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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Ginny Pelton

Happy May Day to all. Also, all of you have a great Mother's Day.

When I started this experience as president, we were in the beginning of a pandemic. Little did we know that the pandemic would still be going on as I end this year as president.

At the first board meeting outside in my backyard, the board discussed how to continue with meetings when we could not meet as a group. Some of the board members recommended Zoom. Well, I had never heard of Zoom, much less used it. Thanks to Nancy Mellor, we have used Zoom all year. Nancy assured me that Zoom would be easy to use and she would help me learn. Nancy, thank you for being patient with me and we have made it through this year on Zoom, thanks to you.

Everyone on the board did a fantastic job keeping the branch going and getting the word out to other members about our meetings. I would like to thank Carolyn Ross for stepping in and doing programs. What a big job to do by yourself. You did a wonderful job! Marne Simpson and her committee deserve a special thank you for getting out all the information on Tech Trek. She and her committee kept in touch with last year's young ladies who were selected but did not get to attend and they selected the new Tech Trek students for this year. A big, special thanks goes to Julie Thompson. Besides being the treasurer, Julie helped me personally many times. She was always there to answer my questions. Finally, all the AAUW women in Woodbridge Greens were very helpful and gave me great recommendations and support.

This has been a stressful year for all of us, but also a year of growth and learning. I have enjoyed being the president this last year. Now it is time to pass the gavel on to Elena Wong.

PICNIC AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS FOR 2021-2022

We're having a picnic! It's a real get-together! Not Zoom!

TUESDAY, MAY 18, 2021, BEGINNING AT 6:30 PM

Location: 118 South Sunset Drive (Nancy Mellor's home)

Gather in the shady yard for our first live meeting of the 2020-2021 season.

Bring something to eat and drink. Bring a chair, if convenient. Surprise dessert.

Catch up with everyone over dinner. Meet new members. Enjoy being together!

The fond good-bye to current officers and the installation of our new officers will begin at 7: 15 pm.

MINUTES OF THE APRIL 2021 GENERAL MEETING**Julie Thompson, Acting Secretary**

President Ginny Pelton called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Minutes published in the newsletter were approved. Julie Thompson gave the treasurer's report: General Fund \$14,818.18 and AAUW Funds \$1,538.72.

OLD BUSINESS:

Linda Hammons reported that 45 members have renewed thus far. She will invoice remaining members again.

Julie Thompson reported the three winners of our scholarships plus the recipient for the Pat Robison scholarship donated by Pat's son Doug.

Julie reported that seven girls have committed to attending the Tech Trek virtual camp this summer. Terrie Hedden stated that most of the girls will attend the second and third camps.

NEW BUSINESS:

The slate of officers will require an email vote with at least 41 women voting. Julie will send out the notice and all votes are to be sent to President Ginny Pelton.

Ginny stated that the May meeting will take place in Nancy Mellor's backyard. Members are to bring their own food, beverage and chair. Installation of the new Board will also take place. May's newsletter will have further information.

Carolyn Ross, program VP, introduced tonight's speaker Sue Tipton, who owns Acquiesce Winery.

The Zoom meeting ended at 8:00 pm.

WELCOME STEPHANIE SEABOURNE!**Suzanne Talbot**

We are delighted to have another member with many interests among us. Stephanie is into gardening, sewing, kayaking, and recently took up quilting. She has expressed interest in our Book Group, Toutes Les Choses Françaises, On the Move Walkers and Textile Arts.

Stephanie graduated from high school in Sacramento and received her BA in Journalism from CSU Sacramento. Stephanie's first career was in Health Care Marketing, which brought her to Stockton's St. Joseph's Hospital in the 80s. She worked at various other hospitals and then made a big career change: After receiving her teaching credential from CSU Hayward, she became an elementary school teacher. She retired last May, after 22 years of teaching in Stockton and Lodi, finishing her career at Elkhorn School. Stephanie is now doing some substituting/tutoring for the Lodi Unified School District.

Stephanie and her husband are the parents of two grown daughters and live here in Lodi along with their lost/found dog, Penny — so named as they felt they had found a lucky penny. Stephanie is looking forward to meeting and making new friends, and contributing her talents to the community.

Thank you, Elena Wong, for introducing Stephanie to us.

AAUW DUES REMINDER In Case It's Slipped Your Mind...**Linda Hammons**

Thanks to all who have renewed membership for the 2021-22 year—and to all who have stayed with us through these irregular times! If paying dues is still on your to-do list, we'd be delighted to assist any way we can. Do you need me to email you the invoice from National again? Just send me a message and I'm happy to set that in motion. Online dues payment is very easy, but only works if you are responding to the official invoice. We need you for the U in AAUW!

TECH TREK 2021**Marne Simpson**

After having to cancel the 2020 Tech Trek Camp due to Covid 19 last year, we are excited to be able to participate in the 2021 Virtual Tech Trek program this year. All of the student nominations and applications were submitted in a new online format and our interviews were conducted via Zoom online to keep our social distance. Now we are truly excited to meet this great group of girls in person as soon as possible.

We have selected five new girls who will have completed seventh grade from Morada, Independence, and Christa McAuliffe Middle Schools to attend the camp this summer. Two of our campers from Lodi Middle and Millswood Middle Schools who could not attend last summer have also chosen to attend the virtual camp for a total of seven girls who will have the opportunity for the Tech Trek STEM experience this year. They will each attend one of three five-day virtual format sessions focusing on Robotics and other specific STEM subjects each day. The girls will be guided in their studies and group projects by female specialists in their fields and peer coaches who have attended the traditional camp in the past.

