

The Lodestone

February 2023



Saturday
Feb 18, 2023

Doors open: 9:30 AM
Program: 10:00—11:30 AM

Peace Lutheran Church
828 West Main
Grass Valley



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Art & Education – Donna Sangwin



Donna Sangwin
Founder &
CEO of ReCreate

Founded in 2008, the non-profit ReCreate in Rocklin works with businesses and individuals in the region to divert clean, usable, but unwanted items. With these items, ReCreate provides hands-on educational programs and strives to make creative expression accessible to all.

ReCreate is a craft thrift store complete with a maker's studio. It provides community outreach in the form of arts education and the importance of reuse.

ReCreate brings hands-on exploration of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) learning to schools throughout the greater Sacramento region. By integrating high-tech tools with reuse materials, it provides low-cost, high-impact learning and enrichment programs to the students of our region, one classroom at a time. Its learning programs span from preschool through high school. ReCreate believes that building interest in STEAM nurtures a more vibrant community and creates a stronger future workforce. ReCreate also provides Sort Smart and Recycle Right waste reduction education to schools in the region.

In 2008, Donna founded ReCreate because she saw an opportunity to be a liaison between businesses throwing away very usable "waste," and schools facing budget shortfalls for art and hands-on programs. In the early years, Donna, with the help of a grad student volunteer, took the program around to schools in our region. ReCreate now has a staff of eight and a large army of volunteers.

Come be inspired to clean out the craft closet or recycle bin for your own art expressions or as an option for donations.

—Mari Weaver, VP Programs



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>

Deborah York

As we enter our newest year, I find myself feeling hopeful. As I look out my window and see the beautiful snow that lingers on the ground, I take a deep breath and smile knowing we will have water. I'm still coming off the high from our Climate Change program with Martin Webb. Such vibrant energy and enthusiasm in the room for such an important topic. Carpool whenever you can—save the planet!

As most of you have noticed we've made a few changes in our programs this year. We are fortunate to have the large room at Peace Lutheran where sunlight streams in through the windows. We have plenty of space to sit together, eat delicious foods, and chat at round tables surrounded by interesting table displays where local organizations share what they are working on related to our program focus. We are now recording our programs, thanks to Ava, one of our Tech Trek girls for her outstanding videotaping skills. The recordings will be featured in the Lodestone and on our website. So, in case you couldn't come, or you want someone

to see the program they missed, it's there for you.

We've asked you to come at 9:30 so you have some time with each other before our formal meeting starts at 10:00. At 9:45, we ask you to grab coffee and snacks if you haven't done so and join a table for some pre-meeting discussion questions. I was both shocked and delighted when I arrived at 9:20 to find the parking lot almost full. We had over 80 people join us. Lots of guests, new members and current members talking, laughing, and having fun. We lost so much social time during the pandemic, and now we are returning to health and camaraderie as we spend time together at our monthly programs.



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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Board Meeting Highlights

1. The Board decided to allocate \$1800 to the re-entry scholarship and \$200 to unrestricted funds from the \$2,000 bequest from Jonellen Goddard.
2. Underwriters will be noted through a variety of means: materials (of theirs) at meeting sign-in table, in the Lodestone, on the Branch website, etc.
3. Tapas & Trivia financial goal was set at \$25,000. Expenses for this event are estimated at around \$7,500; so the net profit would be the remaining funds.
4. GovTrek & Tech Trek: We know at least one local girl has signed up for GovTrek, which will be online. Tech Trek nomination information has been sent to the teachers with nominations due Feb 3. Interviews will be held at the same location and interviews will be scheduled beginning March 1. Girls must be vaccinated which is eliminating some girls who would have been nominated. May 2nd is the Recognition event.

Trivia question: Who invented the first endowed scholarship?



Tapas & Trivia, the lively evening of delicious tapas & wine, three rounds of Trivia competition and spirited live and silent auctions, raises

funds to support education for girls and women.

Saturday, April 29, 2023, 4 – 7 PM
Peace Lutheran Church

Our three goals for Tapas & Trivia:

- **Increase Community Involvement**
Invite local Non-Profits, Businesses, and Trade organizations to participate in Trivia teams, and bring cheering friends to support them.
- **Gather All Hands on Deck**
Encourage all branch members to participate in some way, big or small, e.g., making food, helping with set-up/tear-down, donations, or being on a task team.

