



Sequoia News

Notes from the Presidents: Sherri Bentley & Nancy Adalian

Greetings:

I can't believe school has started already! Fall is coming quickly, and with it, a new year of AAUW. I am Sherri Bentley, your new president, serving along with returning co-president Nancy Adalian. We look forward to a great year with some interesting programs lined up. Our kick-off first meeting is **Wednesday, Sept. 6th at 4:00 at Visalia Country Club**. Guest speaker Amy Shuklian, our new county supervisor, will be speaking about the responsibilities in her new position. She will be discussing local issues such as economic development, infrastructure, Mooney Grove, and the Sequoia National Monument. Amy is always informative, engaging, and entertaining. What a way to hear the latest about what is going on in our community and county.

Be sure to sign up for our interest groups at that meeting, and I encourage you to bring a friend as a guest. This is a good time to hear about our programs, and have a chance to sign up for potential opportunities that our small group leaders will be displaying. Think about joining a new group this year, and make new friends! I look forward to seeing all of you.

Sherri Bentley and Nancy Adalian

September AAUW Meeting

- **DATE:** Wed., Sept. 6, 2017
- **TIME:** 4:00pm - ?
- **Where:** Visalia Country Club
- **Speaker:** Amy Shuklian
- **Topic:** Tulare County Concerns
- **Cost:** \$20.00 (Hors D' oeuvres)

Check made out to: AAUW

Send check to: Susan Mathews

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Phone: home – 559.739.1449

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It's ok to make reservations via phone, however if you do not show, you are still responsible to pay.

Please send checks ASAP. Susan needs to make reservations by Sept. 1st!

Dear Friends,

You don't want to miss AAUW's first meeting of the year. Our speaker is Amy Shuklian. As past mayor of the city council and current County Supervisor, Amy is well versed in our community. This meeting stands to be one of our best! Amy will cover a multitude of concerns but don't forget she is also a comedian so this should be both informative and fun. The Visalia Country Club is a beautiful setting as well. I hope you will join us!
Sincerely, Susan Mathews

**Cut Out
and
Save**



2017-2018 Programs

- **Sept. 6th Wed., 4:00-6:00pm** Speaker: Amy Shuklian, Tulare County Supervisor, Topic: Tulare County Concerns
- **Oct. 12th, Thurs., 5:00pm, Café 210**, Speaker: Jim Willwerth, Topic: The Free Press
- **Oct. 18-23rd, Book Sale Sequoia Mall**. Call Susan Cunningham, 625-3667 to help
- **Nov. 9th, Thurs., 11:30 am, Left of Center Café**, Speaker: Sequoia/Kings Canyon National Park Ranger, Topic: Our Forests
- **Dec. 9th, Sat., Holiday Tea**, 2:00-4:00 pm, Home of Carol Sonier, 2544 Border Links Drive
- **Jan. 18th, Thurs., 5:00pm, Lamp Liter Inn**, Speaker: Lindy Gligorijevic, Tulare County DA Chief Investigator, Topic: Human Trafficking
- **Feb. 15th, Thurs., Visalia Fox Theater 11:30am.**, Speaker: Erin Olm-Shipman, CEO Topic: History & Tour of Fox Theater
- **Mar. 15th, Thurs., Left of Center Café, 11:30 am**, Speaker: Fawn Cender, Topic: Women's Fashion History
- **Apr. 12th, Thurs., 11:30 am, Left of Center Cafe**, Speaker: Mae Vang, Topic: Being An Inspiration to Your Community
- **Apr. 18-23rd, Book Sale Sequoia Mall**
- **May 10th, Thurs., 4:00-6:00pm, Congregation B'nai David**, Scholarship Reception

Meet The New Board

Co-Presidents - Nancy Adalian & Sherri Bentley

Co-Presidents Elect – Marilyn Rankin & Liz Kieske

Co-Program VP - Susan Mathews, Phyllis Matteson, Nancy Jones

Co-Membership VP - Rosemary Jackson & Suzanne Babcock

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Communications Director - Cyndy McBee & Betsy Gaudette-Cross

Secretary - Kathy Oldershaw

Treasurer - Carol Glass

Membership Treasurer - Margaret Moholt

Financial Director - Jill Rojas



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.

It would be great if you brought these things to the September meeting or contact Betsy Gaudette-Cross at 559.786.5340 or betsygc@me.com I will pickup or work out a place to meet up.

Meet Some Great Women

STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRS

- Book Sale Coordination** - Sandy Parmelly,
Jan Johnson
- Book Sale Signs** - Suzanne Babcock
- Book Sale Scheduler** - Susan Cunningham
- Bylaws** - Carol Seastrom
- Great Decisions** - Maile Melkonian, Carol
Finney
- Historian** - Phyllis Ogden, Dona Meinhardt
- Hospitality** - Marsha Brooks-Smith
- Newsletter Editor** - Betsy Gaudette-Cross
- Newsletter Mailing** - Marie Miller
- Publicity** - Cyndy McBee
- Scholarship Committee** - Nancy Adalian Jan
Johnson Rosemary Jackson
- Public Policy** – Joanne Dudley
- Yearbook** – Carol Seastrom
- Sunshine** – Renella Smith

SECTION CHAIRS

- Book Worms** - Kathy Oldershaw
- Bridge Coordinator/Instructor** - Margo
Tressler
- Coffee and California Concerns** - Maile
Melkonian
- Gorgeous Gardening Girls** - Carol Finney
- Knit Wits** - Cathy Lovell
- Refresher Bridge** - Marsha Roberts
- Single Women Gourmet** - Margo Tressler
- Traveling Troopers** - Mary Lou Flattley
- Unabridged Book Group** - Susan
Franciskovich
- Volunteer Visalia** - Jan Johnson
- Weekly Walkers** - Dona Meinhardt

• **CONTACT** these people if you want to join their group.

