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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Liz Orwin

Last month, Marne Simpson shared the AAUW Lodi Mission Statement in her letter: **A powerful network of educated women advocating equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.** This mission is part of what drew me to join AAUW shortly after moving to Lodi in July 2021.

My neighbor, Élise Forbes, told me about the AAUW organization in Lodi. And I was interested in learning more about the Lodi community and meeting new people.

I've been a teacher and researcher in higher education for 21 years, in a STEM field. Supporting women and girls to thrive in their educational experiences has been a passion for me in my career. I've been very involved in the Society of Women Engineers at the student, local and national levels, and have been the leader for two Girl Scout troops.

I see my involvement in Lodi's branch of AAUW as continuing to develop that passion, and perhaps that's what motivated me to jump in with both feet and take a board position in year #two! I've been struck by just how friendly and dedicated this group is, and by how much the mission is lived in this organization! I'm looking forward to going through this year of renewal with you all!

## SOUP AND SALAD SUPPER AND HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2022

Village Adult Developmental and Community Center, 25 E. Pine St., Lodi

**6:00pm:** Holiday Boutique — Everything is made by members. \$5.00 for each item, **cash only, please**

**6:15pm:** Dinner — Delicious soups and salads made by members

**Cost:** \$10 payable at the door

**Speaker:** Alice Campbell, "AAUW's Legal Advocacy Fund"

See page 2 for more details

ALL PROCEEDS FROM THE SOUP AND SALAD SUPPER, PLUS THE HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE, WILL BENEFIT THE AAUW LEGAL ADVOCACY FUND (LAF)



## MINUTES OF OCTOBER 18, 2022 GENERAL MEETING

Alice Campbell

The meeting was called to order at 6:31pm by President Marne Simpson.

Marne Simpson clarified that she did not create the Village's wish list as written in the September General Meeting Minutes. Elena Wong moved to approve the minutes from the September 2022 general meeting. Motion passed.

Marne Simpson announced that there is an open board position for Program VP. Anyone interested in this position is encouraged to contact Marne.

The Treasurer's Report indicated \$11,374.12 in funds.

Linda Hammons, Membership Treasurer, reported that we have 79 members.

Nancy Mellor reported on the November program: Soup, Supper and Holiday Boutique LAF Fundraiser.

Marne Simpson explained that the Standing Committees should contact Sally Irizary prior to monthly board meetings if they have any announcements. Sally will consolidate the information from the committees into one report. She will then present this report to the membership. Marne explained that this is so that group leaders do not have to attend board meetings; however, any member may attend board meetings, if desired.

Ginny Pelton provided information about the Bunco fundraiser on March 11, 2023.

Liz Orwin shared information that was sent from California AAUW. She reported that an AAUW Fund fellow is looking for participants for her research to show how social policies contribute to gender, race, and class inequality. Liz provided contact information for anyone who is interested, or who knows someone that may be interested in participating.

Carolyn Hannesson, Correspondence Secretary, asked members to let her know if any cards need to be sent. Carolyn Ross identified a member in need of a card.

Marne Simpson explained the Ride Share Program for meetings. She encouraged drivers and riders to sign up if they can either offer a ride, or need a ride.

Linda Hammons reported on her attendance at the open house for the Temporary Access Center.

Marne Simpson adjourned the meeting at 7:04pm.

## SOUP AND SALAD SUPPER AND HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE

Nancy Mellor



The Soup and Salad Supper and Holiday Boutique is back again, this year at Village. Enthusiasm for this fall social event and fundraiser is already high. Five outstanding homemade soups will be served along with three salads, rolls, and lots of homemade cookies for dessert. And, of course, there will be many choices of local wine for you to try! Yes, we do ask you to contribute \$10 to the event, which will be used in total for our branch's annual contribution to the Legal Advocacy Fund's excellent work at the national level. Alice Campbell will tell us more about that work during the evening.

Seventeen members are already working on crafting unique items for our Holiday Boutique, which will range from quilted items to fresh artichoke bread to local persimmons and more. All items will cost \$5.00 and all money earned at the boutique will be added to the Legal Advocacy Fund contribution that our branch sends to AAUW National every year. Be sure to visit the boutique!!

