

Fall Friendship Luncheon

- Meet old friends and make new ones.
- Discuss interest groups, learn about some dazzling upcoming events.
 - Hear our Tech Trek girls talk about their time at camp
 - Bring a guest/prospective member to learn about AAUW.

Lunch: Sandwiches, salads and desserts, plus beverages

The \$12 charge covers lunch and contributes to the Senior Center rental. (You may pay at the door).

Saturday, October 3, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

At the Paradise Ridge Senior Center, 877 Nunneley Road, off Clark.

RSVPs are a must to Carol Holzgrafe, 873-6906

or carol@holzgrafe.com by Wed. Sept. 30.

Call Marygrace Colby, 873-6252 if you need a ride.

■ **The View From The Top**

AAUW Paradise Branch is starting out this year with our traditional fall event, however, this year, we decided on a luncheon instead of a brunch. The event will take place at the Senior Center in Paradise on October 3, 2015. (See headline article) This is a great opportunity to invite prospective new members as Interest Group representatives will do short presentations on what each group does and will be available to answer individual questions. Members interested in joining one or more groups will have the opportunity to do so.

We have invited our students who attended Tech Trek this summer along with their families and we look forward to hearing from them about their experiences.

I want to thank everyone who has helped me thus far as I step into this new role as the facilitator of the Paradise Branch. I appreciate so much your wisdom and your friendship.

I would also like to announce that the branch received a Certificate of Honor in recognition of the

35th Anniversary of our branch from the National AAUW . They expressed their sincere appreciation for our exceptional service and demonstrated commitment to education and equity for women and girls.

Our beloved secretary, Madeleine Caton, was injured over the summer and is currently at Twin Oaks in Chico convalescing. Dianne Lorenz has agreed to be secretary co-chair which the board approved. Thank you Dianne! And Get Well Soon, Madeleine.

Sue Griffin, Facilitator

■ **Membership News:**

Madeleine Caton is in Twin Oaks Acute Post Rehab, 1200 Springfield Dr., Rm. 300B, Chico, 95928 following a fall resulting in several broken bones. She is delighted to receive cards and/or visits though it is best to call first, 530.342.4885.

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.



■ Tech Trek Girls Return – Happy

Our four Paradise Tech Trekkers returned from camp, older, wiser and smarter, having been exposed to so many new experiences – scientific and, well, otherwise.

Jackie Wharton, Jordan Taylor and Jessica Mittag spent their week at U.C. Davis, along with branch member Mary Huntsinger who was a second year dorm mom. One thing all Tech Trek girls learn is how to write a thank you note. Here are some excerpts:

From Jessica: *“I love that women can be empowered in their STEM fields. I have decided that, instead of being a vet, I want to be a doctor or surgeon.....I made more new friends while learning. Thank you for everything.”*

From Jordan: *“I had always wanted to be a forensic scientist, and the classes and activities have made my decision concrete..... Thank you again for letting me be a part of this amazing camp.”*

From Jackie: *“I LOVED camp and I sincerely thank you..... I learned so much. Example: extracting strawberry DNA, taking samples of glowing sodium chloride and mixing dye (glowing). Also STEM in general.”*

Our fourth camper, Arissa Harvey, attended Tech Trek at U.C. Santa Barbara where the focus is marine



Paradise camper, left, at Tech Trek UC Santa

biology, though her core class was the new Tech Trek-wide coding class. *“Thank you so much for sending me*

to Tech Trek. I love it here. I am truly grateful that you (sent) me to a camp 9 hours away just to kick start my understanding of science..... One of my favorite memories was the chemistry class. The teacher showed us multiple chemical reactions like sodium and potassium or methane and fire. She also showed us some liquid nitrogen demonstrations and taught us a few chemistry equations which I'll forget, knowing me. I was shy at first but,



Three Paradise campers with dorm mom
Mary Huntsinger

after a few days, I was interacting with (the other girls) like I knew them for years. So thank you, for contributing, for my education, for me.” She signed the letter, Arissa Harvey, future physicist.

We have invited each girl to the September brunch; those who are able to attend will tell you all about camp — you'll wish you were 13 again.

