

Notes from the Presidents: Marilyn Rankin & Liz Kieske

We had a wonderful time at the Vintage Press listening to the program presented by our own member, *Shani Crookshanks*, as well as *Teresa Nino* and *Jody Gilman*. All of us were impressed to learn that by 2022 females will comprise the majority of college graduates at the Bachelor, Master's and Doctoral level. Women already make the majority of financial decisions in their family. So, one might ask, "Since the ball's in our court, what are we waiting for?"

The holidays are here in a big way and we will celebrate with our Annual AAUW **Holiday Tea on December 14**. A special treat this year will be to view the beautifully decorated home of *Dr. and Mrs. Stephen McAuliff* as they host us. *Mrs. McAuliff, Beth*, has collected German nutcrackers and German tree ornaments for many years. The home is always festive and intriguing. The tea will be a wonderful opportunity to enjoy some time with friends and experience the holiday spirit that fills the McAuliff home.

A \$5.00 donation will be collected at the door and the proceeds from our "entrance fee" along with a matching gift from the Co-Presidents will be given to the **Creative Center** so that AAUW will be recognized as a sponsor of the Creative Center in 2020.

The Holiday Tea is a special time for members and the tea food committee is working under the direction of *Carol Sonier* to make the experience tasty as well as fun. We will have tables set outside for the raffle prizes so bring your ticket money in addition to the "entrance fee".

We wish each of you wonderful holidays and a happy healthy New Year.

Co-Presidents • Marilyn Rankin and Liz Kieske

DECEMBER AAUW Meeting

AAUW ANNUAL HOLIDAY TEA

Home of Beth McAuliff

2233 W Hyde Ave

Saturday, December 14th

2:00 to 4:00 pm

This is a such wonderful tradition! Come and enjoy great conversation, yummy food, and exciting drawings for great prizes. Bring your moola or check book for the raffles. (This is a fundraiser) See you there!

Book sale signs...

I still have a few book sale signs that are "missing in action". If you have one in your garage or trunk, please let me know and I will come pick them up!

Thanks...Suzanne Babcock

Membership...

We have a couple of new members to welcome into AAUW. We will set up a new member reception in the early part of the new year. It is always great to get new members...so invite your friends and neighbors to join us!

Save the Date!

— **January 21, we mark 100th Anniversary of 19th Amendment —**
Joint meeting with
League of Women Voters

Before the 19th Amendment, life for females in the United States was very different. Did you know that women could not serve on juries (which used to be summoned from voter rosters) or testify in court (as they were considered legally “incompetent”)? Married women couldn’t sign contracts, either—which made things like arranging conference venues for suffrage conventions doubly difficult!

Author **Angelica Shirley Carpenter** brings all of this to life, through her newest book, ***Born Criminal: Matilda Joslyn Gage, Radical Suffragist***. She will help us commemorate the centennial of suffrage, Tuesday, **January 21, 2020**, at a joint meeting of AAUW and the League of Women Voters of Tulare County.

As the founding curator of the Arne Nixon Center for the Study of Children’s Literature at California State University, Fresno, Carpenter was making an in-depth study of *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*, when she discovered that the mother-in-law of author L. Frank Baum had been a leading suffragist. In fact, Gage inspired the strong American heroine, Dorothy, at the center of this beloved story. But why had Carpenter never heard of Matilda Gage? This question led her to peek behind the curtain.

This luncheon, \$20, will be at the Marriott Hotel. Books will be available for purchase and signing by the author. (There will be an opportunity drawing for a signed copy of the book at our Holiday Tea!)

Look for more details, including how to RSVP, in the January newsletter.

Cut & Save



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 63rd 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***



Here are three of the workers for the past book sale. If you haven’t ever worked a sale, it’s really fun.

Special Interest

COFFEE AND CALIFORNIA CONCERNS:

Monday, December 16 (10:15am)

Topic: "Fifty Plants that Changed the Course of History"

Presenters: Your C&CC colleagues!

Program Liaison: Maile Melkonian

Venue hostess: Donna Kindschuh (1338 N. Ranch Ct., south of Houston, off County Center)

As lighter fare going into the holidays, we'll be taking "leaves" from the Bill Laws book by the same name as our topic title. Each of us will present 5-minute synopses of surprisingly intriguing histories of flora species that have played pivotal roles in our own species' history.

