

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 sorters and 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 community members 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 life-long learning.

We were treated in April to an energetic and thoughtful presentation by Jenny Zeeb, owner of the Garden Street Studio, on the meaning and origin of creativity in our lives. Jenny also engaged the group in a playful exercise to highlight the fact that each of us interprets creativity in our own way. Thanks, Jenny!

Time to renew our membership. Please see Margaret Moholt's instructions in this newsletter for paying your dues for the 17-18 year.

Our annual Scholarship Awards Luncheon will close out our 2016-17 season. You will meet seven of the most highly qualified and deserving COS students who are receiving our scholarships this year. Please join us to celebrate the accomplishments of these amazing scholars on May 13.

Cathy and Nancy

MAY AAUW Meeting

- **DATE: Saturday, May 13, 2017**
- **TIME: 11:30 am – 1:00 pm**

AAUW Scholarship AWARDS

Congregation B'nai David
1039 S. Chinowth St., Visalia

This is a potluck luncheon and members are asked to bring any kind of salad for 8-10 people.

PLEASE do not bring any dish containing pork, bacon or shrimp.

This is a wonderful culmination of our program year. Members have an opportunity to meet and visit with the deserving scholarship to recipients. We are grateful we can help those who need financial assistance to complete their education.

Do you have a cosmetic bag taking up space in your closet that you got as a gift while buying makeup?

Do you have extra makeup that is new, or almost new that you don't use?

The women at the Battered Women's Shelter sometimes leave with little more than the clothes on their backs. They love and appreciate these donations.

Contact Betsy at 559.786.5340 or betsygc@me.com
I will pickup or work out a place to meet up.

AAUW Spring Book Sale Another Smashing Success!

Once again with the dedication of our book sorters and membership, our AAUW Spring Book Sale was a great success. Our final total was \$20,000+. We sold over 200 “bags” of books at \$10 a bag the last two days. 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. (See image below) Clean up was efficiently handled by Mark Townsend and his crew. I must thank my hubby along with Carol Olincy, Sandy Parmelly, Carol Glass and Cyndy McBee for helping with clean up as I’ve had a bum hip and just limped along while they did the sweat work!

Many thanks to Sandy Parmelly for her hard work as operations director, and to all the book sorters who are faithful to this project. Sandy 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 October! Jan Johnson

ATTENTION!

It’s time to renew our AAUW membership. You will receive a National Data system generated email e-Invoice in the first week of May. The email will read like this:

From: memberinfo@aauw.org

Sent: Date and Time

To: your email address

Subject: AAUW Membership Renewal Notice

The invoice includes: your membership and dues information.

I understand we all receive many emails and we delete most of them. *Please open the email on membership renewal notice.*

Follow the email instruction to renew online by “[click HERE to renew with your credit or debit card](#)”.

If you wish to renew by check: Make your check payable to AAUW Visalia Sequoia Branch, in the amount of \$85, and mail it to me at: **2118 S Anthony Court, Visalia, CA 93277-8638.**

It takes a minimum of 45 days for the National data system to update your membership status when paid by personal check. You may continue to receive e-invoice until your status changes to “renewed”.

Looking forward to seeing you at our next meeting.

Your membership Treasurer,

Margaret

Please pay your dues soon.



Coffee & California Concerns

We are wrapping up our fantastic and informative C&CC programming on State and local policy issues this month with two more serious topics:

**** Monday, May 1 at 10:15**

Topic: "Human Trafficking"

Presenter: Lindy Gligorijevic, chief investigator for the D.A.'s office

We're going to be briefed about a troubling criminal "business"--tragically on the upswing in our area--from an investigator who started her career with Los Angeles P.D.

Team: Cyndy McBee, Sue McCallister

Venue: Cyndy's home, 4918 Lakewood Dr., Visalia

**** Monday May 15 at 10:15**

Topic: "Civil Discourse Techniques Workshop"

Speakers: San Luis Obispo League of Women Voters
There's a lot of concern these days about our ability to discuss issues with civility and respect. The League of Women Voters in San Luis Obispo has put together a workshop that has been utilized at many local levels of government in their county. Terry is arranging for us to reap the benefits of their techniques via a remote live connection!

