

🌿 TECH TREK SOUP SUPPER, 2010

Our annual fundraiser to send two girls to Tech Trek is here again; see the announcement below for details.

Previous Tech Trekkers will be on hand to tell us what camp meant to them and catch us up on their lives since attending camp.

RESERVATIONS are required, and the deadline is January 20th. Call Connie Ferrell at 873-0725 to leave name, phone and number attending. Please remember that if you signed up to work or bring food, you still need to make reservations.

PAYMENT will be made at the event. You may write a single check for dinner plus drawing and drinks tickets, but please bring cash (\$15 preferred) for additional tickets and our first-rate book sale.

DONATIONS: We need vendor-services donations for prize drawings, along with your donations of new or almost new items and good current books for book sale. Items should be dropped off, starting Jan. 5th, at Graphic Impressions (Dianne Lorenz), 7654B Skyway, just above Bille Road, or at Post-Net (Kelley Connor), 6038A Clark Road, next to Round Table Pizza.

DEADLINE FOR DONATIONS is January 16th. If you have any questions about prize drawings or books, contact Jackie Westbrook at 877-8711. Volunteers are still needed to help during the evening. Contact Marygrace Colby at 873-6252. In event of snow, the backup date for this event is Monday, Feb. 2nd.

~Marygrace Colby, Tech Trek Coordinator

🌿 The View From Here

Okay, let me wipe off my binoculars...

What do I see in the offing but the 2nd Annual CAREER TREK! This is a great opportunity for our members to be involved with a fun event that promotes AAUW goals and helps local school girls.

On Saturday, January 23, from 8:30 to 3:00, the Butte County AAUW Branches and Butte College will host a group of 8th grade girls on the main BC campus for a series of presentations by professional women who use math and science in their jobs. The goal is to encourage and inspire the girls to pursue a college education and careers they might have thought not open to them. This is pretty much AAUW's core mission, and it can reach a lot more girls than we are able to send to Tech Trek Science Camp.

Volunteers from all the local AAUW branches are needed to help the presenters and girls negotiate where to go and what to do—I did it last year and it was quite interesting and enjoyable.

Please call me at 873-9566 and let me know if you would like to volunteer this year.

Then, following right in the wake, is **Soup Supper** on Jan. 25, 2010, and I hope we'll have a good turnout for that as always. Marygrace Colby is doing a tremendous amount of work to organize this, and she will need extra help this year due to not being able to use one of her hands for a while.

And then the **IBC Lunch** on Feb. 6, which will be our branch meeting for February—please see the separate

SOUP SUPPER!!

Monday, January 25th, 2010

Apple Tree Village Mobilehome Park
1400 Kilcrease Circle, Paradise

6:00 PM liquid refreshments, drawing tickets, first chance at the book sale.

6:30 PM dinner, priced at \$14.

Bring your own table service!

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announcement below and come if you can!

Finally, I want to thank once again Laurie Baker and her committee, Katie Rosenberg and Phyllis Larsen, for arranging a wonderful **Holiday Party** for us on Dec. 15th, and thanks also to Connie Rogers and the Gold Nugget Museum! I've heard many compliments from members on what a good time they had. We also collected a couple of bags of children's books for the Family Resource Center to distribute. Thanks to everyone!

~Satsie Veith, Branch President

INTERBRANCH COUNCIL LUNCHEON

11:30 am, Saturday, February 6
First Presbyterian Church
446 Kentucky Street, Gridley
(corner of Kentucky and Sycamore)

Crispy Italian Chicken,
Noodles Parmesan, Salad, Dessert
\$12 per person

Martha (Marty) Dunlap will speak on
"Water Conservation Issues"

Please come if you can to the Interbranch Council Lunch—*this event is for all members*, and we are not having any other branch meeting in February. It's a great chance to meet other AAUW members from Chico, Oroville, Gridley, and Yuba City-Marysville.

Our speaker this year is an environmental law attorney from Chico who will speak about some of the issues around water use and conservation that are not only so pressing now but getting more urgent all the time.

If you are going to attend, please call Satsie Veith at 873-9566 before Jan. 25th. We can arrange carpooling.

~Satsie Veith, Branch President

Helpers Needed for Women's History Presentations

If you have one or more mornings available during the weeks of March 8th–12th and 15th–19th consider volunteering as a classroom assistant for our 4th grade Women's History presentations. You will set up props, photos and story boards and share them with small groups of students. Attendance at a rehearsal is advised to familiarize you with the materials to be presented and to train you in how best to assist the historical presenter. So far we have Sara Baz portraying Annie Bidwell, Carole Chantal

taking the role of Dr. Ella Gatchell and Carole Chumbler as Julia Morgan. Please contact Phyllis Larsen or Carole Chumbler if you'd like to help.

~Carole Chumbler, Women's History Chair

AAUW Memorial Book Fund

Each March, as part of our Women's History Month observations, AAUW purchases and donates books on women's history to local school libraries. Last year, we were able to donate such books as *Julia Morgan Built a Castle*, *Women Making America*, *Not One Damsel in Distress: World Folktales of Strong Girls*, and *Winning the Vote*.

Honor a past or present member of AAUW by making a donation in her name. Donations will be accepted through early February. Please make checks payable to "AAUW Paradise Branch" and include the name of the person you are honoring. Checks should be mailed to: Paradise AAUW, P.O. Box 1585, Paradise, CA 95967-1585.