■ Super Charge Funding

We have several income streams - ticket sales, live & silent auction from vendor & member donations, and Fund-a-Need donations. We are hoping to match up to \$10,000.

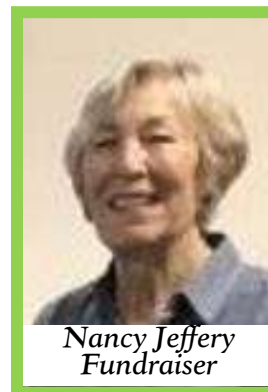
Our Tapas & Trivia fundraising goal is \$25,000

Right now, team leaders are reaching out to all seasoned and new members to build their teams and develop plans to make this event fun, memorable and successful. PLEASE sign up for a team(s) of your choice! All hands on deck!

Food | Set Up/Break Down
Trivia Team Recruitment | Donations

Email [Nancy Jeffery najeffery@gmail.com](mailto:Nancy.Jeffery.najeffery@gmail.com) to join a team of your choice!

Trivia answer: Lady Anne Radcliffe Mowson in 1643 at Harvard College. Radcliffe College was named for her.



Nancy Jeffery
Fundraiser

Legislative News

Good News – I love to highlight good news for Public Policy. Here are two to celebrate for 2023:



1. AAUW applauds the **passage of the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act (PFWA)**, a momentous victory for pregnant and postpartum workers and their families' health and economic security. This passed as an amendment to the omnibus spending package and was signed by President Biden on December 29, 2022. The PFWA now requires employers to provide basic accommodations to protect workers' ability to provide for themselves and their families without compromising their health or pregnancies.
2. Groundbreaking **Female California Supreme Court Justices** were sworn in by Gavin Newsom. Patricia Guerrero is the first Latina Chief Justice for California and Associate Justice Kelli Evans is the first openly gay justice to serve on the California Supreme Court.

Much Work Left To Do

Pay Equity - Currently women make 83 cents for every dollar earned by white males. Black women only make 64 cents and Latina women make 57 cents on each dollar earned by white males. It's time to pass the Paycheck Fairness Act!

On April 15, 2021, the House voted 217-210 to pass the Paycheck Fairness Act with bipartisan support. Sadly, on June 8, 2021 it failed on a party-line procedural vote in the Senate, 49-50. It would help close the gender pay gap by closing loopholes that have weakened the law over time, creating

more robust remedies for those who have suffered discrimination, preventing employers from retaliating against workers who discuss or disclose their wages, prohibiting employers from relying on salary history to set wages, and providing much needed training and technical assistance, as well as data collection and research.



*Melanie Heckel
Public Policy Co-Chair*

What Can You Do?

Contact your U.S. Senators, indicating your support for the **Paycheck Fairness Act**. I am sure that our senators are already on board, but it doesn't hurt to indicate your support for this Act which may encourage them to bring it up again. If you have friends across the country, please encourage them to write or call their senators to support the Paycheck Fairness Act!

Without women's groups knocking on doors, I wouldn't have gotten where I am. We need women to support each other. We still don't have equal pay.

—Sonia Sotomayor



AAUW Fund, Some History and Its Continuing Impact



*Carol McMillan
VP AAUW Fund*

Many thanks to those of you who were contributors to AAUW Funds this year. Your generous gifts amounted to more than \$5500. In addition, rebates for shopping at SPD Market brought in another \$550. These monies are used for many purposes, but one of the most important is funding of graduate study for women. I recently looked at the national website to learn a little more about the history of grant funding in AAUW and want to share a little of the fascinating background.



Marion Talbot



Christine Ladd-Franklin

Since 1888, AAUW has been one of the largest funding resources for women seeking to further their education at the graduate level. The funds have awarded more than \$135 million to over 13,000 women and nonprofit organizations around the world. The recipients include some of the most influential voices of the past two centuries. The funds were initiated by founder **Marion Talbot** and member **Christine Ladd Franklin** who asked each member to contribute one dollar per year. In 1888, the first fellowship of \$350 went to Ida Street, a pioneer in the field of early American Indian History.



