



# Sequoia News

## January AAUW Program

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

Well 2020 is here yet visions of the elegant Holiday Tea still dance in our heads. We owe a huge thank you to Beth and Stephen McAuliff for graciously hosting the Holiday Tea. Their home is always beautiful but with Beth's Christmas decorations, the home is quite over the top in its beauty. I think we all enjoyed every corner of their well appointed home. The setting was gorgeous for our tea and the food paralleled the setting in its tastiness. We thank Carol Sonier, Beth McAuliff, Janet Hill and Tracey Neff for their work in creating the festive table and fabulous food for our tea. Our tea servers, Past Presidents, were superb in their pouring too. Fun for everyone and what a nice tradition for AAUW members.

The Creative Center will receive a check for over \$500.00 as a result of the "entry fee for the tea" and the co-presidents matching contribution. The donation qualifies AAUW as a sponsor for The Creative Center, and will be acknowledge on a banner displayed at the Creative Center.

2020 brings many more opportunities to enrich ourselves with knowledge and community awareness. We begin with an interesting program recognizing the 100th year anniversary of women's right to vote. We look forward to seeing you at the Marriott for our first program of the new year.

Best Wished to All for a wonderful New Year.  
Co-Presidents - Marilyn Rankin and Liz Kieske



**PROGRAM: Born Criminal: Women of the Suffragist Movement**

**PRESENTER: Angelica Shirley**

**Carpenter, author, founding curator,**

**Arne Nixon Center at C.S.U., Fresno**

**WHERE: Marriott Hotel**

**WHEN: Tuesday, January 21, 2020**

**COST: \$20.00**

To commemorate the centennial of the 19th Amendment, Angelica Shirley Carpenter will talk about the struggle of an unknown cohort of Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton. These women endured much to gain the freedoms women have today. Angelica Shirley Carpenter is a historical biographer and author of "Born Criminal: Matilda Joslyn Gage: Radical Suffragist". Angelica Shirley Carpenter brings her story to life.

Book sale and author signing will follow presentation.

#### Menu

**Garden Salad**

**Teriyaki Chicken**

**Rice**

**Vegetable**

**Rolls & butter**

**Dessert**

**Please send your reservations by January 16th - **SORRY, NO REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER JAN. 16TH!****

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## Cut & Save

**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



DECEMBER 2019: The Unabridged Book Club enjoyed their annual holiday luncheon and fun book exchange. It's a favorite tradition for the group.

## Special Interest Group

**Coffee & California Concerns:** Here we go into a brand-new year, and 2020 promises to be a lively one! Here are the details for this month's meetings:

### Monday, January 6 (10:15am)

- Topic: "Ballot Propositions(s) & School Funding"

- Presenter: our own Terry Cornelius

- Venue hostess: Karen Feezell (1819 S. Irma St., off Pinkham, between Walnut & Tulare)

One of the most perennially popular topics at C&CC is deep-diving into ballot measures, propositions and initiatives. With California's early Primary (March 3), we are doing this much earlier than in years past. It's apropos that this meeting falls on the Epiphany, as we try to understand the proposition(s) that will be on the Primary ballot. Terry, who also wears the hat of Voter Services Co-Chair for the local League of Women Voters, will facilitate.

### Monday, January 20 (10:15am)

- Topic: "Census 2020: Why Is Tulare Co. at Risk?"

- Presenter: Dr. Lucia Vazquez, V.U.S.D. School Board, Census 2020 Complete Count Committee

- Program Liaison: Terry Cornelius

- Venue hostess: Carol Finney (2106 S. Anthony Ct., off Walnut, west of Akers)

The U.S. Constitution mandates that a national census be taken every decade. The devil, it seems, is in the details of implementation. Come hear how a process most of us don't think about 90% of the time can have far-reaching fiscal and social impacts.

Maile Melkonian is the C&CC contact.

**Knit Wits:** If you enjoy any type of needlework, come join our Knit Wits Section at Panera Bread on Tuesdays at 10:00am. We knit, crochet, and chat while enjoying coffee, bean and snacks. No need to RSVP. Just drop by any Tuesday. Beginners are welcome!