~Sidne Gray

New Members

Growing up as a "military brat", Sidne Gray attended various schools throughout the U.S. and Japan before graduating from Vanden High School at Travis AFB.

Sidne attended UCSB and Cal Poly San Luis Obispo to earn a BS in Child Development. Her graduate work was completed at Chapman University with a MS in Special Education of the Learning Handicapped. She completed additional course work for her teaching and administrative credentials through Chapman, University of LaVerne, CSU Fullerton and CSU Chico.

Sidne began teaching elementary special education in Baldwin Park and then worked at the District Office as a curriculum specialist. When Sidne moved to Magalia in 1989, she was hired as a Resource Specialist for Paradise Elementary. She remained at the same school until she retired in June 2007 as assistant principal.

Sidne and her husband Ron have been married 24 years. They are both active with Butte County Search and Rescue, and their search and rescue dog, Abbie, keeps them both very busy. They also enjoy dirt bike riding in the backcountry, hiking, and camping, along with quiet activities such as reading.

~Katie Rosenberg, VP Membership

March Branching Out deadline is February 20th. Please e-mail your submissions to jim@holzgrafe.com.



Public Policy

Only hibernating bears will be unaware of the health care bills staggering their way through the House and Senate. What the final bill will look like is anybody's guess but these are the parts AAUW would like to see retained:

- End the practice of gender rating;
- Require coverage of women's reproductive health services;
- Ensure access to and coverage of access to preventative services and care.

A very useful resource with detailed analyses of all the key aspects of coverage can be found online at the Kaiser Family Foundation website, <http://healthreform.kff.org/>. It is updated frequently and contains helpful comparisons of the Senate and House bills. Current topics explored in depth include:

- Implications for women's access to coverage and care;
- Medicare buy-in option for older uninsured adults;
- Immigrants' health coverage and health reform: key questions and answers.

Now that the Health Care Reform bill has passed in the Senate, a joint conference committee will work to integrate the Senate and House bills into a single bill for President Obama to sign.

Current law, reinforced in both bills, already dictates that federal taxpayer dollars cannot be used to pay for abortion. However, as you know, the Stupak amendment would eliminate private insurance coverage for abortion services under health plans offered in a government-run exchange system, effectively instituting a domestic gag rule. If language similar to the Stupak amendment is included in the final health care reform bill, millions of women, including those in private plans who paid premiums with their own money, would lose the coverage they currently have. We need to continue to fight to ensure that measures like the Stupak amendment, and any other attempts to weaken women's access to complete reproductive health care coverage that go beyond current law, stay out of the bill that ultimately reaches the president's desk.

As AAUW members, we should continuously monitor activity on this legislation, contacting our representatives if we see the bill getting out of hand, AAUW-wise.

Please contact Senators Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer, thanking them for their vote on the Nelson Amendment (that allowed the Senate bill to pass at all), and asking them to continue to work for inclusion of the principles that AAUW supports in the final Health Care Reform Bill.

Our Congressman Wally Herger continues to voice his opposition to any health care bill at all, while as a member of Congress he enjoys the best health care the country has to offer.

Email our representatives—it's easy:

- Congressman Wally Herger:
<http://herger.house.gov/>
- U.S. Senators Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer:
www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm
- State Senator Sam Aanstad and Assemblyman Dan Logue:
www.legislature.ca.gov/

Or if you wish to call their offices:

Representative Herger	530-893-8363
Senator Feinstein	202-224-3841
Senator Boxer	202-224-3553

~Carol Holzgrafe, Public Policy Chair

Interest Groups and Special Dates

Annual Tech Trek Soup Supper Monday, Jan 25th, 2010.

Evening Book Group will meet Friday, January 8th at 7:30 PM to discuss *Puppetmaster: The Secret Life of J. Edgar Hoover* by Richard Hack. The book for our February gathering is *People of the Book* by Geraldine Brooks. If you're interested in joining us for either discussion, call Mary Johnson at 877-3906 or Joan Regan at 872-4613.

Morning Book Group meets every 4th Thursday of the month between 10 and noon. To join our group or to find out the location of this meeting, contact Connie Ferrell at 873-0725.

Pot Luck Group welcomes new members—couples or singles. You cook only one dish and enjoy a great meal and even greater conversation. If you are interested, please call Marilyn Eldridge at 873-1029.



Calendar

(All Board Meetings at 7 PM, Oak Knoll Library)

January 2010

Tuesday, 12th: Board Meeting

Saturday, 23rd: Career Trek,
Butte College, 8:30 AM–2:00 PM

Monday, 25th: Soup Supper, Appletree Village, 6 PM

February 2010

Saturday, 6th: IBC Luncheon, Gridley

Tuesday, 9th: Board Meeting

(No Branch Meeting)

March 2010

Tuesday, 9th: Board Meeting

Tuesday, 16th?: Branch Meeting TBA.

April 2010

Tuesday, 13th: Board Meeting

Tuesday, 22nd?: Branch Meeting TBA.

May 2010

Tuesday, 11th: Board Meeting

Saturday, 22th: Spring Luncheon; Location TBA.

Dramatis Personae

President:	Satsie Veith
Treasurer:	Kay Hinerman
Secretaries:	Dianne Lorenz (board) Merrie McLaughlin (general)
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