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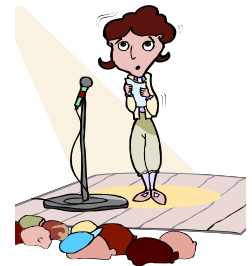
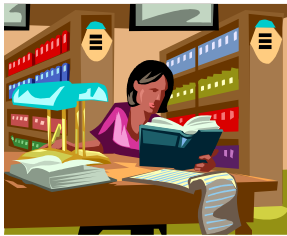
75 Years of Service

Meet an Educational Fund Fellow Hear About the Long Term Impacts of Recession on Individuals and Families

Jessamyn Schaller, an American Fellowship recipient, is studying at UC Davis. She is a labor economist who incorporates disciplines such as health and education into her work. Bring your ideas and questions.

Also showing - our next history lesson on AAUW and 75 years in Nevada County

November 19, 2011, 9:30 am
Peace Lutheran Church
828 West Main Street, Grass Valley



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President's Message—Ann Shulse

Days are shorter, nights are cooler, and brilliant colors are popping all around us – it must be November! Veterans Day reminds us to pay tribute to our soldiers, both past and present. Soon families will gather and warm our hearts, and the turkey and pumpkin pie will warm our bellies. Our year is in full swing now, and we are pleased to welcome six new members who recently joined us. We hope you have signed up for some of our interest groups and volunteered to help on one of our committees. We have many activities to enjoy, new friends to meet, and projects to complete.

Jessamyn Schaller, an AAUW Funds fellowship recipient studying at UC Davis, will speak to us at our next program on November 19th. As a labor economist, she will talk about the effect of job loss and local economic conditions on individual and family outcomes. Not a cheery topic, but, unfortunately, a current reality for many. This will be the last program of the calendar year, so remember to bring your loaded-to-the-top blue coin box, purchase some Lucinda Pins (they make wonderful gifts!), and stock up on enough used books to last you until our January program.

A very big THANK YOU to those of you who helped us contact the 29 businesses who are sponsoring us this year. The sponsors are listed near the middle of this Lodestone and in your Membership Directory. Try to patronize the businesses, and be sure to thank them for supporting us. Some will give you an AAUW discount!

Mark your calendar for December 10th for our festive Holiday Gala at the Stonehouse! More details will follow. The Nevada County Diaper Project is the non-profit we have chosen to support this holiday season. Because they are able to purchase pallets of diapers at a very reasonable cost, they appreciate money donations the most. Checks can be made out to Nevada County Diaper Project. You can either send your donation now to our PO Box 326, Grass Valley, CA 95945, or bring your donation to our Holiday Gala in December. A representative from the organization will be there to accept our gift.



Board Highlights—Bernadette Sylvester

(Shirley Zeff substituting for Bernadette)

The October 14, 2011 Board meeting was held at Brunswick Village Conference Room with 9 members attending. The minutes of the September meeting were approved with one correction.

TREASURER Shirley Zeff presented the monthly financial report which was filed for audit.

PRESIDENT'S UPDATE: The 75th Anniversary Gala will be held on March 29, 2012. The committee promises that it will be a great party. EOF Funds Luncheon in Danville this month will be attended by Melanie Heckel and Ann Shulse. Redding branch has invited us to attend their luncheon Oct. 29th featuring an international studies grant recipient.

Sharon O'Hara attended the Women's Suffrage event in Sacramento. We have copies of the national women's history project gazette to place in community locations. It can also be downloaded at www.nwhp.org. Sharon encour-

ages everyone to sign up to be a 2 minute activist at www.aauw-ca.org.

MEMBERSHIP: Ellie Anderson reported there are currently 115 paid members and that a new and prospective member reception will be held on November 3 at 4 PM. An angel fund exists to assist members who are experiencing financial difficulty with the membership fee.

AAUW Funds – EOF –Melanie Heckel reported for Francesca about plans for a large fundraiser in early September at the North Star House. A smaller fundraiser will be held in April.

LOCAL SCHOLARSHIP: Ann reported for Sandy that all four scholarships have been paid out.

TECH TREK: Martha showed the Thank You to businesses which will run in the Union. Martha is serving on the curriculum committee for Tech Trek.

Next Board meeting will be held on November 11, 2011.

