



Visalia-Sequoia Inc. (CA) Branch

Notes from the Presidents: Cyndy McBee and Carol Finney

Excitement is building!

What a beautiful spring we have experienced this year! It's amazing to witness the vibrant colors when we have adequate rainfall. Everywhere one looks there's a reminder of the natural beauty that surrounds us in this area.

Our group has a lot going on this spring! **March 31st 10am-3pm Strategic Planning** We will be working with Sandy Gabe, AAUW CA, to update our strategic plan. Our group has grown over the past several years and we want to move into the future with some clear strategies and plans. **If you are interested in taking a more active leadership role in AAUW Sequoia/Visalia, please contact a board member for more information.** All are welcome to attend.

April 9th meeting 11:30 Sue Sa's Van Reynoso will be our guest speaker at this meeting. See the adjacent information.

April 13-18th Book Sale

The book sorters have been working hard this past 6 months. Set up will take place on April 12th and the sale begins on the 13th. Our \$ 10 bag sale will take place on the 17th & 18th. Clean up will take place on the 19th. Please contact Susan Cunningham if you haven't signed up to help. 559.901.5545 (c) 559.625.3667 (h) gicasusan@gmail.com

May 12th Lamplighter Inn 5 -7 PM 90th Anniversary celebration/Scholarship Awards We are very excited about the kick off of our 90th anniversary! Sequoia/ Visalia AAUW

Sequoia News

April AAUW Meeting

PROGRAM: Speaker Von Reynoso's topic will be Mentoring and Education

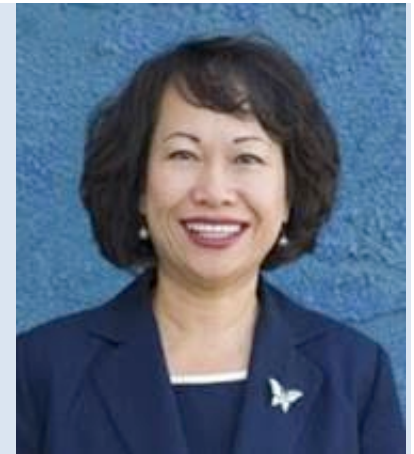
- **DATE: Saturday, April 9th**
- **TIME: 11:30** (Please arrive a little early so you can sign in find a place to sit and visit.)
- **PLACE: Sue Sa's Clubhouse**
- **LUNCH: \$14.00**

Please sent reservations to:

Phyllis Matteson
3320 S Hall St
Visalia, CA 93277
Phone - 732-1988
Cell - 300-5022

**Please have reservations in by
Wednesday, April 6th.**

Van was a 9 year old in 1975 when she immigrated to the United States as a Vietnam War refugee. She lived in Kansas, Ohio, and finally settled in California. She attended and graduated from UC Santa Cruz with her bachelor's degree, and then pursued a master's degree in Public Health at UC Berkeley. Van worked four years in healthcare, and then spent the next 5 years in Mexico where she worked at an orphanage. Upon returning to Visalia, she worked for Tulare



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had their first meeting on May 18, 1926. Please plan to attend and bring a spouse, friend or prospective member. It will be a fun filled evening celebrating the amazing women of our local AAUW and their rich history! Following a short performance we will present the seven 2016 scholarship recipients. Their stories are incredibly thought provoking and heart warming. We promise you won't be disappointed! Please read the program notes for further details.

Cyndy & Carol

county Office of Education for three years and Tulare Co Human Health Services for five years. Eight years ago she started with Madera County. Currently she serves as Madera County Director of Public Health. Van started her doctoral work at UC Merced four years ago and will complete her degree in August 2016. Van is married with three children and a residence in Visalia.

Please join us for this inspirational talk.

Have you every gone to the national AAUW site? Check it out:

<http://www.aauw.org>

Interest Group Announcements

Garden Gals are attending the Bella Rosa Garden Cafe and having a plant exchange, in Kingsburg. We will have lunch on April 8th, at 12:00. Call Nancy Jones at 559.731.2395, if you want to go by April 3rd. There will be a plant exchange. **Galloping Gourmet** group is joining the Garden Gals for this activity.

Knit Wits welcome all who enjoy any type of needlework. We meet at Panera every Tuesday at 10 a.m. Please join us if you like to knit, crochet, embroider, etc.