## 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.

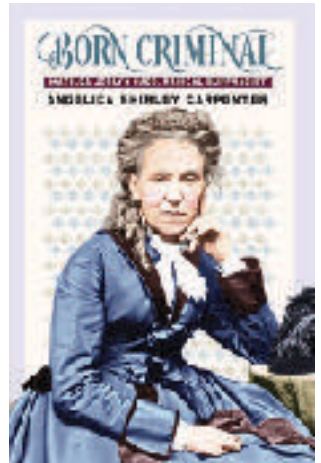
This luncheon, \$20, will be at the Marriott Hotel. Books will be available for purchase and signing by the author.

**GREAT DECISIONS:** This discussion group is a project of the Foreign Policy Association. It is held in partnership with COS and AAUW. Our meetings will be starting on January 28th, 7:00 - 9:00pm on the COS campus in the Hospital Rock room. The meetings consist of reading about the topic before the meeting, then at the meeting there is a video (approximately 30 minutes) about the topic, then snacks, followed by a discussion. It is really an awesome group of intelligent people. Anyone who ordered Briefing Books through Carol Finney should expect to get an e-mail notice when the Books arrive (soon!). They will be available for pick-up at the Public Library’s Reference Desk (Oak and Encina in Visalia).

For those who would like to participate, but have not ordered through Carol, you may order them on-line directly from the Foreign Policy Association at [www.fpa.org](http://www.fpa.org).

Contact Maile Melkonian, Carol Finney or Betsy Gaudette-Cross if you want more information.

**Jan. 28 -- Climate Change • Feb. 11 -- India & Pakistan • Feb. 25 -- The Red Sea Region**  
**Mar. 10 -- Human Trafficking • Mar. 24 -- Northern Triangle • Apr. 14 -- China & Latin America Conflict**  
**Apr. 28 -- The Philippines • May 5 -- AI & Data**





Candidates Forum • January 30, 2020



California is making history this year with an early Primary: March 3. So our Candidates Forum (which AAUW co-sponsors) is also early. Don't miss this chance to hear your choices for these offices--and to ask them questions!

## Thank You Beth McAulff...

...For hosting the festive holiday tea this year. If you missed it, here are a few snapshots of the event.

**MEET THE CANDIDATES PUBLIC FORUM**

See and hear those vying to be the next representative from  
**U.S. Congressional District 22**  
&  
**California Assembly District 26**

**WHEN THURS JAN. 30, 2020**

**WHERE COLLEGE OF THE SEQUOIAS  
PONDEROSA ROOM  
915 S MOONEY BLVD  
VISALIA, CA 93277**

**TIME DOORS OPEN AT 6 PM**

**INFO LIMITED SEATING. FREE PARKING IN NORTH LOT.**  
*(English / Spanish Interpretation Available)*

<b>U.S. Congressional District 22:</b> Rep. Devin Hinojosa, incumbent Phil Arballo, challenger Dany Rodriguez, challenger Bobby Bleszous, challenger Eric Gerda, challenger	<b>Assembly District 26:</b> Assemblywoman Devan Mathis, incumbent Dena Phipps, challenger
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*\* All candidates for both offices have been invited to attend the forum.*

The forum is co-sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Tulare County, Visalia Times-Delta/Tulare Advance-Register, ACT for Women and Girls, American Association of University Women, Central Valley Partnership, Exeter Chamber of Commerce, League of United Latin American Citizens, Mi Familia Vota, Tulare Chamber of Commerce, Tulare County Association of Realtors, Tulare County Farm Bureau, Tulare County League of Mexican-American Women and Visalia Chamber of Commerce. Luncheon served from the Times-Delta/Publisher-Hospital will serve as moderator.



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>

### ARE YOU ON FACEBOOK?

***Have you liked us on Facebook yet? We are posting pictures and information that you might want to know about on our AAUW Visalia Facebook page. Please join the group. Plus we would love for you to add stories or pictures from an event or anything you think our group would enjoy to the page too.***

[AAUW Visalia/Sequoia Facebook page](#)

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



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