

## ■ The View From The Top

As the new year is about to begin for our new AAUW Board, I am reflecting on the past two years as the Facilitator of the Paradise Branch. I want to thank all the members who have helped me along the way. When I took over two years ago, I really did not know how to lead the Branch, and I have learned so much during that time about the history of the Branch and the people who helped make that history. I have seen many members move, become ill, recover and get back on their feet again. I feel that you are all a part of my family. A friend recently told me they saw an article in the paper with a picture of Dianne Lorenz and I was thinking about how proud I am to be a part of such a wonderful organization.



Even though I pass the baton to Mary Huntsinger and Paulette Jones, I will still be around in other capacities. Carol Holzgrafe and I are going to co-chair the Women's History Presentations. I look forward to meeting with Lani so that she can "train" us to do as great a job as she did these past years.

The Board will be meeting in September to set our agenda and our priorities for the coming year. I look forward to seeing you all then. Hoping you have a great summer!

*Sue Griffin, Facilitator*

## ■ Greetings to Paradise AAUW

It is now almost two weeks (May 18th) since I made my departure and move from Paradise to Morgan Hill, 250 miles from all of my AAUW friends. Was a new experience, since I had moved to Magalia in 1995, to be making another change after many years. Biggest challenge now is to find space in a one-bedroom place in THE LODGE, FOR ALL OF THAT CAT STUFF I have collected over twenty-

one years. Carol spent the weekend I moved, in Morgan Hill, helping me all day Sunday. Since I am on the first floor I have a big patio in the inner garden area, which makes for a real quiet atmosphere. Three meals a day are included and the food gets better every day.

Keeping my alliance to Paradise AAUW. For now, I have paid my total dues for the coming year, and also joined Morgan Hill Branch. Already have been invited to their year end event and Carol has given me the names of numerous members that I should get acquainted with soon.

As we age, we need to be close to family whenever possible. So, for Mother's Day, I had my brother, my niece and her husband, my great nephew and his wife and my great-great niece and nephew (ages 4 and 6) all together. My niece orchestrated the entire selection of my new lodging, and the move, which she continues to do on a daily basis. A TIDBIT-those old fashion plugs and extension cords we all use, are no longer compatible with the modern electrical setups.

P.S. My first weekend here brought many old Santa Clara University friends and past students for the Annual Athletic Hall of Fame Dinner. I was inducted in 1982, to celebrate the early female athletes and I now enjoyed being with my own named-scholarship senior tennis player. To top off the event, numerous men's basketball players and coaches from 1992 and 1996 teams were honored, especially a past student of mine, Steve Nash, pro basketball player of the NBA for numerous years. He now a consultant for the Warriors.

Marygrace Colby

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## ■ Board/Committee 2017-18

*Co-Presidents/Facilitators:*

Mary Huntsinger and Paulette Jones

*Finance* – Lynn Eads

\*\* Lynn needs someone to train during the year

*Secretary* – Dianne Lorenz

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*Web Manager* – Alex Lorenz

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*Directory* – Lynn Eads

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*Publicity* – Jan Keller

*Sunshine* – Laurie Baker

*Women's History Book Fund:* Madeleine Caton

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*Pence Scholarships* –

Madeleine Caton and Sue Griffin

*Tech Trek Coordinator* – Carol Holzgrafe

*Hospitality* - open

Sue thanked her outgoing board members and committee chairs and presented each with a gift.

The Incoming officers were then introduced and voted in by the branch membership.

They are: Co-facilitators: Mary Huntsinger and Paulette Jones; Financial Officer: Lynn Eads and Secretary: Dianne Lorenz.

Sue named Dianne Lorenz as the recipient of the Presidential Award, presenting her with a gift and a Certificate of Appreciation.

Carol Holzgrafe chose Lani McManus as her honoree to next receive the Steiner Appreciation plate. On Carol's behalf, Laurie read the tribute to Lani. Also included was a letter from Barbara Shimp praising Lani, in her capacity as Women's History Presentations Chairperson, to lead and inspire the participants who all took part in this project.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Dianne Lorenz, Secretary*

## ■ A Splendid Spring Brunch

We had a good turn-out for our annual May meeting and introduction of new officers which was held on May 6th at Shelley's Creative Catering in Chico.