**See you All on November 15!**

### 2022 SCHOLARSHIP — THANKS

Becky Greider

6-8-2022

Dear Mrs. Thompson and everyone at AAUW,

I am beyond thankful for your scholarship and the opportunities that it will open up for me. I plan to use your generous donation at San Joaquin Delta College to pursue an education in kinesiology and eventually someday train to become a physical therapist. Once again, thank you for your generous donation and for giving me a greater chance at following my educational dreams.

Sincerely,  
Adamari Lopez

### NOVEMBER FLOWER — CHRYSANTHEMUM



Chrysanthemums are often referred to just as "mums" and bloom in a wide range of colors and sizes. The meaning of

chrysanthemums may change based on the color of the blossom. For example, yellow chrysanthemums can acknowledge a wounded heart and you can give them to people in mourning as a token of support. White Chrysanthemums represent virtue and honesty. Chrysanthemums also signify a sense of life and rebirth and are symbolic of good luck, happiness, joy, longevity, honor and re-

### VILLAGE WISH LIST

Village Organization has been so kind and accommodating to the AAUW Lodi Branch by sharing their space for our meetings. Please consider showing them such kindness, in turn, by donating items from their wish list!

- paper plates, plastic utensils, plastic cups
- snacks, drinks
- essential oils
- Costco gas cards
- pens, post-it notes
- craft items
- gift cards
- office/desk chair
- Christmas ornaments

Also, please keep the donations coming for the temporary Access Center via the Donations Station!

Thanks to all!



### UPDATE YOUR MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

Carolyn Ross

Page 5 — Replace La Cinda Brasiel with Nancy Gonzalez St Clair

New Member:

**Nancy Gonzalez St Clair**

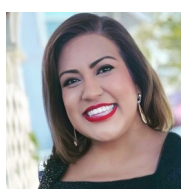
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CSU Stanislaus — M.A. Educational Leadership



New Member:

**Mary Lou Rios**

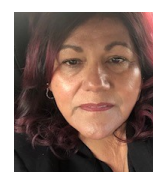
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UOP — M.A. Curriculum and Instruction



## BUNCO IS COMING! BUNCO IS COMING!

Julie Thompson

**When: Saturday March 11, 2023, 12:00pm to 3:00pm**

**12:00 -1:00pm** buy raffle tickets for gift baskets, bid on silent auction items and enjoy lunch from Bon Appetit  
**1:00 - 3:00pm** Play bunco, win cash prizes, raffle baskets, and auction items!

**Where:** Vinewood Community Church, 1900 Vine Street, Lodi

**Why:** To raise the money that will fund our scholarships and Tech Trek

**Cost:** \$40 per ticket. Each Lodi AAUW member is responsible for selling **two tickets**. You do not have to buy the two tickets for yourself, unless you want to. And don't limit yourself to two tickets! Sell them to the public!

Bring your male and female family members, significant others, and children/grandchildren (ages 12 and up).

Alice Campbell will be giving out tickets at the January general meeting — BUT START SPREADING THE WORD NOW AND SELL TICKETS YOU CAN DELIVER IN JANUARY

Why is the price higher this year? Yep, inflation. Everything has gone up in price: lunches, water, room rental.

**Raffle Baskets:** Each interest group is being asked to donate two raffle baskets. More is even better! Individuals can also create and donate a basket. Suzanne Talbot has a list of basket ideas if you need help.

**Silent Auction Items donated, so far:**

- Luncheon for four-to-six people prepared by the auction luncheon committee
- Large tub filled with 12 bottles of wine
- Bucket filled with bottles of beer
- Golf for four
- Original art by Barbara Peck
- Lovely, large, framed picture of wine and cheese
- New 26-inch PINK beach cruiser bicycle

**More Information and Donations Coming soon!**

## TAX DEDUCTIONS ANYONE?

Julie Thompson

Our branch has set up a tax-deductible account for scholarships and Tech Trek. The deadline for donations is December 31. I will be sending reminders through these fall months.

For scholarship donations, make your check out to **AAUW CA SPF scholarships**.

