

## 🌿 The View from Here

Change is in the air, as the leaves turn into orange, red and gold. We are all anticipating interesting experiences and time spent with friends and family in the coming months. At this time I would like to give thanks to our wonderful Board of Directors. These individuals have been working very hard on your behalf to plan programs, activities and community events that are fun, provide growth opportunities and support for our members while advancing lifelong educational opportunities and equity for girls and women. Special thanks to Mary Johnson for arranging a visit with Melissa Arnold, Paradise's fabric wizard. Thank you to Lani McManus, Jan Keller, Pat Norenberg and Carol Chantel for a luncheon extraordinaire full of good food, wonderful entertainment and a day of friendship. Thanks to the Evening Book Group, Chaired by Mary Johnson, for arranging our visit with Claire Braz-Valentine, a local author, who shared with us about the power, the pain and the joy of writing. Members of the Evening Book Group also provided tasty treats for all.

Our Branch is asking that each member do just "One Thing" to help our Branch have a year that allows us all to grow strong, be entertained, and help others in their journey through life. If you have already done "One Thing", thank you. If you have committed to your "One Thing", thank you. If you aren't sure what your "One Thing" is this year, whether time or money, please give me a call, 872.3031, and we can talk about opportunities for you and what you might choose for your "One Thing." "One thing" can make a difference.

## Ye Olde-Fashioned Christmas Party

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14<sup>th</sup>

for  
members, spouses and guests

The Gold Nugget Museum  
502 Pearson Rd., Paradise

Please bring your favorite "Christmas Goodie" to share on the buffet table, and an unwrapped, new book for children, ages 1-17.  
(Please see details on page 2)

This year's holiday event includes Champagne, wine, non-alcoholic punch, hors d'oeuvres made by the Potluck Group, and a fabulous 7-piece music ensemble led by our own Madge Ebright, playing Christmas music while you visit and share together in the spirit of the season.

I look forward to joining you at the "Ye Olde Fashion Christmas Party" on December 14th at the Gold Nugget Museum starting at 6:30 PM. This is a time to make merry and rejoice with friends. If you need a ride please give me a call at 872-3031. See you there!

Hope your Thanksgiving is filled with peace, love and great joy. Have a wonderful time!

*Ronda Hoffman*, Branch President

## 🌿 Paradise Branch goals:

**Recruit, nurture and maintain membership**—Yes, you can recruit new members and help our branch thrive. Don't leave it up to the Paulette Jones, Membership Chair. She is working as hard as she can.

Here are ways you can help:

- Always carry a membership brochure with you. You never know when you may be talking with a prospective member.
- Ask what the person is looking for in an organization. Show how AAUW can fill that need.
- Tell her/him why you joined.
- Introduce yourself to those you don't know. Make them feel welcome.
- Be proud of your success and share it with other branch members.
- Support and maintain the Frances Pence Scholarships—contact Pat Nohrnberg at 872-0799.
- Support and Maintain Tech Trek—contact Marygrace Colby at 873-6252.

For Frances Pence Scholarships and Tech Trek see the "Non-Event Fundraising" article on page 2.

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Branching Out is published five times per year by the Paradise Branch of the American Association of University Women. AAUW Paradise Branch is committed to advancing lifelong education opportunities and equity for girls and women. We will do this while providing growth opportunities and support for our members and establishing a positive visible presence on the Paradise Ridge.

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



## 🌿 Holiday Party Book Donation

For the past several years our branch has been collecting Children's Books at our Holiday Party. They are given to children in need in our community through the Family Resource Center and their "Giving Program."

Many thanks to our member Kelly Connor who gathers and then delivers the new and unwrapped books to the resource center for this beneficial program.

Our thanks also to Connie Rogers for helping to make available the delightful Gold Nugget Museum for our holiday party, and to our "one and only" Madge Ebright for the delightful ensemble Christmas music.

*Jackie Westbrook & Marilyn Eldridge, Holiday Party*

## 🌿 Non-Event Fundraising

The board has approved a Non-Event to raise funds for Pence and Tech Trek Scholarships. We hope all members will be involved in these special projects which will make it possible to continue funding scholarships for girls and women on the Ridge.

In early November, you will be receiving a letter and enclosed return envelop, along with directions for your donation checks.

Please note. The board has approved using existing funds, already in EF/LAF Branch accounts, for our Branch donations to national this year. No additional money is needed until the 2011 fund drive. Questions? Contact one of us:

*Marygrace Colby, Tech Trek Coordinator*

*Connie Ferrell, VP EF/LAF*

*Pat Nohrnberg, Pence Scholarship Chair*

## 🌿 Career Trek at Butte College

AAUW Paradise is joining with the other Butte County AAUW Branches in holding a Career Trek day for 8th grade girls on January 22, 2011, at Butte College.

Professional women will talk about the education needed for various professions and their own experiences in their careers.

Once again we will need monitors in the classrooms with the speakers and students. If you are interested in helping make the day successful please call Madeleine Caton, 872-0462

*Ronda Hoffman, Branch President*

## 🌿 Public Policy for November

Well, AAUW is now on Facebook, giving members interested in advocacy one more way to keep up to date. Check out the new "Take Action" tab at the top of the AAUW Facebook page. Make sure to set your browser to allow pop-up windows, and then share the action with your Facebook friends. We are so hip.

