



Celebrate the Holidays Together

*Join us on Tuesday, December 13th - 5:30 pm
at the Gold Nugget Museum.*

Please bring a savory or sweet finger food to share.

*We will also again be collecting unwrapped books
for needy children in our town.*

If you have any questions please call:

Paulette Jones 877-1163

■ The View From The Top

This will be our last newsletter before the end of the year. Since it is the last one, I want to let you all know that the date of our Holiday Party is December 13th. It will be at the Gold Nugget Museum as it traditionally has been. We hope to see you there. We are also gearing up for our annual Soup Supper.

Save the date of January 24th and start thinking about making a soup. There are other ways to contribute as well. Contact Liz Mesones If you have time to help.

Sue Griffin, Facilitator

■ History Calling

Have you ever wanted to dress up and pretend you were a historical woman? Well, even if you haven't, this is your chance to do just that OR to help a friend who will. Our branch's annual Women's History Presentations to local Paradise and

Magalia fourth grade classes are coming up in March.

Lani McManus who leads and organizes the events is asking for volunteer performers and helpers (costumed or not). Please let her (or a board member if you can't reach Lani) know if you might want to help. It is heaps of fun and you'll learn things too.

Lani McManus, 877-6997, lmcmamus@csuchico.edu

Carol Holzgrafe

■ Public Policy: Two Minute Activist

Show your support for unrestricted voting rights by contacting your members of Congress and urging them to cosponsor the Voting Rights Advancement Act. Click [HERE](#) to connect to the AAUW Two Minute Activist. By filling in your zipcode, you can send a letter prepared by AAUW to your representatives. You can also sign up to receive future Action Network emails recommending action on other issues.

Carol Holzgrafe, Public Policy

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.

■ Step Right Up! Help Needed

Soup Supper,

Tuesday, January 24, 5:30 p.m.

at the Senior Center, 877 Nunneley Road.

More details will appear in the January "Branching Out" but now.....

Soup makers and tasters needed for late November/early December tasting. Please contact Carol Holzgrafe, carol@holzgrafe.com, 873-6906.

■ Upcoming Events

Out-to-Lunch

Thursday, Nov. 10, noon,

Beatniks Cafe in Chico. (Meet at Paradise Park-n-Ride at 11:30 am to carpool.
(Not meeting in December)

Wine & Whine

Thursday, Nov. 17, 5:30 pm,

home of Dianne Lorenz in Paradise.
(Not meeting in December)

Morning Books

Thursday, Dec. 10 am,

Home of Mary Huntsinger in Paradise.

Wednesday Bridge

Friday, Dec. 2, 1 pm

Home of Cheryl Caldwell

Friday Bridge

Nov. & Dec. Cancelled

Evening Books

Friday, Dec. 2, 7:30 pm,

Homes of Mary Johnson &
Mary Peterson

Potluck Group

Sunday, Dec. date TBD,

Home of Suzan Scott, contact her for details

Holiday Party

Tuesday, Dec. 13, 5:30 pm,

Gold Nugget Museum in Paradise.

■ Photos Needed!

Our branch historian, Marygrace, is getting frustrated with her lack of photos. Please, please, take snaps of your activities to to send to her (simply attach to an email) ~ OR ~ let her know your date, time and meeting place and she will be happy to come and take the photos herself.

Questions? Call Marygrace at 530.872.6252.



Evening Book Group

Mary Grace
Presents the
Steiner
Appreciation
Plate to Carol



Morning Book Group



■ Who We Are; What We Do Best

AAUW returns to its origins once a year at the AAUW Funds Lunch. Not an exciting name but its meaning is just thrilling: the results of our fundraising for several broad purposes, mostly education. AAUW grants allow graduate women to study for a year without needing to work.

Guest speakers at the funds lunch are always the recipients of AAUW grants and fellowships (our original intent, since 1881) and these young women are ALWAYS inspiring. This year's five speakers at the lunch in Danville – which I was privileged to attend – were:

Dena Al-Adeeb (NYU) who hails from Iraq (in 1992) and whose Ph.D. thesis is on the destruction of heritage, religious and cultural sites in Iraq as a result of three recent wars and groups like ISIS. Al-Adeeb is also a visual artist who focuses on memory and trauma of marginalized groups such as women and girls.

