

The Lodestone

November 2024



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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 2023 and can be found on the AAUW website under AAUW Public Policy Priorities. [AAUW Public Policy Priorities – AAUW : Empowering Women Since 1881](#)

Happy
Thanksgiving

**Saturday
November 16**

Doors Open: 9:30
Program Starts: 10:00 AM

Peace Lutheran Church 828
West Main, Grass Valley



Food Insecurity

With the Thanksgiving holiday around the corner, we are often reminded that many families do not have the means to eat regular healthy meals. But what many do not realize is that we are currently facing an increase in the need for donations while the current donations are decreasing. The Interfaith Food Ministry (IFM) says they're seeing record numbers of people applying for food assistance. Approximately 10-15% (10,000+) of Nevada County residents are food insecure; that is, they do not have consistent access to enough food for every person in a household to live an active, healthy life.

The focus of our November 16 program is food insecurity – what that means, how it is being addressed, who are in need, and how we can help. AAUW member **Sue Van Son** has organized an excellent program to more fully understand the scope of this humanitarian issue. With her expertise as a former director of the IFM, she has organized and will moderate a panel of speakers who are experts on food insecurity in our region. They are as follows (*Leslie, Phil & Julie pictured left to right below*):

- **Leslie Lovejoy**, Executive Director of Gold Country Senior Services, which operates Meals on Wheels and runs a new senior center
- **Phil Alonso**, Executive Director of Interfaith Food Ministry, with Development Director **Victoria Lindsay**, and Operations Manager **Venus Paxton**
- **Julie Thornbury**, Executive Director of the Food Bank of Nevada County, with **Heather Haddock**, Volunteer and Outreach Coordinator

These panelists will address such topics as: the scope of food insecurity, gaps between these organizations' missions and the challenges to fulfilling them, how demand for food is increasing, the demographics of those in need, and the various ways to involve the community. Sue will also tell us how we can help and the plans afoot for AAUW's participation in the Holiday Service Project with food donations to families over the coming holidays.

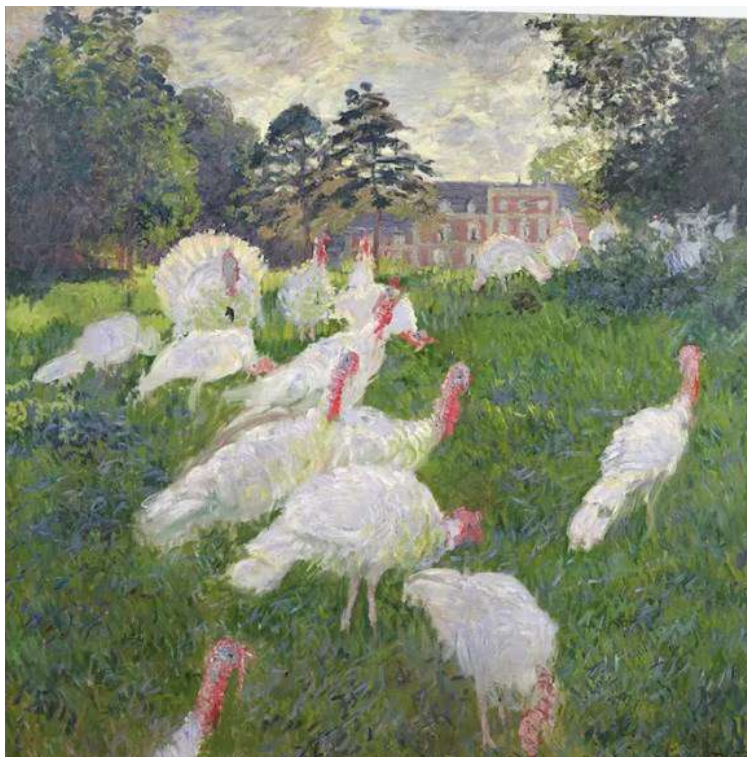


Huge thanks to
[Owens Estate & Wealth Management Strategies](#) for
sponsoring this
program.

How Can AAUW be Non-Partisan AND Politically Active?