The focus of the morning was chatting with friends and enjoying the Brunch in a lovely setting. Many of us agreed that we did not miss the "bring-a-dish-to-share" format for this gathering!

The following business was conducted:

Sue shared an email sent to the group from Marygrace Colby, longtime member who has moved to Morgan Hill. A certificate of appreciation from our Branch will be given to Marygrace when Carol goes to visit her. Carol will also present her with a Memory Book which will be composed of branch member's remembrances of Marygrace.

## ■ Sunshine Corner



Cheerful Greetings to all the Branch Members for a lovely summer.

Between warm weather, gardening, travel, reading and family gatherings we hope you have a nice, relaxing season.

Please let me know if you hear of anyone who might need a card or special attention.

AAUW Sunshine is open all year around!

E-mail works well: [bookmark2@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bookmark2@sbcglobal.net)

*Best Wishes, Laurie Baker*





## ■ Tech Trek News 2017



Working together, our 40 plus AAUW Paradise members are sending four local 8<sup>th</sup> graders to AAUW's Tech Trek Science and Math Camp for Girls, this summer from July 23 to July 29.

*Carol Holzgrafe,  
Tech Trek Branch Coordinator*

After interviewing at four middle schools, your Tech Trek selection team (Mary Huntsinger, Sue Griffin and Carol Holzgrafe) chose Kayla Soukup and Liz Heaton from Paradise Intermediate, Caelyn Gronlund from Achieve Charter, and Karli Martin from Paradise Charter. Unusually, Pine Ridge Middle School in Magalia did not submit any applicants.



**Tech Trekkers 2017 Paradise**

These four girls and their parents recently attended the annual picnic organized by the Oroville AAUW branch and heard, along with other Tech Trek families from Gridley, Chico and Oroville, from a Junior Counselor and me.

Puneet Mann, (Chico Tech Trekker 2013) told Secrets From Camp. E.g. what camp is really like. JCs are always a hit at the picnic; they sit with the girls who grill them mercilessly. A good time is had by all.

My job at the picnic is to answer questions, relay messages from the camp directors and give an overall description of Why AAUW Does Tech Trek, its history, future plans and details from camp such as the list of core classes, which are: Anatomy/Physiology, Genetics, Environmental Engineering, 3D Math/Architecture, and Cyber Security, Hacking, Tracking, and Protecting

**NEWS FOR YOU:** Branch members, guests and teachers are invited to visit TT Davis on Thursday morning, July 27. You will visit your girls in their core classes, meet the staff, enjoy the dorm (it is wonderful!!) and see what all the fuss is about. You can even have lunch in the dining commons with our campers or choose from a list of downtown Davis restaurants (provided). It is a cute, little town and easy to reach.

***If you want to go, contact me soon. Space is limited.***

And, thank you to all who donated to Tech Trek!



**Spring  
Brunch**





## ■ Upcoming Events

### Morning Books

meets the fourth Thursday of each month during the summer. But instead of a designated book, we bring what we have read and discuss it. We normally meet at a local restaurant.

Connie will call members of the group with the particular restaurant. If you want to join the group, call Connie at 873-0725.

### Evening Books

Friday July 14, 7:30 p.m., host Bob and Barbara Shimp. Book for discussion: "Just Mercy."

Friday, August 25, 7:30 p.m., host Carol Holzgrafe. Book for discussion: "Tess of the d'Urbervilles."

### Wednesday Bridge

Wednesday, June 7, 1:00 p.m., host Cheryl Caldwell

Wednesday, July 5, 1:00 p.m., host Karen Hilleman

Wednesday, August 2, 1:00 p.m., host Cheryl Caldwell

Wednesday, September 6, 1:00 p.m., host Madeleine Caton

### Friday Bridge -

Friday, June 16, 1:00 p.m., host Karen Hilleman

Friday, July 21, 1:00 p.m., host TBD

Friday, August 18, 1:00 p.m., host TBD

Friday, September 15, 1:00 p.m., host TBD

### Out-to-Lunch Bunch

Thursday, July 13, 11:30 a.m. Location TBD

Thursday, August 10, 11:30 a.m.

Location TBD



Spring Brunch



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Out to Lunch Bunch



Wine & Whine at Jan Keller's home



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