



Sequoia News

February AAUW Program

Notes from the Presidents: Marilyn Rankin & Liz Kieske

AAUW began the New Year with a fun and informative program celebrating the 100th year anniversary of the ratification of the 19th amendment which gave women the right to vote. The meeting was co-sponsored with the League of Women Voters and our own Maile Melkonian was instrumental in making all the necessary arrangements that resulted in a wonderful program. **Thank you Maile.** In celebrating the anniversary of the "right to vote" we are also cognizant of the need for stronger laws dealing with equal pay. Currently all states, with the exception of Mississippi, have equal pay laws. According to AAUW CEO, Kim Churches, real progress has been made lately in the fight for gender pay equity in terms of policy, most of it on a state and local level. However, the gender gap is still reported at about *82 cents on the dollar*. The wage gap is a difficult problem and more research is needed to examine the systemic and structural impediments to women's economic security. The complexities call for careful scrutiny of past practices and customs that contribute to the gender pay gap. Fresno County Office of Education is in litigation defending what plaintiffs deem the very practices that contribute to the pay inequity. Perhaps a follow-up program on the Fresno litigation would be revealing as we advocate for equity for girls and women. Our next general meeting will be at the Ice House Theater as we enjoy "Beehive" with Susan Mathews as narrator. The musical celebrating the 60's will remind us that **we really have come a long way.** We look forward to seeing you on SUNDAY February 16, at 1:30.

Co Presidents
Marilyn Rankin and Liz Kieske

PROGRAM: BEEHIVE The Musical

PRESENTER: Visalia Players

WHERE: Ice House Theatre, 410 E. Race St.

WHEN: 2:00 pm (arrive by 1:20 pm)

COST: \$17:00

Beehive is the ultimate celebration of the 1960's. It nostalgically recalls the days of miniskirts, transistor radios, and flower power. Told from the perspective of 8 women who came of age during this decade, the show reflects a host of issues ranging from the first Beehive dance to the challenges we faced as a nation. The show is fast paced with colorful costumes and a fabulous set. There are over 30 songs. Here are a few of the songs: My Boyfriend's Back, Sweet Talkin' Guy, Will You Still Love Me Tomorrow, Where The Boys Are, You Don't Own Me, Son of a Preacher Man, Proud Mary, Chain of Fools, Natural Woman, Piece of my Heart and Bobbie McGee.

Make checks out to AAUW and send to:

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OR CALL

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We have reserved only 30 seats so call for your reservation ASAP. And, of course, you can bring friends. The show starts at 2:00 and it is important that you arrive no LATER than 1:30 to check in. I will contact you personally to let you know I have received your reservation. Thanks.

Susan Mathews

Cut & Save

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

GREAT DECISIONS: Come join the conversation!

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. We meet seven more times, at Hospital Rock on C.O.S. campus, Tuesdays evenings at 7:00-9:00. This month's dates and topics are:

Feb. 11 -- India & Pakistan

Feb. 25 -- The Red Sea Region

For those who would like to participate, but have not ordered through Carol Finney, you may order them on-line directly from the Foreign Policy Association at www.fpa.org, and this year you can also order it for your ebook.

Looking forward to a robust discussion in the coming months!

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



Special Interest Group

Coffee & California Concerns: If you're interested in policy issues on the local and state levels, this is the section for you! Due to the holiday, we will be meeting only once this month. Here are the details:

Monday, February 3 (10:15am)

Topic: Book discussion of "Born Criminal: Matilda Joselyn Gage, Radical Suffragist"

Facilitator: Carol Finney

Venue hostess:

Rosemary Jackson (1146 W. Hemlock Ave., north of Caldwell, off Stonebrook)



We kicked off the centennial of suffrage with a joint meeting with the League of Women Voters on Jan. 21. Author Angelica Shirley Carpenter gave us a remarkable look into the lives of pre-19th Amendment women in the U.S., and some of the ups and downs of the 70-year suffrage movement. In order to have a chance to go more in-depth, we will be discussing Carpenter's insightful book. Coincidentally, we're meeting on the first voting day of the California Primary--a reminder not to take that vote for granted!

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 and snacks. No need to RSVP. Just drop by any Tuesday. Beginners are welcome!

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!



DID YOU KNOW...?

March 3rd is the
new date for the
California Primary!
YEAH!

I'm sure you are registered, but if you know of anyone who needs to register, change their address, change their party or how they receive their ballot, open up a phone's camera and point it at the QR Code below! Please be sure you use your voice and VOTE!



Save this information or pass it on:

League of Women Voters of California
<https://lwvc.org>

Voters Edge – Get the facts before you vote
www.votersedge.org/ca

Google “Guide to voting in California”
California Easy Voter Guide – came up with the state site.
www.easyvoterguide.org



QR CODE FOR THE CALIFORNIA
SECRETARY OF STATE'S WEBSITE!
REGISTER OR PREREGISTER TO VOTE!

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 to the page too, either stories or pictures from an event or anything you think our group would enjoy.

Attention All Members

We have a vertical AAUW banner that has a stand, and NO ONE knows where it is. Do you have it in your garage or home? Call Betsy, 559.786.5340 if you know anything about it's whereabouts.



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

