

The Lodestone

January 2023



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AAUW Mission

The mission of AAUW is to advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education and advocacy. To that end, the organization encourages its members to actively participate in public discussion to ensure enlightened advocacy on the priorities of AAUW as established by members. Priorities were adopted in May 2019 and can be found on the AAUW website under AAUW Public Policy Priorities.
<https://www.aauw.org/resource>

Saturday
January 21,
2023

9:30 AM—11:30

Peace Lutheran
Church

828 West Main
Grass Valley



How You Can Affect Climate Change – Martin Webb, climate activist

A new year, and most of us will vow to lose weight, join a gym or somehow improve ourselves. Our January speaker on Climate Change, Martin Webb, will offer simple solutions to the enormous global warming dilemma. It might sound lofty and impossible, but he will outline a plan of action from an individual and local perspective. Come learn firsthand from local organizations heavily involved in the fight to stop or slow the warming of our planet. Be inspired to make your contribution!



Martin Webb

Martin Webb was born and raised in the Washington, D.C., suburb of Alexandria, Virginia. His parents both held professional government positions. Martin attended college there, but in 1998 moved to Nevada City and was hired first by Sierra Solar before starting his own company, Plan It Solar.

Martin has been in the renewable energy industry for 25 years, as a three-time business owner and solar expert, which has translated into a life of environmental activism. Whether producing radio shows on KVMR as the host of "The Climate Report," or on TV as the host of "Tipping Point," a new monthly program on Nevada County Media, he has become a well-known trusted voice for environmental awareness around a myriad of issues, including his current focus: climate change.

happy new year

Deborah York

As I think back on my first six months as your president, I couldn't be more proud of our branch and the wonderful women who inhabit it. I created a little dashboard for myself back in July to track what I thought might be important indicators for me to watch to ensure a successful branch. I wanted to focus on Inclusion this year because we all felt so isolated during the pandemic and re-connecting with each other seemed critical.

So, what does Inclusion look like? To me it looks like the enthusiasm and engagement of our members with each other as we learn and grow together, and as we focus on our mission to advocate for equity in education for women and girls. The dashboard buttons include Monthly Branch Programs, Membership, Public Policy, DEI, Interest Groups; our mission-focused groups- Local Scholarship, Tech Trek, and AAUW Fund; and our own branch Finances including Ways & Means.

When I look back, I see a slate of robust fall branch programs & a delightful holiday party, with lots of people attending and engaging in conversations, learning about important topics. Our hospitality has been open & welcoming. I see our interest groups filling up and expanding into new areas. Our Underwriting program has really blossomed and is now contributing funds

to Local Scholarships. Our Local Scholarships awarded \$31K to 15 girls this year. Our Tech Trek program sent 8 girls to camp and paid \$7,200 to support them. We have donated \$3,975 to the national AAUW fund.

Our Tapas & Trivia steering team has been working diligently planning for the upcoming April program where we hope to increase the profits to expand our scholarships. We have welcomed 15 new members into our fold. Groups like ours will always do their best when we build on what has been done in the past and make room for new people and new ideas. Please include new members whenever possible so that they too can grow with us. Our Lodestone, publicity and communications have been outstanding. I look forward to the coming new year and all that we will accomplish together. —*Deborah York*



President Deb York



Covid Guidelines

1. We will assume all Branch members are vaccinated and boosted. If you are not, please wear a mask and let Deb York know and we will accommodate.
2. If you are experiencing symptoms associated with Covid 19 (fever, headache, loss of taste/smell, sore throat, cough, muscle/joint aches, shortness of breath, etc.) please stay home from Branch activities.
3. If a close family member has symptoms or has tested positive, and you do not have symptoms, please mask when carpooling or attending indoor meetings.
4. If you have been traveling with increased exposure, please wear mask for 5 days after returning if you are attending indoor meetings.
5. A meeting host (interest group leaders, committee chairs, etc.) may request participants to test negative prior to attending meeting or wear masks.
6. If you have been exposed to someone who has tested positive (with/without symptoms) please alert meeting host and wear a mask.
7. We will track Nevada County Covid rates and follow all local government and CDC guidelines. We will notify all Branch members of any changes to these guidelines.