In other news:

### Final 2010 Legislative Report

Of the 34 bills that AAUW CA either supported or was following, Governor Schwarzenegger signed 7, vetoed 6, and 20 did not pass out of both houses of the legislature. The Joint Resolution to request the U.S. Senate to Ratify CEDAW, the United Nations action on Civil Rights for women around the world was passed by both houses.

The bill that AAUW CA co-sponsored, SB 929, to prohibit cadmium in children's jewelry, was signed by the Governor. Notably, however, the Governor vetoed AB 1900 that would have required pregnant inmates to be restrained in the least restrictive way possible.

Go to [www.aauw-ca.org](http://www.aauw-ca.org) for more detail on the 2010 Legislative Session.

### Every Member Survey

By now you will have received the fall issue of Perspective. Please note the Every Member Survey that gives each of us an opportunity to vote on the state's Public Policy Priorities that will guide decisions about Public Policy in AAUW CA for the 2011-2013 period. This survey can either be done online at [www.aauw-ca.org](http://www.aauw-ca.org) under Public Policy (easiest!), or by mailing a hard copy into the state office. Let your voice be heard!

*(Sue Miller, CA Vice President/Public Policy Director)*

### Study of the California Budget

Branch Committees have been meeting, with members researching specific issues, such as education funding and the impacts of cutbacks in funding for CalWorks and social service programs. It is informative to probe into these issues that are at the heart of AAUW's Public Policy Priorities – and the prospects of continuing in the direction the state has been heading in the past several budget cycles are not promising for the future. The voice of AAUW needs to be heard on the budget process! Branches are still welcome to join in the study.



Contact Sue Miller for more details, [publicpolicydir@aauw-ca.org](mailto:publicpolicydir@aauw-ca.org) and let her know if your branch is participating.

*Carol Holzgrafe*, Public Policy Chair  
(with thanks to *Sue Miller*, AAUW CA VP)

### Membership & New Beginnings

I would like to introduce the first group of new Paradise Branch members; they are listed in our new Directory.

**Sally McNall** and her husband Scott have lived all over the Midwest and Southwest of the U.S.

They were both born in Oregon. Sally has her PhD in Literature. Scott and Sally both work on Climate Change issues in publications and teaching. Sally is retired from Chico State, but sometimes volunteers to teach with her husband at the college. She loves poetry and would be willing to teach a poetry workshop for our Paradise Branch. Their two children and three grandchildren recently came to celebrate Scott and Sally's 50th Wedding Anniversary. Sally says her 'hobby' is her cats.

**Carryl Brown** graduated from University of Utah earning a degree in Art. She and her husband Ray, have been married for 60 years. They have three children, a daughter and two sons. There are nine grandchildren and four great grandchildren. She loves arts and crafts and has a special interest in science. Her art has been shown in the area and a recent gallery showing in Chico. Carryl is a multi-medium artist, from sculptures to jewelry to fabric arts, etc.

She would like to share her love of crafts with other AAUW members. Maybe another Interest Group?

Please greet and make these new members all feel welcome!

*Paulette Jones*, Membership VP

### Catch Us On The Web!

Please come visit us at [www.aauwparadise.org](http://www.aauwparadise.org). We are looking for someone or a group of individuals to provide text and context to encourage site visitors to join our branch. [It's *your* site; what would you like to say to prospective members? ~Ed.] If you are interested or have questions please contact Jim, 873-6906, or Ronda, 872-3031.

*Ronda Hoffman*, Branch President

### Other Dates and Interest Groups

**New Groups:** Anyone interested in starting an interest group call Cheryl Caldwell at 877-8238. Sign up sheets for the interest groups will be at the September luncheon, so be sure and sign up for your favorite groups.

**Annual Soup Supper** Monday, Jan 24<sup>th</sup>, 2010, sponsored by Gourmet Group. **SAVE THE DATE!**

**Evening Book Group** will meet Friday, December 3, at 7:30 PM to discuss *The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind* by *William Kamkwamba*. If you're interested in joining us, call Mary Johnson at 877-3906 or Joan Regan at 872-4613.

**Gadabouts Group** will be going to the Gateway Museum in Chico. on Sat. Nov. 13th. Please meet at 9:30am, Park N Ride on Skyway by the Paradise Resource Center (Boys and Girls Club). We will go out to lunch after our museum visit. For additional information or questions please call Paulette Jones at 877-1163.

**Morning Book Group** meets every 4th Thursday of the month between 10 and noon. Our next two meetings will be held on August 26<sup>th</sup>, at Annie's Restaurant, and September 23<sup>rd</sup>, at Connie Ferrell's home. We will select four group discussion books for the coming year at the September meeting. To join our group, contact Connie Ferrell at 873-0725.

**Pot Luck Group** is open to new members. The group meets once a month on the second Sunday of the month. Anyone that is interested in this group may call Marilyn Eldridge at 873-1029.

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### Stan Hamilton—In Memoriam

We will miss you Stan! Words are so inadequate at a time like this. Expressing sympathy is always difficult, but all we can say is how sorry we are, Marsha. Our sympathy and warmest thoughts are with you and your family.

A memorial will be held November 20th at 11:00 a.m. at Craig Memorial Congregational Church, 5665 Scottwood Road, Paradise.



## Dramatis Personae

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