Team: Carol Glass, Terry Cornelius, Phyllis Ogden

Venue: Carol's home, 3615 W. Mill Creek Dr., Visalia

Contact: Maile Melkonian (802-3315)

Great Decisions

We're wrapping up our lively series on foreign policy issues on Tuesday, May 2, 7-9 pm, in C.O.S.'s John Muir Bldg., Room 101. The final topic is "Nuclear Security."

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Knit Wits: Members of the Knit Wits section recently divided up yarn and unfinished projects to honor the memory of Sally Childers. Here sits Carol Sonier surrounded by more than 60 baby hats she has made from Sally's yarns. She is donating them to the Kaweah Delta/Valley Children's Hospital NICU. What a way to honor Sally and her love for children!



Garden Gals: May meeting and luncheon will be on **Friday May 12th**

Time: 11:45

Place: Figaro's for lunch

N. Dinuba Blvd and Riggan Road (at the N. Target Shopping Center)

We will then go to Patti Phillip's garden

34109 Road 158

Ivanhoe

RSVP to Carol 731-2938 or csfinney@comcast.net

AAUW NATIONAL ELECTION

2017

Issues on the ballot this year include **gun violence and AAUW's membership requirement**. Vote on candidates for the AAUW Board of Directors, amendments to the AAUW Bylaws, proposed resolutions, and proposed changes to the AAUW Public Policy Program. Details about the [candidates](#) and [ballot issues](#) are available on the website and in your spring *Outlook* magazine.

Voting in the AAUW National Election is quick and easy. If you have any questions, please email connect@aauw.org or call 800.326.2289 on weekdays between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET.

As with any election, you are shaping the future. Who will lead AAUW? What will our public policy platform reflect? Will our membership requirement change? Your vote is your voice, and I hope you participate in this important process.



Introducing AAUW's New CEO, Kimberly Churches

The CEO Search Committee is thrilled to announce that AAUW will have a new chief executive officer starting on June 1, 2017. Following an exhaustive search and interviews with many brilliant candidates, we're so pleased to have Kimberly Churches taking the helm of AAUW at a time of such potential for our mission.

Kimberly is coming to AAUW from the Brookings Institution, where she strategically guided the public policy organization, providing vision and problem-solving skills, expansive partnerships and external relations, and fundraising as the managing director. Before joining Brookings, Kimberly was an associate vice chancellor at the University of Denver, a director of development at the University of North Florida, and a division director at the American Heart Association. She has extensive experience working collaboratively on education (K–12 and higher education) as well as capacity building among grassroots groups and national and international nonprofits. Churches earned her BA at Florida State University in English Education and the Certified Fund Raising Executive affiliation in 2002.

Websites to remember:

[Local AAUW Webpage](#)

[AAUW Facebook Page](#)

[National AAUW Webpage](#)

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Welcome to new members

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Coffee and California Concerns: April Meeting –

On April 17th Michael Cross spent almost 2-hours explaining recent developments in California's criminal sentencing laws as well as the status on Proposition 66 and the death penalty. He went through the process and challenges of a death penalty case. All who attended came away with a better understanding of the complexities in our justice system.



ARE YOU ON FACEBOOK?

Have you liked us on Facebook yet? We are posting pictures and information that you might want to know about on our AAUW Visalia Facebook page. Please join the group. Plus we would love for you to add stories or pictures from an event or anything you think our group would enjoy to the page too.

[AAUW Visalia/Sequoia Facebook page](#)

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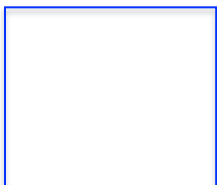
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Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Our ribbon cutting ceremony with the Visalia Chamber of Commerce took place at the book sale on April 19th at noon. We were pleased that so many AAUW members, Chamber Ambassadors and citizens were able to attend. A reception followed and members were able to network with Chamber visitors and provide information about our Visalia/Sequoia branch. Everyone enjoyed their time together and we gained three new members! We look forward to greater social media exposure and increased name recognition in the community as a result of our membership in the Chamber!





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