



Academy AAUWards!

AAUW rolls out the red carpet on April 22nd for our very own Academy AAUWards! Grab some popcorn and pull up a seat to watch the AAUW California award ceremony complete with Red Carpet interviews, announcement of Speech Trek and GovTrek winners, presentation of the State Named Gift Honoree, and the unveiling of the Branch Activity of the Year awards. Sharpen your virtual pen and cast your ballot in our People’s Choice Award. Don’t miss the opportunity to meet our 2023 Equity Champion and gather with your friends at one of our virtual after-parties.

Watch your mailbox for your “official” invitation. Join the event and share in our excitement as we honor those who’ve worked so hard throughout the year to expand the reach of AAUW.

Planned Giving

This is one of a series of articles about how you can amplify the work of AAUW through your charitable giving. Donating to AAUW Funds assures that our legacy projects are carried out year in and year out:

- fellowships for women working on advanced degrees
- research that underpins our action agenda (e.g. equal pay)
- student leadership
- action fund for voter education AND MUCH MORE

By making a planned gift to AAUW, 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.
- * Certain types of planned gifts allow you to support AAUW while also providing income for the rest of your life — or a fixed income for a loved one.
- * The joy of knowing that your legacy gift will sustain AAUW’s programs for years to come is the ultimate benefit!

Will you be one of the visionary members who joins the Legacy Circle this year? To learn more, contact Nadia Daghistani at daghistani@auw.org or 202.785.7766.

Membership News

NEW MEMBER Add to Directory

Suanne Miller

A warm welcome to the newest member of our branch, **Suanne Miller**. Please remember to add her contact information to your member directories. This month I am pleased to introduce you to **Marcia Moore** who joined the branch in January. Thanks again to **Carol Krok** who interviews our new members to be able to introduce them to the branch through these short biographies.

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
aauwchico@gmail.com

Marcia Moore is a cardiologist (now retired) who has been in Chico in private practice since 1986. She and her husband, Jim Cornyn, also a cardiologist, moved here from the Bay Area in part because there was a spot for two cardiologists. Jim was primarily in Paradise and Marcia, primarily in Chico. They lived on the Skyway, almost half way between the two hospitals. Jim, unfortunately, died of a heart attack in 2000, three weeks short of his 49th birthday. Marcia continued her cardiology work until 2017. She was very active for over a decade with the American Heart Association, locally and regionally, and was the president of the Western States Affiliate of the AHA. She was a founding member of the Gateway Science Museum, on the College of Natural History and Biology Department Advisory Boards at Chico State and, at present, serves on the Governing Board of Chico State. She has been active with the Chico Housing Action Team (CHAT), Safe Space, League of Women Voters and the OLLI program, both as a teacher and class member. She loves travel, books, theater, and classical and folk music.

Marcia was born (during the war years) in Richmond, Virginia, but grew up in Iowa. She earned her BA in sociology from Carleton College in Northfield, Minnesota where she was strongly and positively influenced by a class on racism in America and spent a semester on exchange to Spelman College in Atlanta. That led her to become a Freedom School activist/teacher/voter registration worker in Mississippi during Freedom Summer - a profoundly life-changing event for her which has guided her subsequent activities in civil rights and diversity issues. A few years out of Carleton, she realized her high school dream of becoming a physician. By that time, she had moved to Berkeley and had a son, Martin, with her first husband, Bob. She did all her pre-med at U.C. Berkeley, then received her medical degree from UCSF and did her internship, residency and fellowship at UC Davis/Martinez VA hospital.

She often encourages young people to follow their dreams, no matter how remote or difficult they may seem.

Marcia occasionally writes letters to the ER editor when she feels passionate about sharing some of her views. With interests in diversity, social justice, women's reproductive rights and climate emergencies, Marcia's days of retirement are full. She continues to support education and encourages youth to find a career that would make them happy.

Welcome to AAUW, Marcia!

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Out and About

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with your smart phone for a quick trip to our branch website:
www.chico-ca.aauw.net.

Find our calendar of events, an archive of newsletters, membership forms, photos, and more.



Saturday, March 11 - Oroville Women's History Tea

11:30 a.m at Trinity Presbyterian Church

2350 Foothill Boulevard in Oroville

\$25 ticket per person. Ticket includes a buffet of salads, dessert, and tea with scones. Many exciting prizes to bid on in the fundraising raffle. To reserve a ticket and pay at the door contact almashort@comcast.net

Guest speaker is Priscilla Burns, a leading expert in the field of family and consumer science (FCS). She has been a FCS teacher for 40 years and has served in a variety of leadership roles within the Chico Unified School District. In an effort to improve the hands-on learning opportunities for students, she secured one of the largest grants in her career which resulted in building a state-of-the-art culinary arts building, a child development lab and hospital health and human services facility on the Pleasant Valley High School campus.

