

Notes from the Presidents: Cathy Lovell & Nancy Adalian

Once again we have come to the completion of another highly successful book sale. Congratulations and thanks to the book sale committee headed by Sandra Parmelly, Jan Johnson and our scheduler Susan Cunningham. What an awesome job they have done! It is so important to note that more than 80 individual members of our branch participated in making this operation successful. Also to be thanked are the many people who donated books and then came to the book sale to buy more. Working together toward providing scholarships and other opportunities for young people in our community sends a strong statement emphasizing our shared vision of lifetime learning.

Our local AAUW LAF litigant, Aileen Rizo, bowled us over at our October meeting with the story of her quest for equal pay. Aileen filed suit against Fresno County Office of Education in 2013 and is still seeking redress. Her brave story took us back three generations in her life for the inspiration that enabled her to pursue the right to pay equity. Aileen is featured on the National AAUW web site.

November's meeting will focus on the newly opened hospice facility named for our former member, Ruth Wood. Please get your reservation in as soon as possible for November 17, 11:30, at the Lamp Liter.

November, as we all know, brings with it Election Day 2016. Women make up half the population and are the majority of voters. In AAUW, we believe that when women vote, we change the conversation. But that conversation is only influenced by those who do vote. So please be sure to cast your vote and be heard on November 8th.

Nancy Adalian

November AAUW Meeting

- **DATE:** November 17, 2016
- **TIME:** 11:30 am – 1:00 pm
Sign in starts at 11:15 am
- **Lamp Liter Inn**
- **COST:** \$18.00

Please send reservations by NOVEMBER 14TH

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Our next meeting will be very special as we honor the memory of a longtime member, Ruth Wood, who passed away peacefully several months ago after utilizing Hospice Care. Ruth's wish was that no one should ever die alone. In her memory, the Ruth Wood House is opening to provide end-of-life care to those in need. This house is one of six in the state. Local fundraising efforts are underway with a goal of \$200,000 because a benefactor has agreed to donate matching funds up to that amount. Speakers from Kaweah Delta Hospice and the Foundation will inform us about their work and this project. They will also teach us about end-of-life options for ourselves and our loved ones. We are also happy to welcome Ruth's husband, Rev. Harry Wood, who is a major supporter of this project.

Please choose among these salads: Chef's Salad, Chicken Taco Salad or Chinese Chicken Salad. We do need to hear from you with your choice of salad by November 14th. At least call or email to reserve a spot and then pay at the door. See you there!





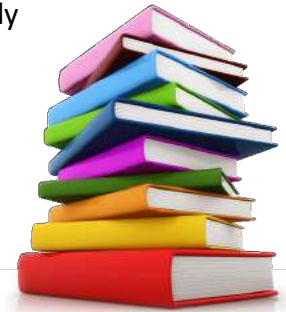
Cut Out and Save

2016 AAUW Programs

- **Nov 17th Thursday, 11:30 am, Lunch – Lamp Liter Inn, Ruth Wood House & Kaweah Delta Hospice, Speaker: Carole Jordan/Carol Nickel**
- **Dec 10th Saturday, Holiday Tea, 2:00-4:00 pm, Home of Marilyn Rankin, Badger Hill**
- **Jan 18th, Wednesday, 11:30 am, Lunch – Lamp Liter Inn, Speaker: Armen D. Bacon, Author and Writer for the Fresno Bee**
- **Feb. 16th, Thursday, 11:30 am, Lunch – Lamp Liter Inn. Speaker: Battered Women’s Shelter**
- **March 16th, Thursday, 11:30 am, Lunch – Lamp Liter Inn, Speaker: Cynthia Norvall, COS Food Pantry**
- **April 19th – 24th Book Sale Sequoia Mall**
- **Apr 20th Thursday, 11:30 am, Lunch – Lamp Liter Inn, Speaker: Jenny Zeeb, topic, The Power of Creativity**
- **May 13th Saturday, 11:30 Potluck Lunch, The Lakes Club House, AAUW Scholarship Award**

AAUW Fall Book Sale Another Smashing Success!

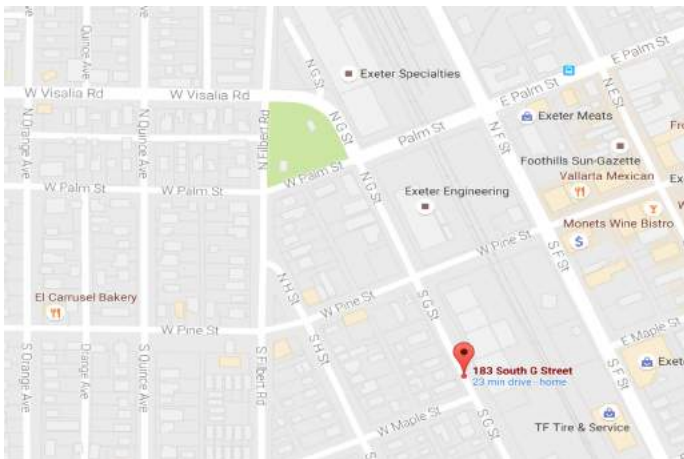
Once again, with the dedication of our book sorters and membership, our AAUW Fall Book Sale was a great success. Our final total was \$18,500. We sold a little over 200 “bags” for books at \$10 a bag for a total of about \$2,000. Set up went smoothly thanks to the men of the Visalia Rescue Mission and David and Carol Bixler. Redwood’s FBLA club muscled in the books to set up in the Mall. Clean up was efficiently handled by Mark Townsend and his crew.