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President	Deborah York
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Gov Trek, New AAUW CA Program— This virtual program for **high school junior** and **senior girls** is designed to elevate the next generation to pursue careers in public service and elected office. Over five two-hour sessions, students will engage in interactive and inspiring activities with exposure to women legislators, career options, and the inner workings of a political campaign. The program will culminate in a group competition to create a realistic campaign simulation.



Interested students must complete and submit their online registration by **Saturday, January 14, 2023**. Parents must complete the Eligibility, Liability and Photo Release by Thursday, January 19, 2023. For detailed information and to register, click this link: [Gov Trek – AAUW California](#)



SCHOLARSHIP
FUNDRAISER
LIVE & SILENT
AUCTIONS,
FOOD, DRINK, &
FUN!!



Nancy Jeffery
Fundraiser

Save the Date: April 29, 2023, 4-7 PM

Trivia Question: On average, what is the thing Americans do 22 times a day?

The lively April 29th Tapas & Trivia is our primary fundraising event for local scholarships. Together, we'll build additional funds to support the wonderful, deserving girls and women in Nevada County!
Our joy is in the giving!

Be on the committee; email or text Nancy Jeffery, najeffery@gmail.com, 530.802.1038

Answer: Open the fridge.

So, throw open the fridge, munch on brain food, and gear up for April Trivia!

Save the Date: April 29, 2023, 4-7 PM

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AAUW President & DEI Officer of CA to present along with AAUW Scholars

Saturday, January 28, 1–3 PM

Sponsored by Capital Counties InterBranch Council

Your local InterBranch Council is delighted to offer members the opportunity to hear directly from four powerful women.

AAUW CA State President **Sandi Gabe**, always engaging and knowledgeable, will bring us up to date on the issues that inspire us.

Our AAUW CA Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Director **Stormy Miller Sabia*** will speak on the progress we're making in DEI, and the challenges we face.

Following these articulate leaders, two dynamic AAUW Fund Grant recipients—**Kyndra Cleveland**

and **Isha Poudel**—will present their research, connecting us to the passion that motivates their work and their lives.

Register for this free Zoom event with the link below. Our members generously support AAUW Funds—this is your chance to hear from the women you sponsor.

To receive the Zoom link, register on Eventbrite [HERE](#) before January 26.



Sandi Gabe



Stormy Miller Sabia

Kyndra Cleveland, pursuing her law degree at the University of California, Berkeley, seeks to amplify the voices of parents and children navigating legal systems by bringing the results of her research to policy decisions. Children in the many thousands are removed from their families during crises, and then often suffer a chaotic future without a chance for family reunification. These children can be lost in the system – but Kyndra and the Policy Advocacy Clinic at UC Berkeley are working to give them a voice, and to change policy to increase their well-being. She is a polished speaker on a topic of special relevance to AAUW's advocacy for girls.



Kyndra Cleveland

Isha Poudel, a graduate student at UC Davis studying international agricultural development with a focus on gender equities, takes us to Nepal with a compelling project that lets us see the world a little differently. In Nepal, three-fourths of the economy is agricultural—but 80% of the farmers are women. Men have emigrated to other areas to work, leaving the women farmers to deal with the challenges of gender bias, of food insecurity, of Covid-19, and of global warming. Her research may build Nepali support to ease their challenges.



Isha Poudel

*Stormy Miller Sabia may be called away; if so, she'll provide another knowledgeable speaker.

Don't miss these terrific women on Jan. 28! To receive the Zoom link, register on Eventbrite [HERE](#) before January 26. I will see you there.—**Katherine Bup Greenwood**



Happy New Year!

Let's start off the year on a positive note, or try at least. I was able to watch an AAUW CA Webinar about women in government. The title was:

How'd We Do in '22?

In Congress, we picked up two women for a total of 151, which equals 27.9% of membership. The breakdown is as follows:

One woman was added to the House for a total of 125 (28.5%)

One woman was added to the Senate for a total of 26 (24%)

In terms of diversity of those women leaders in Congress: 10 are Asian, 27 are Black, 19 are Latina, 2 are Native American, 1 is Middle Eastern and 95 are White.

Progress is being made, but WAY TOO SLOWLY. After all, women make up 51% of the population. We should be represented at a much greater rate at the National level! The good news is that California has sent 47 women to Congress, more than any other state.

