

## Issue Eight

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## PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

*By Becky Hamner & Alice Campbell, co-presidents*

Flowers and orchards are blooming; it's warmer and birds are singing... it's spring!!

Lodi AAUW has much to be proud of this spring. Our Bunco fundraiser was another wonderful success. The bunco committee deserves many thanks for organizing an afternoon of fun, games, yummy snacks, and fundraising. Our scholarships will be funded due to the participation of you members. Thanks to all of you.

Kudos to Sally Spenker and Kathie Mettler, Program Chairs, for presenting mission-based programs that have been recognized by AAUW CA. Lodi Affiliate has been selected as one of the Branches of the Quarter July-Dec 2017. We will be honored at the State Convention in April where Sally will speak at the recognition dinner. Quite an honor!

Equal Pay Day is April 10<sup>th</sup>. This date symbolizes how far into 2018 women must work to earn what men earned in 2017. Statistics released in 2013 show that a woman earns, on average, 78 cents for every dollar a man earns doing the same job. In California, women do slightly better, 85 cents on the dollar. The pay gap is even worse for women of color; for African American women the gap is 64% compared to white men and for Hispanic women, it's 54%. The national AAUW website has lots of information and ideas for drawing attention to Equal Pay Day. Check it out!

We're looking forward to the April program at the general meeting

Becky & Alice



## GENERAL MEETING TUESDAY

April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Lodi Public Library

*201 W. Locust St. (please car pool)*

Kathie Mettler and Sally Spenker will lead us in a discussion of the importance of examining gun violence in our country.

Social time 5:30 pm  
General Meeting 6 pm  
Speakers 6:40 pm

Program Chairs:  
Kathie Mettler & Sally Spenker  
Host: Grace Bull & Jan Wakefield



**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES  
AAUW LODI BRANCH  
Tuesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
Lodi Public Library**

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From 6 pm to 7 pm, our speaker was Bill Herrin Ph.D. at UOP. His topic was Immigration and the U.S. Economy.

Becky Hamner called the meeting to order at 7:14pm.

The February minutes were approved as published in the newsletter. Suga moved for approval and Sharon Ceresa seconded. The approval was unanimous.

Treasurer Julie Thompson announced there is:  
\$28,769.57 in the General Fund  
\$1,996.72 in the AAUW Fund  
She also informed the membership that so far Bunco revenue is \$8,389.88.

Becky said the Bunco committee reported that they were happy with having all guests play during the fourth round of Bunco because this allowed time for clean-up in the kitchen. It also gave the raffle ladies time to draw winning numbers and post them for viewing.

Élise reported that a letter had been received from Laura Yeager, an earlier AAUW speaker, who has been promoted to Brigadier General.

Sharon Ceresa reminded everyone that the Membership event for potential and new members will be held at 4:30 pm March 21<sup>st</sup> at Park View Terrace. Members are encouraged to bring a guest. Sally Irizary reminded us about the Birthday Club.

OLD BUSINESS – none

NEW BUSINESS –

There will be an election for State and National AAUW officers and by-laws. On line voting runs from April 22<sup>nd</sup> to May 12<sup>th</sup>; By-laws voting runs from April 25<sup>th</sup> to June 9<sup>th</sup>. Members can read and comment on the proposed by-laws on line. Becky gave a quick overview of the new by-laws:

1. Create a three-year staggered Board.
2. Open Board service to people outside the AAUW membership.
3. Eliminate the college requirement for membership in AAUW.

Linda Hammons presented the slate of new officers for next year. They are:

- Co-President-elect – Carolyn Ross
- Co-VP for Programs – Elena Wong
- VPs for Membership – Nancy Martinez and Becky Greider
- Membership Treasurer – Linda Hammons

Membership Treasurer, Carolyn Ross, gave a Power-Point presentation on how to pay dues on-line. She also stated there will be information in the newsletter. Those members with email will receive an invoice initiated by Carolyn in April. Members who were present all agreed this is an easy way to pay your dues.

Susan Wyckoff and Theresa Pearson were thanked for providing snacks.

Members were also reminded that they must reserve and pay for the Installation dinner before the event.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted: Leigh Ramsey for Claudia Marson, recording secretary



*Teck Trekkers who served at the Bunco Fundraiser.*

## April General Meeting

Lodi Public Library

201 W. Locust St., Tuesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>

5:30 pm Social,

6 pm General Meeting,

6:40 pm Speakers

Planned Parenthood will not be able to speak to our organization due to their restructuring and training of personal.

The April 17<sup>th</sup> meeting will feature Kathie Mettler and Sally Spenker on the topic of "Gun Violence in the United States." AAUW priorities include freedom from violence and fear of violence in homes, schools, workplaces, and communities. AAUW supports efforts to improve racial, ethnic and gender justice. For these reasons the situation of gun violence in our country is an important issue to be examined.