As this *Lodestone* issue arrives, the national election will soon be concluded. This election has been a tough one. I will not miss the constant polling and contentious political conversations (mostly with my mother). This seems a relevant time to review AAUW's stance on political activism. Even a brief review of AAUW national and state websites, confirms that AAUW advocates for political issues and specific policies relevant to women and girls. Topics include support for Title IX, education, gender equity, and ending bullying and discrimination in schools. In some cases, these supported issues disproportionately impact women. For example, women hold two-thirds of the country's student debt; therefore, AAUW promotes legislation to make college more affordable. AAUW's political stance is detailed in two-minute activism briefs, policy updates, and voter guides. Building on a history of political activism, the AAUW tagline reads "We are tenacious and trailblazing women, advocating for women and girls since 1881 and into the future."

In contrast, a recent AAUW policy brief notes that AAUW does not permit partisan activities. The brief states "Put simply, being political is a way to influence legislation and regulation through governmental or public affairs, while partisan activities have a firm adherence to a party, faction, or purpose." This position seeks bi-partisan agreement on issues that strengthen women and girls, without backing specific partisan candidates.



Endorsement of non-partisan (no party designation) candidates is a grey area. Some AAUW branches adhere to the non-partisan caveat in the broadest sense; no AAUW endorsement of any candidate, whether or not a party (partisan) designation is identified. Other AAUW branches vet potential non-partisan candidates with a thorough process prior to endorsement. Most branches that endorse non-partisan candidates restrict endorsement to offices related to the AAUW mission, such as school board elections.



Diane Kellegrew

This conversation is timely as we now update our Branch Bylaws. With this wild election on our minds, we can clarify the degree to which the Nevada County Branch participates in non-partisan endorsements. We welcome your perspective. Please drop a note in the Ideas Box at a Branch meeting, or share your thoughts with any Board member. Members will vote on the revised Bylaws during the April General Meeting.

Be well and vote!

— *Diane Kellegrew, Co-President*

Covid Guidelines

1. We will assume all Branch members are vaccinated and boosted. If you are not, please wear a mask and let us 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 Highlights

- The September Financial Report was presented and discussed.
- The Board looked at the summary of the surveys that were filled out at the September Branch meeting to better understand our membership.
- The Board is looking at the Bylaws and

revising them so they work the best for our Branch.

- The topics of the October and November Branch meetings were discussed.
- The Nominating Committee and Fund Development Committee are being formed and will be confirmed next month.



*Ann Gould
Secretary*

Note Concerning the Sold-Out December 6 Off Broadstreet Show

The December 6 event has sold out. However, if you wanted to go but missed the ticket purchasing deadline, you can let **Peg Flanders** (myblackdogs@dpflanders.com) know, and she will add you to a wait list.

In addition, anyone who purchased one or more tickets and finds themselves unable to attend for any reason, again, let Peg know, and she will put you in touch with someone from the wait list who can then purchase your ticket.

Details: **Friday, December 6, 2024, 7:15 pm**, a special musical production with a holiday theme that is guaranteed to be rollicking, irreverent fun!! AAUW members, friends, spouses, and significant others are welcome to join for this special production of "A Caddyettes Christmas."

We have **67 seats** reserved for our party, so we will take over the theater!! Be prepared to have a rip-roaring good time!

Off BROADSTREET



Policy, not Politics, What AAUW Supports

Here we are at the beginning of November. This incredibly consequential election is on November 5th. As I write this article, I have no idea what the outcome will be. You likely have already voted by the time you read this.

I cannot recommend a candidate or a political party, but I can say electing women leaders is extremely important. One of the major AAUW Public Policy Priorities is increased representation of women in leadership roles. A mantra that has shaped generations of women in politics is "The personal is political". As an AAUW member, you can understand that statement. We are fighting for women's reproductive choice, equal rights and protections against harassment in schools and colleges, and equal opportunity and pay in the workplace. Let's celebrate an early leader who embodied that mantra, Shirley Chisholm. Her legacy is one of groundbreaking firsts. The first Black woman in Congress and the first woman to seek the presidential nomination. Chisholm challenged the political status quo. Her unapologetic advocacy for women's rights, people of color and people experiencing poverty embodied the idea that personal experiences and identities shape political action. Chisholm famously said, "If they don't give you a seat at the table, bring a folding chair." Her determination continues to inspire women to claim their rightful place in politics, serving as an example of hope and encouragement for generations to come. So, ladies, no matter what, we will keep on fighting for women's rights!

