



# Sequoia News

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## October General Meeting

**Date:** October 9--11:00 a.m.  
**Where:** Sue Sa's Clubhouse  
669 W. Center  
**Speaker:** Shannon Smith-Crowley  
AAUW-CA Legislative Advocate  
**Menu:** Lunch Buffet

**Cost: \$20**

Please send your check to AAUW c/o  
Phyllis Matteson, 3320 S Hall St  
Visalia, CA 93277

**RESERVATION DUE OCTOBER 5<sup>TH</sup>**

Shannon Smith-Crowley is the state lobbyist for AAUW California. In her role with AAUW-CA and other clients, she works closely with the California Coalition for Reproductive Freedom and its members, including Visalia's ACT for Women and Girls.


Shannon founded Partners in Advocacy in 2003 and specializes in reproductive health advocacy as well as equity for women and girls.

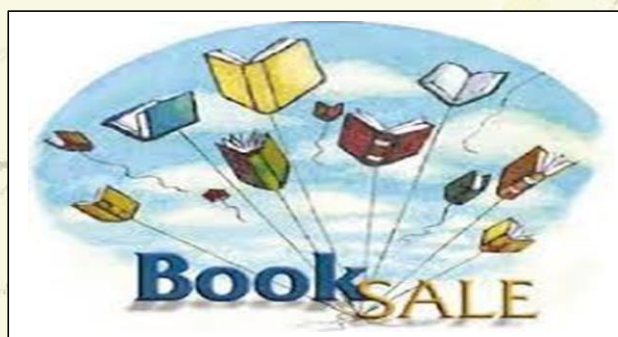
On behalf of her clients, Shannon has earned many legislative successes, accumulating plenty of interesting behind-the-scenes tales to tell us from the Capitol in Sacramento.

## Fall Book Sale

*October 16-23*  
*Sequoia Mall*

The most important activity of our branch for the many years has been our fundraising to award scholarships to COS graduates who will continue their education at a four-year institution. Last year, our scholarships constituted a full 10% of all those given to COS students.

This project can only be successful with the full participation of all members of our branch. Please contact Judy Mayfield (798-1451) to  schedule your time at the sale or to volunteer for other activities connected to the sale.



**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

### Jan's Jottings

Hello AAUW!

As I write this, fall is in the air and I'm loving it. The changing of seasons is always special and the fall colors, as short as they last in California, are beautiful. Let's hope the change also brings us some much needed rain.

Change is happening with our Visalia Sequoia branch of AAUW, too. On Thursday, October 9, we are having our first ever (at least in my short AAUW memory) mid-week lunch meeting. Our speaker is Shannon Smith-Crowley, Legislative Advocate for AAUW CA in Sacramento. She will be giving us an update on issues important to AAUW. The meeting begins at 11:00 am, with lunch at 11:30 at Sue Sa's. I hope you can make it. It is sure to be informative.

Don't forget our semi-annual Book Sale starts October 16 and runs through October 23. Sign up to work a shift or two by contacting Judy Mayfield. Our book sorters are a very dedicated group of women who work hard all year long. We all need to pitch in and support their hard work and make our sale successful. We will once again be collecting hygiene items—soap, shampoo, razors, deodorant, etc.—at the sale to be distributed through the Battered Women's Shelter and the Rescue Mission.

Hope to see many of you on Thursday, October 9 and/or at the Book Sale!

Jan Johnson

## New Members

We are pleased to welcome several new members this year.



Suzanne Babcock, Carole Brown  
and Linda Thomton



Sandra  
Brown  
And  
Nanette  
Angle



Charlene Blunt, Phyllis McDonald  
and Karlene Miller-Audino

## AAUW California Recommends

For the November 4, 2014 Election, six propositions have qualified for the ballot. The AAUW CA Public Policy Committee has studied the ballot measures in the context of the approved AAUW CA Public Policy Priorities – 2013-2015, and has taken positions on four. AAUW CA recommends that members study the detailed Voter Information pamphlet with pros and cons, soon to be mailed to registered voters, as well as read the full text of the propositions on the Secretary of State website, <http://vig.cdn.sos.ca.gov/2014/general/pdf/>

**Proposition 1: Water Quality, Supply and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014.** AAUW CA supports the passage of this initiative.

**Proposition 45: Healthcare Insurance. Rate Changes. Initiative Statute.** AAUW CA recommends an oppose position on Proposition 45.

**Proposition 46: Drug and Alcohol Testing of Doctors. Medical Negligence Lawsuits. Initiative Statute.** Because AAUW supports access to quality, affordable health care, it opposes this initiative and recommends a NO vote.

**Proposition 47: Criminal Sentences; Misdemeanor Penalties; Initiative Statute.** Basic to all AAUW's public policy efforts is the understanding that true equity requires a balance between the right of the individual and the needs of the community. AAUW CA recommends a support position on this initiative.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

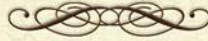
Mondays	Book Sorting	8:30 7525 W Sunnyview
Tuesdays Tues & Thurs	Knit Wits Walkers	10:00 Panera 8:30 a.m. Call Dona Meinhardt for info
2d & 3rd Fridays	Volunteer Visalia	Visalia Rescue Mission
Oct 8	Refresher Bridge	Home of Judy Mayfield
Oct 9	General Meeting	11:00 Sue Sa's Clubhouse
Oct 11	Gorgeous Garden Gals	Trip to Inter- mountain Nursery in Prather
Oct 13	Coffee & California Concerns	Home of Cyndy McBee
Oct 15	Unabridged Book	Home of Pauline Badgley
Oct 16- Oct 23	BOOK SALE	SEQUOIA MALL
Nov 7	Bookworms	1:00 Home of Kathy Oldershaw
Nov 15	General Meeting Tech Trek	Sue Sa's Clubhouse
Nov 4	Election Day	<b>VOTE!</b>
Jan-Apr	Great Decisions	Watch for Details

### 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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