

## Annual Soup Supper

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

- **WHERE:** Paradise Ridge Senior Center, 877 Nunneley Road, off Clark
- **COST:** \$14 per person (soup makers dine for free; after all....) Payment at the door but please make your
- **RESERVATIONS:** by Friday, January 20 (we must know how many we'll be feeding). Spouses, partners, friends and potential members are welcome.  
Reserve with Carol Holzgrafe, 530-873-6906, carol@holzgrafe.com
- **MENU:** Soups from hearty and meaty to vegetarian; salad, crusty bread, and Dessert!
- **BEVERAGES:** Several kinds of wines; a measured 6 oz. pour for a suggested donation of \$4, plus sparkling juices and other non-alcoholic drinks. You may bring your own wine - corkage fee: \$5.
- **SPEAKERS:** Guest speakers: Safa Faki-Asher, artist and refugee from Aleppo, Syria, and photojournalist Robb Asher (see article on their work, plus extra links, inside).
- **AN EXTRA TREAT:** A drawing for a Jan Kinney Quilt, sought-after, gorgeous and unique. Plus drawings for gift certificates and other worthy items.
- **BRING:** Your own soup bowls and silverware NEED A RIDE? Call Carol Holzgrafe, 873-6906 or carol@holzgrafe.com
- **SPONSORING BRANCH GROUP:** Evening Books

*Soup Supper proceeds go to cover branch expenses, help with Pence Scholarships, Tech Trek etc.*

### ■ TheView From The Top

I want to wish you ALL a Happy and Healthy New Year. This year, more than any other, I have come to appreciate my own good health and to appreciate the challenges of those around me with health issues of various kinds – whether due to accident or illness.

As I look ahead to the coming year, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to my dedicated Board. I so appreciate all of your contributions great and small. I could not do my job without you all.



As we gear up for our annual Soup Supper and Women's History Presentations, I want to urge you all to participate in these events. We still need soup makers. Please contact our indomitable co-ordinator for this event, Carol Holzgrafe 873-6906 for more details. For our Women's History Presentations, we still need assistants for one of our main characters. It is great fun to participate with our 4th graders and you don't have to memorize anything. You are in a supporting role. Please call Lani McManus, who is co-ordinating this year. 877-6997

*Sue Griffin, Facilitator*

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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.



## ■ The Syrian Refugee Experience Comes to Soup Supper

Our guest speakers are Safa Faki-Asher and her husband, Robb Asher. In 2012 Safa and her family fled their home in Aleppo, Syria to a small village near the Turkish/Syrian border. There she met Robb, a photojournalist, who was reporting on life in a Syrian refugee camp.



Safa noticed that so many children were traumatized by the war and had nothing: no school, no home, no help, nothing to do with their time. As an artist, she was motivated to bring art supplies to the refugee camp and help the children draw whatever they wanted.

We will hear Safa talk about this art therapy project and hear of the couple's first-hand experiences with the war in Syria and about life in the camps. Even though the situation seems so hopeless, they both want to return to Syria this spring and have launched a GoFundMe campaign to finance their trip. They wish to do what they can to help these unfortunate refugees.

We will "pass the hat" to support our speakers in their endeavors so come prepared, please. Also, do come with a question or two.

For more information on this critical subject:  
4 LINKS TO ARTICLES ABOUT THE SYRIAN CONFLICT:

[https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/worldviews/wp/2016/03/15/to-understand-the-conflict-in-syria-you-have-to-read-these-8-stories/?utm\\_term=.52daba0757a8](https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/worldviews/wp/2016/03/15/to-understand-the-conflict-in-syria-you-have-to-read-these-8-stories/?utm_term=.52daba0757a8)

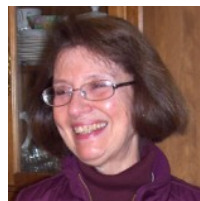
<https://www.thenation.com/article/the-war-in-syria-cannot-be-won-but-it-can-be-ended/>

<https://www.thenation.com/article/the-debate-over-syria-has-reached-a-dead-end/>

<http://muftah.org/special-collection-syria-left/#.WGf8gPkrLDf>



Childs Art from refugee camp



*Carol Holzgrafe,  
proud to be an AAUW  
member*



Tech Trekers at Holiday Gathering



## ■ Interbranch Council Luncheon February 4th, 2017

**CSU, Chico President, Gayle Hutchinson is the featured speaker at the upcoming Interbranch luncheon**

**Location:** In Oroville at the First Congregational Church (1715 Bird Street) on the corner of Bird and Oak Streets, just west of historic Downtown Oroville.