LOCAL SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

By Sandy Davison



Ah, yes, fall is definitely here and soon we will be enjoying turkey and pumpkin pie and shortly afterward wondering if we will get all of the holiday shopping and wrapping completed on time. In between those activities here's a reminder not to forget that the Game Day fundraiser for local scholarships is moving to February and will be on Saturday, February 18th. Last year we were able to give four \$1,000 scholarships, and with your help and assistance we hope to do the same this year. Donations may be sent to either the Branch post office, or to Donna Russell, treasurer for the Charitable Trust. The latest news on last year's recipients is: Rachel Benoit, the Sierra College graduate has matriculated to Chico State; Elan Carnahan, formerly of Bear River HS, is attending CSU Long Beach; Nevada Union graduates, Laura Guzman and Chelsea Wadsworth, are respectively attending UC Santa Barbara and Lewis & Clark College in Oregon. Notes were received from both Chelsea and Rachel expressing their appreciation for the scholarship funds. The Local Scholarship Team is meeting at the Brunswick Village conference room on **Monday, Nov. 7th at 1:00pm** to plan and prepare for Game Day and scholarship activities. Come join us and become part of the team!



AAUW Fund News – November 2011

By Francesca Erickson (Melanie Heckel filling in)



You all know how important the AAUW Fund Educational Opportunity Fund (EOF) is to women around the U.S. and abroad, funding fellowships for women getting doctorates, career development grants for women advancing their careers through post graduate work, community action grants, and scholarships for women outside the U.S. Our on-going fund-raising for EOF includes shopping cards from Save Mart and SPD. If you don't have one, please pick one up at our AAUW meetings and shop, shop, shop! We also raise fund through individual donations. We are embarking on our Fall push to raise donations to count toward our Branch annual donation to National, which must be submitted by the end of the year. Please send your check made out to AAUW – Nevada County – EOF, to AAUW, P.O. Box 326, Grass Valley, CA 95945-9395.

We also have news with regard to our annual fund-raising event for EOF. We are suspending the Appraisal Faire for 2012 because we no longer have a Chairman (thank you Christina Lasich for your efforts over the last few years) and because we have been getting diminishing returns for our efforts of late. We have created two new committees. There is an Appraisal Faire Committee who over the next year will investigate re-inventing the Faire to see if it is worthwhile to reinstate it with changes. We also have a Fund-Raising Committee, looking at many fund-raising event options. The Fund-Raising Committee is settling on a very exciting option for an event celebrating women next summer or fall. It is entitled All About Unique Women (AAUW). Pretty clever, eh? There will be artwork (by women of course) and entertainment (by women of course), wine and appetizers at a very interesting venue. Sound fun and exciting? It will be! Keep your eye out for upcoming announcements as we roll out this new event.

PUBLIC POLICY

By Sharon O'Hara

Antichoice Legislation Passes U.S. House

The U.S. House approved anti-choice legislation Thursday that would ban women from using the health care reform law's tax subsidies to purchase insurance plans that cover abortions. The bill (H.R. 358), passed in a 251-172 vote, would also allow health-care institutions to refuse to provide abortions if they morally object. Fifteen Democrats voted for the bill, and two Republicans – Rep. Judy Biggert (IL) and Rep. Richard Hanna (NY) – voted against it. Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) spoke passionately against the bill, saying that it would essentially allow caregivers to not treat a woman who is dying on a hospital floor.

AAUW supports the right of every woman to safe, accessible, affordable, and comprehensive family planning and reproductive health services. AAUW advocates for choice in the determination of one's reproductive life and increased access to health care and family planning services, including expansion of patients' rights.

Please go to www.aauw.org to become an Action Alert member TODAY!

AAUW Celebrates Centennial of Suffrage-Stepping Back in Time to 1911

By Sharon O'Hara, Public Policy Chair

I was dressed in suffrage purple with my "VOTE" sash ready to slip on as we made our way into the Capitol Building on Monday, Oct. 10th. Unfortunately, the huge crowds I expected failed to materialize but in the hallways were enthusiastic members of AAUW branches and The League of Women Voters-and even a husband or two.

The displays about the struggle to win the right to vote included pennants, photos, letters, and one of the traditional long white dresses worn during the campaign. Many of the women involved in the celebration on Monday were wearing those dresses with very colorful hats and yellow sashes. We all had complementary photos taken which will be posted on www.ca2011centennial.com.

The connection to Nevada County was featured on Pg 13 of the commemorative program- Ellen Clark Sargent and her husband Aaron A Sargent of Nevada City were an early major link between suffragists in California and D.C. Ellen had a major impact on her husband's politics. Susan B. Anthony was a friend and Ellen was president of the CA Woman Suffrage Association while her husband introduced a women's suffrage amendment every year he was in Congress. His language became the Constitution's 19th Amendment.

During the afternoon at the CA History Museum we were treated to a performance of the "We Did It for You!" musical play. This play was a feature of the most recent AAUW State Convention as well, and Monday's performance ended in the same way-with the audience on their feet singing "I Am Woman" with the cast.