Refresher Bridge

We meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. Our next meeting will be on April 13 at 1:00pm at Rosemary Jackson's home. 559.624.1942

Great Decisions

Discussion will continue on Tues., March 29th (7:00pm) – Topic = The Koreas, Great group of men and women. Great discussions. At COS, room 101 of the John Muir Building. Questions? Maile Melkonian 559.802.3315

AAUW Walkers

We walk on Tues/Thurs from 8-9AM in various

parks around town. When it rains or is nasty cold, we walk in the Visalia Mall. Our group has been up to 8 walkers and now down to 2. We walk at a steady pace, not speed walking. Any questions or interest, please call Dona at 559.732.8421. We welcome all who are interested in walking!

Coffee and California Concerns

CCC's next meeting is Monday, April 4th at 10:15. We will meet at Donna Denham's house, 2308 S. Terrace, Visalia. Hopefully, we will have a good turn out. Terry Cornelius prepared to share good information concerning the election in June. We will only meet once in April, and twice in May. Hope lots of you can come this time. All are welcome. Donna 559.734.1659

Digital Literacy

Come and learn how to use Facebook. If you have a laptop, bring it. If not, that is ok. There will be a handout. April 25th 10:00-11:30, 5941 W Buena Vista Ct. (off Akers) Betsy Gaudette-Cross's house. Email betsygc@me.com or call (559.786.5340) if you are coming. (I hope to have a big group!)

For more information about our local AAUW group, please click on the link below.

[Visalia Sequoia AAUW](http://visaliasequoia-ca.aauw.net)

or type in:

<http://visaliasequoia-ca.aauw.net>

Attention all members and group leaders:

At a board meeting, it was decided that we need to set up a master calendar with all our groups on it. Specifically what day(s) of the month you meet. E.g.: when is book club or bridge group.

We have discovered some events that are in conflict of other events. Please send an email to Betsy at betsygc@me.com as soon as possible so we can avoid calendar-conflicts.

P.S. I (Betsy) have not heard from anyone regarding this post.



**Cut Out
and
Save**

2016 AAUW Programs

- April 9, 11:30am, Sue Sa's Clubhouse, Von Reynoso, Education Mentoring
- May 12, 5-7:00pm, The Lamp Litter Inn 90th Anniversary Celebration and Scholarship Award Recipients Recognition Event
- September 15, 2016, the first meeting of the new year. It will be held at the Lamp Litter Inn from 4:00-6:00.

UPDATE – Galloping Gourmet

The galloping gourmets spent St. Patrick's Day at the Sherwood School Inn in Sanger. Check out their website.

<http://www.schoolhousesanger.com>

It has delicious lunches with the price ranging from approximately \$10-18.00. There were 16 ladies in attendance, and we had such a good time eating, we forgot to take pictures. The drive to Sanger presented us with a beautiful viewing of the green hills and wildflowers. Such a treat.

This is basically a singles group that meets once a month, but we welcome others when you wish to join us. Rosalie Powell was the chairman of the March outing



Have you liked us on Facebook yet? We would love for you to add stories or pictures from an event, or anything you think our group would enjoy.

www.facebook.com/AAUWVisaliaSequoia

INTEREST/ SECTION GROUPS: If you are interested in a group, call the person listed below.
TECH TREK – Jeanne Evans **EXPANDING YOUR HORIZONS** – Lori Olivera-Clarkson
TRAVELING TROOPERS – Mary Lou Flattley & Carol Dias **COFFEE & CALIFORNIA CONCERNS** – Donna Denham
VOLUNTEER VISALIA – Jan Johnson **FRIENDS OF THE ARTS** – Carol Finney
BOOK SORTING – Jan Johnson, Sandy Parmelly **KNIT WITS & FIBER FRIENDS** – Cathy Lovell
GORGEOUS GALS GARDENING – Rosalie Powell, Janice Crenshaw, Nancy Jones
REFRESHER BRIDGE – Marsha Roberts **WEEKLY WALKERS** – Dona Meinhardt
SINGLE WOMEN’S GOURMET – Donna Denham **UNABRIDGED BOOK** – Carol Seastrom
BOOK WORMS – Eleanor Groom **COMPUTER LITERACY** – Betsy Gaudette-Cross
BRIDGE COORDINATOR/INSTRUCTOR – Margo Tressler



Message Board/Help Wanted

If you have something to post or a question, something you want to advertise or promote, please send an email to me, Betsy, at betsygc@me.com. Subject line: newsletter message board.