GOOD NEWS

AAUW-CA has done quite well with the 2024 Legislative Agenda. The Governor has signed 16 of the AAUW supported bills into law. I am really excited to tell you that all three AAUW-CA "A" priority bills have been signed into law. These are the bills that we presented to legislators on Lobby Day in Sacramento, back in April:

- **AB 2843 – "Health Care Coverage for Rape and Sexual Assault Survivors"** – AAUW CA authored and sponsored this bill that requires

insurers to cover the cost of medical care following a rape or sexual assault with no copay.



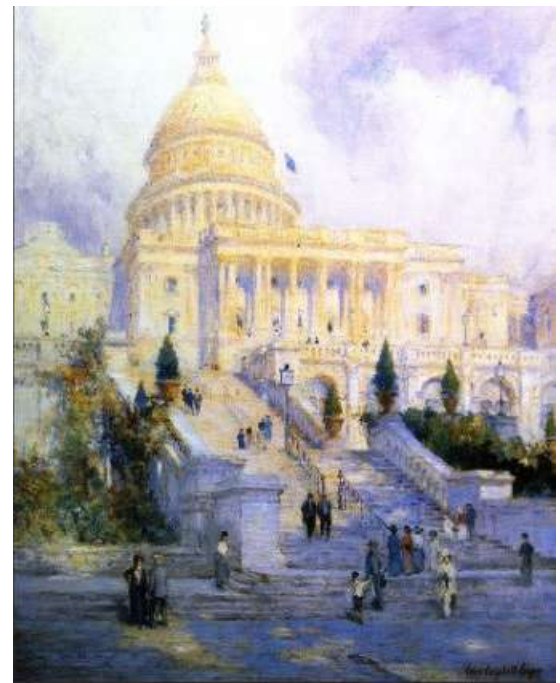
Melanie Heckel
Public Policy Chair

- **AB 2326 – "Title IX Oversight and Compliance Act"** – AAUW CA also sponsored this bill which will require Chancellors/ Presidents of community colleges, CSU and UC to publicly and orally present an annual report of compliance with Title IX to the Senate and Assembly Budget Subcommittees on Education Finance.
- **AB 2099 – "Protecting Reproductive Health Clinics"** – This bill makes it possible for a District Attorney to file felony charges for posting information about reproductive health care patients or providers with intent to commit a crime if bodily injury results.

BAD NEWS

Project 2025 – I will be attending an October 22 Webinar (after my *Lodestone* deadline) hosted by the Public Policy Committee entitled, "Project 2025 and How It Would Impact AAUW Public Policy Priorities." The webinar will include an overview of where Project 2025 came from, what it is broadly attempting to do, and how it would impact education, Title IX, reproductive health, and gender equity. I will report back to you.

Don't forget to vote, if you haven't already!!!!



What happens at Tech Trek ...

Extracting DNA from strawberries, programming a robot to shake hands, learning about scholarships, designing desalinization systems, drawing blood from a simulated dog leg, creating prototypes to solve community challenges, spending an evening talking with women in STEM-related careers, and dissecting a frog – just some of the experiences that our 2024 Trekkers shared at the October Branch meeting. Hope you were able to attend and to meet the girls. They surely enjoyed the opportunity to tell you about their Tech Trek week @ UC Davis. If you missed it, a link to the video of the meeting will be posted on our AAUW Nevada County Branch website.