**Time:** 11:30 a.m., lunch at noon

**Speaker:** CSU, Chico President Gayle Hutchinson

**Menu:** Caesar salad, New Mexican rubbed pork tenderloin with bourbon ancho sauce, sweet potato gratin, warm chocolate cakes with dulce de leche

**Cost:** \$20.00

In addition to networking with fellow AAUW members, you won't want to miss the opportunity to meet the new president of Chico State, Gayle E. Hutchinson.

Throughout her academic career, Hutchinson's scholarship and grant writing focused on teacher socialization, social psychology of sport, comprehensive schoolbased wellness programs, and equity in sport and physical education. Her leadership style is based on collaboration, shared governance, diversity, innovation, institutional accountability, transparency, trust, and respect. What an ally we have at the largest educational institution in the region!

*Carol Holzgrafe,  
proud to be an AAUW member*

## ■ Upcoming Events

### **Morning Books**

Thursday, Jan 26, 10 am

Thursday, Feb 23, 10 am

Contact Connie Ferrell 873-0725

### **Potluck group**

Jan. get-together hosted by Madeleine Caton & Peg McMahon

Contact either of them for details

### **Out-to-Lunch**

**Thursday, Jan 12, 11:30 am**

Juice and Java in Paradise

### **Board Meeting**

**Thursday, Jan 12, 2:30 pm**

Sue's home in Paradise

### **Wine & Whine**

**Thursday, Jan 19, 5:30 pm**

Mary Huntsinger's home in Paradise

### **Friday Bridge**

**Friday, Jan 20, 1 pm**

Host: Lynn Eads

**Friday, Feb 17, 1 pm**

Host: TBD

### **Evening Books**

**Friday, Jan 20, 7:30 pm**

Homes of Mary Johnson & Dianne Lorenz

### **Annual Soup-Supper**

**Tuesday, Jan 24, 5:30 pm**

Paradise Senior Center

### **Wednesday Bridge**

**Friday, Feb 1, 1 pm**

Host: Lynn Eads

### **Interbranch Luncheon**

**Saturday, Feb 4 -, 11:30 a.m.** in Oroville.

### **Career Trek for 8th-grade girls**

**Saturday, Feb 25, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

Butte College

### **Antique Appraisal Faire**

**Sunday, Feb 26,** Chico branch fundraiser for Tech Trek



## ■ AAUW Women's History

### Presentations for March 2017

Here we are again with a wonderful cast of presenters for the 2017 Women's History Month. They will introduce students in Paradise and Magalia 4th grade classes to women who played important parts giving shape to our Northern California region during the closing years of the 19th century and the opening years of the 20th century.

Last year we performed in 12 Paradise and Magalia 4th grade classes to reach approximately 360 Children. We introduced them to Dr. Ella Gatchell the first female physician North of Sacramento, the illustrious Annie Bidwell and surprised them with the many tales of Dame Shirley who lived in a mining camp near Oroville.

The presentations were preceded by letters written directly to the students by Dr. Ella, Annie and Dame Shirley. The students were prepared to ask questions. They were excited and greeted us with courtesy and awe.

In preparation for this year's calendar of performances we are presenting a live dress rehearsal at the **Paradise Library on Saturday, March 4th, at 10:30**. Please join us. Mark the date on your calendars.

We are inviting the Chico AAUW Branch to join us. Of course, goodies and morning drinks will be served.

We still need help to support the cast of participants, i.e., carrying props into the classroom and of course, moral support.

Please call Lani McManus 877-6997 if you can help.

## ■ Women's March for Solidarity

January 21 is the date for Womens Marches, which are intended to send a message to all levels of government that we stand together in solidarity and expect elected leaders to act to protect the rights of women, their families and their communities - recognizing that our vibrant and diverse communities are the strength of our country. AAUW is encouraging branches to participate in these marches.

I hope you will consider participating in the Sacramento march! The website, [www.womensmarchsac.com](http://www.womensmarchsac.com) contains info in some detail. There will be buses coming into the city from surrounding cities, motivational speakers will be at the Capitol, and this is a great opportunity to collectively show the face of AAUW CA in support of women. Our website, [www.aauw-ca.org](http://www.aauw-ca.org), has a source from which you can order t-shirts with the AAUW CA logo.

*Sue Miller*  
AAUW CA Public Policy Co-Chair



Holiday Gathering Cheer



*Paradise Branch Recent Events*





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