Madame Marie Curie

In 1920, AAUW supported **Madame Marie Curie** by raising \$100,000 for her purchase of a gram of

radium for her research. During the Civil Rights movement, AAUW members raised \$150,000 to create a fund in honor of **Coretta Scott King** that would support African American women who would study African American culture, civil rights, and peace. Of the 46 recipients of the fund, **Nell Irvin Painter** stands out! She is a leading U.S. historian and Edward Professor Emerita of American History at Princeton University.



Coretta Scott King



Nell Irvin Painter

A 2003-2004 fellow is **Claudine Gay**, who will become the next president of Harvard University in July. Currently the dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences at Harvard, she will be the first African American to hold the position of president there.

During this award year, AAUW is providing \$6 million in funding to more than 320 applicants, of whom 39 are studying in California.

You can learn more about their research on the AAUW-CA website <https://www.aauw-ca.org/aauw-2022-fund-events/> or by joining the Interbranch Event on January 28. Your gifts this year will continue this important legacy into the future. Thank you again for your support.



Claudine Gay

Please note that, with the implementation of the new membership HUB at national, there have been delays in acknowledging contributions in a timely fashion. I appreciate your patience.

MESSAGE FROM NATIONAL: Cheers to All California Branch Fund Chairs

Because of their efforts, AAUW Fund exceeded our targeted goal of \$525,000 by \$44,682 through the end of November. And this exceeded last year's Fund donations by \$51,000! Did you notice that these figures didn't even include December's

donations? So, there will be more! Yay!!! Check back next month.

Speaking of Fund, the Honorary Dianne Owens Fund was completed with total donations of \$5,845. These donations were designated for the Greatest Needs Fund, too.



Emily Loveton Transfers from Sierra College to UCSD

By Paula Stephan

As her first Fall quarter at UCSD comes to a close, Emily reflects on her time with gratitude and excitement for the rest of her time at school. With the help of transfer peers, professors, and TA's, transitioning from Sierra College went smoothly and very well.

Emily enjoys her coursework and she is excited at the future opportunities the university provides. The friendships she has developed so

far have been wonderful and have made her time at UCSD very enjoyable.

Emily is thankful to AAUW for their continuous generosity towards her education.



Teanna Dummett Navigates STEM Courses at UC Berkeley

By Jennifer Wilkerson

Having completed her 1st semester at UC Berkeley, Teanna is jazzed about the diversity in her co-ed dorm and new urban community. Her large lecture classes are challenging, so Teanna is looking forward to Biology lab second semester. She will also be taking a continuing Physics class.

At Ghidotti, Teanna completed most of the basic core classes. Teanna was disappointed not to get into an Applied Math class her first year. As you can see, Teanna is definitely STEM-focused and still exploring which branches of Science to pursue.

The smaller percentage of female students is

noticeable only in her Physics class. (The professor apologized for the absence of a woman's restroom on one floor of the Physics building.) Teanna noted how the male students speak up more and "bolder." Within her study group of women, they support one another with reassurance to build self-confidence.

Teanna also has support from her family, including an older sister at Cal Poly. She expressed gratitude for the support of AAUW!



Bequest Going To Local Scholarship Re-entry Students

Longtime and beloved member of AAUW-NC, **Jonellen Chandler Goddard (1935-1922)**, passed away on August 23, 2022.

Jonellen was *The Lodestone* editor for many years, and her love of writing and editing was a great gift to the Branch. Before retiring to Nevada County, Jonellen taught geology at UC Davis, and she was a lifelong naturalist. In her final years, Jonellen moved near Seattle, WA, to be with family.

We were delighted to learn that Jonellen remembered our Branch with a \$2,000 bequest in her Will! After consulting with her daughter Roxanne, and Jonellen's longtime friend (and

Branch member) **Elinor Barnes**, it was determined the bequest be allocated to our Local Scholarship Committee, specifically for re-entry women students (with 10% for overhead expenses).

After working to support her husband and family, Jonellen later returned to finish her own schooling. Her Legacy Gift will now help fund other women returning to finish their education. Thank you Jonellen!

