

Paradise Branch Annual Holiday Gathering

Plans in the Works * We need your vote!
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for the details

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Dear fellow Paradise AAUW members,
I'm writing this on October 17, and the Holiday Season is nearly upon us. Even now, elves are putting out pumpkins and hanging multi-colored lights on people's porches. Soon the old familiar songs will float through the darkening evenings along with the aroma of fresh-baked cookies and pies.

So it's time to think of how we might meet to celebrate the holidays together.

I hope that you all saw Nancy Wirtz's recent email listing some ideas and asking for other suggestions. And that message has been included again in this newsletter. Please let us know what you are in the mood for.

Let us all be safe and warm this holiday season.

Satsie Veith, President/Facilitator

Podcast (& Book) of Interest

If you are interested in the women behind the origins and history of Equal Rights

Amendment and the possible future of the ERA, this is a fascinating podcast (free): on the Strict Scrutiny podcast episode "We the Women" two female law professors talk with author Julie Suk about her new book [We the Women: The Unstoppable Mothers of the Equal Rights Amendment.](#)

<https://strict-scrutiny.simplecast.com/>

Sheltering at Home

Sheltering in our family has led to a greater observance of life in our own backyard, Birds and their different songs throughout the year, our squirrel families and lately a huge Bull Frog that has chosen to live in our pond. He disappeared for two days and we were really saddened. Found him hiding in one of the leaf catchers in the pool. I would think that the chlorine would not be good for Frogs.

I am so thankful that Jim shares the preparation and planning of dinner with me, with many delightful surprises.

Lani McManus

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Paradise AAUW: 🎉 Time to plan for Holiday Fun! 🎁

Dear fellow AAUW Paradise Members,
Those of us on your Board meet once a month via Zoom but we are still wishing for more contact with all of our friends in the branch. We're trying to think creatively about what might be fun and in the spirit of the rapidly approaching holidays.

We have 3 suggestions so far and we want to know YOUR suggestions and also your reactions to ours. The ideas are numbered so you can just say "I like # x best" when you respond.

1. **Gift exchange:** Everyone who wants to participate gets to be both a giver and a recipient. All of our names will be put in a bowl and then drawn out one at a time to assign each to a giver. The only rule will be that nobody gets themselves as a recipient. We will also set a price limit. Each of us will deliver our gifts to our recipient's front doorsteps. Finally, we will have a Zoom meeting to share the fun of opening them.
2. **Cookie Exchange:** Again, everyone who wants to participate gets to be a giver and a recipient. We all make enough cookies to make little six-packs for everyone else on the list. And then we drop the little packs on each person's doorstep, just like Santa!

3. **Snowball Fight:** We all make tight balls of newspaper and meet, probably in Bidwell Park in an open space or a member's big back yard and have at it. If it snows in Magalia, Carol Holzgrafe invites us to come and enjoy the snow in her back yard! Real snowballs can be too hard to throw at each other so we would stick with the newspaper ones. It is meant to be a laugh riot. We can bring treats to share (donuts & hot chocolate?) as long as we are careful about social distancing.

We really think it's time we had fun with each other. PLEASE, give us your suggestions and let us know what you think of these three. Let's do something fun!

IMPORTANT: Please send your responses ASAP to Dianne at de4lorenz@comcast.net.

We love our AAUW, all of us!

Your Board

From the Archives

Can you guess who, what and when?





Pence Scholarship

Dear AAUW,

I am sincerely honored to have been selected as the recipient of the AAUW scholarship. Thank you for your generosity, which has allowed me to continue my educational goal of becoming a Registered Respiratory Therapist while also caring for my family of five.

I am currently in the second year of my Registered Respiratory Therapy degree at Butte College. After finishing my studies, I plan to serve my community as an RRT in the greater Butte County area where I was born and raised. Thanks to you, I am one step closer to reaching my education and career goals.

As I complete my education at Butte College, I am very thankful for receiving your thoughtful gift. Because of your scholarship, I have the ability to finish school and show my daughters that with hard work and dedication, anything is within their reach.

Thank you again for your thoughtful and generous gift.

Sincerely,
Leslie Espinoza
Butte College Respiratory Therapy Program
Class of 2021



Dear Donors of the AAUW Scholarship:

I wanted to start off this letter by saying thank you so much for this award. My family and I have fallen on hard times since the Camp Fire and now COVID-19; this is the blessing we needed as I am a newly single mom of an 8-year old, 5-year-old and 1-year old.

I will now be able to pay to continue my education in the Registered Nursing program. My dream, once I obtain my nursing license, is to become an Infection Control Nurse, as I have a passion for all things pathogenic related. I do plan to get my bachelor's degree in Nursing down the road as well.

I cannot express enough how much this award means to me.

Thank you,
Samatha Bristow

