

**Notes from the Presidents:  
Marilyn Rankin & Liz Kieske**

We certainly have had a great start to our year with the wonderful program at the Vintage Press. The next program at The Creative Center promises to continue this momentum. You will find the Creative Center Players delightful to watch and the information on the program worthwhile. This is an asset in the community that is worthy of your time. Many thanks to our program committee for such an outstanding job in securing this activity.

Most of our sections are off and running. There are various interests, so you should be able to find something that appeals to you. Check your directory for a list, and get involved.

Very importantly, the FALL BOOK SALE is coming up. If you have not yet signed up to work, you can do so online. How easy is that?! However, you can always call Jan Johnson to volunteer if signing up on the computer isn't working for you. (Jan's cell is (559) 301-7088) Our scholarships are very important and are funded by this sale. A big thank you to Jan, Sandy, and all of the hard-working book sale sorters and volunteers.

Enjoy this fall weather.

~Marilyn Rankin and Liz Kieske



**OCTOBER AAUW Meeting**

**October 10, 2019 MEETING**

**Date:** October 10, 2019

**Program:** "The Therapeutic Magic of Creative Arts"

**Location:** The Creative Center, 606 N. Bridge St.

**Time:** 11:30 to 1:30 P.M.

**Cost:** \$12.00

**Send reservations with check to:**

Sherri Bentley • 2821 S. Kent Ct. •  
Visalia, CA. 93277

OR CALL:

Cell: 559 288-5429 Home: 625-2448

Joel Glick, director of the Visalia Creative Center, will present an informative program about the Creative Center's program for assisting adults with developmental difficulties by fostering self-expression, and personal growth through their creativity. The students will be presenting a play for us, which should be an inspiring treat. Box lunches will be provided.

**Please Add This Name To Your Directory!  
Welcome to our newest member!**

Karen D. Davis  
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**October 10, 2019** (Thursday) 11:30pm–1:30pm

Location: The Creative Center.

Program: *“The Therapeutic Magic of Creative Arts”*

**November 14, 2019** (Thursday) 11:30pm–1:30pm

Location: The Vintage Press

Program: *“Financial Matters for Women”*

**December 14, 2019** (Saturday) 2:00pm–4:00pm

Location: Home of Beth McAuliff

Event: *Holiday Tea*

**January 21, 2020** (Tuesday) 11:30pm–1:30pm

Joint meeting with League of Women Voters of Tulare Co.

Location: Marriott Hotel

Program: *“Born Criminal: Women of the Suffragist Movement”*

**February 16, 2020** (Sunday)

Location: The Ice House

Program: *“Beehive”*

**March 19, 2020** (Thursday) 3:30pm–5:00pm

Location: The Vintage Press,

Program: *“The ABCs of SGMA”*

**April 16, 2020** (Thursday) 11:30am–1:00pm

Location: The Vintage Press

Program: *“Reflections on the 63<sup>rd</sup> U.N. Convention on the Status of Women—Inspiration!”*

**May 16, 2020** (Saturday) 2:00pm–4:00pm

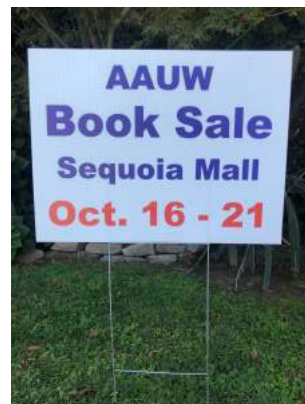
Location: Congregation B'nai David,  
1039 S. Chinowth St.

Event: *Scholarship Reception*

**Did you know that in 1994 UNESCO proclaimed October 5th to be World Teachers' Day? So on this day, take time to let the teachers in your life know how much you appreciate them.**

## ATTENTION AAUW MEMBERS...

We are in desperate need of your help and assistance in advertising our book sale. We NEED people to place signs in their yards, in the yards of their friends, or even on nearby vacant lots. We are not able to put these up in businesses any more, so this is our only option. This is one of our most important advertising tools... it will only work with your help.



Please contact Suzanne Babcock by email ([freshstart93277@gmail.com](mailto:freshstart93277@gmail.com)) and let her know how many signs you can help us put out...so the more we can place, the bigger the impact of the sale. Remember, this helps to fund our scholarship fund!

**We need your help!**



**AAUW California Public Policy Priorities for 2019-2021** - AAUW California members voted to approve the 2019-2021 California Public Policy Priorities in May. These guide our Public Policy program, which supports AAUW's mission to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy. Our Public Policy Committee uses these in selecting legislative bills on which we take positions in March each year.

The priorities are: achieve economic security for all women, support a system of high quality public education, and guarantee equality, individual rights and social justice for a diverse and inclusive society. For more information go to: <http://www.aauw-ca.org/proposed-aauw-ca-public-policy-action-priorities-2019-2021/>

-- Terry Cornelius

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## Special Interest Group

**COFFEE AND CALIFORNIA CONCERNS:** This policy discussion group focuses on local and state-level issues. We usually meet in members' homes, with participants either arranging for outside speakers to come, or doing presentations themselves. And, occasionally, we'll do an excursion. The conversation is casual, somewhat in-depth...and always fascinating! Welcome to any members interested. Here are the details for this month's meetings:

### Monday, October 7 (10:15am)

Topic: "Tourism As it Impacts Visalia"  
Speaker: Suzanna Bianco, Visit Visalia  
Program Liaison: Susan Kreps  
Venue hostess: Sue McCallister (5025 W. Concord Ave., Visalia)

There's a new storefront on Main Street--Visit Visalia, which aims to boost our town as a travel destination. Come hear how they intend to do this, and why it might be important.