The final event was the reception sponsored by AAUW with our State Co-Presidents and Public Policy Chair Sue Miller presiding. Before leaving, I was very pleased to congratulate my friend and Centennial co-chair, Dr. Kimberly Salter (AAUW Laguna Beach Branch) on a job well done!





The Latest Scoop for Tech Trek

By Martha Rees

Tech Trek 2011-2012 is off and running. Our goal is to send eight Nevada County girls again this year to the weeklong science/math summer camp at University of California, Davis (UCD), even though the tuition has increased to \$850/girl. As the Thank You ad that appeared last month (October) in The Union noted, we are very lucky to have incredible support from our stellar sponsors, including many of our AAUW Branch members. Soon our Nevada County Branch Tech Trek Committee members will be in high gear with fund raising efforts to ensure we meet our goal.

News from the UCD Tech Trek front is that Lisa Beauchamps has “retired” as the camp director, so there is a job opening if anyone is interested. In the meantime, a group of representatives from Northern California AAUW branches that send their girls to UCD Tech Trek have formed a “curriculum committee” to build on the success of this past summer and investigate additional ideas/possibilities based on feedback from campers, parents, and staff. The goal is to offer the girls even wider exposure to the STEM (science, math, engineering, and math) fields via core classes, on-campus field trips, lab experiences, professional women in STEM fields, and even more hands-on activities and experiments. In terms of the core classes, the committee has decided the 2012 camp will focus on four key areas – Bio-Ecology, Genetics, Engineering, and 3-Dimensional Math. Since 2011 was UCD Tech Trek’s first year, the camp just began to tap into the area’s offerings. As we explore options, it’s very clear UC Davis is a perfect location for Tech Trek with so many amazing resources, programs, and possibilities. And we welcome any suggestions, input, contacts that any of our members may have. We’ll keep you posted as plans begin to take shape.

On a side note, our Nevada County Branch Tech Trek Committee is exploring local connections for our trekkers to enhance their camp experience. Thanks to Carole Yettick, some of our 2010 and 2011 trekkers had the chance to meet with aviators, Jim Barrilleaux and Valarie Bush, in Alta Sierra. Both Jim and Valarie have built their own planes and have years of aviation experience. Jim has over the North Pole to document changing glacier formations. Valarie started out as an airplane mechanic, but held on to her dream to become a pilot and is a leader in the local chapter of the 99s, the world’s largest female pilot organization.





Women, War, and Peace

Submitted by Ann Shulse

Women, War, and Peace is a new 5-part PBS television series challenging the conventional wisdom that war and peace are men's domain. The vast majority of today's conflicts are not fought by nation states and their armies, but rather by informal entities: gangs and warlords using small arms and improvised weapons.

The series reveals how the post-Cold War proliferation of small arms has changed the landscape of war, with women becoming primary targets and suffering unprecedented casualties. Yet, they are simultaneously emerging as necessary partners in brokering lasting peace and as leaders in forging new international laws governing conflict. This series spotlights the stories of women in conflict zones from Bosnia to Afghanistan and Colombia to Liberia, placing women at the center of an urgent dialogue about conflict and security and reframing our understanding of modern warfare. Matt Damon, Tilda Swinton, Geena Davis, and Alfre Woodard will narrate the series.

The series will premiere on KVIE, Channel 6 on Tuesday nights, Oct. 11- Nov. 8. Check listings for re-runs on episodes already past their original airdate. The five episodes in the series:

I Came to Testify: 16 Bosnian women who were imprisoned and raped by Serb-led forces testified in an international court of law that resulted in new international laws about sexual violence in war.

Pray the Devil Back to Hell: Liberian women who took on the warlords and regime of dictator Charles Taylor and won peace for their country in 2003.

Peace Unveiled: Three Afghani women risk their lives to protect women's rights.

The War We Are Living: Two Afro-Columbian women brave a violent struggle over their gold-rich lands.

War Redefined: The capstone of the series includes interviews with leading thinkers.

LOCAL INTEREST ITEMS

Gardening Group outing to the Mandarin Festival!

On Friday, November 18, you are invited to join the Gardening Group on an outing to the Mountain Mandarin Festival in Auburn. The annual Mountain Mandarin Festival celebrates the new crop of locally grown Mandarin oranges, a Mandarin Recipe cooking contest, professional chef demonstrations, food, crafts, and entertainment. Placer County growers will sell fresh Mandarin oranges and gift baskets accompanied by all the free samples you like. Proceeds benefit the scholarship fund of the Newcastle Area Business Association and the Newcastle Volunteer Fire Department. On this day the entrance fee is only \$2.00! Meet at 10:00 am in the Kmart shopping center under the Kmart sign. Please RSVP to Liz Res. (**note the date change** from usual Gardening Group meetings.)



