

## FALL BRUNCH

Our local scholarship winners; What To Expect This Year; plus general schmoozing!  
Feel free to invite a prospective member or guest to join you.

Saturday, September 14, 10 AM to Noon at Carol Holzgrafe's Home,  
15024 Jack Pine Way, Magalia

(Take Skyway, about 3 miles north of "downtown" Magalia, turn right on Columbine,  
left at the 4th street (Jack Pine). We are the 5th driveway on the right. There will be signs.)

Bring either food or a \$5 donation; if bringing food, choose one:  
A brunch dish, a salad, fruit, or breakfast bread. Beverages, plates, and utensils will be provided.

Please RSVP to: Liz Mesones, 873-0081 or 228-1406 OR Mary Drew, [dickandmary2@gmail.com](mailto:dickandmary2@gmail.com).  
Tell them what category of food you will bring, if any.

**RESERVATIONS REQUIRED!** DEADLINE is **Thursday, Sept. 12.**

**NEED A RIDE?** Marygrace Colby will organize one for you: 873-6252 or [mcolby@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mcolby@sbcglobal.net)

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### The View From Here

Welcome to another year of friendship and of making a difference in Paradise, in California, and in the nation.

We get so many things from our AAUW membership: AAUW programs such as Tech Trek Science and Math Camp for Girls, our local Pence and national scholarships, support for professional women in their discrimination lawsuits, in-depth studies such as *Why So Few—Women in Math and Science*, understanding of bills before the state legislature through the Public Policy team, and political effectiveness through our legislative consultants in Sacramento and Washington, D.C. (the Good Lobbyists). And we share our learning and talents with our Paradise and Magalia communities through our meetings and service.

Our first branch-wide meeting is something I've long wanted to do: have a party at my house (lots of counter space and plenty of bathrooms) and this is my chance. So please do come and help us celebrate.

You will meet and hear from at least one of our three Pence Scholarship winners. They are delightful young women and you will thrill to their stories.

Lynn Eads will have the 2013-2014 Membership Directory ready to distribute on Sept. 14, another reason to drop by.

We have two open positions on our new committee: AAUW Funds and Historian/Photographer. If you would like to join our new group (we will have fun), please give me a call. Most everyone on the committee is new this year and my gratitude for them is beyond words.

I would like you to know that Marygrace Colby is retiring from many years as our Tech Trek Coordinator. She has done a wonderful, caring job and I, in particular, owe her big. Sue Griffin and I will continue on the Tech Trek committee but welcome more to join us.

*Carol Holzgrafe, Facilitator*

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



## 🌿 Tech Trek at UC Davis

Lauren Offutt of Magalia, the Paradise branch's Tech Trekker, spent a week on the U.C. Davis campus this past July as one of 84 girls entering 8th grade. We will let her tell you about her experience:

*Dear Paradise AAUW*

*Thank you for sending me to Tech Trek this summer. I loved meeting my roommate and all of the other campers. The college experience in general was great. The dorms, food, classes and people were amazing.*

*My teacher was funny and very nice. She taught my core class in Environmental Engineering. My favorite part was learning how to solder. We each made a burglar alarm and got to take it home. I also enjoyed all of the hands-on activities.*

*I have learned about so many math and science careers. I didn't even know existed. I now believe my passion is for engineering. I'm not sure what kind but I love putting things together and seeing the final product.*

*Overall, this has been an amazing opportunity. I hope to be a junior counselor in the future. Thank you again for this once in a lifetime opportunity.*

*Lauren*

We have a reservation to send 2 girls to the 2014 camp.

I want to thank Marygrace Colby and Sue Griffin; both were hard-working members of the 2013 branch Tech Trek committee.

*Carol Holzgrafe, Tech Trek Co-Coordinator*

## 🌿 Need a Ride?

Marygrace Colby has offered to find rides to meetings for any branch member who needs one. If you would like a ride or could provide one, call Marygrace at 873-6252 or email her at [mgcolby@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mgcolby@sbcglobal.net)

Peter Dudley, partner of branch member and committee secretary Madeleine Caton, died unexpectedly while on a much-awaited trip to Peru. He was traveling with his 18-year-old grandson. We send our deep and sincere condolences to Madeleine and to Pete's family.



Both Lauren Offutt (left), our Paradise camper, and Andrea Lawrie, a junior counselor and former Paradise camper, attended Tech Trek at UC Davis this July.

## 🌿 Help With Women's History Project!

Want to be involved in helping 4th graders here on the Ridge learn about the important contributions California women have made to our State? In March 2014 we hope to again visit local classrooms with our Women's History Project. To do this we need a minimum of 3 presenters and several classroom assistants. Help is also needed with costuming, looking up period photos for story boards, and rounding up props for the children's "hands on" experiences. Two of last year's presenters have moved out of the area and the third has passed away so we really need other members to step forward and help with this project.