Because of the extra-generous donations from our branch members, we have one scholarship for 2016 in the bank already. We plan to ask for four places at the Davis camp so we can select one girl from each school we approach. It just takes money.

Thank you all,
Carol Holzgrafe
Tech Trek Coordinator



■ Public Policy for September 2015

AAUW doesn't just stand for friends, fun and food. While we are dining out, playing bridge and discussing books, AAUW is working for us, making sure Congress and state Legislatures understand what we care about.

And what do we care about? Education, gender equity, equal pay, Title IX, voting rights, reproductive choice and almost anything connected to the well-being of women and girls.

Since AAUW's founding our members and supporters have spoken out about policies important to women and girls. Without their voices, invaluable legislation would have never been passed. In recent years, such legislation included – to name just a few - the Family and Medical Leave Act, the Matthew Shepard and James Byrd Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Act, and the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act.

Last week, on Women's Equality Day, AAUW California members descended on Sacramento to "encourage" our representatives to consider AAUW-leaning legislation. Women's Equality Day, August 26, is, of course, the anniversary of the 19th amendment (you know, the one where we fought for the right to vote). And, believe it, AAUW was in the forefront of that effort too, all those years ago.

Coming up: National Voter Registration Day, Sept. 22.

*Carol Holzgrafe
Public Policy*

■ Upcoming Events

Saturday, Sept. 12, 10 a.m. to noon

Join the Chico Branch for *Women In Art*, a multigenerational conversation, event to be held at 61 Old Chico Way, the home of Pat Macias, leading light of MONCA (the Museum of Northern California). Free and open to the public. Light refreshments served.

Saturday, October 3, 11 am to 2 pm

Fall Friendship Luncheon

Paradise Ridge Senior Center

Monday, December 7, 5:30 p.m. Holiday Party,

Gold Nugget Museum

Tuesday, January 26, 2016 Soup Supper,

Paradise Senior Center

Saturday, March 12, 2016, 10 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Paradise Library

Joint meeting with the Chico branch to see our Women's History Presentations.

■ Interest Groups

Morning Books 4th Thursday, 10 a.m. Connie

Ferrell: 873-0725; Carol@Holzgrafe.com.

Evening Books Selected Friday nights, 7:30 p.m.

Mary Johnson: 781-2164; Dianne Lorenz: 872-8967.

Potluck 2nd Sunday, Time TBA, Marilyn Eldridge: 873-1029.

Paper Arts Date Varies, TBA,

Laurie Baker: 872-1452.

Wednesday Bridge 1st Wednesdays, 1 p.m.

Karen Hilleman: 873-2241.

Friday Bridge 3rd Fridays, 1 p.m.

Lynn Eads: 877-2565.

Gourmet Group Dates/Time TBA.

Group seeking coordinator.

Women's History March, 2015. Lani McManus:

877-6997, Linda Fletcher Brannam: 873-3359.

Share the Fun/Out to Lunch Dates and Times TBA.

Mary Huntsinger: 872-2612.

Whine & Wine Dates/Times TBA. Carol Holzgrafe:

873-6906.



Women's History Book Fund

Each year as part of our Women's History month observations in March, we purchase and donate books on women's history to local school libraries. Last year, we were able to donate 16 books such as *Anne Morrow Lindbergh: Between the Seas and the Stars*, *First Girl Scout : Life of Juliet Gordon Lowe*, *Great Speeches by American Women*, *Sweethearts of Rhythm*, *Yankee Doodle Gals: Women Pilots of World War II*.

To continue this tradition, you can honor a past or present member of AAUW by making a donation in her name. You can also give a donation to honor someone you value (doesn't have to be AAUW Member).

Please make your check out to AAUW Paradise Branch, place it in an envelope with your complete the donation information form below. Any questions please call: Paulette Jones (530) 877-1163

This donation is in memory of _____

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Please include your contact information and relationship if you would like us to acknowledge your donation to someone.

Donations can be mailed with this slip to:
AAUW Paradise Branch, P.O. Box, 1585, Paradise, CA 95967-1585

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