There are many misleading statistics and myths circulating on the topic of Gun Violence in America. Kathie and Sally will examine gun violence and its everyday presence in the United States, as well as its impact on individuals and society as a whole. Findings from the CDC (Center for Disease Control), DOJ (Department of Justice), and Violence Prevention Research Program from UC, Davis also will be presented

Sally Spenker & Kathie Mettler, Program



Hiking group at Cosumnes Preserve

## AAUW Installation Dinner

May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 5:30 pm  
Park View Terrace Clubhouse

### Menu

Apple Walnut Salad  
Pesto Tortellini & Ravioli with Meat Sauce  
Barbequed Tri-Tip  
Italian Bread  
Lemon Bites  
Iced Tea and Coffee  
Catered by Bueno Italiano Café  
Wine  
(wine compliments of Julie Thompson)

**Cost \$20 per person**

**Make reservation & pay by May 1<sup>st</sup>**

Reservations and payments may be made at the March or April general meetings  
or  
Mailed by May 1<sup>st</sup> to: Kathie Mettler, Sally Spenker, or Julie Thompson



## AAUW Hiking Group April Walk

Date: Thursday, April 12<sup>th</sup>

Type of Walk: Midtown Sacramento Mural Walk (5km or 3 miles), led by Pat Drouin

Meeting Time: Meet at the

Safeway/Target Parking Lot in front of Big 5 Sporting Goods at 9 am for carpooling to Sacramento. Independent drivers should meet the group at Sutter's Fort which is close to the start of the walk. (Plan to find a 3 hour parking spot.)

Walk Time: Approximately 10:15 to noon.

Lunch at the end of the walk at a nearby restaurant.

Planning to join us? Call Pat Drouin at 333-2008 or email her at [drouin701@hotmail.com](mailto:drouin701@hotmail.com) to let her know you are coming. Deadline is April 11<sup>th</sup>.



Nancy Mellor

## *Be Informed!*

We learned a lot about palliative care at our March meeting from Dr. Ken Mullen, long time Lodi physician. Palliative care is basically trying to make patients with long-term, chronic illness more comfortable, answering questions and listening to wants and needs. Since medical practitioners are no longer able to spend much time with patients, this becomes more and more of a necessity and fills the place between traditional medical treatment and Hospice Care. It isn't easily available or accessible though it should be part of our regular medical insurance options. Dr. Mullen was part of a team that created a program here in Lodi; he works with a group of nurse practitioners who do most of the palliative care. At this point in time, it seems more like a goal to be achieved than an actual choice for the many aging and permanently disabled people who would qualify and benefit from palliative care.

Our April presentation will be "Into the Canyon: My Four Years Living in Navajo Country" by Carrie Drouin. Carrie is the senior advisor for tribal relations with the Department of the Interior's Land Buy-Back Program. She works with five different tribal nations, and actually lived with the Navajo Nation after earning her law degree. She joined a nonprofit that provides free legal help to low income people in three Southwestern states and seven Native American nations. In 2012, she moved to Washington DC and served as a government and legislative affairs associate with the Navajo Nation's Washington Office. Presently, Carrie teleworks from Sacramento and travels to the various tribal

nations with whom she is working. In her free time, she teaches law for the Navajo Technical University.

Coming events for your calendar:

May ~ Marge Dyer and Nanette Green will take us on a "PALS Road Show" to their brand new facility and will include information on animal care in Lodi.

June ~ Katherine Setness will share travel tips, as well as information about her touring company which many of you have used and enjoyed.

We hope to announce the recipients of the Joanne Donovan Scholarship Award in April. We very much appreciate everyone's participation and contribution to that fund, and we are looking forward to learning a little about our applicants soon.

Be Informed meets the first Thursday of each month. We look forward to seeing you April 5<sup>th</sup> at 10 am at the home of Élise Forbes. Everyone is always welcome and invited to attend.

Margy Gish, Be Informed coordinator

## *Personal Ad:*

On April 14<sup>th</sup>, Heritage Oak Winery is hosting a fundraiser for my Crohn's Disease run. There will be music by Marty Cohen & the Sidekicks from 1-4 pm. There will be several raffle baskets filled with lots of goodies. Raffle tickets go on sale at noon, and winners will be announced ~2:30 pm.

