

## *Celebrate the Holidays Together*

Monday, December 7th at 5:30 pm

- Gold Nugget Museum on Pearson
- Spouses, partners and friends are welcome
- Please bring finger food: savory hors d'oeuvre or dessert
- Wine and cider provided—(monetary donations accepted)
- Please bring an unwrapped book for a child from toddler through high school age.
- Member Kelley Connor will deliver them to the Family Resource Center.

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

*Thanks to the Evening Book group for organizing this event  
and to Laurie Baker and Paper Arts for decorations.*

### ■ The View From The Top

On October 29<sup>th</sup>, we had a champagne celebration in honor of Carol Holzgrafe. She was honored a few days earlier at an AAUW luncheon held in Danville for the Northern California branches and since we were not able to attend that luncheon, we decided to have our own celebration. The event was well-attended and we had a great time. Carol gave us the back story of the award and gave us a flavor of the event so we were able to share in her glory even though we were not in attendance at the event.

Plans are well underway for our Annual Holiday Party, which will be held on December 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm at the Gold Nugget Museum. We hope to see many of you there to share in the holiday spirit. Laurie Baker will have her annual poem to share with us, so we look forward to that.

Remember to bring an unwrapped book, which we donate to the Paradise Family Resource Center for Christmas.

*Sue Griffin, Facilitator*

### ■ Upcoming Events

**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.



## ■ Tech Trek News

We have asked for 4 places at Tech Trek UC Davis instead of our usual 3. We should know in a few weeks if we can choose three or four girls from the four schools we work with in Paradise and Magalia. In the meantime we'll be thinking further fundraising thoughts. Camp dates have just been announced as Sunday, July 10 – Saturday, July 16. Branch visitation Day will return on Thursday, July 14 so mark your calendars now.

Thank you all,  
*Carol Holzgrafe*  
*Tech Trek Coordinator*

## ■ Women's History Month

The AAUW Paradise Branch has showcased Women's History Month on the ridge since 1983. Exhibits on the History of California Women at the Paradise Library were followed by creative writing competitions for local 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders, theatre presentations, community workshops and "Real Women" essay contests for local schools from 1990-2005.

For the past 10 years branch members have performed creative interpretations of important women of the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> century for Paradise 4<sup>th</sup> grade classes during the month of March. Our cast of characters has included Annie Bidwell, Dr. Ella Gatchell, Dame Shirley, Phoebe Hearst, and Julia Morgan, to name just a few.

California History is part of the fourth grade curriculum and students regularly find these extraordinary historical characters fascinating, particularly when they appear in the classroom.

**We are calling for Volunteers**, either as helpers or actors. **The Props are ready, the scripts are written, training is provided. Three one hour presentations are anticipated.** Now all we need is your help.

Please contact; *Lani McManus 877-6997*

## ■ The "Appreciation Plate" (Steiner Award)

The member that I wish to acknowledge today with my deepest appreciation is someone who, having joined in 1996, will be celebrating her 20th anniversary with our Branch next year.

If I may use the metaphor of a large, beautiful tapestry as representing Paradise Branch, then this member personifies the thread, weaving together our future, our present, and in my mind . . . just as importantly . . . our past.

The future, she exemplifies by her tireless work and dedication to the educational betterment of girls and young women. This she accomplished early on, first in her professional career, and in the present time, in her singular devotion to our Tech Trek campers.

Weaving in the thread of the past, she reminds us of who we are and how we have become what we are today. She has been our Branch photographer and Historian extraordinaire. This has taken form in the numerous wonderful photo albums, story boards assembled for special occasions, as well as the written history of our Branch (which is accessible on our website.)

I believe many of us are familiar with the catch phrase "no child left behind," which, while quite controversial in how it has been put in to practice, never-the-less, is a phrase that should ring true. My honoree's motto could very well be "no member left behind" as she has spearheaded the effort to see to it that every member who wishes to attend, can get to a meeting or other Branch function. As a result, a relatively new position has been created just for her, Transportation Coordinator!

In addition, she has kept in touch with, by phone or even visiting in person when possible, former members who are no longer able to remain active in Branch activities. Again, ensuring that "no member is left behind."



■ The “Appreciation Plate” (cont.)

Thus, for your energy, enthusiasm, inclusiveness and thoughtfulness, in short for your part in weaving this very special tapestry that is our Paradise Branch, I appreciate you . . . Marygrace!

*Dianne Lorenz  
October 3, 2015*



AAUW also supports Planned Parenthood now and in the past. Lisa Maatz, AAUW’s top policy adviser begins to explain by saying: “For years, Planned Parenthood of Metropolitan Washington’s health center was located across the street from AAUW’s national office. On a near daily basis, AAUW staff watched as women were harassed as they entered or left the building. Why those women were going to the clinic is their own private concern; the vast majority were there for basic healthcare such as well-woman visits, cancer screenings, and birth control prescriptions. Some may also have been there to have a safe, legal abortion.” Read more from Lisa at <http://www.aauw-ca.org/index.cfm?go=pages.view&parent=445&pagesid=445>

You can navigate to both these articles from the AAUW CA home page ([www.aauw-ca.org](http://www.aauw-ca.org)).

Both AAUW websites are chock full of goodies; do spend some time and check it out.

*Carol Holzgrafe, Public Policy*

■ Public Policy for November 2015

When Gov. Jerry Brown signed the Equal Pay Bill on Oct. 7, AAUW was there. The bill requires that women be paid the same amount as men doing the same job (such a concept) and now allows employees to discuss their pay levels so people can check. Equal Pay is, of course, an AAUW issue. You can see AAUW CA President Kathleen Doty (right) and AAUW CA Public Policy Chair Sue Miller (left) at the celebration if you check the AAUW CA home page. California now, the rest of the lagging states next!

The ramifications of the bill are discussed in a highly cogent New Yorker article by Vauhini Vara (<http://www.newyorker.com/business/currency/how-californias-fair-pay-act-will-help-women>).

*Sue Griffin raises her glass in a toast to Carol! We honored Carole for her recent state award at a reception held at the home of Paulette Jones.*

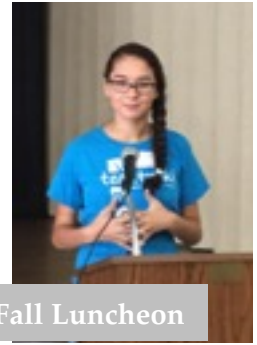




Out to Lunch Bunch



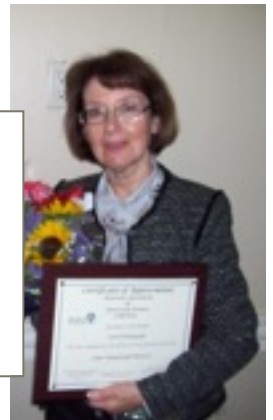
Tech Trek Guests at Fall Luncheon



Members Enjoy Fall Friendship Luncheon



Morgan Hill Branch members



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