



Visalia-Sequoia Inc. (CA) Branch

# Sequoia News

## Notes from the Presidents: Sherri Bentley & Nancy Adalian

There's lots of news to pass on in this last newsletter of the 2017-2018 year! First of all, Nancy and I would like to thank the outgoing board for their hardworking diligence in keeping our association growing and blooming this past year. We gained over 14 new members, had great programs, held two fabulous book sales and continued great interest groups. We thank you for all your work. Thank you also to all members who worked at the spring book sale to make it a record-breaking success.

The nominating committee presented the board and general membership some fantastic new names for next year's board. The slate was approved at our April meeting. Officers include: Sherri Bentley and Marilyn Rankin Co-Presidents; Liz Kieske as President-Elect (we could still use a second person in this spot as well); Nancy Jones, Susan Mathews and Phyllis Matteson continuing as Program Vice Presidents; Suzanne Babcock as Membership Vice President, Susan Cunningham as AAUW Funds Vice President; Nancy Holmes and Betsy Gaudette-Cross as Co-Communications Directors; Vicky Gilson as Treasurer; Jean Moritz as Membership Treasurer; and Jill Rojas as Financial Director.

Carol Seastrom and Cathy Lovell completed a revision of our bylaws and sent them to AAUW for approval after both the board and general membership approved them. Our finances are continuing to be in good shape with Morgan-Stanley for the next year.

Because of a mandatory National AAUW membership dues increase of \$10 per year, our

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## MAY AAUW Meeting

### AAUW Scholarship Reception

*~Please note there is a change of date and time~*

**Place:** Congregation B'nai David

**Date:** May 12<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 2:00 to 4:00 pm

What a wonderful opportunity to meet and listen to this year's AAUW scholarship recipients!

Please contact Phyllis Matteson so we can have an estimate of how many will be attending. Just a phone message, email or text would be appreciated.

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~Phone - 732-1988

## Our Last Program

of the year!

**DON'T MISS IT.**

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board felt that we could defray the shock of that increase by decreasing our local dues by \$5. Our dues for 2018-19 will then be a total of \$90. Margaret Moholt has sent out an explanatory email to you suggesting that you pay dues online. This payment method greatly increases the efficiency and speed of this transaction but Margaret will also accept checks from those members who wish her to do so.

The final count is in for April's Book Sale—more than ever before with more books than ever before! A very nice outcome for next year's scholarships to COS graduates, Tech Trek participants and Expanding Your Horizons attendees. We could not have done it without our members who support this event with donating, sorting and selling those books! Thank you.

Last and very important, our end-of-the-year meeting has been CHANGED from Thursday, **May 10<sup>th</sup> to SATURDAY MAY 12<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at B'Nai David Synagogue on Chinowth.** The change is due to a scheduling conflict for the student recipients—the COS Scholarship Assembly—and we changed our date so that they can attend. The hospitality committee will provide hor d'oeuvres so all you need to do is come and enjoy meeting our recipients. We hope you will come and enjoy this fun event.

It has been a pleasure serving you this year. Have a pleasant summer and we'll see you again in September.

Sincerely, Sherri Bentley and Nancy Adalian



## BOOKS, BOOKS EVERYWHERE!

Another Successful Sale!!

Our April Book Sale was an unqualified success! Our total sale netted \$23,587.65, perhaps the first

time we've been over \$21,000, at least in my recent memory. We also had more books than ever before, another first. We certainly benefitted from the Rusty Roots parking lot sale, which brought in many customers. Our Sunday/Monday book bag sale was very popular. We sold approximately 168 bags during the two sales.

We had a rocky start to the sale when, on loading day, we found ourselves with no movers to pack the trucks. Members of the COS football team came to the rescue loading books at the warehouse. And also I want to thank the FBLA students from Redwood that unloaded the multiple vehicles that the football team loaded. Without these two groups we would be really hurtin'... in many ways. All the books were not brought over on Tuesday so Betsy wrangled the troops at Tuesday night's Great Decision's meeting, got two men with trucks and other volunteers to finish the job. Many thanks to those folks who drove over Wednesday morning to pack up the rest of the books, get them to the mall, and unload.

As always, this sale could not take place without the dedication of Sandy Parmelly, our warehouse manager, and our faithful book sorters who diligently plow through dirt and dust to sort our books every Monday. You all are the best! Thanks also to Suzanne Babcock, Susan Cunningham, Betsy Gaudette-Cross and others who filled in for me while I'm recuperating from knee replacement surgery.

