

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.

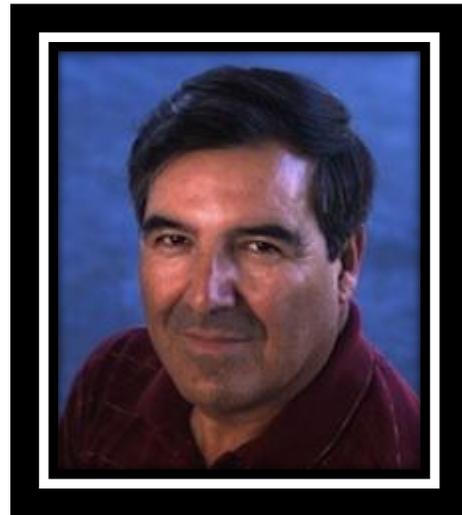
November General Meeting

- Date: Saturday, November 10
- Where: Lampliter Inn
- Time: 10 a.m.
- Program: Dr. Ramon Resa, author of *Out of the Fields*
- Menu: Baked Breast of Chicken, vegies, pilaf
Or Ricotta Stuffed Pasta with vegies

All served with spinach salad, bread and butter, coffee or tea, and dessert of Red Velvet cake

- Cost: \$20.00
- RSVP: Please send check to Sally Childers, 205 E La Vida, Visalia 93277 by November 5th. Indicate menu choice on check.

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Ramon Resa, MD

Legal Advocacy Fund

The AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF), now included in AAUW Funds, works to combat sex discrimination in higher education and the workplace. It is managed by our national organization in Washington, D.C.

The LAF works through community and campus outreach programs, a resource library and online advocacy tools, and various research reports. In collaboration with the Public Policy and Government Relations department, the LAF seeks *amicus curiae* opportunities in cases on discrimination that disadvantage women in the workplace. The LAF is also transitioning toward supporting landmark sex discrimination cases that have the potential to make a difference for all women.

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**THE AAUW ACTION FUND
ADVANCES EQUITY FOR WOMEN
AND GIRLS THROUGH MEMBER**

Dr. Resa’s personal story of his journey from “farmworker boy to pediatrician,” as told in his memoir, *Out of the Fields*, has inspired and informed parents and children, educators, teachers, counselors, medical professionals, and business groups across the country. At age 3, Ramon was put to work picking cotton and oranges in the fields of Central California. Today, he’s a successful pediatrician. After completing medical school, he returned to the same rural area where he grew up. There, for more than 20 years, he’s been treating poor and underserved children much like the child he was.

Read carefully, and you may see names of people you know who influenced Ramon’s life.

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President's Message

Dear Fellow Members,

"Write the book." "Write the book." "This would make a great movie." The comments flew as we listened to Gerald and Donna Whittaker tell their story at our October meeting. Donna had an idea. Gerald has a gift. Together they formed a non-profit, ASDEC, which trains assistance dogs. Their big idea links troubled teenagers from Woodlake High School and Golden Retriever puppies. The teens learn to be responsible, patient, loving "parents" and the dogs go to those in society who need help. It might be a veteran with PTSD or a young diabetic. Their stories were inspiring.

Our year got underway in September hearing Amy Shuklian speak about Visalia. It was enlightening and entertaining to hear the State of the City from Amy. Now we look forward to hearing from Dr. Ramon Resa. He also tells a story--from his beginnings in the fields to becoming a Porterville pediatrician. A new book group has been organized thanks to your interest and Ellie Groom. Their first read will be Dr. Resa's Out of the Fields. Contact Ellie if you would like to take part. Another new group, Coffee and California Concerns is underway. Our second and third meetings will continue to discuss the propositions before the election and their outcomes after the election. Our new Walkers Group will meet every Thursday morning at 8:30 at Maverick's Coffee Shop on Caldwell and Court Streets to walk to Blain Park. In case of rain, we will meet at the Mooney entrance to Visalia Mall.

Looking forward to seeing you in November.

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.

Book Sales Sail

Lots of books, great help, and eager customers combined to raise \$16,888 during our October Book Sale. Lisa D'Arcy has also sold \$1,550 worth of books online for a total of \$18,438. Many thanks go to all of you who put in your time working those 3-hour shifts.

Another group that deserves great recognition is our Book Sorters. They work tirelessly throughout the year. They take two weeks off after each sale and that's just about it. The group has changed over time, but right now the following women show up week after week: Lisa D'Arcy, Sandy Parmelly, Judy Mayfield, April Serrins, Carol Olincy, Elainea Scott, Marie Miller, Jean Moritz, Sally Childers, Joanne Dudley, Cathy Lovell, and Dona Meinhardt. Rosemary Jackson & Carol Seastrom are on temporary leave. Faithful retrievers of books at LifeStyle are Pam Harder, Dona Meinhardt, and Margo Tressler.

Special recognition goes to our Wednesday evening "Set-up Crew". As members of the Redwood High School FBLA unloaded two U-Haul trucks, Lisa D'Arcy, Carol Olincy, Elaine & Earl Smith, & Elainea & Bob Scott kept order in the midst of thousands of arriving books. Mark and Harley drove the U-Hauls and Margo kept the money box.

Our thanks go to our publicity gals: Kathy Oldershaw who managed to place signs all over town, and Pam Lurz who got timely word to our news outlets. Marcia Roberts helped get our news articles on Lisa and the book sale into the *Times-Delta*. Hooray.

It involves a lot of work and dedication from a lot of members to have a successful book sale.

Spring Book Sale

April 18 - 25



Getting to Know You

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

Marilyn Rankin, B.A., CSU LA, EdD USC 1978

In September Marilyn retired after 48 years in education. She served as Assistant Superintendent of Special Interests for Tulare County for 38 years and previously spent 10 years in various locations (including Iceland, Germany and Japan) teaching at the elementary level.

Marilyn's special interest is Ikebana.

Something you might not know about Marilyn is that she played tennis matches against Billie Jean King. She was also her hitting partner when they both attended CSU Los Angeles.

Traveling Troopers

Members of the Traveling Troopers enjoyed a trip to the Hot Air Balloon Festival in Albuquerque in October.



Dates to Remember

| Date | Event | Information |
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| Every Monday | Book Sorting | 8:30 a.m. 1000 N. Burke |
| Every Tuesday | Knit Wits | 10 a.m. - Panera |
| Every Thursday | Walkers | 8:30 a.m. - Maverick's, 238 E. Caldwell |
| Oct. 31 | Travelling Troopers | 1:00 p.m. - Mary Lou Flattley's |
| Nov. 2 | New Book Group | 1:30 p.m. - Ellie Groom's |
| Nov. 10 | General Meeting | 10 a.m. Lampliter Inn |
| Nov. 13 | Coffee & California Concerns | 9:00 a.m. - 210 |
| Nov. 14 | Refresher Bridge | 1:00 p.m. - Donna Denham's |
| Nov. 26 | Board Meeting | 4 p.m. - Cathy Lovell's |
| Nov. 28 | Coffee & California Concerns | 9:00 a.m. - 210 |
| Nov. 28 | Unabridged Book Group Holiday Book Exchange | 6:30 p.m. Café 225 |
| Nov. 30 | Glorious Garden Gals | 1 p.m. - Place TBA |
| Dec. 8 | Holiday Tea | 2-4 Home of Beth McAuliffe |
| TBA | Bridge Lessons | |
| Jan 2013 | Great Decisions | Order your book now. Send \$20 to Carol Finney. 2106 S. Anthony Court, Vis 93291 |
| Apr. 18 - 25 | Book Sale | Sequoia Mall |

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