

## View from Here

Well, Deck Those Halls!!!

Has this year gone by too fast?! Glad you agree!

We'll be celebrating our annual **HOLIDAY GATHERING** on the 9<sup>th</sup> of December at Nancy Wirtz's home:

Nancy's Address: 1191 Bonair Road in Chico.

Date and time: **Saturday, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> at 4 - 7 p.m.**

Spouses and friends invited too!

Please bring a dish, either sweet or savory, to share. And please send Mary Huntsinger a text to let her know which one.

Mary's phone: 530-521-1323

Anyone who can, would you be able to arrive an hour early to help with last-minute activities? And let Nancy know if you can.

Nancy's phone: 530-514-3993

We're looking forward to seeing you! Our holiday gathering is always a lovely way to celebrate the season and enjoy one another's company!

*'Tis the season to be jolly!*

~ Kit Oldham, President

## New Interest Group formed in Paradise!

We're excited and happy to report a new Paradise Reading Group, open of course, to any members who would like to join us up on the Ridge.

The first meeting will be Tuesday, Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm in the Conference Room of the Paradise Branch Library.

The book is "The No.1 Ladies' Detective Agency" by Alexander McCall Smith.

Interested? Contact Sue Bordelon:  
[suebordelon23@gmail.com](mailto:suebordelon23@gmail.com)  
[530-228-4627](tel:530-228-4627)

## Wine and Whine

is a monthly no-program get-together at a local watering hole.

Paradise members are invited to join Chico for this fun evening out. We order a glass of wine (or non alcoholic beverage) share snacks, news and ideas and get to know each other better.

**Place:** **Wine Time**, 26 Lost Dutchman Drive, off the Esplanade, just south of Eaton Road.

**Date:** Wednesday, December 20

**Time:** 5:30 p.m. to whenever (6:30 to 7:00)

PLEASE RSVP to Carol Holzgrafe, either text 530-774-4009 (leave your name) or email to [carol@holzgrafe.com](mailto:carol@holzgrafe.com)

ALSO, please bring cash; credit cards with 8 to 10 people provide chaos.

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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.



*Chico and Paradise members enjoying Wine & Whine at the Diamond Steakhouse (Hotel Diamond) Nov. 15th, 2023.*

## Tech Trek Returns!

Our Tech Trek efforts will resume in early January when we ask our middle school science and math teachers for recommendations. Once we have those names, we ask parents for permission to approach their daughter about applying for the free scholarship. The student then completes an on-line application, writes an essay on a specific STEM-related subject, and is interviewed by our Paradise team. We will interview the week of March 11.

I have asked for three places at the 6-day U.C. Davis residential camp to be held July 14-20, and one place at the 5-day Virtual Camp, dates to be announced soon.

As usual we will interview girls at Paradise Junior High and Paradise Charter Middle School where we have worked with the same teachers for several years.

This year's Tech Trekkers, Layla Schwab, Bella Walker (residential), and Maleree Chambers (virtual) all said they enjoyed their week at camp and thanked our branch members for sending them.

**ONE MORE THING:** We have, in the bank, enough money (to send two girls to the residential camp but need at least \$1,550 more to send all three plus the virtual camper. Please, during this generous holiday season, consider donating to the Paradise Tech Trek fund. We must submit all funds by March 1.

**Checks for Tech Trek must be written to "AAUW California SPF",** with "Tech Trek Davis" on the memo line and (**not** to AAUW Paradise). Please send any checks to our treasurer, Satsie Veith, 1401 Sunset Avenue, Chico, CA 95926-2651.

And thank you for your continued support for providing this life changing experience for Paradise girls.

~ Carol Holzgrafe  
Tech Trek Branch Coordinator

## Save the Date for the 2024 IBC Luncheon!

Please plan to join us at Annual North Valley Interbranch Council (IBC) Luncheon to meet and make friends from the six branches - Chico, Paradise, Oroville, Gridley, Marysville-Yuba City, Redding - eat good food, and hear an inspiring presentation.

WHEN: Saturday, February 3, app. 11:00 am

WHERE: St. John's Episcopal Church, 2341 Floral Avenue, Chico

PROGRAM: The Speaker will be Fay Mitchell-Brown, Director of Nursing at CSU Chico

REGISTRATION: When the price is confirmed, you can send a check to Paradise AAUW, 1401 Sunset Ave, Chico, CA 95926. (Don't worry, you will be given this information again, more than once.)



## December Happenings

### Paradise Reading Group

WHEN: Tues. Dec. 5th, 5 p.m.

WHERE: Conference Room of the Paradise Library.

BOOK: *The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency*

CONTACT: Sue Bordelon, 530.228.4627

### Evening Book Group

WHEN: Fri., Dec. 8th, 7:30 p.m.

WHERE: Mary Huntsinger's home

BOOK: *Killers of the Flower Moon*

CONTACT: Text Mary: 530.521.1323

### Annual Holiday Gathering

WHEN: Sat., Dec. 9th, 4 - 7 p.m.

See "View from Here" Pg.1 for details

### Out-to Lunch Bunch

WHEN: Thurs., Dec 14th, 11:30 a.m.

WHERE: Momona, 330 Main St., Chico

CONTACT: RSVP Mary: 530.521.1323

### Wine and Whine

WHEN: Wed., Dec 20th, 5:30 p.m.

WHERE: WineTime, 26 Lost Dutchman Dr.

RSVP: text Carol 530.774.4009



*Out-to-Lunch bunch at Cocodine Thai Cuisine*



*From the Archives: Nov. 29th, 2014: L to R: Shari ?, Madeleine Caton, Carol Holzgrafe, Lynn Eads and Dianne Lorenz. (Wine & Whine at Nic's in Paradise.)*



*Evening Book Group at Lani's home*

### Les Flaneurs Walk

Guess  
Mary's  
Location and  
win a prize!

