

🌸 The View from Here

Well, it's my last *View From Here* after two years as branch president, and I'm going to keep it short. It's genuinely an honor to have served this branch as president, especially helping out with the Career Trek Events the last two years.

I know we're going to have a burst of energy and enthusiasm from our president-elect Ronda Hoffman and I'm very glad to turn the job over to her.

Congratulations and thank you to our officers for 2010-2011:

President:	Ronda Hoffman
Treasurer:	Lynn Eads
VP Membership:	Katie Rosenberg
VP Program:	Lani McManus
AAUW Funds/LAF:	Connie Ferrell
Secretaries:	Merrie McLaughlin, Jean Crist

Especially thanks to Lynn for taking on the treasurer job again, having served two 5-year terms in the past, and thanks to Carole Chumbler for volunteering to be her assistant.

These women have saved our branch, because without a treasurer we would not have been able to continue. Thank you to everyone who has been a help to me, you all know who you are, and you're great women.

See you all at the Spring Luncheon / 30th Year Celebration!

Satsie Veith, Branch President

SPRING LUNCHEON/HAT DAY

SATURDAY, MAY 22nd

Oak Knoll Senior Living
1007 Buschmann Rd, Paradise

11:30 Reception and viewing history

12:00 Lunch

\$12.00 PREPAID RESERVATIONS
Due no later than Friday, May 14th

Send checks to AAUW, P.O. Box 1585, Paradise,
95967

In memory of Charter member Frances Pence, luncheon funds, after expenses, will be donated to the Pence Scholarship.

🌸 Celebrating Our 30th Anniversary

Put on your hats and join us in honoring our Charter members and those who joined during the early 80's.

Paradise AAUW has a tradition of HAT DAY for every anniversary celebration. Wear a special hat, decorated to portray your interest(s). Winning hats will receive a prize. Also, if you will not be attending, please let Marygrace know at 873-6252. An RSVP will save phone calls at deadline date.

🌸 Tech Trek, July, 2010

The camper selection process gets harder each year as outstanding young women are nominated by their science/math teachers. Our 2010 scholarship recipients will be Andrea Lawrie from Charter Middle School, and Trevor Hovey, from Paradise Intermediate.

They will spend a week at Camp Marie Curie, on the Stanford University campus.

Thanks to everyone who has helped with Branch fund raisers and/or made individual donations. A special thanks to Connie Ferrell and Carol Holzgrafe who helped interview the nominees. We changed the essay question this year to "Imagine your life in 2025: How is it different because of scientific advances you/others have made." Wow! Great responses!

A scholarship costs our branch \$750, with each camper's parents asked to pay a \$50 fee, to make a total of \$800. Since 1999, including this summer, we will have sent thirty-two Ridge students to Tech Trek Camp. Three of our past campers have returned as Junior Counselors.

Marygrace Colby

🌸 Catch Us On The Web!

www.aauwparadise.org

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AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research.



Public Policy

Update on the Paycheck Fairness Act, Senate version: Sen. Dianne Feinstein has signed on as co-sponsor of the bill with Senator Barbara Boxer. Perhaps she felt it was time; perhaps she heard all those AAUW phone calls urging her to get a move on. Thank you, Senator.

Victory on Title IX:

You all know that AAUW was fundamental in the passage of Title IX, the 1972 bill that banned sex discrimination in schools. (We pack a wallop in Washington, D.C.). During the previous administration, a loophole was provided to school districts, allowing that, if a survey was taken and girls didn't seem as interested in sports (for example) as boys, the district was okay with giving boys more facilities than girls. This is now history.

In April the Obama administration and the Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights issued new guidance, rescinding the March 2005 policy that allowed these surveys.

The new guidelines return to the previous standard, under which schools will consider a number of factors, including athletic participation rates at the secondary school levels and interviews with coaches, to ensure they are following Title IX requirements.

As Vice President Biden [said](#) at the event, attended by AAUW representatives, "Making Title IX as strong as possible is a no-brainer." So...

Women's participation at the college level has increased more than 500 percent since Title IX's enactment. Better still, these gains have not come at the expense of men, whose athletic opportunities have also increased since Title IX's passage. Girls thrive when they participate in sports, and the benefit of playing sports stays with them for years to come.