Many thanks to Sandy Parmelly for her hard work as operations director and all the book sorters who are faithful to this project. Susan Cunningham did a great job getting workers for all the shifts and had over 80 different members helping out. Suzanne Babcock and her publicity crew got out our signs all over town and Marsha Brooks-Smith handled our banking deposits each day gracefully. This could not be done without all of you. If you didn’t get a chance to work this sale, we’ll see you in April!

Jan Johnson

Book Sorting will start again on November 7th, 8:30am in Exeter. To the left is a map of where we sort. Below is a picture of what the warehouse looks like.



Ladies of AAUW

Did you know that the Visalia Sequoia Branch of AAUW has a special committee designed just for bringing some Sunshine into the lives of our members? If you know of one of our members who is ill, having surgery, going through some medical difficulties, could use a special boost or has lost a loved one, our Sunshine Committee will send along a card to let that person know she is being thought about by her friends in our Association!

As soon as you know about any of these occasions, please contact me. Please don't think someone else may have called already. You won't be bothering me and I'd much rather get 3 notices about the same person than none!

Email me @: gregren@sbcglobal.net or call one of the following numbers:
559) 627-3085 (home)
559) 260-9646 (cell)

I check both emails and phone messages often. ☺

Renella Smith

*If you think you have something that you would like to share with the membership, please send an email to the editor: Betsy Gaudette-Cross
betsygc@me.com*

Remember to refer to your directory for program dates and guides, interest groups, committees, and email addresses and phone numbers of all the members.

Move Book Sale Information



Volunteers from The Rescue Mission did an outstanding job of loading ALL the books for the book sale in about 45 minutes. We are very grateful for all their heavy lifting.



FBLA Club helped unload the truck and trailer that brought all the books from Exeter. This club from Redwood High School has helped upload the books for many years. We couldn't do it without their help.

Have you liked us on Facebook yet? We would love for you to add stories or pictures from an event, or anything you think our group would enjoy.

www.facebook.com/AAUWVisaliaSequoia

Do You Have A Special Interest

Coffee and California Concerns

CCC Meets twice a month on the 1st and 3rd Mondays; 10:15 a.m., and this month's only meeting will be on **Monday, November 7th at Betsy Gaudette-Cross' house. 5941 W Buena Vista Ct.** (Marseille Development north of The Lakes) This meeting is a strategy meeting where we will discuss topics we would like to cover the rest of the year. All are welcome to come. We would love to have you check us out.

Next meetings: Dec 5th at 10:15 and Jan 16th at 10:15. Locations and topics to be determined.

If you haven't voted yet, and want to read about the propositions, check out these websites:

<https://lwvc.org/vote/elections/ballot-measures>
Click on "Read more" for the propositions we're focusing on.

For AAUW's recommendations:

<http://www.aauw-ca.org/index.cfm?go=pages.view&pagesid=489&parent=445&coparent=489>

For the League of Women Voters' recommendations:

<https://lwvc.org/news/ballot-measure-recommendations-november-8-2016-general-election>

Two more great resources:

Voters Edge California:

<http://votersedge.org/ca>

Ballotpedia:

<https://ballotpedia.org>

Come join the discussion!

Knit Wits welcome all who enjoy any type of needlework. We meet at Panera every Tuesday at 10 a.m. Please join us if you like to knit, crochet, embroider, etc.

Great Decisions – AAUW sponsors this discussion group on international issues in Visalia, under the

aegis of the Foreign Policy Association and in partnership with C.O.S. The eight Tuesday evening sessions begin January 31. The briefing books must be ordered ahead. Maile has pre-ordered them for us, and a few are still available, at \$25. Send her a check (payable to her) to reserve your spot. You will be notified when the books arrive in mid-January, for pick-up at the Library.

* The Future of Europe

* Trade and Politics

* Conflict in the South China Sea

* Saudi Arabia in Transition

* U.S. Foreign Policy and Petroleum

* Latin America's Political Pendulum

* Prospects for Afghanistan and Pakistan

* Nuclear Security

There is a lot going on in our world. This promises to be a fascinating series! Co-chairs: Carol Finney (733-1198) and Maile Melkonian (802-3315)

Garden Gals are meeting Friday November 11 at 1pm. at Susan Seviens. We will have a program by Creative Flowers on Fall Flower arrangements. Her address is 1400 W Myrtle. 733-1551 Call and let her know you can attend so she can plan.