As we mentioned at the meeting, “What happens at Tech Trek, Doesn’t stay at Tech Trek.” That is true in a variety of ways. One way is by the work of former Nevada County

Trekkers, like **Carolyn Scwhendeman**, who attended camp in 2012. To help protect drivers and machine operators from the dangers of drifting off, engineers at UC Berkeley have created prototype earbuds that can detect the signs of drowsiness in the brain. A post graduate student in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science at UC Berkeley, Carolyn co-led the study to design the final earpiece in three sizes: small, medium, and large. Find out more: <https://news.berkeley.edu/2024/08/05/dozing-at-the-wheel-not-with-these-fatigue-detecting-earbuds/>



Martha Rees
Tech Trek Chair

We will begin planning for the 2025 Tech Trek program as well as local STEM-related activities. Please contact me (Martha Rees), mjkrees@yahoo.com, if you want to participate in one way or another.



▲ Above: Carolyn Scwhendeman at camp in 2012

Right: Carolyn, now a graduate student in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science at UC Berkeley ▶



National's AAUW Funds

AAUW Funds & the January 2025 Luncheon

By Fran Erickson

AAUW Funds includes quite a few programs. Its basic function is to translate our mission into action. It has been named one of the best independent charities in America and remains the largest source of funding exclusively for graduate women. There are four divisions within the umbrella of AAUW FUNDS;

- Education & Training fund (4450)
- Economic Security Fund (4449)
- Leadership Fund (4452)
- Greatest Need Fund (9110)

The numbers in parentheses are used to designate which category you want your donation to go.

In the academic year of 2022-23, AAUW awarded 6 million in fellowships and grants to more than 320 outstanding women and community projects in that. For that year, there were 39 Fellowship & Grant recipients studying in California colleges and universities or doing projects in our communities. They represent a

broad and diverse range of studies and interest and are an excellent example of the wonderful use of branch and member donations. This year, I will go into more detail of each of the Funds and some examples of recipients in each category.



Fran Erickson

To be counted for AAUW FUNDS for 2024, your donation must be sent **by the end of November**. We are so appreciative of your support and thank you so much.

The annual AAUW FUND luncheon will be on **Saturday, January 25th, 2025**, at the Northridge Country Club and will cost \$32 (see below) . The menu choices are Turkey and Potatoes, Thai Chicken Salad, or Pasta Primavera. Cost includes dessert and tip.



There generally is a group of women from our Branch attending. It's fascinating to listen to the recipients.



Northridge Country Club
7600 Madison Ave. Fair Oaks, CA

Save the Date! AAUW Fund Luncheon

Sponsored by your Capitol Counties Interbranch Council

Saturday, January 25, 2025
Noon – 2 PM; doors open 11:30

Keynote speaker: Charmen Goehring, AAUW California state President, who will update us on AAUW issues near and far.

In addition, two current AAUW Fund Scholars will share their educational journeys, focusing on details and progress of their work.

Be a part of this annual tradition. Enjoy a fun meal while listening to brilliant young women share their remarkable learning journeys. You will come away proud to be an AAUW member supporting these determined, intelligent women. Tickets will be available on Eventbrite in December; look for the link and further details in the December Branch Newsletter.

Deadline for reservations is **January 17, 2025**.



Local Scholarships Recipient Updates

Allison Heltz by Rose Tammi

Allison Heltz is a second year scholarship recipient. She is currently at Chico State as a criminal justice major and legal studies minor. Allison has an internship through the legal services on campus. She is also working toward a paralegal certification. Busy lady!



A professor at Sierra College stated that Allison was one of the best performing students he has ever had. Her "determination, hard work and perseverance never cease to amaze me and despite extreme challenges out of her control, she has not quit."

In Allison's own words, she writes, "I'm choked up just thinking about how grateful I am for the women of AAUW."

Taylor Mitchell Letter submitted by Rose Tammi



"Dear AAUW, I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to express my heartfelt gratitude for the scholarship I received for my business accounting degree. Your generosity has made a significant impact on my life and my family.

"As a 27-year-old mother of a child with autism and special needs, pursuing my education

has presented unique challenges. This scholarship not only alleviates some of the financial burdens but also inspires me to continue striving for my goals. With your support, I am closer to achieving my dream of becoming a successful accountant and providing a better future for my child.