How'd We Do With AAUW CA Targeted Races

AAUW CA targeted 16 Congressional Districts where there was a chance to elect a representative aligned with AAUW priorities and values. Alas, we won 4 of those races and lost 12, including our own 3rd Congressional District where we hoped that Kermit Jones would get elected.

How'd California Government Do?

Fifty-eight women ran for State Assembly, and 25 or 26 won (outcome still pending) - 33%

Sixteen women ran for State Senate and 6 won. There are now 15 women State

Senators – 37% of members.

All elected executive leaders in California, except Governor, are women – Secretary of State, Lieutenant Governor, Controller and Treasurer. It's time for California to elect a woman governor!



Melanie Heckel
Public Policy Co-Chair

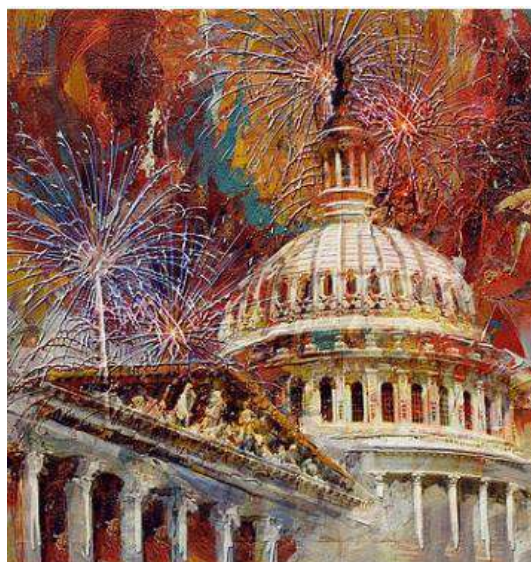
Closer to Home

West Sacramento just elected an all-female City Council, one of six in the state according to the League of California Cities.

Sacramento now has five women (out of 9 members) on the City Council, a female majority, the first time since 1989. As recently as 2019, Angelique Ashby, now a state senator, was the only female member. The Sac City Council has also become

more diverse with six members being people of color.

Our own Nevada County Board of Supervisors and Grass Valley City Council now have a female majority. Yay – and don't forget our own Sheriff Shannan Moon!



Why is having women in leadership roles so important?

Having female leaders in positions of influence to serve as role models is not only critical to the career advancement of women, but stands to generate broader societal impacts on pay equity, changing workplace policies in ways that benefit both men and women, and attracting a more diverse workforce.



L-R, Brian & Deb York; Lisa & Jim Turlo; Ann Shulse; Fran Erickson; Carol McMillan; Barbara & Denis Drew; Carolyn Feuille; Melanie Heckel; Janine Martin



L-R, Gene Haroldsen & Deb Cubberley; Larry Lund & Barbara Perkins; Elaine & Frank Sierra; Karen Quinn; Ken & Shirley Zeff; Bup Greenwood; Gail Shulz



L-R, Gretchen & Gary Corbin; Carolyn Feuille; Laurie Alire; Chris Boykin; John Shulse; Robert Erickson; Bup; Ann Shulse



L-R, Jennifer Wilkerson & John Lace; Jim Rees; Laurie Alire; Nancy & Stephen Jeffery; Shanti & Jivat Emerson; Cece Royal; Susan Rogers; Thanks to Martha Rees for snapping all these photos!



The Garden Group, led by Janine Martin, met twice in December. Early in the month they met at Janine's house to assemble Christmas wreaths (shown left).

Right, the Garden Group again, later in the month, at High-Hand Café in Loomis.



Left, Diane Kellegrew and Robin Laverty-Reves delivered books donated from the AAUW book groups to Jennifer Singer (center), Executive Director of Bright Futures for Youth.



Above, 28 Mostly Fiction Book Club members enjoyed a book discussion and treats at a December party at Susie Monary-Wilson's home.

Happy Holidays to all! A New Year is fast approaching, as is the time to review all the applications received for scholarship funding. It is my understanding that all applications for consideration have been submitted by interested high school students via the online Going Merry financial aid scholarship application process; that application process is now closed. The next step is to access the applications online and then the fun begins: reading, assessing, and deciding on applications and then

announcing award application recipients. I am looking forward to meeting with many of you in January at a Local Scholarships Team Meeting. Until then, please be safe, stay healthy, enjoy the beauty of friends and family, and Happy New Year too! —*Rhea*.