Gadabouts highlights

We have learned that Music in the Mountains and Sierra Cinemas are presenting *The Met: Live in HD*, a series of 11 operas broadcast live in Nevada County. The series began October 15 and goes through April 2012. This is a wonderful opportunity for our community. (Complete information and schedule is on the website: sierratheatres.com). Gadabouts might elect to see one or more of these performances together. If you are interested, contact Sally Smith for more information.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

**NEW MEMBERS**

Joyce Borgman (Steve Ercolina)
Joyce has a BA in English from the University of Michigan (1964) and received her masters in Education Administration

from USF in 1980. Her background in education included assignments that varied from Incline Village to the International Academy of Rome, the American International School in Cyprus and Fulbright teaching in England. She is retired and active in a writers' critique group, yoga, writing (she is the author of children's books), walking, painting and travel.

Interests: Look forward to seeing her at the Walking Group and helping the branch with Programs.

Marilyn Chambliss ,

Recruited by Sally Smith, Marilyn has quite an impressive educational and work background. Starting at UC Berkeley (1964) with a BA in Sociology, she received a BA in Psychology (1982) at San Jose State and a PhD in Educational Psychology at Stanford (1990). She was an associate professor at University of Maryland, a project director at UC Berkeley and a research associate at Stanford.

Interests: She wants to join the Gad Abouts and Great Decisions groups.

Shirley Lyon

Shirley was in the Peace Corps from 1983-85 in Fiji and also worked as a Medical Research librarian at Sutter Roseville Medical Center. In 1977, she received a BA in English and Journalism and an MA in Education (1981), all from Sacramento State. Her MLS in Information Science was from University of Arizona. She is involved with the Area 4 Agency on Aging and is a library volunteer.

Interests: Look for her at the Book Group, Great Decisions and the Walking Group.

Shirley Payne

She is involved with Nevada County Democrats, plays the piano, writes, gardens sews, knits and travels Shirley rejoined AAUW through her contact with Zaida Petievich. She received both her BA in Social Science (1962) and her Secondary Credential (1963) from San Jose State. After she retired from teaching, she was in local real estate. She belongs to GV United Methodist Church and is very active in adult classes, Church and Society, Friday Night supper and Hospitality House

Interests: Already participating in the Book Group, she plans to join Arts and Crafts and Great Decisions. She will help with mailings and *The Lodestone*.

Janine Martin (Galen) Franny Erickson has recruited another member! Janine will be a real asset to the group as she is very knowledgeable about fund raising and event planning. Janine is affiliated with the Land Trust (Gala Coordinator), is the Festival Coordinator for Bridgeport (South Yuba State Park) and volunteers with Sammie's Friends. She received her BA in Liberal Studies from Sacramento State and her Teaching Credential (K-8) in 1996 from Chapman.

Other interests are yoga, dance, music, art, gardening, travel and reading

Interests: She is going to join the Book Group.

Martha Millar;

Martha has an impressive educational background: BA, Politics (1986) UCSC, MFA, Art (1989) UCLA and JD, Law from Golden Gate College (2006). She is currently working as a special education attorney with offices in Roseville and Grass Valley. Recently (October 15), Martha had an informative, well written article in *The Union* regarding legal rights of special education students and their parents. . She also does jogging, sewing, hiking and politics and Rotary.

Interests:Martha will help with Tech Trek and may join the Arts and Crafts and Book Group.

Ariana Zimmerman (Ed);

Ariana's degrees are: BA, Creative Arts (1972) and a BA, Elementary Teaching Credential (1974), all from SFSU. She also has BA in Special Education (1974) UCD and SFSU. Her background is in education as a Resource Specialist for grades K-5. Her talents are photography and outreach (public relations). Currently she is involved with Meals-on-Wheels and the Hospice Thrift Store.

Interests: Arts and Crafts, Garden Group and Walking Group. She will help with Interest Groups, Mailings, Programs, Ed Foundation and Telephone Callers.

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Linda Marschall (Carl), 13021 River Rd., Apt. 314P
Portland, OR 97222, No phone number available yet
carlmars@gmail.com,

Linda writes: "We are finally in our apartment in Portland. We look out on a beautiful garden with trees that are beginning to turn. The dining room overlooks the river and the (town) of Lake Oswego. Everyone is very friendly; this is a real community."