—Jennifer Wilkerson, VP Finance



Jonellen Goddard

2023 Tech Trek Planning is Underway



Our Nevada County Tech Trek Committee members are off to the races. We “zoomed” together last month and put together a tentative plan for action. We’ve launched the process for western Nevada County public and

public charter 7th grade science, math, and technology teachers to begin nominating girls they feel would be good candidates for the 2023 Tech Trek @ UC Davis.

The student application process will be online again like last year. And we’ll hold in-person interviews again at Nevada City Engineering, Inc., thanks to Michelle Baker and her husband, John, who have generously offered the use of the conference room. Our goal is to hold the interviews in the first half of March and make the final selections by early April. Our 2023 Tech Trek Recognition Event will be on May 2nd at the Nevada County Superintendent of Schools office.

We plan to send six Nevada County girls to the residential camp at UC Davis from July 9-15, 2023. That is the most any branch can send to the Davis camp due to limitations since there will not be any Stanford camp. Per camper cost for



the Davis camp has gone up to \$1000, from the previous \$900. (Many of the other camps are more expensive.) Thanks to our generous members and community donors, we are able to cover the increase.

We’ll keep you posted as the 2023 plans and process roll out. In the meantime, please shout if you, or anyone you know, are interested in being part of the Nevada County Tech Trek Committee. And, as co-directors for 2023 Tech Trek @ UC Davis, Stephanie Facchini and I can always use help at camp – dorm moms, camp nurse, or other volunteer opportunities. Let us know if you want to learn more. (Martha: mjkrees@yahoo.com; Stephanie: sj.facchini@gmail.com)

2023 STEAM EXPO: March 25, 9 AM-3 PM

The Nevada County STEAM Expo is back!! Sponsored by the Nevada County Superintendent of Schools (NCSOS), the event is a chance for elementary through high school students and families to participate in a free day of activities related to science,

technology, engineering, art, and math (STEAM). And our AAUW Nevada County Branch will once again participate.

If you’re interested in being on the AAUW NC STEAM EXPO Committee to help plan an interactive exhibit and activity or volunteer at the event, please contact Martha Rees, mjkrees@yahoo.com.

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. 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



For information please contact Ann at 01012013af@gmail.com.

Arts and Crafts — Teri Mc Connell



In January we had a wonderful time making a quilted snowflake at Chris Boykin's house. We also got to see her finished "slow stitching" artwork which was

beautifully framed on her wall. For our February craft, we will be doing the Snowman gift box which is rescheduled from December. This will be held on our regular **first Thursday date, February 2nd, at 10:00 AM** at my house. For more information, please contact Teri Mc Connell: tjmcconnell@earthlink.net

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion — Lisa Turlo



The Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Interest Group kicked off in January with some in depth discussion about ways to support the needs of all students in Nevada County. This thoughtful group talked at length about what NOT to do as a DEI group, as well

as ideas to move forward. This group will meet on **February 15th from 1-3 PM**. For more information, please contact Lisa Turlo at lisaturlo59@gmail.com

Garden Group—Janine Martin

Our **Thursday February 23rd** meeting **10-12** will be about Native Plants. It will be a presentation by expert Justin Maciulis. Location to be determined. If anyone in Garden Group has a good size living room and would like to offer their home/space for this great presentation, please let me know. **Thursday, March 23rd** will be a presentation on soil amendment at Peaceful Valley from **10-12**. Please rsvp

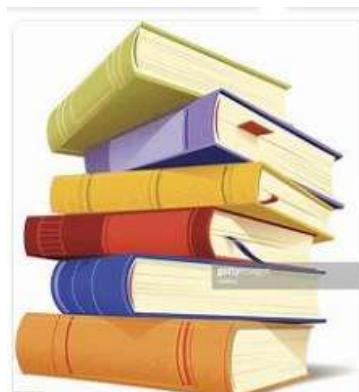


to Janine 530-263-5894 or janineandgalen@gmail.com Also if you are not on the list or receiving emails please let me know.