Rhea Williamson
Local Scholarship Chair

Megan Schreck to **Bonnie Curtis**

Dear Bonnie,

The first photo is a picture of me officially contracting with the ROTC program with Lt. Colonel Kunak. I'm excited to be a part of the team!

The Surfrider Battalion at UCSB hosts and participates in numerous volunteer events. For example, we joined with Vista Parks and Recreation Department for a weekend street clean up.

We had our first quick march for the ROTC Bataan Team. A ruck march is where we take our backpacks, which are usually 35-40 pounds, and walk for a set distance. This year, we are sending a team to White Sands

to compete in the Bataan Memorial Death March in spring. Let me know if you think anyone would be interested in sponsoring! All I need is their name and email. Donations can be as little as five dollars.

Best,

—*Megan Schreck*



Taylor Mitchell to **Rose Tammi**

Hello Ladies of AAUW,

This semester I did well. I got all As and Bs in my classes and I am so grateful for your help with the scholarship funds, it really helped me a lot last semester.

Last semester I took Business 201 which is an accounting math class. I also took Business 205. I also took an Agriculture class.

My plans have changed a little bit going forward. I have decided that I do want to pursue a bachelor's degree in Business

Accounting instead of just my AA, and I would like to thank you guys so much for the encouragement and believing in me as it has really pushed me to do greater things in life.

Spring semester I am going to be taking Business 202, Business 252 and ART 9A.

With Gratitude,

—*Taylor Mitchell*



More Updates



Martha Rees
Camp Co-Director &
Tech Trek Chair

Tech Trek is celebrating its 25th year! Think of all the lives touched – campers and staff – over that time. From 135 campers in 1998 to 1,000/year (campers and staff) in 2022, Tech Trek continues to grow and touch lives.

What a year 2022 was!! Tech Trek was back on the UC Davis campus after a two-year hiatus. Of course, there were lots of Covid-precautions in place from ensuring everyone was up-to-date with vaccinations and boosters, testing upon arrival for campers and all staff and presenters, masking indoors, and other steps. So good to be back!!

The fall-out from Covid continues. As of this writing, there are no plans to hold the two Stanford camps. As a result, we have 148 more requests for camper spots than will be available at the 2023 Davis and Sonoma camps. Is there anything we can all do to remedy this situation? A few of us are exploring the option of a second week of camp at Sonoma State University and possibly a week at Stanford if space is still available. However, the location would be just part of the solution. A major issue is having staff for the camps – camp directors-in-training, dorm moms, workshop presenters, core class teachers, camp nurses/doctors/health aides, and other volunteers. It truly takes a village to make Tech Trek possible. For AAUW CA to provide camps to meet the growing interest in Tech Trek, we need women to assume the roles that make camp possible. So, if you're interested in learning more or know someone who may be, please contact **Martha Rees** (mjkrees@yahoo.com) or **Stephanie Facchini** (sj.facchini@gmail.com).

On the Nevada County front, Branch President Deb York has received the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to review and sign saying that we will provide



the funding and support for a given number of Nevada County campers. However, we won't know the actual number of camper spot allocations until later in January. That's due to the current camp shortages, which may drastically cut the number of campers branches are able to send if we can't remedy the situation. We should receive the Tech Trek Branch Packets from AAUW CA any time. Also, we just got word that we will be using a new CampDoc program for the nominee application process. From reports, it will provide greater flexibility and access, so fingers crossed.

One thing is for sure, our amazing Nevada County Branch Committee can't wait to get the ball rolling with 2023 nominations and applications. And once we do, we'll be hitting the ground running later in January!!! If anyone is interested in joining the Nevada County Branch Tech Trek Committee or helping with Tech Trek @ UC Davis, please contact **Martha** or **Stephanie**.

***Above is the new AAUW CA Tech Trek logo designed by a former Trekker.

I didn't want to just know names of things. I remember really wanting to know how it all worked."

— Elizabeth Blackburn, Molecular Biologist

In addition to our commitment to AAUW Nevada County Branch's mission to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research, we provide educational and enrichment opportunities for our members through **ten different Interest Groups** that meet monthly. If you would like to learn more about the Interest Groups, please see the leaders' contact information in the AAUW Membership Directory or contact **Susie Monary-Wilson**. 530-470-9272



*Susie Monary-Wilson,
Interest Group Coordinator*

American Mahjong — Ann Frankel



Mahjong will be on hiatus until the current Covid spike is past. For more information please contact Ann at 01012013af@gmail.com.