"Thank you once again for your kindness and belief in my potential. I am committed to making the most of this opportunity and hope to give back to the community in the future, just as you have done for me.

"Warm regards,
Taylor Mitchell"

Brooke Clark By Melanie Heckel

Brooke Clark is an incredible young woman who has found her own path, overcoming many challenges along the way. She graduated from Nevada Union, after attending Forest Lake Christian School her first three years of high school.



Among her most exciting experiences during high school was to receive a grant from Programs for Talented Youth to attend a five-day course at Vanderbilt on immunology and science communication. She was thrilled to stay in the dorms and learn more about the human body's intricacies.

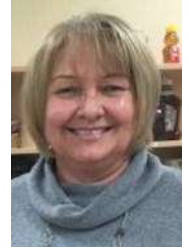
Brooke is now a freshman at UCLA in the nursing program, one of only about 40 students at that level. According to Brooke, that has created a tight-knit and supportive environment. They are all taking similar classes, often have study sessions and are constantly asking questions and helping each other succeed.

Brooke has also shared that "life at UCLA has been a mixture of excitement, adjustment and most of all, busyness. Living on campus in a dorm with primarily freshmen has definitely proved to be a wonderful experience and a gateway to building relationships.

"I have made friends that I absolutely adore and I love being surrounded by motivated and high-achieving individuals. I am very grateful for the opportunity to be at UCLA and experience something so different from what I have always known. I expect to make life-long memories and have already made life-long friends, and I am looking forward to see what my future holds here."

Interest Groups

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 Interest Group[Coordinator **Sue Van Son**.



Arts and Crafts — Teri McConnell

On **November 7 at 10:00 am** we will be gathering at the home of Bup Greenwood to create beautifully decorated matchboxes. Think of a card, but instead of opening the card, you open the tiny, decorated box to see the message inside. Bup will supply both small (1 ¼ X 2") and large (3 X 2") boxes, as well as materials for the boxes suitable for a birthday, holiday, Valentine's Day, or anytime to cheer a friend. Contact **Bup Greenwood** to RSVP and for more information.

Looking forward to December, the craft will be a paper crafted pinecone ornament which will be a beautiful addition to your holiday tree or to give as a gift. **Chris Boykin** will be hosting this on **Thursday, December 5**. This will also be the Arts & Crafts holiday gathering!



Book Discussions

■ Evening Book Group

Our Evening Book Group is meeting on the **4th Wednesday** of each month from **6-8 pm**. We have continued meeting through the summer, but taking a winter break Nov-Feb, and resuming in

March. If you're interested in joining us or would like more information, please contact **Cathy Kalt** at cakalt@hotmail.com or 650-704-1579.



■ Mostly fiction —Robin Laverty-Reves

The Mostly Fiction Book Group members enjoyed reading *Mr. Keynes' Dance* by E.J. Barnes, a British historical novel last month. We will again read Brit Lit for November. *All the Lonely People* by Mike Gayle is a contemporary novel that will no doubt generate an interesting discussion when we meet on **Thursday, November 14th at 1:00**. Interest group members will receive a reminder email with more information including a request to send a RSVP to the host. If you would like more information about the Mostly Fiction group including venue for the next meeting, please contact **Robin Laverty-Reves** at lavertyreves@gmail.com.

■ Non-Fiction — Peg Flanders

The book selections for our last two **Sue Van Son** meetings have been focused on political history (we all found *American Nations* by Colin Woodard a fascinating book which made our October meeting a big hit). For November our book selection, *An Unfinished Love Story*, by Doris Kearns Goodwin, is a more personal piece of American history.

Dick and Doris Kearns Goodwin were married for over forty years. Dick worked closely with the Kennedys and Doris with LBJ. This book captures memories of that tumultuous time as well as the Goodwins' conflicting opinions of the men for whom they worked. We are looking forward to this look at politics in the 1960's from the viewpoints of two people who were in the midst of it.

