

Our Annual Soup Supper Tuesday, January 23, 5:30 p.m.

Enjoy this evening with friends, old and new, and learn something too.

- WHERE: Center for Spiritual Living at 789 Billie Road. (West from Skyway, on the right).
- COST: \$14 per person (soup makers dine for free; after all....) Payment at the door.
- RESERVATIONS: by Friday, January 19 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: To be announced soon.
- AN EXTRA TREAT: A drawing for a Jan Kinney Quilt, sought-after, gorgeous and unique.

■ The View from Here



Here it is the New Year and we have many exciting events coming up. But first, let me give you an account of the successful, inaugural, Fashion Show and Tea

that was held on January 7th at the Chico Women's Club!

We had a full house - 106 attendees - seated at 12 round tables each individually decorated with a lovely tea service. Our Tech Trek campers lavished attention on each table, serving three types of tea sandwiches, three varieties of cookies and a rich chocolate mousse to top it all off. Additionally, they kept our cups filled with a lovely variety of freshly brewed teas.

The "Wild Women" clothing was suitably wild and was modeled by four of our own "wild" members as well as four of our former Tech Trekker's.

Thanks to Sue Griffin who arranged for the musical duo that entertained us during the tea and then played the fun (remember the "Wild Thing"!)

theme to accompany the models as they came down the runway.

It was gratifying to see such a good turn-out of our own members and their guests, as well as many Chico Branch members.

Our goal had been to raise enough money to send one girl to camp ... we are now able to send two!

Thanks to all for making this event such a success. It wouldn't have happened without all of your help!

Mary Huntsinger



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.



■ Planning for next year?

Want to join next year's branch operating committee? This is the very best way to discover how AAUW works, locally and on the state and national levels (take your pick!). It's also the very best way to make new friends. We particularly need someone to learn the treasurer's job from the learned Lynn Eads. If you would be at all interested, please give Paulette Jones or Mary Huntsinger a call.

■ We do fundraising differently

Because AAUW Paradise members decided many years ago that they would prefer just writing a check that underwrites branch activities instead of working at endless events*, your chance to do so will arrive in your mailbox early in February. You can choose how your money will be used: Tech Trek, the local Pence Scholarship or one of several National Funds (Public policy, the Legal Advocacy Fund, the Eleanor Roosevelt Fund and more).

The letter will explain how to write your checks so that any tax deduction is secured.

*The Soup Supper is the "fun" part of "fundraiser, currently our only such event.

■ Career Trek

AAUW's county-wide one-day experience to introduce STEM careers to 8th grade girls will be Feb. 24, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the Butte College Main Campus. Mary Huntsinger is in need of volunteers to help with registration in the morning and to check the students out in the afternoon. You may also volunteer in the classroom Please give her a call: 872.2612.

■ Women's History Presentations

March, Women's History Month, is just ahead and your branch members are at work producing a day of history for local fourth grade students. Annie Bidwell, Dame Shirley, and Dr. Ella Gatchell will bring their characters and personal histories to many fourth grade classes in Paradise and Magalia. But, as

always, those intrepid ladies will need some backup. If you would love to help, contact Sue Griffin or Carol Holzgrafe. They would love to have you on board.

Previous Women's History Month Presentation



Wild Woman Fashion Show and Tea



■ Sunshine Corner

Laurie Baker



Greetings for the New Year!

We wish you a Healthy and Happy 2018.

Many thanks go out to Mary Huntsinger and Paulette Jones along with their hard working crew for very successful Fashion Show/Fundraiser for Tech Trek.

We do appreciate their time and efforts.

Happy Valentines Day from here. ❤️



■ Money for Tech Trek

The Fashion Show and Tea started our 2018 Tech Trek fundraising efforts off brilliantly; we hope to send four local 8th grade girls to camp this summer. However, we have more to do (see the note about the upcoming fundraising letter).



I want to thank - profusely - Jan Keller and the Paradise Elks Club for their large donations in the past and, if they can, this year too.

Please thank them whenever you can. The Out-To-Lunch group had lunch at the Elks Club on Clark Road recently and proclaimed it a real find. Try to stop by and see what they mean. It is open to all.