Arts and Crafts — Stephanie Norton

Arts and Crafts meets on the **first Thursday** of each month at **10 AM**. For more information, please contact Stephanie Norton:



scnorton57@gmail.com or Teri McConnell:
tjmccconnell@earthlink.net

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion — Lisa Turlo

The new DEI Interest Group will kick off on **January 18th from 1:00-2:30 PM** at Lisa Turlo's house.



Parking is limited, so please RSVP and we will work out a carpool if needed.

This new group will start with clarifying our purpose, which, in draft form, is: To promote equity, inclusion and diversity for women and girls in Nevada County. I am hoping that this is

an active group, who engages in volunteering in our community, our schools and whatever ways that we can find to support ALL students.

Additionally, we will read books, articles, watch movies and Ted-Talks to deepen our awareness of these complex topics. We will share ideas and experiences in the process. Finally, we will celebrate diverse cultures through food! If you felt energized by the student voices at the November branch meeting, join us as we find ways to support them.

Please RSVP to Lisa Turlo via email at lisaturlo59@gmail.com or text at 831-392-6104 if you wish to attend.

What we have to do... is to find a way to celebrate our diversity and debate our differences without fracturing our communities.—Hillary Clinton

Book Discussions

Mostly Fiction — Robin Laverly-Reves

The Mostly Fiction Book group will meet to discuss *The Lincoln Highway* by Amor Towles on **Thursday, January 12th at 1:00 PM**. Our group has previously read and enjoyed two of his earlier novels, *A Gentleman in Moscow* and *Rules of Civility*. The Interest Group members will receive reminder emails at the beginning of each month including the location of the meeting.

Many thanks to the Mostly Fiction members for contributing three large bags of books to donate to Bright Futures for Youth and KARE Crisis Nursery for our holiday project. If you would like information about the Mostly Fiction book discussion group, please contact Robin: robinreves@comcast.net.



Non-Fiction — Diane Kellegrew

Due to the triple epidemic, the Non-Fiction Book Club postponed its December meeting until January. We look forward to a discussion of "The Book of Hope: A Survival Guide for Trying Times" by Jane Goodall. At our January meeting, we will also celebrate with a holiday party and white elephant style used-book exchange. Our previously scheduled book for January will be read and discussed during the summer. Many thanks to our members for the generous children and youth book donations for two local community organizations.

The organizations were thrilled with the donations and the thoughtfulness of the books you chose. Kudos to all for enriching the life of a child. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Diane Kellegrew (diane.kellegrew@gmail.com) for meeting location and details.

Garden Group—Janine Martin



December wreath making and High-Hand Nursery holiday luncheon were fabulous. The **Jan. 23rd** meeting—orchid presentation from Master Gardener Bonnie—will be from **10-12** at Sandy Davison's home at 125

Holbrook Way, Grass Valley (Morgan Ranch). Please rsvp to Janine Martin 530-263-5894 or janineandgalen@gmail.com Also if you are not on the list or receiving emails, please let Janine know. Happy New Year! ☆

Gnaw and Jaw — Deb Cubberley &



Chris Boykin January is scheduled to be our second small group dinner with an apropos theme of "Comfort Food". I'm looking forward to

some tasty stews and roasts! The groups of six or eight meet in member homes. We will be planning our next large group gathering at a restaurant in the next several months. If you would like to join, please contact either me or Deb Cubberley. You can bring a plus-one with you or come alone. This is NOT a couple's group. There are several singles in various groups that prefer to come by themselves. For more information contact Deb Cubberley at debclubberley@comcast.net or Chris Boykin at chrismboykin@gmail.com

Gracious Helpers — Pat Pedersen



Gracious Helpers is a group that provides meals for members who are suffering from a trauma. It might be an injury, death, or surgery for themselves or a husband or significant other. We determine the needs of the member, such as dietary necessities, day of delivery and time of the delivery. We use a website called Meal Train, which provides us with a page for the

recipient. The page provides not only all their information and needs, but also a calendar which we use to let each other know the days that are available for meals. We are beginning again to need meals for our members. Consequently, we will need more volunteers to provide these meals. They can either make homemade meals or use restaurant meals. We deliver easy meals, and most providers make meals which they usually make for themselves. If you can assist us, please contact Pat Pedersen at 530 477 1881 or ppedersen76@comcast.net. She will be happy to explain the process to you.