The Traveling Troopers will be going to the Dickens Christmas Fair in South San Francisco

(Cow Palace. www.dickensfair.com)

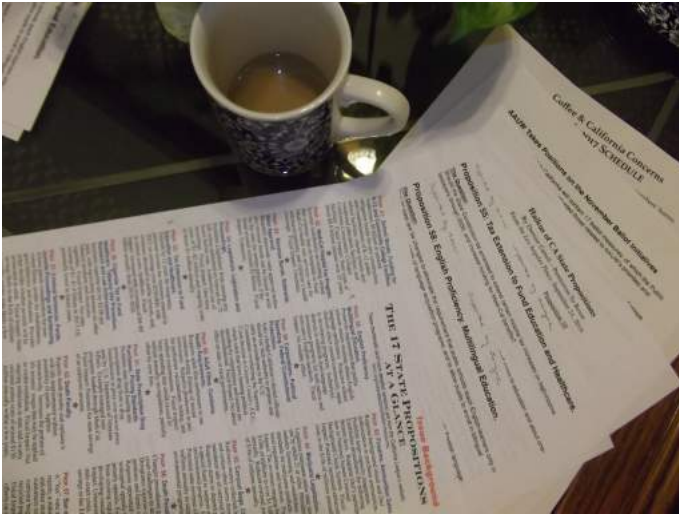
The plan is to go with the Gadabouts on December 11th. Anyone can join the group. Call Margo Tressler for further information: 559.734.7105.



Refresher Bridge meets for a relaxing afternoon of bridge on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. Call Marsha Roberts at 733-8784 if you're interested in joining the group.



Coffee and California Concerns are educating themselves on the SEVENTEEN California Propositions. (see pictures below)



Catching Up With Volunteer Visalia

Volunteer Visalia is an active AAUW section group committed to helping our Visalia community. Some of our activities include:

- “Slice and Dice” Fridays at Visalia Rescue Mission. We help prepare weekend meals for the guys and offer our culinary skills to whatever needs to be done at the mission.
- PJ Party - Once a year we host a “sewing bee” and make flannel pj’s for CASA kids along with pillowcases.
- Read For Life - As the need arises, we help Cyndy McBee clean and sort books for youngsters of Tulare County. We have also volunteered for FoodLink and some of us also help out at the yearly homeless census day in Tulare County. We are always looking for ways to volunteer so if you know of a need, let us know. If you’d like to join us, email me at janboys3@yahoo.com.

Jan Johnson

Volunteer Visalia member Anna Joy came prepared to chop onions at the Rescue Mission. Slice and Dice at work on Fridays.



For more information about our local AAUW group, please click on the link below.

[Visalia Sequoia AAUW](http://visaliasequoia-ca.aauw.net)

or type in:

<http://visaliasequoia-ca.aauw.net>

On September 29, we joined the League of Women Voters, the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and The Visalia Times Delta to sponsor a successful candidate's night. The one hundred sixty individuals in attendance were rewarded with thoughtful responses from City Council candidates Phil Cox, Adam Peck, Adam Arakelian, Bob Link and Susanne Marcus-Gundy and from Visalia Unified School Board candidates Niessen Foster, Patricia Griswold, Michael Washam, Lucia Vasquez and William Fulmer. After formal questions from moderator, Paul Hurley, the candidates separated into small groups allowing members of the community to ask specific questions of the candidates. What a pleasure for AAUW to be a part of this "town hall" experience.

Remember that November 8th is the day to share your voice. Remember to ...



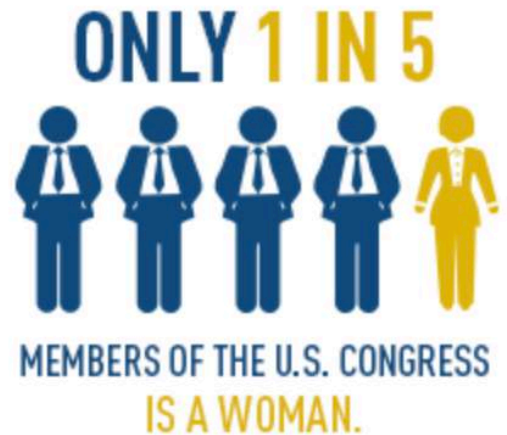
Calling all section chairs,
committee chairs, and
officers:



The newsletter editor is asking a favor of you (actually anyone can do this). When you have a gathering, an activity, or a meeting would you please take a picture or two with your cellphone and send it to me with a paragraph about the image? It will help make our newsletter a lot more fun to read. Put "NEWSLETTER" in the subject of the email.

Thank you.

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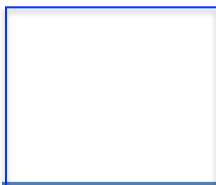


We need to stop equating
leadership with masculinity.

IT'S MY VOTE

I WILL BE HEARD

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