Carol Holzgrafe

■ Annual Interbranch Council Lunch – for you too! February 3

The North Valley Interbranch Council (IBC) will host its annual meeting and luncheon for all members of the Chico, Gridley, Marysville/Yuba City, Paradise, and Oroville branches. This is our once-a-year opportunity to network with other branches, listen to an informative speaker, and enjoy a wonderful lunch. The Paradise branch will host the meeting at the Center for Spiritual Living in Paradise at 789 Bille Road (a left-hand turn off the Skyway for those coming from Chico). The guest speaker will be John Nicoletti from the Yuba City office of Representative John Garamendi. He'll talk about Garamendi's programs to advance women.

Lunch Menu: (please specify when making your reservation):

(1) Apricot teriyaki chicken with rice pilaf and vegetables. (2) Parmesan crusted chicken with rice pilaf and vegetables. (3) Pasta primavera (meatless fettuccine Alfredo topped with fresh veggies). All meals include bread and butter, antipasto, beverage, and chocolate cake. Reservations are required by January 17th. To confirm your reservation, mail a check for \$22.00 (made payable to AAUW) to Paulette Jones, P.O. box 3068, Paradise, CA 95968. You can also RSVP to Paulette at jonespaulette@sbcglobal.net to make your reservation and then follow up by mailing your payment. Guests are welcome.

■ Let Your Voice Be Heard

Guess what? 2018 is an election year. Is that groaning I hear? I understand. BUT, what if you knew the easiest and best ways to discover what your elected representatives are voting on and the easiest and best ways to affect how they vote?

Well, Paradise and Chico AAUW members and friends will learn to do just that on Saturday, February 17, 1 to 4 p.m.

This is the deal: I met Peg Carlson-Bowen at the AAUW National Convention in Washington, D.C. last June. Peg is San Jose AAUW's public policy chair and she really knows her stuff.

Peg told us about a program she takes wherever she can, boosting the election smarts of voters. I attended a program last August and was determined to bring it to our area.

You will learn how to approach your representatives with your opinion and why it is important to contact them even if you agree with their vote. You will learn why not to send letters but postcards instead – and you will learn how to write an effective postcard.

Peg will bring trained helpers who will teach you how to access Countable and Resistbot on your smartphone (takes less than a minute).

Besides these valuable lessons, Peg will entertain (and appall) you with tales from the Halls of Congress and wherever else elected representatives lurk.

Don't miss this opportunity to Let Your Voice Be Heard. Take charge of your election season instead of hiding under the covers. I'm really excited about this program and hope to see you all there.

Carol Holzgrafe

Let Your Voice Be Heard, Saturday, February 17, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Place: Pleasant Valley Recreation Center, 2320 North Ave. in Chico

Need a ride? Contact Carol

RSVP to Carol Holzgrafe, 873-6906 or 774-4009



■ Upcoming Events

Annual Soup-Supper

(See program article, front page)

IBC Luncheon

Saturday, Feb. 3, 11:30 a.m.

Paradise Center for Spiritual Living

Morning Books

Thursday, Jan. 25, 10 a.m.

Hosting:

Founding Mothers: the Women Who Raised our Nation by Cokie Roberts

Evening Books

Friday, Jan. 19, 7:30 p.m.

Hosting: Dianne Lorenz

All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr

Friday, March 2, 7:30 p.m.

Hosting: Nancy Wirtz

The Sympathizer by Viet Thanh Nguyen

Wednesday Bridge

Wednesday, Feb. 7, 1 p.m.

Hosting: Lynn Eads

Wednesday, March 7, 1 p.m.

Hosting: Madeleine Caton

Friday Bridge

Friday, Jan. 19, 1 p.m.

Hosting: Kay Hinerman

Friday, Feb. 16, 1 p.m.

Hosting: Rosemary Peterson

Out-to-Lunch Bunch

No meeting in January.

Thursday, Feb. 15, 11:30 a.m.

Cafe Petra in downtown Chico

Joint Meeting with Chico Branch

Let Your Voice Be Heard

(See full article, page 3)

Wine & Whine

Thursday, Feb. 15, 5:30 p.m.

Hosting: Carol Holzgrafe (Please RSVP Carol)

Bring a bottle of wine or an appetizer to share.

(Non-alcoholic beverages will also be available)

Board Meeting

Tuesday, Feb. 13, 3-5 p.m.

Hosting: Paulette Jones



Fashion Show & Tea





Annual
Holiday
Celebration



Fashion Show & Tea

Board/Committee Paradise AAUW 2017-18

President/Co-Facilitators:

Mary Huntsinger and Paulette Jones.

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Woman's History Presentations – Sue Griffin/Carol Holzgrafe

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