



## Sequoia News

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### October General Meeting

**Date:** October 12--10:00a.m.  
**Where:** Sue Sa's Clubhouse  
669 W. Center  
**Speaker:** Nancy Bellin  
**Menu:** Lunch Buffet

**Cost: \$13**

Please send your check to AAUW c/o Linda Brown, 228 E Dorothea Court, 93277.

**RESERVATION DUE OCTOBER 8<sup>TH</sup>**

Nancy Bellin and her family were incarcerated in the WW II Japanese Evacuation Camps. She is both candid and poignant about her experiences in the desert relocation camp in Poston, Arizona. She was a young child then, but remembers vivid details and will share her parents' reactions that helped the family survive and even thrive during this difficult time. Professionally, Nancy has been a teacher, an instructional consultant and a special education administrator.

*Visalia-Sequoia Branch  
to Co-Host Two Candidates Nights  
Visalia City Council October 3  
VUSD October 15  
Café 210 7:00*

*Visalia-Sequoia Branch will co-host\* a Candidate Forum for candidates for election to the Visalia City Council on October 3 and for VUSD Board of Trustees on October 15. Both are at Café 210 at 7:00 p.m.*



\*Co-hosts are Visalia Chamber of Commerce, Visalia Times Delta, Tulare County Farm Bureau, Tulare County Association of Realtors, Home Builders Association, American Association of University Women and Tulare County League of Women Voters.

From AAUW MISSION & ACTION:

"Hooray! We're a Four-Star Charity – Again!

Congratulations to all of us! Only 10% of charities evaluated by Charity Navigator, America's largest and most-utilized rating agency, have been given the coveted four-star rating for the past three years in a row. AAUW is one of these few."




## From Our President

### Carol's Comments

Dear Members,

Last Monday, as I was sorting books, I looked at the stacks and stacks of books and was startled once again at the number of books we collect. In an age when we hear of the demise of book stores and the rise of e-books, Visalia-Sequoia AAUW continues to collect and sell. Many of us realize that this is probably a finite business that we're in, but so far so good. Our books are of good quality, and we continue to earn enough money to fund our scholarships.

We were entertained and informed by Mayor Shuklian's talk at our September general meeting. Her sense of humor and common sense are refreshing and enlightening. We gleaned a bit of information about the Sequoia Mall. It is in a short sale. I am optimistic  that we will be able to hold our book sale there as planned. We will keep you informed as to what is going on.

Our branch is co-hosting two candidate nights—one for Visalia City Council candidates October 3 and one for VUSD candidates October 12. Both will be held at Café 210 at 7:00 p.m. Please join us.

I enjoyed visiting with some of our new members at our meeting and look forward to seeing you again. I hope you will find an interest group that intrigues you and meets your needs.

Carol

## New Members

We are pleased to welcome several new members this year. We will be introducing one or two in each edition of *The Sequoia News*.

**Terry Cornelius** received a BA in history and philosophy from Mt. St. Mary's College and an MA in integrated consciousness studies (philosophy and psychology) from JFK University. She taught in junior high and later became a management trainer. Terry likes to travel to the Bay Area and San Diego and loves the beach. Her hobbies are skiing, fun events with friends, great meals, theatre and concerts.

**Rita Gerrity** has a BS degree from SDSU and a masters of education from Azusa Pacific. She taught a special day class for 4 years before becoming a resource specialist for Hemet USD. Her hobbies include reading, walking, hiking, attending the gym through silver sneakers, dance (like Elaine on Steinfield) and doing comedy. She would love to travel to a cool clean country like Canada, or to an exotic country like India or one in Africa. Rita loves to swim in the ocean and has a special place in her heart for 100-year-old folks.

Please add to your yearbook:

Cyndy McBee	Afreen Kaelble
4918 Lakewood Dr	3431 W Taylor Ct
738-9062	623-9066





**Garden Gals visit Forestiére Gardens**

### SECTIONS

Our new section, **Volunteer Visalia**, is off and running! Our first project will benefit Family Services of Tulare County. During October and November, we will be collecting personal care items to be distributed by Family Services. Items to be collected include:

- Shampoo, conditioner, soap, deodorant, feminine sanitary items, toothpaste, toothbrushes, toilet paper
- Health supplies such as antibiotic ointment, hydrocortisone cream, Children's Tylenol, paper, tape, gauze pads, tweezers
- Children's DVDs and VHS videos

You will have 2 opportunities to contribute. You can bring your items to our October 12 and/or November 2 AAUW meeting. OR you can bring your items to the AAUW Book Sale, October 17-24, hopefully on a day that you work, and drop them in a specially marked box.



In this small way, we can help women, children and families of Tulare County. Please join us with your contribution!

Bridge Groups Forming—Contact Margo Tressler if you are interested 734-7105

## DATES TO REMEMBER



DATE	EVENT	INFORMATION
Mondays	Book Sorting	8:30 Youngs Bldg. Walnut/Demaree
Tuesdays	Knit Wits	10:00 Panera
Oct 3	City Council Candidates Forum	7:00 p.m. Café 210
Oct 5	Bookworms	1:00 Home of Sally Childers
Oct 7	Coffee & California Concerns	10:15 Maverick's
Oct 9	Refresher Bridge	Home of Barbara Maraist
Oct 11	Single Women's Gourmet Group	Catfish Restaurant Tulare
Oct 12	General Meeting	10:00 Sue Sa's Clubhouse
Oct 15	VUSD Candidates Forum	7:00 Café 210
Oct 16	Unabridged Book	Home of Judy Mayfield
Oct 21	Coffee & California Concerns	10:15 Maverick's
Oct 25	Garden Gals	Home of Carol Glass Bring a ready to plant pumpkin
Nov 2	General Meeting	10:00 Chinese Cultural Center
Nov 5	Election Day	VOTE!
Jan-Apr	Great Decisions	Watch for Details

### 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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***DID YOU KNOW...*** The Samaritan Center happily accepts unused medicines and empty pill bottles? This free clinic administers medical care to many Visalians who do not have health insurance. So if you've been wondering what to do with unused meds and empty bottles, donate! For more information, contact AAUW member Kathy Oldershaw, [tkold@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tkold@sbcglobal.net) or just drop them off at the Samaritan Center, 200 NW 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue.

**AAUW Mission Statement**

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



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Members

**BOOK SALE  
OCTOBER 17-24  
SEQUOIA MALL**