### Monday, October 21 (10:15am)

Topic: "On the Front Lines of Farm Labor Issues"  
Speaker: Graciela Martinez, American Friends Services Committee  
Program Liaison: Karen Feezell  
Venue hostess: Karen Feezell (1819 S. Irma St.)

Agriculture is one of our area's most important industries, covering more land than any other sector, and requires labor to function. Martinez has spent decades deeply involved in farm labor struggles, which are at the nexus of the economy, civil rights and immigration.

~Maile Melkonian is the C&CC contact.

**GREAT DECISIONS:** This discussion group is a project of the Foreign Policy Association--a nationwide non-profit dedicated to fostering informed interest in international issues. It is sponsored in Visalia by A.A.U.W., in partnership with C.O.S. As usual, we'll meet eight times, from

late January to early May, approximately every other Tuesday evening, 7:00-9:00, at C.O.S. This coming season's topics are:

- \* Climate Change
- \* India & Pakistan
- \* The Red Sea Region
- \* Human Trafficking
- \* Northern Triangle
- \* China & Latin America Conflict
- \* The Philippines
- \* AI & Data



Also as usual, we are ordering a discounted group package of briefing books that we can make available for \$28 each, but supplies are limited, and must be ordered by the end of October (we ran out early last year). If you are interested, please send a check (made out to "Carol Finney") to Carol at:

2106 S. Anthony Ct.  
Visalia, CA 93277

Of course, if you prefer, you may order them on-line directly from the Foreign Policy Association at [www.fpa.org](http://www.fpa.org).

We expect to receive the books by mid-January, and will have them at the Tulare Co. Public Library, downtown Visalia, for pick-up before our first meeting at the end of January.

Contacts are: Maile Melkonian, Carol Finney and Betsy Gaudette-Cross.

**BRIDGE LESSONS:** We will finally start bridge lessons on Thursday, Oct. 17 at 1:00 at my house - 3226 S. Fontana St. Anyone interested is welcome. Please email me if you can attend.

Email address: [liz-k@att.net](mailto:liz-k@att.net). I look forward to seeing you for a learning session.

Liz Kieske



# Coffee & California Concerns Outing

**This event took place before the summer but CCC wanted you to see some of the great things they do as a group. Think about coming to our next meeting on October 7<sup>th</sup>. (See time and place on page 3)**

Back on May 20 we took a trip to Allensworth, which afforded us an opportunity to see the historical community, hear about its beginnings, and current challenges, and take in the adjacent State Park. Susan Kreps arranged for Kayode and Denise Kadara, residents and second-generation advocates, to explain it all to us. Our AAUW Branch donated children's books to the local, active elementary school.



This is a reminder:  
If you sign up for the monthly meeting and don't show up, you are still responsible for paying for your lunch because we are charged. Thank you.

**KNIT WITS Welcome All:** Remember we meet every Tuesday morning from 10-noon at Panera's. We are a very informal group. No need to call in advance. If you want more information, either text or call Cathy Lovell, 559-287-2982.

## Fall Book Sale

It's Book Sale time again! 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 16 through Monday, October 21. Set up and clean up are October 15 and October 22.

I want to thank those of you who have used our new computer sign up system. Most of our shifts are filled. I will be calling to fill in those shifts in the next week. 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. Suzanne Babcock has yard signs for the sale. 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 haven't gotten your sign yet, email Suzanne at [freshstart93277@gmail.com](mailto:freshstart93277@gmail.com).

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

Jan Johnson • Book Sale Chairman

Notes from two of the 13 girls from Tech Trek.

Dear Visalia Branch,  
Thanks for accepting me to go to Tech Trek. This is a fun experience I'll never forget! I took CSI as my core class. We got to investigate a crime scene and figure what the crime was and who caused it. We also got candy, but we had to bite and analyze them. On Tuesday, I played with Sphero and used coding to control it. The food was delicious too. I had the privilege to meet new people - Thanks - Zuri B

Dear Visalia-Sequoia Branch,

Thank you so much for bringing me to Tech Trek. One thing I learned was that Sequoia trees are very large, have egg shaped pine cones, and they can last for thousands of years. Another thing I learned from my core class, structures, was that when you design a bridge you need to take many things into consideration, such as tension, compression, and the weight of cars. I also learned many new teamwork games, which helped me make new friends. This has been a great opportunity for me to learn about STEM.

Thank you again  
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You  
Notes  
from  
Tech Trek





Renella Smith would love to hear from you, if you know of any member in need of some Sunshine in her life. Please call or email her at:



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gregrensmith@gmail.com

When was the last time you visited the AAUW National site? Check it out if you have a chance.  
<https://www.aauw.org>

And of course, you can check out our local site where we have a calendar, the newsletter, information on different activities, the new-member application, and other resources.  
<https://visaliasequoia-ca.aauw.net>

**Remember** to refer to your directory for program dates and guides, interest groups, committees, and email addresses and phone numbers of all the members.

**CALLING ALL MEMBERS:** Are you having fun in your AAUW breakout group? Then get out your phone and take a picture or two for the newsletter... please. 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.

Thank you • Betsy • [betsygc@me.com](mailto:betsygc@me.com)

# facebook

Are you on Facebook? Be sure and check out our local AAUW Facebook page. And also, feel free to post things that you did with members or in your breakout group.

Let's keep everyone connected and informed. Thanks.



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