~ Maile Melkonian is the C&CC contact.

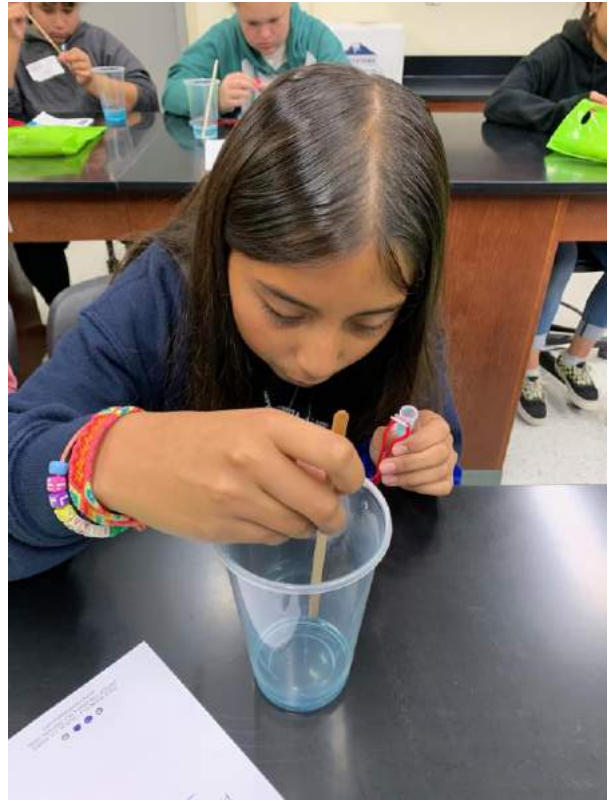
EXPANDING YOUR HORIZONS: On November 2nd over 900 students from Tulare County attended the 20th annual Expanding Your Horizons Conference at College of the Sequoias. This Math, Science, Engineering & Technology conference is for Young Women in grades 4-10. Since 2000, the Tulare County Office of Education has been a member of the EYH Network. See pictures.

Our AAUW branch donated \$1700.00 (\$1500 for the conference fee and \$200 for science prizes) and we were able to sponsor students from the following schools:

1. Annie R. Mitchell Elementary
2. Four Creeks Elementary
3. Global Learning Elementary
4. Goshen Elementary
5. Manuel Hernandez Elementary
6. Pinkham Elementary
7. Ridgeview Middle School
8. Riverway Elementary

Respectfully, Lori Olvera-Clarkson





Coffee and California Concerns had another great meeting on November 18, 2019. The discussion was based off of the book *Just Mercy* by Brian Stephenson, and lead by Michael Cross, a criminal defense attorney, who has been practicing in Tulare County for around 35 years. Michael drew from the part of *Just Mercy* that concerned false convictions that put people on death row and explained his theory on how this happens. He used 5 examples of cases from his practice in Tulare County to make his point. He spoke for an hour and a half, and most attendees said that they wanted a follow-up session. There were so many questions left unanswered. It was really an interesting meeting.



In case you didn't already hear or read your email from me, I am including this message from our President's Liz and Marilyn:

It is with great sadness that we have learned that our treasurer, Sue McCallister, passed away a day ago. Sue was a wonderful community citizen and was active not only in AAUW but Rotary and several other organizations. We understand that services for Sue will be held after the first of the year.

This is a real loss to all of us as well as a shock. I'm sure you will join us in sending love to Sue's family.

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

What is Named Gift and what does it have to do with the Holiday Tea Raffle?

The proceeds of our holiday raffle and auction were donated in Sandy Parmelly name last year. We'll honor a new "Named Gift" recipient this year. Who will it be this year? In January, a small committee will choose, but first we have to raise funds at our Holiday Tea. ***We need prizes for our popular raffle and silent auction.*** Prizes can be donated by local businesses, our chapter's special interest sections, or even by individuals. Last year we had over 25 beautiful prizes!

If you, your business, or your special interest group has a prize to donate, contact Nancy Holmes (559-901-7536 cell) or Susan Cunningham (559-901-5545 cell) to arrange pick-up the week before the tea.

Let's keep this tradition alive with holiday spirit and fund education at the same time!

~Nancy Holmes