

Annual Spring Meeting & Election of Officers
Saturday, June 3rd – 5:30 p.m.
Linda Menicucci's home, 204 Redbud in Paradise

This is also our annual soup-supper. This is a capstone event and also our final meeting of the 2022-23 year. So please mark this date on your calendars now.

Spouses and friends are welcome. This is also an excellent meeting to bring a prospective member as your guest! As this date draws closer, check your email for final details

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First of all, I want to express my thanks to all who have expressed condolences, sent sympathy cards, and offers of support when I recently suffered the death of my daughter, Jessica. I never realized how truly meaningful it is when you have a community of supportive friends in difficult times such as this. I am truly grateful to my Paradise and Chico family. My AAUW book group and other Branch activities are truly a comfort to me.

Our Paradise branch is still involved in three different scholarship programs: Paradise Women's Improvement Society, Pence Scholarships and Tech Trek. We are currently gearing up for all three. Our branch is in good shape and the future looks optimistic in spite of all our difficulties after the Camp Fire and the COVID 19 pandemic.

We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events noted elsewhere in this newsletter.

~ Sue Griffin, Co-facilitator

Proposed 2023-24 Slate of Officers

President: Kit Oldham.

Treasurer: Satsie Veith

Secretary: Dianne Lorenz

Board Members-at-Large:

Jan Britton, Sue Griffin, Carol Holzgrafe (Public Policy and Tech Trek), Lani McManus (Sunshine), Linda Menicucci, Kelley O'Conner and Nancy Wirtz.

Remember ~ you will be voting at the June 3rd meeting.

Branching Out is published four times a year by the Paradise Branch of the American Association of University Women. AAUW Paradise 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.



IBC Luncheon in Redding

Several of us attended the IBC luncheon in early February hosted by the Redding Branch (our newest IBC member!) and held at the McConnell Foundation's lovely facility in Redding.

Lynn Fritz, MA, was the speaker; she is a Kurak Tribal descendant and a Licensed Marriage & Family Therapist in private practice, specializing in spirituality, trauma/PTSD, and Native America cultural practice.

Lynn certainly held our attention relating the travesties endured by not only her family, but by native Americans from the 1800s and the boarding school policies that forced family separation and cultural eradication.

Lynn talked about the many roles she is playing in overcoming the multigenerational trauma experienced by native Americans in northern California. Among them is her facilitation of First Nations/Native American cultural awareness seminars and providing psychotherapy for Native Americans, inclusive of Native spirituality and traditions, in northern California.

Lynn's presentation made for a hard act to follow. We, as members of the Paradise Branch, have lots of work to do in finding a speaker of Lynn Fritz's high interest and quality when we host the IBC spring luncheon next year.

~ Kit Oldham



Nancy Wirtz, Jan Britton, Kit Oldham, Satsie Veith, Mary Huntsinger, and Sue Blitzman at the IBC Luncheon meeting in Redding.

Women of Distinction

April 30 will be a special afternoon meeting, 3 to 5 pm, at St. John's Episcopal Church Hall, 2341 Floral Avenue, Chico.

AAUW Chico Branch will be awarding our second Women of Distinction Awards. We are hoping for a great membership turnout (Chico and Paradise) to join in celebrating these four accomplished and dynamic local women:

** Dr. Gayle Hutchinson, President of CSUC.

** Ann Schwab, served as Chico's Mayor and as a city council member.

** Kelly Staley is Chico Unified School District Superintendent.



** Juanita D. Mottley, CSUC Associate Vice President for Student Affairs. A big job with all the students we have, and she excelled at developing Chico State's COVID 19 responses.

We hope everyone will come and meet these august women and hear how they came to demonstrate the qualities we looked for in becoming a Woman of Distinction.

~ Jan Britton

What About the Other Women?

This was the topic of the panel discussion presented by AAUW Chico Branch on March 27th. Our own Paradise Branch member, Sue Griffin, was one of the presenters.

The topic was the women who are incarcerated or immersed in the criminal justice system whether it is jail, probation, or prison. How do we empower marginalized women? What happens to women in custody and after they are released?

Panel members all had professional careers in corrections. Panelist CSUC Student Meaghan Odell is studying criminal justice and talked about her work experience at the 6th Street shelter. There was also a video interview with Lynn A., a former prisoner who shared how life in prison ultimately changed her life.