Great Decisions — Susie Monary-Wilson



Great Decisions will meet on **Tuesday January 24th** from **10 to noon** to discuss Chapter 1, Energy Geopolitics led by Carol McMillan and Diane Kellegrew. We'll meet at a **new location**, Grass Valley United Methodist Church, 236

South Church Street, Grass Valley. Please contact Susie Monary-Wilson for more information at monarywilson@msn.com.

Hiking Group —Jane Winter

Hiking when the temperature drops and there is snow on the ground can be just as fun and invigorating as hiking in warm weather. If the snow is deep, we go snowshoeing. When not deep, some hikers like to use light weight crampons to avoid any slipping or sliding on the trail. Two outings are planned for January. **Wed Jan 4th**: Ann Frankel will lead us on the Fairy Falls Trail to Beale Shingle Falls: 5.3 mi and 502' elevation gain. **Mon Jan 23rd** Carol Raynsford is leading a snowshoe adventure on the Glacier Way, Donner Lake & Far Side Loop: 4 mi & 521' foot elevation gain. *Want to join the fun?* Email janeinsierras@gmail.com to join the group or to get your questions answered.



Watercolor — Allison Rapp

No matter what level of skill you think you have--or think you don't have, the watercolor group is here to prove that you have art inside that wants to get out! We are learning about color mixing, and simple drawing gives us opportunities to explore how paint + water + brush interact with paper to create joy, satisfaction... and often, astonishment! We meet on the **3rd Wednesday** of the month from **6:30 to 8:30-9 PM**. To join us contact Allison Rapp, AllisonRapp@gmail.com

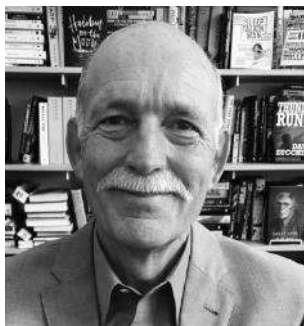


Writing Group — Deb York

The writing group will meet **Monday Jan 9th, 11:00-1:00** at the Madelyn Helling Library in Nevada City. We will share our work and provide feedback for each other and ask for input that can further our progress. Contact Deborah York deborah11623@gmail.com or 925.216.6140 if you are interested in participating.



Wilmington's Lie: The Murderous Coup of 1898 and the Rise of White Supremacy by David Zucchino



David Zucchino

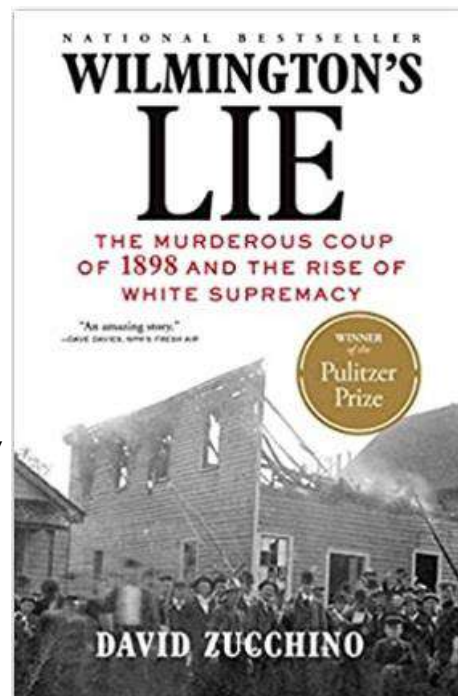
The Non-Fiction Book Club read the 2021 Pulitzer Prize winner, *Wilmington's Lie: The Murderous Coup of the 1898 and the Rise of White Supremacy*, during the recent mid-term election cycle. Our book club members discussed the parallels between the current political climate and

the chilling events laid out by the author, David Zucchino. In the Reconstruction Era following the Civil War, recently freed slaves moved to Southern cities and flourished. During this time, Black citizens were able to vote and frequently voted in numbers equal to or greater than white citizens. For the thirty years following the Civil War, the civic engagement of freed slaves transformed former slave-holding communities. The setting for this book, Wilmington, North Carolina, was the state's largest city and a thriving mixed-race community in the 1890s. But across the state—and the South—white supremacist Democrats worked to reverse the advances made by former slaves and their progeny. The racist activities came to a brutal head just prior to the election in November, 1898. While white supremacy groups of Klansmen and 'Red Shirts' stuffed the ballot boxes; the

intimidation and violence toward Black voters was more dramatic. Black voters were threatened prior to the election and murdered during the days following the election. The rioters forced city officials to resign at gunpoint and replaced them with mob leaders.