Our Oroville branch members always put on an excellent event and it is a fun way to support their Tech Trek fund raiser. Call a friend to join you, make a reservation with Alma Short, and attend the tea for a wonderful afternoon outing.

April 30 - 3 to 5 p.m. - Chico AAUW's Women of Distinction

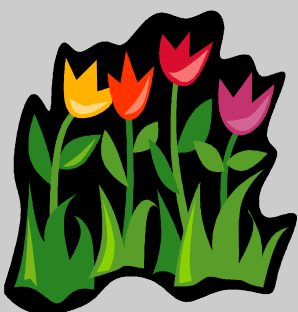
St. John's Episcopal Church Hall - 2341 Floral Avenue in Chico

Honoring local women who have made extraordinary contributions to our community. Come and learn about the many quiet achievements that add up to an exceptional career devoted to public service. Open to all.

May 6 - 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Marysville/Yuba City AAUW Garden Tour

\$25 ticket gives you access to gardens in the Marysville/Yuba City area that are usually not open to the public. The self-guided tour takes place rain or shine. Tickets available online at: MVYC-CA.AAUW.NET/GARDEN-TOUR. All proceeds are used to put on a career day for girls at Yuba College (all girls in the school district attended last year) and to send their local girls to Tech Trek camp.

A wrist band and map to gardens can be picked up at Brochure Central located in the parking lot at Wilber Ave and C Streets (Yuba City) next to Gauche Aquatic Park.



Interest Sections for Lifelong Learning . . . and Fun

Contact the group leader at aauwchico@gmail.com

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 -
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 or Satsie Veith

Wine and Whine

Meets the 3rd Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. Mar 15
Restaurant requires exact numbers so contact Carol Holzgrafe by 3/15 if you want to join in this month. All welcome.

Out to Lunch

Group meets on 2nd Thursday
Mary Huntsinger to make a reservation. Both Paradise and Chico branch members welcome. Apr 20 at noon
Note new time and date

Culture Club

Dori Moura
Seeking out cultural opportunities of all kinds and sharing them with friends. Contact Dori to get on the distribution list to learn of potential outings. Planning meetings held periodically.

Wordsmiths

Dori Moura Meets 2nd Sunday at 2 p.m.
All welcome. For people who want to write, encourage and inspire one another, and celebrate writing. Mar 19 - Hosted by Jana Lawton
Share what you've written with the group. **Note: due to a snafu we have a new date for this month only.**

Foreign Policy Discussion +Group

Linda MacMichael
Group meets 4th Monday at 7 p.m.
Mar 26 - Iran at the Crossroads **Note a new meeting date is likely this month.**

Evening Book Discussion Group

Wendy Woods
Group meets at 7:00 p.m. on 2nd Tuesday
Mar 14 - *The Secret We Kept* by Lara Prescott.

Ethnic Writers Book Discussion Group

Severance Dolan 58 All welcome
Group meets at 1:00 p.m. on 4th Wednesday
Mar 29 - *Italian Shoes* by Henning Mankell.
Hosted by Sadie Urbanowicz
Note new date this month.

Non-fiction Book Discussion Group

Group meets on 1st Friday at 10 a.m.
Contact Helen Gesick

Mystery Book Discussion Group

Denise Worth
Group meets at 3 p.m. on 3rd Wednesday
Mar 15 - *The Satanic Mechanic* by Sally Andrew.

Friday Book Discussion Group

Severance Dolan
Mar 24 - *The Last Green Valley* by Mark Sullivan

Computer and iPad Group

Helen Gesick Meets
3rd Tuesday at 2:00

Bridge Group

Kathy Sweet
Meets 2nd Monday at 1 p.m.
The group plays for fun in the homes of members with the goal of improving their games. Substitutes always needed.



Items for your calendar

Mar 11 - 11:30 am. Oroville branch Women's History Tea - Trinity Presbyterian Church in Oroville.

Mar 15 - Equal Pay Day - educate your community about the gender pay gap.

Mar 26 - Antique Appraisal Faire at the Chico Women's Club - Chico branch Tech Trek fundraiser

Mar 27 - Chico Library, branch program about women in the criminal justice system

Apr 22 - Amador branch Home Tour in Sutter Creek

Apr 30 - Women of Distinction - branch program at St. John's Episcopal Church

May 6 - Marysville/Yuba City Garden Tour



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