Book Discussions

Mostly Fiction — Robin Lavery-Reves

The Mostly Fiction Book group will meet to discuss *Ordinary Wolves* by Seth Kantner on **Thursday, February 9th at 1 PM**. This extraordinary debut novel from 2004 brings the diversity and challenges in wilderness Arctic alive for readers. We will probably not want to replicate the food for our meeting refreshments. The Interest Group members will receive reminder emails at the beginning of each month including the location and other details about the meeting. Please also watch for an email with questions about how to best welcome and accommodate the growing numbers in this wonderful book discussion group. If you would like information about the Mostly Fiction book discussion group, please contact Robin Lavery-Reves at robinreves@comcast.net.



Non-Fiction — Diane Kellegrew

The Non-Fiction Book Club was finally able to hold our holiday party at our January meeting, complete with book exchange and lots of laughter. We discussed our reasons for hope, inspired by our book discussion of "The Book of Hope: A Survival Guide for Trying Times" by Jane Goodall and Douglas Abrams. We look forward to our next meeting on **February 21st at 1 PM** to discuss *The 1619 Project: A New Origin Story*, edited by Hannah-Jones, Roper, Silverman & Silverstein. This series of essays and poetry seeks to place slavery and the contributions of Black Americans at the center of US history. Hannah-Jones won a 2020 Pulitzer Prize for Commentary for her contribution to the book. If you are interested in joining us at our next meeting, please contact Diane Kellegrew (diane.kellegrew@gmail.com) for meeting location and details.

I think books are like people, in the sense that they'll turn up in your life when you most need them. — Emma Thompson

Gnaw and Jaw — Deb Cubberley & Chris Boykin



How wonderful to visit and dine among friends, sheltered in a lovely home from the eternal (well, it seems like it) rain. This is Gnaw 'n Jaw. Getting to know your fellow AAUW members (and their significant others) a little better. Sharing food and libations. What's not to like? This last month we met in our small dining groups (6-8). Our theme was "Comfort Food". Many of the small groups are finding that the get-togethers are so rewarding that they are adding extra dinners to the schedule. Certainly, each group is free to do that. It is a testament that members are enjoying the experience. Yeah. Soon the entire Gnaw 'n Jaw contingent will have an opportunity to get together at a dining facility. Stay tuned. Gnaw 'n Jaw members will be getting an invitation when the details are confirmed. The next scheduled small group dinner theme is "Farm to Table" in May. Of course, as are all the get-togethers, the theme and schedule are only suggestions. 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, February 28th, 10 to noon**, to discuss chapter 2, War Crimes led by Jane Winter and Deborah York. We'll meet at our **new location**, Grass Valley United Methodist Church, 236 South Church Street, GV. Please contact Susie Monary-Wilson for information at monarywilson@msn.com.



Hiking Group — Jane Winter

Hiking builds muscle, boosts your brainpower, and activates happiness

We hit the trails the 1st Wed and 4th Mon of the month. Let Jane Winter know if you'd like to join the fun. February hikes feature waterfalls! Mary Menconi will lead a **Wed Feb 1st** 4.0 mi / 600' hike on the Western States Trail to Calcutta Falls and Robbie Point. On **Mon Feb 27th**



Florence LeFrancois takes us to Hidden Falls Regional Park for a 8.6 mi / 944' hike on the Creekside Trail to Great Egret Trail Loop. Want to join the fun? Email janeinsierras@gmail.com to join the group or to get your questions answered.

Watercolor — Allison Rapp

Watercolor is all about pigment and water. The challenge is learning to control them to get what you want. More or less. Because it's well known that watercolor has a mind of its own, you also have to be willing to work with it and make something out of the collaboration. This month, we're looking at how to create depth in a painting by varying the amount of water you add to your pigment. We meet in the evening on the **3rd Wednesday of each month**. Contact Allison Rapp if you're interested in joining us at AllisonRapp@gmail.com