Prominent Black people—and sympathetic whites—were banished from the city. The state and federal government was aware of the insurrection but did not stop it. The author notes the 'brutal insurrection is a rare instance of a violent overthrow of an elected government in the U.S.' A structure of systemic racism was put in place as well as Black voter suppression legislation. This set the stage for the Jim Crow era and generations of significantly reduced numbers of Black voters. This book highlights a painful chapter in our history, yet one that gives insight into our current political divisions. I think it should be required reading in schools and for all civic-minded individuals.

Submitted by Diane Kellegrew



Welcome New Members



Deb Cubberley
Membership VP

I am delighted to announce that we received another new member in early December. Her name is **Sandy Kasten**. Sandy found us on the internet. She has a BA in Sociology, a JD in law, and an MBA in taxation. She is self-employed parttime as a tax consultant and has an interest in theater and writing.

She has indicated that she has a potential interest in our walking and writing groups.

Our membership is now up to 119, aiming for 125. If you know someone who might be interested in joining, please mention it to them now. It's a good time to join, since I will be holding a new member orientation either late January or early February.

PLEASE NOTE: New members will have a bee affixed to their name tags. Please be sure to introduce yourself.



New Underwriter



I am pleased to introduce you to our newest Nevada County AAUW Underwriter, Wolf Mountain Day Spa.

When owner Dr. Dan Wray purchased the business, he had big aspirations. He wanted to create a special place for comprehensive personal care services that also brought a sense of relaxation, rejuvenation and well-being to clients. And he has done just that!

Wolf Mountain Day Spa offers exceptional spa

- Massage
- Facials
- Nail services
- Hair

services including:

And beyond this, they have distinguished themselves by offering an array of additional specialty services that truly sets them apart from other spas:

- Exosome-Infused Hair Restoration Treatments
- Predictive Permeation Collagen Treatments
- And More

And talk about quality! Having had facials and massages, I can attest to the highly skilled staff who have treated me with personal attention that makes me feel valued (and looking and feeling better too!).

Check out Wolf Mountain's website, Home -



Wolf Mountain Day Spa, to read more about the amazing array of services.

And remember, when visiting Wolf Mountain, please be sure to thank them for being strong supporters of AAUW Nevada County.

—Karen Hull,
Underwriter Development Chair

We also need to acknowledge the following businesses who have generously donated toward the support of our Branch. Please patronize them and thank them for their support!