We meet on the third **Tuesday** of the month from **1 to 2:30 pm**. Our meetings are always fun and enlightening. Our **November 19th** meeting will be hosted by CeCe Royal, who will also lead the discussion. If you are interested in joining us, kindly RSVP to **Peg Flanders** at myblackdogs@dpflanders.com for meeting location and details.

Gallivanter (newly formed Interest Group)

By popular acclaim, the name of our new activity group is Gallivanter. At our October event, we successfully navigated the Black Swan Trail, then celebrated with sumptuous brown bag lunches on the shore of Black Swan Lake. The Black Swan trail is an old hydraulic mining site. There was interesting scenery with jagged cliffs and a man-made lake. A nice fall hike since it is at a lower elevation.

The November event is hosted by **Lisa Turlo** and her husband, Jim. They will be hosting a Game Night at their home. The event is planned for **Tuesday, November 19, from 4 – 8 pm**. SPACE IS LIMITED TO 20, SO IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, SAVE YOUR PLACE BY EMAILING LISA TURLO OR DEB CUBBERLEY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

December's event will be dinner out preceding the planned Off Broad Street show that is our branch holiday event. You do not have to be signed up for the show to attend dinner. Sign-ups for this dinner will be announced soon.

Interest Groups (cont.)

Garden Group — Carol Raynsford & Brett McWilliams

This year we thought we would meet to create a holiday basket or centerpiece. So, grab your evergreens, berries, pine cones or autumn leaves and let's get together and create that holiday spirit for our tables. We will meet on **Thursday November 21st 10-12**. RSVP or questions to **Brett McWilliams** @ brettmcwilliams054@gmail.com or text/phone (650) 436-7307



Gnaw & Jaw — Deb Cubberley & Chris Boykin

We had a wonderful first group get-together at Susie Monary Wilson and her husband John's lovely home a few weeks ago. The temperature was perfect for outside dining, and everyone enjoyed themselves immensely. After a not-so-competitive game of bocce ball, we feasted on appetizers, BBQ meats and shrimp, side dishes, and cookies, all of which were delicious. Several of the groups were able to plan their first get-together.



Before our meal, we had a quick meeting to decide the themes for the year. They are: Pick your favorite food type (Asian, Mexican, Italian, etc.); Everything BBQ; Favorite recipes (from childhood or now); and USA Regional dishes. It's not too late to sign up. In fact, we have one couple who would like to join, but we have four groups of eight right now. So, it would be great if four or six other people – singles or couples - would like to join to form our fifth group.

If you are interested in joining this group or have any questions, please contact your GnJ group co-leaders, **Chris Boykin** at chrismboykin@gmail.com or **Deb Cubberley** at debcbubberley@comcast.net.

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 spouse/partner or significant other. We determine the needs of the member, such as dietary necessities, day and time of delivery. We use a website called Meal Train, which provides us with a page for the recipient. We deliver easy meals and most providers make meals they usually make for themselves. We always respect the recipient's privacy, so requests are never publicized without the recipient's permission. 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. Give Pat a call or email if you know of someone who might need a meal. Our volunteers who provide the meals are the **heart** of our Branch and wonderful women who take care of us. We are so lucky to have them. ♥

Great Decisions — Susie Monary-Wilson

The Great Decisions group will resume meeting on **Tuesday, January 28 2025**, at the Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Grass Valley from **10 to noon**. The 2025 discussion topics are: (1) American Foreign Policy at a Crossroads, (2) U.S. Changing Leadership of the World Economy, (3) U.S.-China Relations, (4) International Cooperation on Climate Change, (5) The Future of NATO and European Security, (6) AI and American National Security, (7) India: Between China, the West, and the Global South, and (8) After Gaza: American Policy in the Middle East. This should be a very interesting and informative season, so if you would like to join us, please contact **Susie Monary-Wilson**, at monarywilson@msn.com, or call 530-470-9272 for more information.