Cloe-Mai Le Gall-Scoville (UC Davis) is from France and studies 19th English literature as it engages the racism and gender legacies of colonialism, mostly of mixed-race Creoles (e.g. the madwoman in the attic in Jane Eyre). She has unearthed several examples of strong women of mixed-race in Joseph Conrad and others.

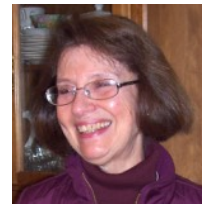
Connie Wun (Mills College) is from a “poor, working class East Bay Vietnamese family”. Her Ph.D. thesis concerns the connection between race, gender and violence and its effect on young women of color. As a sexual assault counselor (in her “free” time) she has plenty of examples. Wun is now including the effects of social media.

Maria Tourtchaninova (UC Berkeley) is from Ukraine and is studying sex and labor trafficking in San Francisco, gaps in witness protection, shelters for victims, etc. She said her grant from AAUW arrived hours before she would have had to turn down the chance for another year of graduate school.

Abisola Kusimo (Stanford), whose parents are from Nigeria, is in her second year at Stanford working for a Masters in mechanical engineering. Her project is to push the boundaries of 3-D printing using non-traditional materials. She is also a poet.

“I can’t express how much this grant means to me,” Kusimo said. “It is important that a group of women believe in me.”

*Carol Holzgrafe,
proud to be an AAUW member*



Left to right: Cloe-Mai Le Gall-Scoville, Maria Tourtchaninova, Abisola Kusimo, Connie Wun. Missing from picture but who spoke, Dena Al-Adeeb.



Morgan Hill Members at Funds Luncheon

■ Frances Pence Scholarship

AAUW Frances Pence Scholarship
PO Box 1585
Paradise, CA 95967

Greetings from the Butte College Foundation!
It is my pleasure to forward the enclosed thank you letter(s) from recent recipient(s) of your scholarship.

This past year, we have seen thousands of students fulfill their dreams of attaining a college degree or earning a certificate. With over 13,000 students each semester, there are many students who could not make it through college without your support! Your generous support as a donor helps to make their dreams a reality.

On behalf of our students, faculty and staff, please accept my sincere thanks for your continued support, and thank you for the vital role you play in assisting deserving students with the gift of a college education.

If you have any questions about your scholarship, or would like to discuss other tax deductible contributions before the year-end, please feel free to contact me directly at 530-895-2937 or email at delabyli@butte.edu.

Lisa DeLaby, Butte College
Director of Institutional Advancement

Dear American Association of University Women,

This letter is to tell you how thrilled I am to have been selected as an AAUW Scholarship recipient. Thank you so much for this generous award of \$750. I am truly honored and grateful.

I decided to go back to school in 2015. After turning 50 and going through two very personal family losses, I felt that I needed to rebuild my life. I am a single mother of a 10-year old boy and I decided I needed to beef up my job skills and further my education. It has been quite a journey. I have learned much about myself and my ability to set a goal and work towards it. I have pushed myself to be the best student I can be, and strive for academic excellence. I plan to stay the course until I reach my goal of earning an AS degree in accounting.

Again I would like to thank AAUW for their generous scholarship of \$750. This scholarship will

enable me to be less focused on financial burdens and more focused on my studies, for that I feel truly blessed.

Sincerely,
Mary Kolonay

Dear AAUW of Paradise,

Thank you for choosing me as your AAUW Frances Pence Scholarship recipient. I am honored to be receiving this award. Although I grew up in the Bay area, I have been living in Paradise for almost a year. I also previously lived in Magalia for a few years. I have quickly fallen in love with our little town because of the sense of community that comes with living in Paradise. Not only are the people in Paradise friendly and caring, but they go out of their way to help each other. This is why I am so honored to be associated with a Paradise AAUW scholarship.

This scholarship will really help with the costs of going to school, as well as the costs of living. I am pursuing a degree in Early Childhood Education, so I am working as an assistant preschool teacher to gain field knowledge and experience. Working and going to school can be very stressful, and sometimes it can be hard to pursue my educational goals while trying to cope with the cost of living. This scholarship will provide me with a stress-free way to buy all of my books this semester.

Thank you again for this opportunity.

Sincerely, Kathleen Todd Kucz



Pat and Laurie with Pence Scholarship Recipients



*Paradise Branch
Members at Work
and at Play*



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