

Fall Friendship Luncheon

- ▶ The first event of the season!
- ▶ Come share your summer news, meet old friends, bring some new ones.
- ▶ \$15. You may pay at the door BUT **we MUST know you are coming.**

Friday, September 16, noon to 3 p.m. or so

Shelley's Catering, 2565 Zanella Way #A, Chico (down the street from Ginno's Appliances)

RSVPs are a must to Carol Holzgrafe, 873-6906

or carol@holzgrafe.com by Wed. Sept. 14.

Carpooling anyone?

■ The View From The Top



AAUW Paradise Branch will be having our Fall luncheon at Shelley's Catering on September 16, 2016 from 12 noon-3 pm. The cost will be \$15.00 per person. More details to follow regarding the menu. This is a great opportunity to

invite prospective new members as the 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.

Because our Fall luncheon will be held on a Friday this year due to availability of Shelley's Catering, we will not be able to have our Tech Trek students attend the luncheon as we traditionally do, because they will be in school. Instead, we are thinking about planning a separate event to meet them at another time during the year.

As you will see, many of the officers listed in this newsletter are the same as last year and some have been the same for many years. One of those committees is the Pence Scholarship committee. Pat and Laurie have been doing this for many, many years and they need someone else to take it over. What they would like is to "train" the person or persons who will take it over, THIS year so they can show you what needs to be done. Please think about whether you could contribute to our branch in this way.

Sue Griffin, Facilitator

■ Directory Announcement:

The directory will be available for distribution at the annual fall luncheon on Fri., Sept. 16th. If you have updated information that you haven't previously submitted, please email it to Lynn Eads at leeads@comcast.net by Fri., Sept. 9th.

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.



■ A New Year ~ Perhaps a New Interest!

One of the many attractions of our branch, are the many individual Interest Groups that meet frequently throughout the year. Do you like to read, dine out, play bridge . . . this is your opportunity to join with other members who share the same interest! We have several established groups so be sure to look for the sign-up sheets at our upcoming Fall luncheon to get in on the fun.

Do you have a special interest that YOU would like to share? Then why not start a group of your own. New activities are always welcome, and I will be happy to help you in the process of getting a new group started.

*Dianne Lorenz
Interest Groups Coordinator*

■ Tech Trek Girls Return – Happy!



TECH TREK 2016 WAS “amazing!”

Our four Tech Trekkers sent thank you notes from camp. Here are a few excerpts to make you proud:

From Lilly (Pine Ridge Middle School, Magalia):

“I have found an interest in physics.....This door you have opened for me has been extraordinary and I hope to come back in 2 more years to help girls find their passion as well.”

From J'Lynn (Paradise Charter Middle School):

“It is now my job not only to thank you, but make you proud for giving me this life-changing experience.”

From Kylee (Paradise Intermediate School):

“I’ve done so many cool things: the workshops and the Reality Fair. I’m so grateful that you put so much hard work and dedication into sending me and others here. Thank you so much.”

From Grace (Achieve Middle School): “I am in the App. Inventor class and I love it immensely. Camp is



J'Lynn (Paradise Charter Middle School)
Lilly (Pine Ridge Middle School)
Grace (Achieve Charter School)
Kylee (Paradise Intermediate Middle School)

so fun!! I have learned a lot about veterinarians and animals. You have definitely changed my life.....”

*Thank you all,
Carol Holzgrafe
Tech Trek Coordinator*

■ Out to Lunch Bunch



Enjoying Tres Hombres in Chico



■ 2016 - 2017 Special Interest Groups

MORNING BOOKS *Connie Ferrell 873.0725* 4th Thursday: 10 a.m.
Carol@holzgrafe.com

Throughout the year, members read in conjunction five or six books to discuss. They also share what they are reading individually. The group meets at member's homes fall through spring, and summer meetings are held at various restaurants.

EVENING BOOKS *Mary Johnson 518-0892* Selected Friday nights
Dianne Lorenz 872.8967 7:30 p.m.

This group meets approximately every 6 - 8 weeks. The members take turns hosting, providing beverages, light snacks and dessert. Each member has the opportunity to choose a book of his or her choice. That book is then read and discussed, in rotating order, by the entire group.

POTLUCK *Shandy Moore 873.2820* 2nd Sunday: 4 p.m

This group meets for dinner at the various member's homes. This is an organized potluck with each member bringing a dish based on an assigned category as determined by each hostess. New members are welcome!

WEDNESDAY BRIDGE *Karen Hilleman 873.2241* 1st Wednesdays: 1:00 p.m.

This group meets on the first Wednesday of each month alternating between member's homes. There are currently 4 members and we are Intermediate Players who just play for fun! We usually have light snacks at each meeting.

FRIDAY BRIDGE *Lynn Eads 877.2565* 3rd Fridays: 1:00 p.m.

The hostess provides beverages and snacks to keep us going as we exercise our brains over the course of the afternoon. We meet at member homes, with hostess duties rotating among the membership of the group. The hostess is also responsible for finding a substitute player(s) when one or more members are unable to attend.

GOURMET GROUP *Needs Coordinator* Dates/Times TBA

Like to prepare and eat dishes with a gourmet flair? The Gourmet Group is for members with adventurous taste buds. Diners share meal preparation for a succulent feast at the home of a host member. Each couple/partners take turns planning and hosting one dinner party per year.

WOMEN'S HISTORY *Lani McManus 877.6997* March, 2017
Linda Brannan 873.3359

Our Women's History project introduces 4th graders on the Ridge to women who were important to the history of California. Members in period costume chat with individual classes about their character and share with them historical photos and props appropriate to the times. Other members function as classroom assistants. Members also help with costuming and developing story boards for classroom use. Our presentations take place during the month of March, Women's History Month.

SHARE THE FUN *Dianne Lorenz 872-8967* Dates/Times: TBA
de4lorenz@comcast.net

Like to take in local events and explore the community? This group takes part in a variety of fun activities, such as visiting art shows, museums, Chico Performance events, local theater, movies and more! This is a "member initiated" group, with any member contributing ideas and the planning of things they would like to do. The group will car pool for events outside of Paradise.

OUT TO LUNCH *Mary Huntsinger 872-2612* Dates/Times: TBA

This groups will meet the 2nd Thursday of each month. We meet at various, member-suggested restaurants in the Paradise, Chico, Oroville area. We carpool to restaurants outside of Paradise.

WINE & WHINE *Carol Holzgrafe 873-6906* Dates/Times: TBA
Dianne Lorenz 872-8967

Wine and Whine is a casual get-together of members and friends, usually bi-monthly. Good food, good wine (also non-alcoholic drinks), and good conversation. We will meet in both member's homes and in "wine bars/tasting rooms" in the area. We will car pool for locations outside of Paradise.



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 *Mama Went to Jail for the Vote*; *Ida M. Tarbell: The Woman Who Challenged Big Business--and Won!*; *Willa Cather: A Biography*; *Harriet Tubman: Conductor on the Underground Railroad and To the Stars!- The First American Woman to Walk in Space*.

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.

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AAUW Paradise Branch, P.O. Box, 1585, Paradise, CA 95967-1585

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