For more information on this policy change, see AAUW's [press release](http://www.aauw.org/media/pressreleases/titleIX-Athletics_042010.cfm) (www.aauw.org/media/pressreleases/titleIX-Athletics_042010.cfm), the White House's [press release](http://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/vice-president-biden-announces-strengthening-title-ix) (www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/vice-president-biden-announces-strengthening-title-ix) and the [letter](#) and [related Q&A](#) from the Office for Civil Rights, (www.hhs.gov/ocr/).

Carol Holzgrafe, Public Policy Fanatic

Memorial Book Fund

Thank you to all who donated to the AAUW Memorial Book Fund. We provided 17 hardcover or library bound books to the school libraries in Paradise. The books were presented to members of Paradise Unified School District at the March 20th AAUW meeting in celebration of Women's History Month or during the school history presentations. Each book has an AAUW bookplate affixed to the inside cover with the name of Lavon Becker, Victoria Sulski or Kay Myers Carson who were remembered with this year's donations. The books ranged from early elementary reading levels and interests through high school. The titles were:

- *A is for Abigail: An Almanac of Amazing American Women* by Lynne Cheney (two copies)
- *Adventurous Women: Eight True Stories About Women Who Made a Difference* by Penny Colman
- *Almost Astronauts: 13 Women Who Dared to Dream* by Tanya Lee Stone
- *The Girl Who Struck Out Babe Ruth* by Jean L. S. Patrick (two copies)
- *Girls Think of Everything: Stories of Ingenious Inventions by Women* by Catherine Thimmesh (two copies)
- *Julia Morgan Built a Castle* by Celeste Davidson Mannis (three copies)
- *New York Public Library Amazing Women In American History* by Sue Heinemann
- *Nike Is a Goddess: The History of Women in Sports* by Lissa Smith
- *Remember the Ladies: 100 Great American Women* by Cheryl Harness
- *Suzette and the Puppy: A Story About Mary Cassatt* by Joan Sweeney
- *Through My Eyes* by Ruby Bridges
- *Women Invent: Two Centuries of Discoveries That Have Shaped Our World* by Susan Casey

Sidne Grey

Membership Dues Form

Dues for next year are due in June. Members who don't pay their dues don't receive this magnificent newsletter—you have been warned!

Please fill out the form on the next page and send it in with your dues as soon as possible; the branch cannot function without operating funds.



AAUW – Paradise

2010/2011 Dues Notice

**Please return completed form with payment
by June 11, 2010**

- ▶ Send to: Treasurer
AAUW – Paradise
P. O. Box 1585
Paradise, CA 95967-1585

- ▶ Please check the current directory, making any corrections or additions on this form. Be sure to include your email address.

- ▶ Current branch policy is to send the *Branching Out* newsletter to your email address. If you do not have access to a computer, we will send you a hard copy at branch expense. If you do have an email address but still wish to receive a hard copy, we ask that you add a subscription fee of \$4.00 to your dues payment (see ** below). Please check here if you wish to subscribe for a hard copy of the newsletter, and include the \$4.00 with your dues payment.

Name (as you wish it to appear in the directory)	Spouse/partner's name
Mailing address	City/ZIP
Street address (optional)	City/ZIP
Home telephone *	Business telephone
Fax	Email address

* Circle your phone number if you want a notation in the directory that the number is unlisted.

Degree	Major	Institution/Location

Dues are distributed as follows:

	<u>Regular Membership</u>	<u>Life Membership</u>
Association	\$49.00	\$0.00
State	16.00	16.00
Branch	<u>19.00</u>	<u>19.00</u>
TOTAL dues only	\$84.00	\$35.00
** Newsletter subscription (see note above)	<u>4.00</u>	<u>4.00</u>
TOTAL dues + newsletter subscription	\$88.00	\$39.00



Interest Groups and Special Dates

Evening Book Group will meet Friday, May 28 at 7:30 PM to discuss *Out Stealing Horses* by Per Petterson. If you're interested in joining us, call Mary Johnson at 877-3906 or Joan Regan at 872-4613.

Morning Book Group will meet Thursday, May 27 between 10 AM and noon. You may discuss a book of your choice. In May we will read *Bee Season*. Contact Connie Ferrell for further information 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)

May 2010

Tuesday, 11th: Board Meeting

Saturday, 22th: Spring Luncheon, 11:30 AM, Oak Knoll

Dramatis Personae

President:	Satsie Veith
Treasurer:	Kay Hinerman
Secretaries:	Dianne Lorenz (board) Merrie McLaughlin (general)
VP EF/LAF:	Connie Ferrell
VP Membership:	Katie Rosenberg
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