■ **Bodacious Blooms Flower Farm**

Karen Hull

■ **KNCO News Talk 830**

■ **MOVE! Fitness Studio**

Marilyn Rohrbacher

■ **Move Like You Used To**

Allison Rapp

■ **Sierra Tech Guy**

David Ball

■ **Sierra Timberline**

■ **Sierra View Medical Eye, Inc.**

Keith Mercer, MD

■ **SPD Market**

Ben Painter

■ **Westamerica Bank**

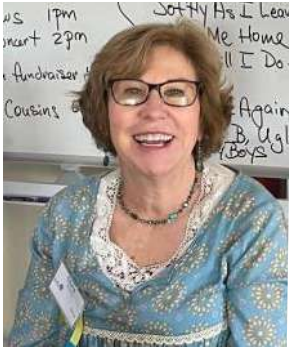
Bernadette & Ed Sylvester

■ **Jennifer L. Wilkerson, Attorney at Law**

■ **Wolf Mountain Spa**

■ **Young Enterprises Rincon del Rio**

Ways & Means



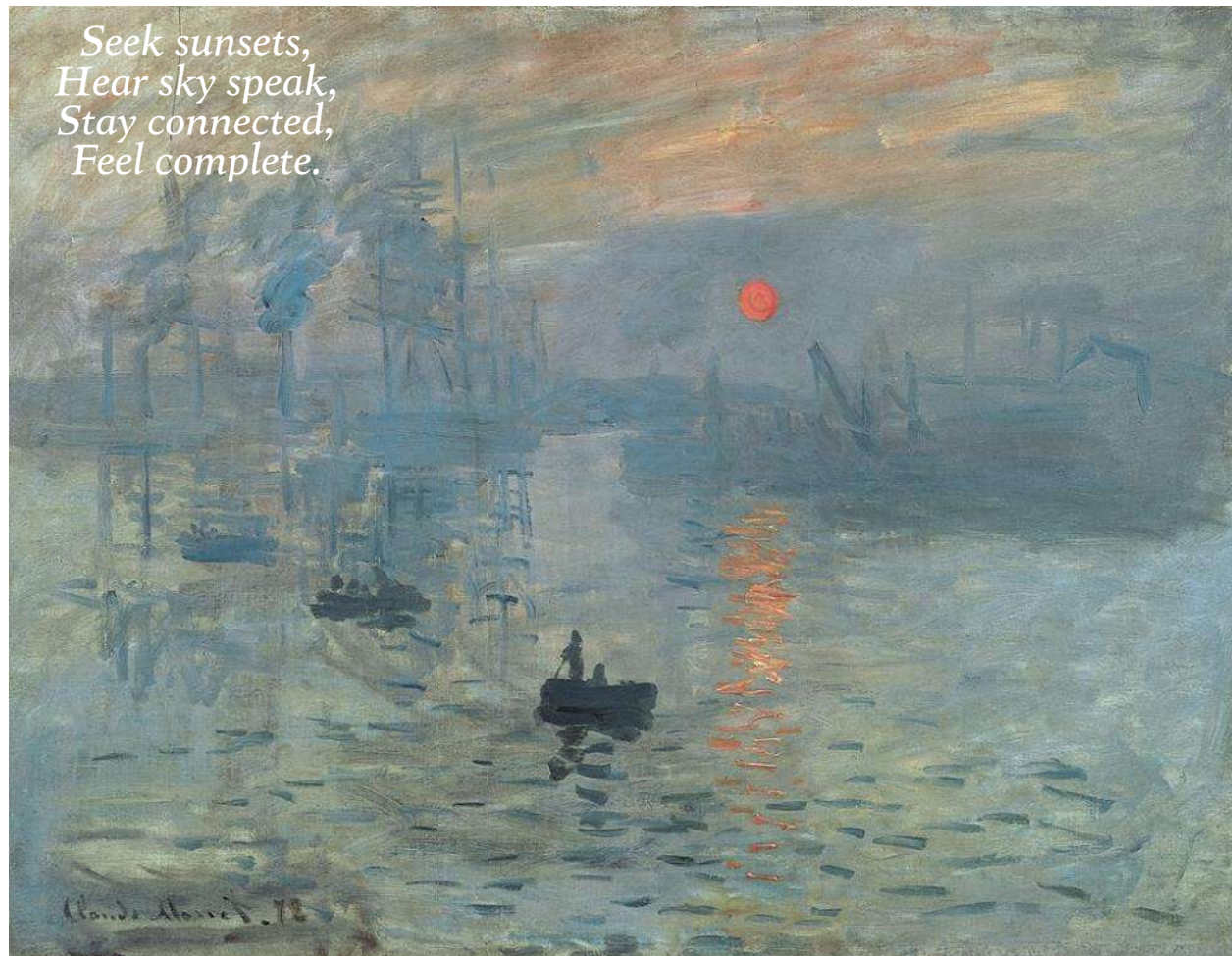
Chris Boykin
Ways & Means Chair

Congratulations to **Nancy Jeffrey** for winning the blue Kate Spade purse with matching scarf and **Valarie Bush** for winning the silver AAUW necklace! The winning tickets were drawn at our delightful Christmas party. The money raised (\$140) will go towards branch operations.

We will have another raffle starting in January for a beautiful hand-

made queen size quilt by member **Virginia Kingston**, and a lovely new TheSac leather purse donated by Lisbeth Noel.

Don't forget to bring some cash to the January meeting to buy some raffle tickets. They are \$5 each. The drawing will be held at our last meeting of the year.



*Seek sunsets,
Hear sky speak,
Stay connected,
Feel complete.*

*Here's to the start of 2023—may we continue
to stay connected to our AAUW friends!*