Because of all these efforts, we continue to be able to offer scholarships to our community at many levels. **Our scholarship reception is Saturday, May 12 from 2-4. I hope you can attend.** Our scholarship recipients will amaze you. Once again, thanks for another successful sale!!

Jan Johnson

See some images from the sale on the next page.







Thank you FBLA students for all your help!  
Random images from the book sale days.





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# The Ruth Wood OPEN ARMS HOUSE

April 2018

We're excited to introduce our ANNUAL memorial fundraiser

## “Bloomin’ Pinwheels”

Come watch our pinwheel garden grow!

Your tax-deductible donation will  
plant a bright, shimmering, pinwheel  
in our garden

**1 - Sm Pinwheel - \$10**  
**6 - Sm Pinwheel - \$50**  
**1 - Lg Pinwheel - \$100**

If you would like to donate your  
Pinwheel in memory of a loved one,  
please let us know

**Donation Options**

Online / Paypal  
In Person  
By Mail  
By Phone  
See information below

**The Open Arms House | 3234 W. Iris Ave. Visalia, CA 93277**  
**(One Block South of Tulare Ave. on County Center)**  
**Office: 559.713.6542 | Fax: 559.205.2178 | [www.OpenArmsHouse.org](http://www.OpenArmsHouse.org)**  
**Nonprofit ID#: 81-1048361**

## Special Interest Groups

**GARDEN GALLS:** May 11<sup>th</sup> we will tour Bonnie Preston's beautiful rose garden. We will meet at 11:00 am to tour the garden followed by lunch at Pita Kebab on Court Street. Save the date.

**BOOKWORMS:** The Bookworms will be meeting on Friday May 4 at 1:00, at Kathy Oldershaw's home. The book selected for May is "The Radium Girls" by Kate Moore.



Anyone is welcome to join us, just please call to let us know you are coming. Questions? Call Kathy Oldershaw 909-1333 (cell) or 733-7472 (home)

### Great Decisions:

Our foreign policy discussion group is wrapping up, with our last session on:

May 1 -- Global Health - As always, we meet 7:00-9:00pm, at C.O.S.'s John Muir Building, Room 101.

**NOTE TO PARTICIPANTS:** Don't forget to fill out your survey questions, found in the backs of your books. This is your chance to get your opinions into the mix for the white paper the FPA publishes every summer. They distribute this to policy-makers in all branches of our federal government, so that they may better understand grassroots views.

You can do this one of two ways:

- 1) Go on-line to [www.fpa.org/ballot/](http://www.fpa.org/ballot/) and do the survey there, or
- 2) Fill out the paper survey in your book, cut the pages out, and bring them to the May 1 session. We will be collecting them, and AAUW will mail them in for you. If you have done this before, and can remember the 3-digit ID code you used, please use that same ID. (This facilitates longitudinal foreign policy opinion trends for the FPA--and the rest of us.)

It's been a great series--thanks for participating!

Contacts:

Maile Melkonian and Carol Finney



## A QUIZ

Did you know that our AAUW Branch sends get well, thinking of you, Congratulations and sympathy cards to our members? Well, we do☺!!



My name is Renella Smith and I would be happy to hear from you, if you know of any member in need of some Sunshine in her life. Please call or email me. 559-627-3085 or 559-260-9646

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Wishing everyone sunshine and blue skies,

Renella Smith

Linda Brown (left) works on a pretty purple present -- a scarf. April Serrins (right) is almost finished with a beautiful afghan. If you enjoy any type of needlework, join the Knit Wits group on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. at Panera Bread.





Sunday's Bag Day Sale was a great success. **We sold 168 bags!** Customers love the good deals!



CALLING ALL MEMBERS:

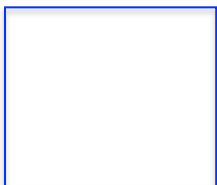
Am I the only one that thinks about taking pictures? If you are having fun in your AAUW breakout group please get out your phone and take a picture or two for the newsletter. Send them to me, the newsletter editor. Include a sentence or two explaining what the image is about, and **please put "AAUW Newsletter" in the subject of the email.** I'm sure others would love to hear what you are doing.



Thank you,  
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559.786.5340

Please do not TEXT them to me.

We LOVE HAVING YOU AT OUR MONTHLY MEETINGS. So hopefully you can come in September. Remember – If you sign up for the monthly meeting and don't show up, you are still responsible for paying for your lunch.  
Thank you.



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