



## October General Meeting

**Date:** Saturday, October 13  
**Where:** Mooney Grove Park, Arbor 10  
**Time:** 10 a.m.  
**Program:** The Assistance Service Dog Educational Center  
**Menu:** Box Lunch from The Lunch Box  
 (choice: Turkey Bacon Avocado; Dill Chicken; or Ham and Almond)  
**Cost:** \$10.75  
**RSVP:** Please send check to Linda Brown, 228 E Dorothea Court, Visalia 93277 by October 8th. Indicate menu choice on check.

*Have you signed up to work at the Book Sale? Call Judy Mayfield to sign up: 798-1451*

## Fall Book Sale

October 18 - 25

Sequoia Mall



## The Assistance Service Dog Educational Center

Did you ever think you might need HELP? Man's best friend can be more than a pet! Come and see what an assistance dog can do to help with the activities of daily living! You will be amazed!



## AAUW FUND FACTS

Great Nonprofits has again recognized AAUW as a top-rated women's empowerment organization.

Also, for a second year in a row, Charity Navigator gave AAUW their highest rating in recognition of our financial management, accountability and transparency. We also made their top 10 list of highly rated education charities.

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## President's Message

Dear Fellow Members,

Last year our Visalia-Sequoia Branch gave away \$37,500 to promote educational opportunities in Tulare County. Most of that money was \$25,000 given in COS scholarships. With \$11,050 we sponsored 13 girls at Tech Trek, a science and math camp at Fresno State, and \$1,100 went to Expanding Horizons which gives young women a chance to spend a day at COS. We aren't just about money, but it does give us the opportunity to improve lives and impact our community.

On a national level, AAUW gave out \$4.5 million in fellowships and grants. "AAUW started providing monetary support at a time when institutions blatantly discriminated against women. In 1888 the prevailing thought was that educating women would negatively affect their health," said AAUW Executive Director and CEO Linda Halliman. "But our founding leaders knew that education was a gateway to a better life for women and their families. That work still inspires our work today."

It is good to keep AAUW's goals in mind as we start our new year.

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

## More on ASDEC

**Assistance Service Dogs perform many tasks to help disabled people lead independent lives. When fully trained, the dogs perform over 90 skills in response to verbal**

**commands. Participants train their dogs to perform tasks such as:**

- Switch lights on and off**
- Open and Close Doors**
- Open the refrigerator, bring back a drink**
- Open and unload clothes from a dryer**
- Help undress**
- Pick up and retrieve dropped items**

**With these commands, dogs can fill a wide variety of human needs. In addition to physically aiding the client, our dogs provide companionship, support, and comfort 24/7.**

**Woodlake High School students participating in the the program learn valuable life lessons:**

- Responsibility**
- Respect**
- Compassion**
- Leadership**
- Patience**

The Assisted Service Dog Education Center is located in Woodlake, CA  
[www.servicedogcenter.org](http://www.servicedogcenter.org)

# 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
Oct. 4	Walkers	9:00 a.m. - Mooney Grove Park
Oct. 9	Coffee & California Concerns *	9:00 a.m. - 210
Oct. 10	Refresher Bridge	1:00 - Judy Mayfield's
<b>Oct. 13</b>	<b>General Meeting</b>	<b>10 a.m. Mooney Grove Arbor 10</b>
Oct. 17	Unabridged Book Group	7 p.m. - Pauline Badgley's
<b>Oct. 18 - 25</b>	<b>Book Sale</b>	<b>Sequoia Mall</b>
Oct. 22	Board Meeting	4 p.m. - Pauline Badgley's
Oct. 24	Coffee & California Concerns	9:00 a.m. - 210
Oct. 26	Glorious Garden Gals	1 p.m. - Carol Finney's (Call 733-1198 for materials list)
Nov. 10	General Meeting	10 a.m. Lampliter Inn
TBA	New Book Group	Call Ellie Groom
TBA	Bridge Lessons	
Jan 2013	Great Decisions	Order your book now. Send \$20 to Carol Finney. 2106 S. Anthony Court, Vis 93291

\*All members are invited to a special meeting of Coffee & California Concerns for a presentation by the League of Women Voters regarding the many initiatives on the November ballot. See [aauw-ca.org](http://aauw-ca.org) for CA AAUW positions.

Last Day to Register to Vote in the November Election is OCTOBER 22!

Visit <http://RegisterToVote.ca.gov> and click the "Register to Vote Now" button

## Getting to Know You

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

### Wendy Storey, CSU San Diego, 1970

Taught Kindergarten, first in Tipton then in Waukeena.

Wendy's hobbies and interests include cooking, travel, reading and dabbling in art.

Wendy's favorite travel destination is the family cabin in Wawona.

What you might not know about Wendy is that when she was a child, she and her friends liked to poke around in old abandoned buildings.

Please add the following to your yearbook:

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### AAUW Mission Statement

AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy 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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