For Tech Trek, **AAUW CA SPF and note Tech Trek on the memo line**.

Send any donations directly to me, Julie Thompson. See the Membership Directory for my mailing address. I will process the paperwork with the state. Yes, I know we are having a fundraiser, but there are no guarantees of the net income; plus, our branch requested a tax-deductible program.



## October General Meeting at Village Center



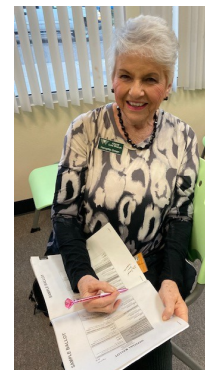
Our speaker: member Jane Wagner-Tyack



Susan Wyckoff, Karen Ruzak, Michele Scardigli



Marne Simpson and Nancy St Clair wrestle with technology issues



Nanette Green ready to take notes



Eager for enlightenment on the California midterm propositions



Jane Wagner-Tyack, Carolyn Ross, Elena Wong, and Kathie Mettler

## Bunco Interest Group at Linda Sattler's Home



Élise Forbes and Joanne Hildenbrand



Kathy Anderson, Sheila Dunn, Carolyn Hannesson



Pat Druin and La Cinda Brasiel

## Be Informed Interest Group at Partnership for Families



Member Maurie Jacinto and husband Keith



Antique and Estate Sale Treasures



Sally Irizary and Linda Sattler



Keith Jacinto and Marilyn Stowell



Kiyomi Hoxie

## NOVEMBER 2022 CALENDAR

PLEASE USE YOUR MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY TO ACCESS ALL PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION

**November 3 at 10:00am: Be Informed** at the Partnership for Families, 100 E. Pine Street. Speaker is Scott Hamilton. He will share his experience in renovating a house in one of the lovely, older neighborhoods in Lodi

**November 8 at 1:00pm: Needle Arts** at Pat Drouin's home. Bring some handwork and conversation. All are welcome!

**November 9 at 5:30pm: AAUW Board Meeting** at Marne Simpson's home

**November 11 at 11:30am — 1:00pm: 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday LUNCH 'N CHAT** at Thai Spices, 2401 Turner Rd., Lodi. Great Food, Great Conversation, Great Camaraderie. Please RSVP to Bobbie Landau by 12pm on Wednesday Nov. 9

**November 14 at 1:00pm: Toutes Les Choses Françaises** — at Ruby's Bakery on Church St. for lunch

**November 15 6:00pm: General Meeting, Annual Soup & Salad Supper, Holiday Boutique** at Village, 25 E. Pine St., Lodi

**November 17 at 5:30pm: Girls' Night Out** at Strings Italian Cafe, 2314 W Kettleman Ln., Suite 100. Hostess: Carolyn Hannesson

**November 21 at 1 pm: Book Group** at Susan Wyckoff's home. RSVP your attendance to Susan. See you there!

**November 28 at 3:00pm: Bunco** at Julie Thompson's home. RSVP to Julie

### LUNCH 'N CHAT

**Bobbie Landau**

In October, we enjoyed delicious food and continued sharing ideas re: saving energy, recycling, reusing, and healthy eating. With the spirit of the holiday's coming, we will be collecting needed items for Lodi Homeless Access Center, such as: toilet paper and tampons. Linda Hammons will give us updates on its success.

Our next two 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday Lunch 'n Chats will be November 11, 2022 and January 11, 2023. See calendar for details!

### RESEARCH PARTICIPANTS NEEDED

### COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT

If you, or anyone you know, is a perinatal nurse in the Central Valley, listen up!

AAUW is supporting psychology graduate student, Melina Singh, in her research investigating the role of health-care providers in enforcing laws that regulate and criminalize pregnancy among low-income women of color. She is seeking perinatal nurses to commit to a 60-90-minute Zoom meeting. Participants will be compensated with a \$100 Amazon gift card. Contact: [mrsingh@uscs.edu](mailto:mrsingh@uscs.edu) if you, or someone you know, has interest in participating in the study.



# Happy Thanksgiving

**Carolyn and Michèle**