Note: any baskets you'd like to donate would be greatly appreciated. The themes are newly published hardbound books; coffee/tea; kitchen; restaurants (gift cards, etc.). Other themes have already been donated. Please let me know if you'd like to help create baskets. Call, text, or email me. Lorraine Ramsey-Bowers



# AAUW Birthday Club

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL !!!**

**APRIL 6 GRACE BULL**

**FAMOUS WOMAN BORN ON THIS DAY**

Kate Hurd-Mead (1867-1941) ⚡ historian of women in medicine

**APRIL 9 PAM LUNG**

**HIGHLIGHTS IN U.S. WOMEN'S HISTORY**

Marian Anderson (1897-1993) ⚡ sang on Easter Sunday for more than 75,000 at Lincoln Memorial

**APRIL 24 JULIE THOMPSON**

**FAMOUS WOMAN BORN ON THIS DAY**

Mary Provoost Alexander (1693-1760) ⚡ Colonial New York merchant and importer

**APRIL 24 JULIE WOLF**

**FAMOUS WOMAN BORN ON THIS DAY**

Barbara Streisand (1942- ) ⚡ singer, actress, producer

**APRIL 27 LINDA SATTLER**

**FAMOUS WOMAN BORN ON THIS DAY**

Alice Dunnigan (1906-1993) ⚡ first African-American journalist accredited (in 1947) to cover Congress, the White House, Supreme Court, and State Department. She was the first journalist of color to travel with President Harry Truman on his train in 1948. She had to pay her own way.

Please add your name to the AAUW Birthday Club in honor of your Birthday. By joining, you are helping to support the continuing education of women (Educational Opportunities Fund) #4336 or women's issues in the field of research (Eleanor Roosevelt Fund) # 9170.

REMEMBER ... BIRTHDAYS ARE GOOD FOR YOU ...  
THE MORE YOU HAVE THE LONGER YOU LIVE!

Thank you,  
Sally Irizary & Joanne Cobb, EF co-chairs



## 2018-2019 Membership Dues

AAUW's new fiscal year started March 15<sup>th</sup>, so I am now requesting membership dues for the coming year. Please consider paying your dues online with a credit or debit card. There's no check to write and mail, plus the renewal process is **so** much easier for both the Treasurer and the Membership Treasurer!

From the AAUW website, I requested that email invoices be sent to all members who owe dues.

Your email message will come from:

**Memberinfo@aauw.org** and it's titled: **AAUW Membership Renewal for Fiscal Year 2019**. It

contains your membership information and how to renew. In the middle of the email, you'll see:

There are two ways to renew.

1) To renew online, [click HERE to renew with your credit or debit card!](#)

2) To renew by check: Make your check payable to AAUW, and mail it to your branch finance officer listed below.

Click on the link [click HERE to renew with your credit or debit card](#), and you're linked right to the payment page on the AAUW site. This is a secure web site. Your personal information and amount owed are already filled in for you. You just enter:

- ) Type of credit card
- ) Number (**no spaces between numbers!**)
- ) Expiration date
- ) Three-digit security code

Click the **(NEXT)** button to review what you entered, and then the **(SUBMIT)** button to finish!

If you have questions, difficulty, or didn't get the email invoice, please call me at 339-4654.

Members who renew online will have **two chances** to win one of two free memberships at the Installation Dinner on May 15<sup>th</sup>. Members who pay by check will have **one chance**. You need not be present to win. Many thanks for your help and your continuing membership.

Carolyn Ross, Membership Treasurer



# Special Days in April:

- Daffodil Month - Cancer Awareness
- Sexual Assault Awareness Month
- National Library Week: 4/8-4/14
- National Volunteer Week: 4/15-4/22
- World Health Day: 4/7
- Equal Pay Day: 4/10
- Earth Day: 4/22
- Denim Day: 4/25
- World Dance Day: 4/29



## April Flower: the Daisy

The modest, unassuming beauty of the daisy has a playful, childlike character that brings joy & happiness wherever it arrives.

The many colored options of the daisy provide ample opportunity to match this lovely flower to a specific personality. No other flower can match the daisy for pure joy.



# Bunco Event

Lodi Affiliate events are always successful because the members participate so willingly with their time and financial support. The recent Bunco event was no exception. The committee was outstanding, with all aspects of their responsibilities thoroughly handled, making the chairperson's job a simpler task. Thanks to all of you. The event earned around \$8,265: \$5700 in ticket sales and \$2565 in raffle sales. Great team effort everyone.

Kathy Anderson and Ronda Mettler,  
co-chairpersons



## A fun comparison with previous years:

2012	\$4,200
2013	\$6,575
2014	\$6,412
2015	\$6,993
2016	\$7,401
2017	\$7,306
2018	\$8,265

I'd say that we're doing something right!  
Congratulations to all who lead the effort and thank you to all who helped pull it off.  
Connie During, Editor



## Welcome New Member:

### Glenda Burns (Gary)

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Fresno State - B.A. English



## Public Policy:

This year marks the 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*. Now, more than ever, the need to maintain women's rights to sexual education and choices regarding their own bodies is paramount. Recently the gender pay gap has been forefront in the news, with harassment and molestation not far behind. *Roe v. Wade* ties into both of these issues. Women who earn more money are more likely to be educated and seek medical attention for their bodies.

