

AAUW Mission Statement

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

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.

April Meeting

SAM PENA

Local Artist, National Treasure

Sam moved to Visalia from Texas when he was 10 years old. He attended Jefferson School and this is where his artistic talents were discovered and nurtured by the teaching staff.

Today, Pena's bas-relief sculptures are featured in "The Extra Mile - Points of Light Volunteer Pathway" in Washington DC. The series of bronze medallion sculptures, honoring the heroes of our country's volunteer movements, create a one-mile walking path through the heart of our national Capital. Sam, in conjunction with Sabin Gray, created the Tulare County Office of Education Planetarium and Impact Center, which is named in his honor.

Date: Saturday, April 13th
Where: Holiday Inn, Plaza Drive, Visalia
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Program: Sam Pena, Local Artist

Menu: Cobb Salad with grilled chicken breast, bacon, tomatoes, avocado, hard-boiled egg and blue cheese
 OR Club Wrap with turkey breast, bacon, lettuce and tomato with herb mayonnaise and pasta salad
 All served with coffee and tea
 Cost: \$ 17.00

Please send your check for \$17 to Linda Brown, 228 E Dorothea, 93277 by April 9th. Please indicate your meal choice on your check.

Book Sale

April 18-25

Scholarships Fund Raiser

Mark your calendars for **April 18-25, 2013** for our bi-annual **AAUW Book Sale**. The books are ready to be displayed and sold and, as always, our members are gearing up for the big event. All proceeds go to our scholarships for COS students. If you haven't yet signed up to work the sale, please call Judy Mayfield at 798-1451.

Hope to see you there!

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Renella Smith is Sunshine Chair. Please contact her by phone (627-3085) or e-mail (gregren@sbcglobal.net) if a card or note needs to be sent to a member.



Book Sale 4/18-4/25

President's Message

Dear Members,

It's that time—our twice yearly book sale. So much work goes into putting this on every six months, and we continue to be so successful. We count on you to work your shifts as you always do to provide the smiling, helpful service our community expects. As you sell these books, think of the hours our sorters put in to organize the thousands of books that arrive steadily month by month.

Sorters Extraordinaire: Lisa D'Arcy, Sandy Parmelly, April Serrins, Judy Mayfield, Marie Miller, Margo Tressler, Dona Meinhardt, Jean Moritz, Sally Childers, Elainea Scott, Carol Olincy, Rosemary Jackson, Joanne Dudley, Pam Harder. Sorting is fun--you might try it.

Our scholarship committee has been interviewing COS scholarship applicants. They report that they have wonderful applicants who will benefit from all our efforts at the book sales. You will be able to meet our recipients when they are honored at our May Salad Bar Luncheon.

Looking forward to seeing you at our April 13th meeting.

Carol Seastrom

Getting to Know You

We are pleased to have several new members and will introduce them in each issue of *Sequoia News*.

Erin Gardner-Ford

Erin graduated from Chico State with a bachelor's degree in Women's Studies. She received a masters degree from Fresno Pacific in Leadership and Organization Studies. Now Erin is the director of ACT Visalia. Her interests are women's issues and rights. She loves to travel, do scrapbooking, and go to all her children's events. She loves animals--hippos are her favorites.

Anna Joy

Anna has just retired as a certified urology nurse. She heard about AAUW at the book sale, and decided to join after her retirement. Her hobbies are traveling, cooking with friends, going to the gym and reading. She has expressed an interest in joining travelling troopers and the single women's gourmet group. Her first big trip after retirement was to New Zealand for 3 weeks.

Travelling Troopers Group has many exciting events in the planning stages for the coming months starting with a trip to the De Young Museum on April 24. Contact Carol Dias or Mary Lou Flattley for details.

A Request

It's almost time to send in our dues for next year. Our Membership Treasurer Cathy Lovell urges all members to use the electronic method of paying dues. It is a very streamlined way to process membership and saves her tons of paperwork when we pay our dues online. So please watch for further instructions in our next newsletter and do it the easy way!

Dates to Remember

Date	Event	Information
Every Monday	Book Sorting	8:30 a.m. 1000 N. Burke
Every Tuesday	Knit Wits	10 a.m. - Panera
Every Thursday	Walkers	8:30 a.m. - Call Dona Meinhardt
April 2	Great Decisions* - Iran	7:00 p.m. - COS John Muir 207
April 5	Bookworms - Cutting for Stone	1:30 p.m. - Home of Barbara Maraist New members welcome
April 9	Reservations due for April 13 Meeting	Check to Linda Brown (see pg 1)
April 9	Coffee & California Concerns	9:00 a.m. - 210
April 10	Refresher Bridge	1:00 p.m. - Home of Carol Olincy
April 13	General Meeting - Sam Pena	10:00 a.m. - Holiday Inn
April 15	Travelling Troopers	Deadline for DeYoung Trip Call Carol Dias for details
April 16	Great Decisions* - China in Africa	7:00 p.m. - COS John Muir 207
April 17	Unabridged Book Group - The World to Come	7:00 p.m. - Home of Kathleen Peek
April 21	Single Women's Gourmet	Brunch at the Ahwahnee Contact Carol Dias or Donna McCorkill for details
April 24	Coffee & California Concerns	9:00 a.m. - 210
April 24	Travelling Troopers	SF/DeYoung Trip Call Carol Dias for details
April 26	Gorgeous Girls Gardening	Meet at Carol Finney's to carpool to Sutton's Iris Gardens
April 30	Great Decisions* - Threat Assessment	7:00 p.m. - COS John Muir 207
May 2	Bookworms	1:30 p.m. - Call Ellie Groom
May 11	General Meeting - Scholarship Luncheon	10:00 a.m. - The Lakes Clubhouse
Oct. 17 - 24	Book Sale	Sequoia Mall

*GREAT DECISIONS

Great Decisions is America's largest discussion program on world affairs. The name is shared by a national civic-education program, briefing book and television series administered and produced by the Foreign Policy Association. The Great Decisions program highlights eight of the most thought-provoking foreign policy challenges facing Americans each year. Great Decisions provides background information, current data and policy options for each issue and serves as the focal text for discussion groups. Please join us at COS Room 107 of the John Muir Building on April 2, 16 and 30. Great Decisions is open to the public.

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