AAUW Project Awards

- COS Scholarships** - Jan Johnson
Rosemary Jackson
Susan Cunningham
- Tech Trek** - Jeanne Evans, Jane Grassel
- Expanding Your Horizons** - Lori Olvera-
Clarkson

All of this
information is also
in the "Yearbook"
along with addresses
and phone numbers.
Be sure and get your
book at the first
meeting.

Have you signed up to be a
2-minute activist?

[Click Here](#)

Proposed 2017-18 Garden Gals Calendar

Sept 8 - Fresno Gazebo Gardens? Carol Finney

October 13 - Oak Patch Veggie Garden, Rosalie Powell

Nov 10 - Clovis Botanical Garden, Lunch Downtown Clovis or Starving Arts

Dec 8 - Garden Street Studio, Nancy Jones, Janice Crenshaw, and Margo Tressler

Jan 12, 2018 - TBA

Feb 9 - Susan Sevier and Mary Hill Bouquets or pots for cheer

March 9 - TBA

April 13 - Sandra Gist Langiano, Visiting the McKellar garden and ordering box lunches from Monet's

May 11 - End of Year luncheon and visit Bonnie Preston's Rose Garden

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 the Visalia Rescue Mission. We help prepare weekend meals for the guys and offer to help 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, look for the signup sheet at our first meeting September 6 or email me at janboys3@yahoo.com.

Jan Johnson

AAUW Fall Book Sale

Did you know 85% of our Book Sale proceeds goes to fund our various scholarship sponsorships? This includes Tech Trek, Expanding Horizons and COS Student scholarships. Our fall book sale is once again upon us and we are hoping for another successful sale. While our dedicated volunteers have been faithfully sorting books, the sale needs our membership to volunteer to work at the mall. The sale runs from Wednesday, October 18 through Monday, October 22. Set up and clean up are October 17 and October 23. Susan Cunningham, our scheduler, will have the sign-up sheet at our first meeting September 6. Please check your calendars and sign up to work a shift or two. The success of our sale and our continued scholarships efforts depends on everyone lending a hand.

We also have another need. I am looking for a driver for the rental truck that transports books from our storage in Exeter to the mall. This is on the set up day only - Tuesday, October 17 - in the afternoon. Because of the huge volume of books, careful driving of the truck is important. If you have a spouse/friend who might be interested, please call me, Jan Johnson at 625-2926 for details.

Suzanne Babcock will have yard signs for the sale at our first meeting, September 6. Signs can be posted two weeks before our sale in private yards and empty lots only. We can no longer post them at business addresses. If you'd like a sign, email Suzanne at sbabcock123@yahoo.com.

Thanks again for your support of this effort throughout the years!

Jan Johnson
Book Sale Chairman





Great Decisions

"In a democracy the Government functions with the consent of the whole people. The latter must be guided by the facts. The Foreign Policy Association is performing a high duty in facilitating the lucid presentation of the facts of world problems and their impact upon the United States." — Franklin D. Roosevelt

Born from the ashes of World War I, the non-profit Foreign Policy Assn. will celebrate its centennial this coming year. In the wake of WWII, they established Great Decisions across the country, in order to engage the grass roots in better understanding international issues.

Our Branch hosts (recently in partnership with C.O.S., which provides the venue) this lively and insightful foreign policy discussion program in Visalia—open to the public as well as members. A.A.U.W. has done this for decades, but interest nearly doubled this past spring.

Participation involves eight sessions—each on a distinct, current topic—over a 3- or 4-month period, beginning in late January. Meetings are typically Tuesday evenings, and last two hours. Briefing books are required, for excellent background reading prior to each session. A limited number of these books will be available at a discount, if ordered ahead. Look for details in the October newsletter.

Contacts are Carol Finney (733-1198) and Maile Melkonian (802-3315).

Coffee & California Concerns

A half-dozen years ago, Donna Denham and Carol Seastrom thought there might be interest among our membership in a discussion group for local and state-level policy issues...and, boy, were they right!

We meet once or twice a month, usually Monday mornings, and take on a different issue each time—sometimes bringing in outside speakers, and sometimes taking advantage of expertise within our own membership. Meetings are informal, and usually at members' homes—although we have been known to do an excursion to a relevant venue, too.

Last year's topics included studying all the ballot propositions, mental health options in our area, Lindsay Mann explaining the Kaweah-Delta Health Care District, a chief investigator at the D.A.'s office on human trafficking, a civil discourse workshop by the San Luis Obispo League of Women Voters, prejudice awareness training by the V.U.S.D. Board president, a crash course of "Crime and Punishment" by attorney Michal Cross, and an excursion to Self-Help's newest housing project. It's all fascinating!

Our kick-off will be a planning session on September 18, at 10:30, at the home of Betsy Gaudette-Cross. 5941 W Buena Vista Ct. Visalia. 559.786.5340

Please come to this meeting and also come with ideas of what you would like to talk/learn about! This is a great group, and we would love for you to be a part of it.

Contact: Maile Melkonian (802-3315)



Knit Wits Welcome All

Whether you're a beginner or one who's been knitting or crocheting for years, you're invited to join the Knit Wits. We meet every Tuesday morning from 10-noon at Paneras. Some even stay for lunch. We share ideas, patterns, knowledge, and support each other's efforts. This is a very informal group. No need to call in advance, just drop by to see what we're all about. If you want more information, either text or call Cathy Lovell, 287-2982.

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