

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION

Saturday, March 12, 10:30 to 12:30

Paradise Library Meeting Room, 5922 Clark Road

You could be a Fourth Grader again!

- Members of the Paradise and Chico branches are needed to portray an audience of fourth grade students during a dress rehearsal of three Real Life history performances celebrating Women's History Month.
- Those of you attending this joint meeting of the two branches will see something only Paradise/Magalia elementary students have seen for many years.
- You will meet, in costume and entirely in character, **Dr. Ella Gatchell**, the first female physician north of Sacramento. What equipment did she use? How did she attempt to cure patients? Were leeches involved? The doctor will be assisted by her cousin's wife, Mrs. John (Annie) Bidwell.
- In a second performance **Mrs. Bidwell** will discuss life on the Chico Ranch, the founding of the town and much more including, possibly a secret or two about her husband, Chico founder, General John Bidwell. They did have the first indoor bathroom, including the elephant's head flush toilet, in California.
- The third performance will be from **Mrs. Louise Clappe** who wrote beautifully crafted letters to her back-east sister (who is present to read excerpts) of life in an early mining town (Rich Bar) including log cabins, hard tack, miner's lettuce, calico and more. These were collected and published as "The Dame Shirley Letters".
- During the two weeks following the March 12 Dress Rehearsal, these ladies will face real fourth graders so they are counting on a large practice audience. Please come, enjoy the day and learn something of local history.
- Enjoy also tasty refreshments and morning drinks. We will provide a list of nearby restaurants with directions should you and friends wish to have lunch after the meeting.

Questions: Carol Holzgrafe, carol@holzgrafe.com or 873-6906



■ The View From The Top



When Carole Chumbler moved to Oregon, it left a huge hole in our Branch, especially when it came to Women's History Month because Carole was the one who co-ordinated our presentations to the 4th grade students in Paradise schools. Lani McManus has stepped up to take over where Carole left off and is doing a marvelous job. She has recruited actors to play the various roles we will be presenting to the 4th grade students and has presentations scheduled in March at the schools. And YOU can get a sneak preview of those presentations along with members of the Chico branch on March 12th at the Paradise Public Library at a joint meeting between Paradise and Chico branches. Don't miss it! Since this will be a "public" meeting, any guest who signs up to become a member will get a significant discount on their membership dues. Talk to Mary Huntsinger for more details on the discount.

Did you know that April is Equal Pay Day month? AAUW is committed to supporting fairness in compensation, equitable access and advancement in employment anti-discrimination statutes. April 12, 2016 is Equal Pay Day. If you have any ideas how we on the Ridge can bring attention to this issue, let me know. We'll be discussing this at our next Board meeting.

Sue Griffin, Facilitator

■ Tech Trek Ramping Up

Math and science teachers from Paradise Intermediate, Achieve Charter, Paradise Charter Middle and Pine Ridge Middle schools were given a profile of academic and personal qualities that are usually found in a successful Tech Trekker. As a result they have recommended 17 seventh grade girls.

A successful Tech Trekker is one who enjoys the camp experience (dawn to dusk STEM) and can benefit from the experience.

Applications from the students were due March 7 and the selection committee will interview those who complete the application and essay. We have four scholarships to award. Needless-to-say, deciding which four of the 17 to choose is difficult since, every year, almost all of them would be terrific campers.

The selection committee – and I'm sure our 2016 campers – want to thank branch members for their generous donations to this memorable experience and hope they will respond to the recent fundraising letter. We begin to collect funds for the 2017 campers. Members will meet the 2016 Tech Trekkers at the May brunch.



*Carol Holzgrafe
Tech Trek Committee*



■ Ladies Night Out

Paradise AAUW members: Are you dragging by Thursday? Do you hunger for good conversation and, well, something spirited? Well, do we have a deal for you?

Join the renewed Wine and Whine Interest Group and solve all your problems in one evening.

On Thursday, March 17, 5:30 p.m. we gather at the newly renovated home of Dianne Lorenz. Plenty of parking.

(Editorial comment: Please Note: the "newly renovated home" is still very much a work-in-progress . . . !)

This is the perfect opportunity to bring a friend, neighbor or prospective member to meet the movers and shakers of AAUW Paradise. Enjoy wine, non-alcoholic beverages, appetizers and the aforementioned good conversation.

This is how it will work for this first meeting: Everyone who plans to come should reply to Carol Holzgrafe 873-6906 or carol@holzgrafe.com or Mary Huntsinger, 872-2612, saying **1.** that you will come, **2.** whom you will bring, if anyone, **3.** will you bring a bottle of wine or an appetizer? Easy peasy.

You may reclaim your bottle with whatever is left. But it would be nice if the wine was "interesting".

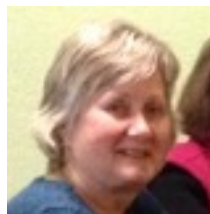
We need to know who is coming any what they plan to bring so we can fill in any gaps.

At this first meeting of 2016 we will discuss the future arrangement of food and wine.

Any questions? Call Carol or Mary

See you there!
Carol Holzgrafe

■ Membership News



Anyone joining the Paradise branch at the March 12th meeting or Wine and Whine on March 17 through the Shape the Future program will receive a discount of ½ the national dues – less \$24.50; and they

will not have to renew until June 2017. As a bonus, for each 2 new members enrolled this way, the branch receives one free National membership. What a bargain: \$63.50 instead of \$88! See Mary Huntsinger for more details. 872-2612.

Mary Huntsinger

■ Photos Needed!

Your branch Historian, Marygrace Colby, has requested that all Interest Groups and other special events, take pictures of their activities, or notify her when and where you will be meeting, so she can make arrangements to be at your event.

To include your picture taker, take two pictures. Please send pictures as an Attachment, so she can print them on her computer. For any questions please call Marygrace. 530.873.6252



Out To Lunch Bunch



■ **Upcoming Events**

Joint meeting with the Chico Branch
Saturday, March 12, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Paradise Library. Women's History
Presentations

Board Meeting
Tuesday, March 15, 2:30 p.m.
Sue Griffin's home

Wine and Whine
Thursday, March 17, 5:30 p.m.
Hosting: Dianne Lorenz
RSVP this time only: Carol Holzgrafe:
carol@holzgrafe.com or Mary Huntsinger,
872-2612
Bring: either an appetizer or bottle of interesting
wine
This is a perfect time to bring a friend and/or
prospective member

Friday Bridge, 1 p.m.
Hosting March 18: Cheryl Caldwell
Hosting April 15: Lynn Eads

Evening Books, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, March 18
Hosting: Mary Huntsinger and Joan Regan
Book: "Call the Nurse"

Friday, April 29
Hosting: TBD
Book: "The Strongman: Vladimir Putin and the
Struggle for Russia"

Women's History Presentations for students.

Tuesday, March 15 and Monday - Thursday,
March 21 - 24

Morning Books, 10 a.m.

Thursday, March 17
Hosting: Mary Huntsinger
Book: "The Shirley Letters"

Thursday, April 28
Hosting: Lani McManus
Book: "The Rosie Project"

Please Note: There will be no Out-to-Lunch
in March. Instead, you are encouraged to attend
Wine & Whine on March 17.



Annual Soup Supper



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