Women of color and those struggling due to earning a paycheck that is less than a man's are less likely to seek help and have access to an abortion. Studies have shown that increasing access to reproductive services improves economic growth for women. Not only are economics important, but women who become pregnant through rape should be given the choice to keep or abort their child. *Roe v. Wade* is not just about abortion rights. It includes many other issues for which AAUW fights. Want to help? Become a two-minute activist by going to the following site. <https://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/public-policy/two-minute-activist/>

Lorraine Ramsey-Bowers,  
Public Policy

*The Nominating Committee  
is pleased to present this Slate of Officers  
for election to serve the 2018-2019 year.*

**Co-Presidents** ~Alice Campbell and Carolyn Ross

**Program Vice Presidents** ~ Sally Spenker, Kathie Mettler, and Elena Wong

**Membership Vice Presidents** ~Suzanne Talbot, Nancy Martinez, and Becky Greider

**Recording Secretaries** ~ Leigh Ramsey (Board Meetings) and Claudia Marson (General Meetings)

**Corresponding Secretary** ~ Élise Forbes

**Treasurer** ~ Julie Thompson

**Membership Treasurer** ~ Linda Hammons

**Newsletter** ~ Connie During

**Standing Committee Liaison** ~ Sally Irizaray

Respectfully Submitted by Linda Hammons

## Amador AAUW Home Tour

The AAUW Amador Branch sponsors its popular Home Tour this year on Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup> in Jackson, CA, from 11 am to 4 pm. The theme is an invitation to experience this country where the Gold Rush extended into the 1900's, and where many cultures, traditions, home styles, and historic renovations are featured in this year's tour. Tickets are available by mail for \$25 prior to April 14<sup>th</sup>.

Among unique sights are structures used during the Gold Rush, fabulous murals in the first Serbian Orthodox Church in the United States, a 1930's Romanesque Ione Brick home with perfectly preserved Art Deco interiors, and the abundance of beautiful homes on one of the first streets in Jackson.

Docents will lead ticket holders through five homes representing distinct periods, from a former miner's cottage grown-up, to a fifties ranch home with salsa flavor. Five historic sites include Sherlock Holmes' neighborhood and flat recreated in a well-known bookstore, the recently renovated Amador County Museum, and a sophisticated renovation and repurposing of an historic hotel on Main Street.

The tradition of an elegant tea with homemade cookies continues in the Civic Center. This site also features the popular Art Show of members' work. Newly added to the festivities is an array of impressive raffle baskets provided by AAUW interest groups, individual AAUW members, and local non-profit organizations.

Proceeds from the tour benefit the Amador Branch scholarship program for local girls and women. Tickets are available after March 16<sup>th</sup>. For more information visit our website, call, or email: [www.amador-ca.aauw.net/home-tour](http://www.amador-ca.aauw.net/home-tour), [chapman@volcano.net](mailto:chapman@volcano.net), or (209) 245-6052



Submitted by Sandi Baracco  
Edited for space by Connie During

## April 2018 Calendar of Activities

**Thursday, 4/5**

**Be Informed:** 10 am-12 noon at Élise Forbes' home. The speaker is Carrie Drouin who will talk on "Into the Canyon: My four years living in Navajo Country". Please call Margie Gish for further information.

**Monday, 4/9**

**Les Dames Françaises French Group:** 1-2:30 pm at Maija French's home; members, please RSVP to Maija. Meetings are the 2nd & 4th Monday. Contact Carolyn Ross with any questions.

**Wednesday, 4/11**

**Board Meeting:** 3:30 pm at Lodi Library Drummond Room. Board members for quorum purposes, please contact Becky or Alice if you are unable to attend.

**Thursday, 4/12**

**Hiking Group:** Midtown Sacramento Mural Walk. Meet at the Safeway/Target Parking Lot in front of Big 5 Sporting Goods at 9 am for carpooling to Sacramento. Lunch in Sacramento following the hike. RSVP to Pat Drouin by April 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Monday, 4/16**

**Book Group:** 7 pm at Pat Stump's home. Discussion is "my grandmother asked me to tell you she's sorry" by Fredrik Backman. Contact Lorraine Ramsey (530) 680-1808 for information. Happy reading and please call Pat to let her know if you're coming.

**Tuesday, 4/17**

**General Meeting:** Lodi Public Library; 5:30 pm social time; 6 pm general meeting; 6:40 pm Kathie and Sally will lead a discussion on gun violence in our country. Please try to carpool to the Library.

**Monday, 4/23**

**Les Dames Françaises French Group:** 1pm at Christy Reinold's home; members, please RSVP to Christy.

**Monday, 4/30**

**Bunco:** 7 pm at Joanne Cobb's home; call Joanne with inquiries or changes.

There is no Gal-livanTERS outing in April.

### Bunco Fundraiser

