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November General Meeting

Date: November 15--10:00 a.m.
Where: Sue Sa's Clubhouse
 669 W. Center
Speakers: 2014 Tech Trek
 Participants
Menu: Lunch Buffet

Cost: \$13

Please send your check to AAUW c/o

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Visalia, CA 93277

RESERVATION DUE NOVEMBER 10TH

What is Tech Trek?

AAUW Tech Trek, now in its 17th year, is designed to help girls continue their interests in science, math, engineering & technology (STEM) exploration and learning, through the tricky years when new distractions enter their lives. Studies have shown that girls' interests can be sustained if they are exposed to the careers available to women in science today. Tech Trek provides some of that exposure. For more information on Tech Trek go to <http://www.aauw-techtrek.org/>



This month's speakers are young women who participated in this summer's Tech Trek Camp at CSU Fresno. Visalia-Sequoia sponsored 12 campers this year. Advisor to the Tech Trekkers is Jeanne Evans.



AAUW Value Promise

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

From Our President

Thanksgiving Thoughts

It doesn't seem possible that it's already Turkey Time but the calendar says November, the leaves are turning and the weather is just delightful. AAUW has much to be thankful for during this season especially our fantastic Book Sale and the very hard work of the book sorters and co-chairs April Serrins and Carol Olincy. Their organization was superb and our total sales of over \$19,000 was a new high for our organization. Kudos to you all and thanks to everyone who worked at the sale.

Our October speaker, AAUW legislative advocate Shannon Smith-Crowley, gave a very informative presentation on legislative matters in Sacramento regarding women's issues. She was sharp, funny and very interesting. She invited our group to come up to Sacramento to get a first-hand look at the process and I'm sure our Coffee and California Concerns group will be making that happen soon.



Our November meeting will feature our "Tech Trek" girls who will be telling us about their week long activities at Tech Trek camp at Fresno State. Jeanne Evans tells me this is a meeting you won't want to miss. I hope to see you all there!

In this month of thankfulness, the Visalia Sequoia branch of AAUW has much to be proud of and thankful for: our scholarship program, our support of women and girls through activities such as Tech Trek, Expanding Horizons and Speech Trek, and the continuing AAUW work in our community through sponsorships and volunteerism. Thanks to all of you for making these activities happen. Happy Thanksgiving to everyone! *Jan*



President Jan Johnson, AAUW CA
Legislative Advocate Shannon Smith-Crowley and Past President Carole Seastrom

New Members

We are pleased to welcome several new members this year.

Suzanne Babcock is a retired middle school teacher. She likes to do crafts, hike and read. Her AAUW interests are Volunteer Visalia and the book sale.

Charlene Blunt is a part-time teacher at Visalia Independent study. She volunteers at the Bethlehem Center. Her interests are photography, travel, and hiking. Groups that she would be interested in are sewing, Volunteer Visalia, the book sale and Garden Gals.

Linda Thomton is a returning member having been a member in the 80s. Linda is a retired administrator from VUSD, and volunteers at Christ Lutheran Church and Clip Arts. She is interested in Volunteer Visalia, Garden Gals and Coffee and California Concerns.

Welcome Suzanne,
Charlene and Linda!



The holiday season will be here before you know it! Traditionally, we hold a raffle at the Holiday Tea to raise money for AAUW Funds. We welcome donations that would be of high interest to many people, for example a specialty food item, a gift card, a game. If you would like to be a holiday elf and donate to our raffle, please let me know before December. I will make sure we have a spot for your item. Hope to see you there.

Kathleen Peek, AAUW Funds VP
799-4482

GOOD BOOKS

Are you crazy about really valuable books? We need someone to research the value of exceptional books donated to the book sale and sell them for us online. Are you the person who can do this? Please call April Serrins 798-1069 or Carol Olincy 553-2242 and let them know you can.

DATES TO REMEMBER

DATE	EVENT	INFORMATION
Mondays	Book Sorting	8:30 7525 W Sunnyview
Tuesdays	Knit Wits	10:00 Panera
Tues & Thurs	Walkers	8:30 a.m. Call Dona Meinhardt for info
2d & 3 rd Fridays	Volunteer Visalia	Visalia Rescue Mission
Nov 3 & Nov 17	Coffee & California Concerns	Home of Carol Finney
Nov 4	Election Day	VOTE!
Nov 5	Traveling Troopers	9:30 a.m. Valhalla's
Nov 7	Gorgeous Garden Gals	9:30 a.m. Trip to Monrovia Nursery in Woodlake
Nov 7	Bookworms	1:00 Home of Kathy Oldershaw
Nov 11	Unabridged Book	2:00 Home of Karen Simpson
Nov 12	Refresher Bridge	Home of Joan Morse
Nov 15	General Meeting	10:00 a.m. Sue Sa's Clubhouse
Dec 6	Holiday Tea	2-4 p.m. Home of Susan Mathews
Jan-Apr	Great Decisions	Call Carol Finney to order book
Apr 15- Apr 22	BOOK SALE	SEQUOIA MALL

Bridge Groups Forming—Contact
Margo Tressler if you are interested

AAUW Vision Statement

AAUW empowers all women and girls
to reach their highest potential.

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IT IS MY VOTE. I WILL BE HEARD!

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