The girls will be invited to share their experiences at our Fall meeting so you will get to meet them all then. A big thanks to our Lodi Branch members for your donations and fundraising support to offer this amazing opportunity and encouragement for a STEM-focused camp to such deserving girls!

MAY, JUNE, AND JULY BIRTHDAYS**Nancy Martinez**

A significant historical event or feminist leader was born on your special day.

May 4 **KHADIJAH ALFARA** Jane Jacobs (1916-2006), an American-Canadian journalist and activist, is known for writing *The Death and Life of Great American Cities*.

May 7 **PAT DROUIN** Eva Peron (1919-1952), the wife of Argentine president Juan Peron, was also a champion of women's suffrage in her country.

May 13 **NANETTE GREEN and ROBERTA WILLIAMS** Daphne du Maurier (1907-1989), a British novelist, is best known for her romantic novel, *Rebecca*.

May 15 **CLAUDIA MARSON** In 1820 the U.S. Congress designated the slave trade a form of piracy.

May 19 **CAROLYN ROSS** In 1879 Lady Nancy Astor was the first woman to sit in the British House of Commons.

May 28 **SHARON CERESA** In 1961 Amnesty International was founded.

May 30 **MARGY GISH** Memorial Day began in 1868 when two women placed flowers on both Confederate and Union graves.

June 5 **SALLY IRIZARY** Miriam Leslie (1836-1914), a successful business woman, willed funding to the suffrage movement. Carrie Chapman Catt used the bequest to create the Leslie Woman Suffrage Commission.

June 7 **KATHIE METTLER** Gwendolyn Brooks (1917-2000) was the first African American to win the Pulitzer Prize for Poetry.

June 24 **D'ARLENE ROSENAU** Rebecca Harding Davis (1831-1910), author and journalist, was a pioneer of literary realism. She sought to affect social change for minorities, women, and immigrants in her writings.

July 8 **SUZANNE TALBOT** Sarah McClendon (1910-2003), a White House correspondent known for her sharp blunt questions at press conferences, founded her own news agency.

July 14 **LEIGH RAMSEY** Susanna Martinez (1959-) was the first female governor of New Mexico from 2011-2019.

July 15 **ELISE FORBES** Arianna Huffington (1950-), initially a conservative businesswoman, founded the *Huffington Post*.

July 21 **CHRISTY REINOLD** Hortense Spark Ward (1872-1944) was the first female Texan to pass the Texas State Bar and practice before the US Supreme Court. Instrumental in the Texas suffrage movement, she was the first woman to register to vote in Texas.

July 29 **KATHY ANDERSON** Belle Coolidge (1884-1955), Known as "Auntie Belle", was the first female mayor of Sacramento and a founder of Sacramento City College.

SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED TO HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

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Tokay High: Mariko Hashimoto, who will attend UCLA and plans to major in Computational and Systems Biology

Bear Creek: Audra Chanda Chea, who will attend UC Davis and plans to major in Biochemistry & Molecular Biology

Lodi High: Melani Alvarado Hernandez, who will attend Delta College and plans to major in Police Science

Pat Robison Memorial Scholarship: Molly Crosby, who will attend Cosumnes River College and plans to major in Psychology

AAUW LODI BRANCH ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS FOR 2021-2022

Elected Board Members:

President: Elena Wong

President-Elect: Marne Simpson

Program Vice Presidents: Nancy Martinez and

Stacey Ardelean

Membership Vice Presidents: Suzanne Talbot and

Becky Greider

Board Secretary: to be filled

General Meeting Secretary: Ginny Pelton

Corresponding Secretary: Maija French

Treasurer: Julie Thompson

Membership Treasurer: Linda Hammons

Appointed Board Members:

Standing Committees: Sally Irizary

Newsletter: Nancy Mellor and Carolyn Ross

Directory: Carolyn Ross and Leigh Ramsey

ACQUIESCE WINERY PROMOTIONAL OFFER TO LODI AAUW MEMBERS

Julie Thompson

Our April speaker Sue Tipton, owner and winemaker at Acquiesce wines, has graciously extended a promo to our members. The website is whitewinewinery.com. The promo code is aauw and she is offering 20% off on her wine. How is that for a deal? If you didn't tune in to the Zoom and her presentation, you missed out, but DON'T miss out on her white wines. She is located in Acampo on Tretheway Road.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE: JUELLE-ANN BOYER

Janet Bange

Cards can be sent to Robin Fuller and Family, 2332 Boreal Drive, Lodi, CA 95242.

There will be a celebration of Juelle's life on Saturday, June 19th, 2:00 pm at Girls Inc. of Island City, 1724 Santa Clara Avenue, Alameda, CA 94501

MAY 2021 CALENDAR

AAUW Lodi Board Meeting: Wednesday, May 12 at 3:30 pm on Zoom.

General Meeting: Tuesday, May 18 beginning at 6:30 with a picnic at Nancy Mellor's house, 118 S. Sunset Drive. Bring something to eat and drink. Dessert will be provided. Bring a chair if convenient. Installation of officers will follow the picnic. Let's celebrate being together for the first time in more than a year!

Book group, please contact Leigh Ramsey. French Group, please contact Sylvia Mayorga. Other interest groups will begin to meet again as soon as possible, once it is safe for us all.