Joy Ransdell, 1027 Diablo Rd, Suite 205, Danville, CA 94526, (925) 831-1828, No email

Joy has moved to Sunrise of Danville, a facility close to her son and his family. Joy's new living quarters are along the route that her granddaughters take when they walk to school, so they all see her often.

FRIENDSHIP

Linda Taylor has recently suffered a stroke and has now been moved from the Burlingame hospital to a rehab center in Los Gatos. Here's the address for those of you who would like send cards and good wishes her way.

Mission Oaks Camus Acute Rehab

Linda Taylor-3rd Floor, Rm 307

15891 Los Gatos/Almaden Rd

Los Gatos, CA 95032

Its too early for phone calls just yet but we all are wishing her a speedy recovery.

NOVEMBER 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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13	14	15	16	17	18 <i>Garden Group</i>	19 <i>Gen. Meeting</i>
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28	29	30				<i>Gourmet Group 11-3-2011</i>

INTEREST GROUP SECTION: Nancy Knaus is the interest group coordinator. Please get your info to her by the 8th of each month. Please note that we do not put addresses, phone #s, or email in the Lodestone except once in the membership column.

AAUWalkers: 1st Wednesday, November 2, 10:30 am. Enjoy fall colors and walk along the recently opened Deer Creek trail in Nevada City to the new pedestrian bridge. Round trip about 3 miles. Details will be sent on line. Respond to Deb Cubberly.

Arts & Crafts: 1st Thursday, November 3, 10 am at the home of Liz Rees, to make button jewelry. Details will be sent on-line. RSVP to Liz by October 27. You are invited to join in this fun activity.

Book Discussion: 2nd Thursday, November 10, at the home of Ann Shulse. Our book is *The 19th Wife*, by David Ebershoff. Discussion will be facilitated by Cheryl Morris. RSVP to Ann.

Daytime Bridge: 1st Friday, November 4, 10 am at Alta Sierra Country Club. Call Lisbeth Noel or Bernell Scott if you'd like to play and have not already signed up. Bridge players of all ability are always welcomed to join.

Gadabouts: Sunday, November 6, 2 pm, will attend the matinee performance of *Mame* at the Lake Wildwood Clubhouse. Reservations are being taken, but last-minute tickets may still be available. Luncheon venue to be announced. Contact Sally Smith.

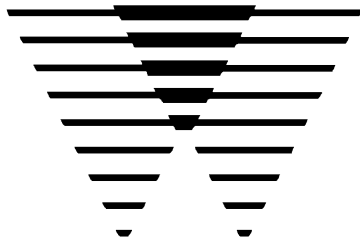
Gardening: Friday, November 18, 10 am. *Note date change!* Outing to the Mandarin Festival in Auburn. Meet at the Kmart shopping center under the Kmart sign. RSVP to Liz Rees. (See pg.7 for more information.)

Great Decisions: will begin in February. Books are being ordered for those who signed up. Contact Darlene Paulsen for info.

Gourmet Adventures: Mark your calendars for December 3. Hosts are Terry Juhl and Marlene Aspey. Members will be contacted regarding menu and recipes. Want to join in the festivities and fine dining? Contact LaVerne Leach.

World Cuisine: Saturday, November 12, 5:30 pm, at the home of Ann & John Shulse. The theme is Spanish cuisine! Members will be sent details. New participants are welcomed. Contact Ann or Nancy Knaus to receive complete information.

Note: If you are interested in joining an interest group, please refer to your directory for the names and telephone numbers of the leaders of each interest group or call Nancy Knaus. Additional participants are always welcome.



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- AAUW advances equity of women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.
- AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, or disability or class.
- By joining AAUW we belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women have a fair chance.

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Local Scholarships

_____ Tech Trek (8th grade) –summer science and math program. Please make check payable to AAUW CA SPF and mail to Martha Rees

_____ Local Scholarship Fund –high sch. graduate, re-entry, & Sierra Col. scholarships. Make check payable to AAUW Nev. Co. Charitable Trust Local Scholarship Fund & mail to Sandy Davison

Association Programs—Please make your check payable to AAUW Fund & note EF or LAF on check.

_____ AAUW Fund – fellowships and grants for advanced education and degrees.

_____ AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF) – seeks amicus curiae opportunities in cases of discrimination that disadvantage women in the workplace.

Other Programs—Please make your check payable to AAUW Nevada County Branch

_____ Angel Fund – dues assistance for members in need. (Please write “Angel Fund” on your check)

_____ Local Branch Operations—helps fund our local activities (Please write “Branch Operations” on ck)

Please write separate checks if you are donating to more than one Program.