Presenters should plan on allowing three mornings for their presentations, at a time of their convenience. We have fully developed scripts on Annie Bidwell, Dr. Ella Gatchell, Dame Shirley, Phoebe Hearst and Julia Morgan or feel free to develop a new character.

Carol Chantal, who passed away in March, did an incredibly job portraying Dr. Ella Gatchell. Her daughter has given us the costume and hat that Carol wore for her presentations in the hope that someone would carry on the role. Interested?

Let me know ASAP if you'd like to take part so I can let the schools know that our Women's History Project will once again make a March appearance in local classrooms.

*Carole Chumbler, Women's History Chair*



Back row (L-R) Diane Lorenz, Pat Nohrnberg, and Laurie Baker, Selection Committee members. Front row (L-R): Carin Chwastyk and Mindy Johnson, scholarship recipients (Guadalupe Velasquez could not attend.)

### 🌸 Pence Scholarships

Mindy Johnson, Guadalupe Velasquez and Carin Chwastyk are the Francis Pence Scholarship winners for 2013. Each received \$700 from the Paradise AAUW chapter at the Butte College scholarship awards ceremony August 22.

Mindy is a social and behavioral science major. She is single and has two children. Her goal is a degree in social work leading to a better life for herself and her children.

Guadalupe is also a social and behavioral science major. She currently runs a cleaning service and has five children. Her goal is to teach in junior college and set a positive example for her children.

Carin is a nursing major. Her goal is a masters degree in nursing, eventually leading to a position as a scrub nurse in heart surgery.

Meet the scholarship winners at our fall luncheon, Saturday, September 14.

*Pat Nohrnberg, Scholarship Co-Chair*

### 🌸 Memorial Book Fund

We are collecting funds for books on women's history, to be donated to local schools. Please mail checks honoring—or in memory of—someone special to the branch post office box: P. O. Box 1585, Paradise, CA 95967-1585

### 🌸 Don't Miss Out On The Fun

Like to explore our community and take part in local festivals, music and theater events? If you do then join other AAAUW members in our **Share the Fun** interest group.

Here's how it works. When I or other members find out about an upcoming event, an e-mail invite is sent out to those of you who have signed up for notification. You would respond to me if you're interested in attending and we would work out the details. We try to car pool and often include a meal in our jaunts.

Last year we toured the Crocker Art Museum in Sacramento, held a holiday cookie exchange, attended a lecture on the Sierra Buttes at the Snow Goose Festival, toured the Kirshner Wildlife Park, attended the Stansbury House ice cream social, laughed at *Menopause: The Musical* at the Laxon, and met up for various musical events at our own PPAC.

Let me know if you would like to be included on our email notification list and if you have ideas for outings for the group for the coming year.

*Carole Chumbler*

### 🌸 Calendar

**Sept. 14,** Oroville branch meeting: AAUW CA President Alicia Hetman will be the speaker. 10:45 AM, International Room, Bird Street Café, 2025 Bird St., Oroville. Call 533-2695 for details and reservations.

**Sept. 17,** Committee meeting, 2 PM, Carol Holzgrafe, 873-6906

**Oct. 12,** General meeting, Paradise Library

**November,** no meeting

**Dec. 10,** 5:30-7:30 PM **Holiday Party,** Gold Nugget Museum. Hosted by the Paper Arts Interest Group.

**January,** Soup Supper

**March,** Women's History Presentations to 4th graders.

**Reminder:** To enable our members to fully participate as their time and interest allow, send news and information about your group's activities to me at [jim@holzgrafe.com](mailto:jim@holzgrafe.com) for each issue (September, November, January, March and May) of the newsletter.



## Interest Groups

**Morning Books** 4th Thursday, 10 AM; Connie Ferrell, 873-0725

**Evening Books** Selected Friday nights, 7:30 PM; Dianne Lorenz, 872-8967; Mary Johnson, 877-3906

**Bridge Babes** Dates TBA, 1:30 PM; Gail Prince, 877-0554

**Intermediate Bridge** Dates TBA, 1:00 PM; Karen Hilleman, 873-2241

**Bridge** (Group I 1st Friday, Group III 3rd Friday) 1:00 PM; Lynn Eads, 877-2565

**Dining Out** Needs coordinator

**Gourmet** Dates TBA, 6 PM; Karen Hilleman, 873-2241

**Hiking** 1st Saturday, 9 AM; Mary Drew, 873.3916

**Paper Arts** Dates TBA; Laurie Baker, 872-1452

**Potluck** 2nd Sunday; Marilyn Eldridge, 873-1029

## Dramatis Personae

Facilitator	Carol Holzgrafe
Financial Officer	Satsie Veith
Financial Assistant	Liz Mesones
Secretary	Madeleine Caton
Director (Membership)	Mary Drew
AAUW Funds/LAF	open (want to join us?)
Public Policy	Carol Holzgrafe
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	Carol Holzgrafe
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