Sue Griffin shares her career experience as an immigration law lawyer.



Panel: L to R: Sylvia Hedlind, Adele Arnold, Sue Griffin and CSUC student Meaghan Odell.

Look For:

Dues Form which is the last page of this newsletter. (Editorial note: We especially appreciate those of you who have moved out of the area, but choose to remain members. Your continued financial support not only demonstrates your faith in the continuance of Paradise Branch, but is crucial to our ability to continue our scholarship programs.)

"Non-Event" Fundraiser letter. This will come in the mail. This is our annual donation request in which we raise the majority of the funds needed for Tech Trek and the Pence Scholarship.

It is with great sadness that we have learned that former member Carole Chumbler's husband passed away on March 20th. Carole was a long-time and very active member of our Paradise Branch until she and Bert relocated to Medford, OR eighteen years ago.

If you wish to send her a card or note, here is her address:

One Skyline Dr. No. 3202, Medford, OR
97504-8593



For Your Calendar

Board Meeting: Tuesday, April 18, 11 a.m. Hosted by Lani McManus. (ALL members are always welcome to attend)

Out-to-Lunch Bunch: Thursday, April 20, 11:30 a.m., Sofi'z Kitchen, 134 Broadway, downtown Chico. RSVP Mary Huntsinger: 530.521.1323.
Thursday, May 11, 11:30 a.m. the restaurant of choice will be Tin Roof Bakery & Cafe, 627 Broadway, Chico. (Same RSVP instructions.)

Evening Book Group: Friday, April 21, 7:30 p.m. Hosted by Jan Britton. Book for discussion will be *Winston Churchill: the Wilderness Years*. The following meeting will be Friday, June 2nd, 7:30 p.m. Book choice and hosting TBD.

Women of Distinction Awards: Sunday, April 30, 3 to 5 pm, at St. John's Episcopal Church Hall, 2341 Floral Avenue, Chico.

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Les Flaneurs: Usually meets Tues, Thur and/or Sat in the a.m. A walking/talking group of Chico and Paradise members who enjoy wandering. Email or call: carol@holzgrafe.com or Satsie Veith 530.570.3550.

Welcome New Member: Susan Bordelon, 6643 Lincoln Dr., Paradise, CA 95969 Cell: 530-228.4627
Email: suebordelon.23@gmail.com. BA in French/English: LSU New Orleans
MA in French: University of New Hampshire Partner: Jerry Burton

Paradise Branch members at work and at play ~



*Board members at work ~
L to R: Mary Huntsinger, Kit Oldham, Lani McManus, Nancy Wirtz, Satsie Veith and Jan Britton. (Dianne Lorenz taking photo)*



*Evening book group, Clockwise L - R ~
Bill Knudsen, Alex Lorenz, Carol Holzgrafe,
Nancy Wirtz, Sue Griffin, Dianne Lorenz, Mary
Huntsinger with Maisie and Jan Britton*

*Dessert! A very important part of
the Evening Book Group's
gathering!*





AAUW – Paradise

2023 / 2024 Dues Notice

**Please return completed form with payment
by June 1, 2023**

- ▶ Send to: Nancy Wirtz, Treasurer
AAUW – Paradise
1191 Bonair
Chico, CA 95926-2409

If You Wish To Join, Or Have Joined, Another AAUW Branch Where You Have Relocated, You May Keep Your Paradise Membership By Paying Only The \$19 Branch California State Dues (If You Live In The State Of California.) If You Live Elsewhere, You Will Have To Pay The California State Dues Also. National Is Paid Only Once).
Note Which Branch Is Your Primary.

Name (as you wish it to appear in the directory)	Spouse/partner’s name	Your birthday (optional)
Mailing Address	City/ZIP	
Street address (optional)	City/ZIP	
Cell / telephone	Email address	

* Circle your phone number if you want a notation in the directory that the number is unlisted.

Degree	Major	Institution/Location

Dues are distributed as follows:

	<u>Regular Membership</u>
Association (National AAUW)	72.00
State (California)	20.00
Branch (Paradise)	<u>19.00</u>
TOTAL: annual dues only	\$111.00

We thank you for sending your check promptly; we must forward these funds to AAUW by June 30.
Questions or need clarification? Call Nancy Wirtz, Treasurer, at 530-514-3992.