Brisk Walkers — Joan Naszady

Now that the weather is cooling, come walk with us on local trails and enjoy the fall weather! Get together with friends and walk 3-5 miles once a week for an hour or two on the following schedule:



- 1st week of the month Monday or Friday
- 2nd week: Monday or Wednesday
- 3rd week: Wednesday or Thursday
- 4th week: Monday or Friday

Days/times are set by walk leaders. Please email or text me if you would like to lead or join a walk. I will send an email reminder at the beginning of each week. **Joan Naszady** jnaszady@gmail.com or 707-972-6852.

Hiking Group — Mary Menconi

Our October 2 destination was Cascade Canal from Red Dog Road, led by Melanie Heckel. This end of the canal feels very different from the trail from Gracie Road, with more sunlight and different vegetation. Thank you, Melanie! Our October 21 hike was to Summit Lake, led by Mary Menconi. The warm fall weather allowed us to hike at a higher elevation, and this beautiful little lake sits at more than 7,000'. Our November hikes will be **Wednesday, November 6**, and **Monday, November 18**.



We hike the first Wednesday and third Monday of each month. Hike locations are decided by the leader and are announced via email about one week in advance. If you would like to join the Hiking Group or reserve a date to lead a hike, please contact Mary: marymenconi@gmail.com.

Interest Groups (cont.)

Writing Group — Deb York

Our Write-in group meets for 1.5 hours each month to simply write together. We meet the **3rd Monday (November 18, 2024) 2:00 – 3:30** in the Gold Rush room at the Madelyn Helling Library in Nevada City. Our Writing Critique group meets for 2 hours each month on the **3rd Monday (November 18, 2024) 10:00 – noon** in the Gold Rush room at the Madelyn Helling Library in Nevada City. We post writing for critique in our Google drive by Friday midnight prior to each meeting. We also offer quarterly skill building workshops as requested. Contact Deb York, Deborah11623@gmail.com if you would like to join us.



conversing in Spanish. To prompt lots of conversation, we'll play board games, have cooking lessons, sing songs, read poetry and listen to presentations volunteered by any participant. Lisa will have Google Translate available on her laptop for expansion of vocabulary. Lisa holds a B.A. from UCSB in Spanish and spent her senior year in Spain. She sang in a Spanish chorus for twelve years and taught computer skills in Spanish to immigrants in Richmond, California.

Contact **Lisa Schliff** at onthbeamisa@gmail.com.

Suggested day and time: **Mondays from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.** This is subject to change depending on availability of interested members.

Interest Group activities in Oct, clockwise, from the right: Hikers, Arts & Crafts, Non-Fiction, and Mostly Fiction book groups.



NEW INTEREST GROUP POSSIBILITIES

Spanish Club — Lisa Schliff

AAUW members are invited to gather at Lisa Schliff's residence once a month to practice speaking and listening to Spanish. All levels – beginning to advanced and native speakers – are welcome. We will spend the entire time





See front page coverage in the October 22, 2024, Union: [The Union \(pressreader.com\)](http://The Union (pressreader.com))

Program Sponsors

These businesses and individuals have generously donated toward the support of our Branch. We are happy to thank them and acknowledge their support!

- **Bodacious Blooms Flower Farm**
Karen Hull
- **KNCO News Talk 830**
- **Nevada Irrigation District**
- **Owens Estate & Wealth Strategies Group**
- **Allison Rapp**
- **Sierra Tech Guy**
David Ball
- **Westamerica Bank**
Bernadette & Ed Sylvester
- **Wolf Mountain Spa**
Dan Wray
- **Kim White**, Attorney at Law



Ways and Means

By Karin Quinn



Karin Quinn
Ways & Means Chair

Hi from the Ways & Means section. Wasn't that just an inspiring October program?

This is just a quick reminder to all that we have beautiful & comfortable custom T-shirts in long or short sleeves made to order. There are day-packs for trips, light hiking, shopping, etc. Some super cool aprons for your cooking pleasure. Tumblers too. Soon to come are caps in a few fun colors. Remember that the proceeds help fund our wonderful programs and some of the

day to day overhead expenses that organizations have. And, you can show yourself off as a proud member of AAUW Nevada County Chapter! Check out the offings at the general meeting.



Day Pack & Apron