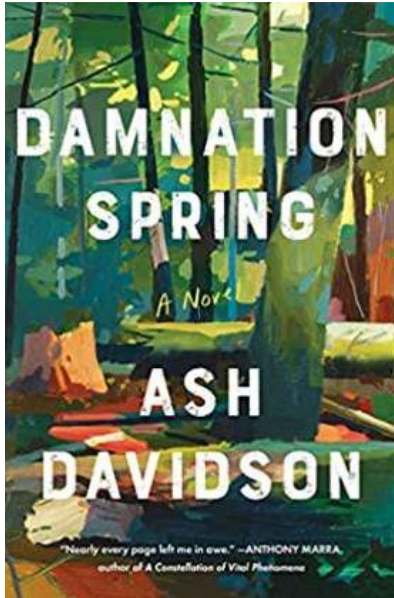
Writing Group — Deb York

The Writing Group will meet **Monday February 13th** at the Madelyn Helling Library in Nevada City from **1:00-3:00**. We are an energetic group of writers learning how to perfect our craft. Each of us is writing in a different genre and several different eras in historical fiction. If you have an interest in writing, contact Deborah York deborah11623@gmail.com or 925.216.6140.



Damnation Spring

By Ash Davidson



Logging along California's northern coast in the 1970's was a heated time for the timber industry and the people depending upon it. From the 1950's to the mid 1970's, the annual redwood harvest was one billion board feet. The harvest then began to decline

to the point that by the 1990's, it was half of what it was. It continues to decline. Much of the land containing redwoods has become protected from harvest.

This fictional account takes place just as the industry was beginning its long decline. Although it is fiction, woven into the tale are controversies that were acute along the Northern California coast during this time; the environmental aspects of harvesting and the use of dangerous herbicides by the logging industry. At the same time, the resource itself, the timber, was becoming scarce.

Not knowing logging people, for most of us our sentiments align with the environmentalists. Stop the clear cutting and loss of these magnificent trees! Stop the pesticide use! However, this story is about a decent, hard-working logging family. As such, this account provides a whole different perspective for most of us. Rich Gundersen is a tree-topper. Daily he climbs high into trees to cut off the tops, a dangerous job that requires skill and courage. Colleen Gundersen is a midwife who provides services to the women of the community, many who can't afford anything else. Chub Gundersen is their adored son for whom they seek a better life.

Both Rich and Colleen are from families that have logged for generations. To the town and the entire coast, logging has been a way of life over a century and essential to their economic survival.

Not only is Rich a good provider, father, and husband, he also watches over an old family friend, Lark, who lives in very rustic circumstances. Rich also has a special attachment to the grove behind his home, and wants to own it someday.

Life is anything but simple and easy. The bonds of the family are tested when Rich's work and Colleen's suspicions about the connection between herbicide use and miscarriages are sparked. As the logging industry is contracting and work is becoming scarce, the question of "What now?" becomes more urgent.

The book's ending is a jaw-dropper, but leaves the reader with some hope and a better understanding of the redwood controversies.

—Submitted by Deb Cubberley



Ash Davidson



Book Clubs: January Meeting Photos



Mostly Fiction Book Club
January 12, met at Lisa Turlo's home
to discuss the novel by Amor
Towles, *The Lincoln Highway*.



Non-Fiction Book Club. January 17,
met at Diane Kellegrew's home to exchange books (post
holiday party) and to discuss the month's book centering on
Jane Goodall and her message of hope.



January Branch Meeting in Photos & Video Recording



January's program on climate change attracted a large audience that was enthralled and entertained by Martin Webb's informative and lively presentation. Everyone walked away knowing something more, and possibly something quite surprising, about this challenging and timely topic. [CLICK HERE](#) to view a video/recording of the meeting posted on YouTube.

Membership

Welcome New Members



Deb Cubberley
Membership VP

They just keep coming. Yes, once again, I am able to boast that we have THREE new members. All are joining just in time to attend our annual new member get-together and orientation. One of our new members,

Sarah Daley, learned about us through *The Union*. Sarah is an in-home support service caregiver. Her education is in anthropology and clinical social work. Sarah loves to learn and is looking to read and share meaningful discussions. A perfect candidate for the book groups and Great Decisions.

Our second new member, **Lisa Kirshbaum**, is a friend of our esteemed president, Deb York. Lisa is interested in our Writing Interest Group,

and has, I believe, already participated in that as a guest. Her education is in journalism.

Our third new member is **Marrilee Norton**. Does the name sound familiar? This is Stephanie Norton's daughter. Marrilee has been attending the Arts and Crafts groups with her mom, but has decided to make it official. She is also interested in the hiking group. Marrilee graduated with a degree in communications.

