



Welcome to Our 87th Year September General Meeting

Date: Saturday, September 15
Where: Visalia Country Club
Time: 10 a.m.
Program: Visalia Mayor Amy Shuklian
Menu: Taco Salad or Salad Trio (Egg Salad, Tuna Salad, Chicken Salad on a bed of Lettuce)
Cost: \$17.75 (includes bev., tax, tip)
RSVP: Please send check to Sally Childers, 205 E. La Vida, Visalia 93277.
 Indicate your menu choice on your check.
RESERVATION DUE SEPTEMBER 4TH!

Fall Book Sale

October 18 - 24

Sequoia Mall



VISALIA MAYOR AMY SHUKLIAN

Hey, want to know what's happening in Visalia? Come to our first meeting of the year on September 15th and meet our Mayor Amy Shuklian, who knows it all and is willing to share it.

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Proposed 2012-2013 Budget

Happy 40th Birthday, Title IX

As we celebrate Title IX's 40th birthday and the advances the law has inspired for gender equity, it's worth remembering AAUW's year-round efforts to support women who have challenged sex discrimination in education. AAUW's [Legal Advocacy Fund](#) has been instrumental in the success of many gender discrimination cases — in education and in the workplace — during its 31-year history. LAF's case-support program provides financial and organizational backing for a select number of lawsuits that have the potential to set significant precedents for gender equity. *Bethscott123*



President's Message

Dear Fellow Members,

It is always with great anticipation that we begin a new year. This September we begin by hearing from our mayor, Amy Shuklian, at our first meeting. Our program chairs, Sally Childers and Linda Brown have lined up an interesting and intriguing slate of programs for you for the year.

We are focusing on our membership this year. Not only do we want to keep you interested in retaining your AAUW affiliation, we want to encourage our new members to get involved and stay involved. AAUW is an old organization nationally and locally and attracts women from many professional backgrounds. We cherish old friendships and look forward to making new ones. Our monthly meetings and interest sections provide opportunities for us to learn and socialize.

I'm looking forward to seeing many of you at our September 15th meeting.

Carol Seastrom, President

Renella Smith, 627-3085, is Sunshine Chair. Please contact her by phone or e-mail if a card or note needs to be sent to a member

2012 Tech Trek Girls



2012 Amazon Trekkers



Dates to Remember

Date	Event	Information
Every Monday	Book Sorting	8:30 a.m. 1000 N. Burke
Every Tues	Knit Wits	10 a.m. - Panera
Sept. 12	Refresher Bridge	1:30 - Barbara Maraist's
Sept. 15	General Meeting	10 a.m. Visalia Country Club
Sept. 18	New Members Wine and Cheese	6:30 - Carol Finney's
Sept. 19	Unabridged Book Group	7 p.m. - Nancy Adalian's
Sept. 24	Board Meeting	4 p.m. - Linda Brown's
Sept. 28	Glorious Garden Gals	1 p.m. 2 TBA
Oct. 13	General Meeting	10 a.m. Mooney Grove - Arbor 10
Oct. 18-24	Book Sale	Sequoia Mall

What We Did Last Summer

Branch Members Linda Brown, Carol Olincy, Phyllis Ogden and Marsha Roberts took an exciting trip to the Amazon this spring. Let us know about the exciting things happening in your life.

AMY SHUKLIAN

A native Visalian, Amy Shuklian was elected to the city council in November 2007 and was selected as mayor of Visalia in 2011.

Holding a degree in recreation administration from CSU Fresno, Amy is currently a recreation therapist for the Kaweah Delta Health Care District.

In addition to her official roles on the city council and as mayor, Amy has been involved in numerous community activities. She spearheaded the effort to develop Visalia's first off-leash dog park, Cody Kelly Bark Park, has been a member of the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Parks and Recreation Foundation, served as president of Valley Oak SPCA, and is a member of the city's Smart Growth Task Force.

A recent community project was her involvement in the 1,000 Hands Playground built with an all-volunteer crew of community members at Visalia's Riverway Sports Park. Amy also serves as emcee for various community events, such as the Fourth of July celebration, Visalia Teen Idol, and the "Oh Say, Can You Sing" contest.

When not involved in community activity, Amy can be found at the bark park with her chocolate Labrador retrievers, Godiva and Molly Brown, at the golf course or on stage doing her stand-up comedy routine.

Amy works to help Visalia maintain its heritage, strong sense of community, and unique quality of life as we grow and plan for the future.

Getting to Know You

We are pleased to have several new members and want to introduce them in each issue of *Sequoia News*.

Susan Mathews, CSU Fresno 1973

A Theater Arts major, Susan taught at Royal Oaks and Goshen Elementary Schools and later taught theater arts at Green Acres Middle School.

Susan's interests include directing and acting (she is featured in "Always, Patsy Kline") followed by travelling. She likes to explore new territories and also loves to visit her Morro Bay beach hideaway.

What we don't know about her is that she is not as outgoing as she seems.

Beth Bream, Fresno Pacific, MA 2001

Beth spent 27 years teaching at the elementary school level.

Improving her skills in quilting, Beth is now taking classes at Thimble Town and, of course, continues to enjoy reading. Recently, Beth participated in a Rhodes Scholar culinary tour to Charleston, South Carolina, creating many great memories.

No one knows she took piano lessons for 6 years yet can't play a note nor carry a tune.

AAUW Mission Statement

AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education and research.

AAUW Value Promise

By joining AAUW, you belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women have a fair chance.

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