Our membership continues to increase because of our active membership and high profile in the community. Thank you to all, and keep it up.

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



We are holding space
for brilliance
and support
even when we see how strong
we all are,
we never stop needing
to support each other.
Help for
empowering women
to process and follow
their divine transmissions,
to feel held
in community
that understands
their power.

The meaning of believing
in the labor of love,
the need to go
your own way
and return to the place
that challenges you to
keep following your goals
in a traditional way.
The power of believing that
you are worth
all of this energy.
You are worthy
and deserving of good things.

—*Evelyn Schmelling ♥ Empowering Women*
(written for AAUW-NC, 1/11/23)

KNCO-THE VOICE OF NEVADA COUNTY

KNCO has long been an AAUW underwriter and has provided free air time for our members to discuss AAUW events and fundraisers.

KNCO went on the air in 1978 when the Brock family received FCC authorization to establish the station as Nevada County Broadcasters. The station thrived in the community, offering 24-hour access to statewide news and local news and events. Star 94 FM was acquired shortly after.



Bernadette & Ed Sylvester

In 1996 the owners decided to sell the stations, and it was concerning to many that a large conglomerate would end the local connection. A local investment group was formed, led by **Ed & Bernadette Sylvester** and **Scott & Deborah Robertson**,

and negotiated the purchase of the stations. KNCO and Star 94FM were thus enabled to continue on as a local source of news, commentary and music into 2023.

On-air and support staff are dedicated to

bringing you the news and current events. The stations provide a wealth of information to the community: national syndicated programming, local news, weather, local sports, public service announcements (over 29,000 in 2022), Swap Shop, Master Gardeners, birthdays and even lost animal reports.

When a local disaster, e.g., fire - snow events, cause power to be lost as well as cell services and internet, KNCO and 94FM can continue to be on air with backup generators, allowing you to keep informed by using your portable or car radio. KNCO has close ties to Yuba Net with their special capabilities in wildfire situations.

In 2014 **Barbara Juneau**, a long time KNCO staffer, wrote the book *Home Town Radio - KNCO - A VANISHING BREED*. The owners, staff, and management of Nevada County Broadcasters are dedicated to not letting that happen. Since the stations do not receive any government monies and are totally funded by local advertisers, your support of local businesses goes a long way to letting KNCO stay local and offer on-air access to AAUW and to many organizations in Nevada County .



49'er Fire
9/11/1988

Cottonwood Fire
8/1/1994

Trauner Fire
8/8/1994

Marysville Floods
1/2/1997

Williams Fire
9/29/1997

Pendola Fire
10/16/1999

Marysville Dam Breach
2/11/2017

Lobo Fire
10/8/2017

McCourtney Fire
10/9/2017



Chris Gilbert Tom Fitzsimmons Moe Howard Paul Haas Dave Bear

For more than a quarter century, the staff of Nevada County Broadcasters have delivered all the breaking news, from fire, snow, rain, traffic, crime, elections, and more. In emergencies, when cell service and the internet are down, using a battery operated radio or car radio will keep you informed.



www.KNCO.com

www.MyStarRadio.com



H.E.W Mass Shooting
1/10/2001

Jones Fire
8/17/2020

Creek Fire
9/4/2020

River Fire
8/4/2021

Still Fire
8/9/2021

Snowmageddon
1/1/2022

Rices Fire
6/28/2022

Pleasant Fire
8/20/2022

We want 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



We will begin selling a new item to support our operational budget in February—ceramic tumblers! These double-wall, 11-oz cups have a silicone lid and will keep your hot beverage hot! The cost is a reasonable \$10 each.

We now have a vendor that will allow us to order a wider array of colors of an AAUW logo'd T-shirt, V- or crew-neck styles, in either 100% cotton or a cotton/poly blend. Have a look at the different fabric samples at the next meeting. An order form will be available at the Ways and Means table and also on the website. We need



to sell 12 to place an order, so put your order in and start the ball rolling!

We just started selling raffle tickets for the beautiful hand-made queen size quilt by **Virginia Kingston**. A lovely



new TheSac leather purse was also donated by another member.

Tickets are \$5 each and the drawing will be held at our last meeting of the year.



*Chris Boykin
Ways & Means Chair*