


A monthly newsletter of The Aronos Research Club, Inc.  
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### March Speaker



Cindy Sanders, 2nd Vice President of the California Federation of Women's Clubs, will be our featured speaker on March 18th at 1:00 pm in the Aronos Clubhouse in downtown Sonora. Admission is free and the public is welcome. All service clubs are struggling now with declining memberships and in some cases, clubs that have served communities for decades are disbanding due to lack of membership.

Come and learn how we can improve our service clubs and attract new interest. Members from any and all community service clubs are encouraged to attend.

### Welcome New Member

Please welcome our newest member--Marlys Bell. We thank you for joining the Aronos Research Club and becoming a part of our group of community-minded members! Marlys has already contributed to a recent event by volunteering to speak at a meeting on the debate swirling around the concept of 'wokeness.' (You can learn more about that event held on March 1 in the article found in this newsletter issue).

### February Speaker

Thank you, Mike Albrecht of Sierra Resource Management, for the wonderful presentation on the History of the Logging Industry in Tuolumne County. Mike explained the history of private and public forest management and the future of this vital Tuolumne County asset.

Do you know of an individual or organization looking to rent an event space? How about renting the Aronos Clubhouse for your events or special occasions? Price is affordable, chairs and tables on-site, and plenty of room for dancing, exercising, club meetings or large family parties! Go to our website [aronosresearchclub.com](http://aronosresearchclub.com) or call Shelly Stewart for more information ... 209-770-1144

### Upcoming Events

**First Saturday Dance Suspended this Winter**  
**March 4 - Tuesday 9:30 am - Spring Tea Committee**  
**March 4 - Tuesday 11:00 am - Board Meeting**  
**March 7 - Friday 10:00 am - History/Mystery Walk #1/10**  
**March 11 - Tuesday 11:00 am - Page Turner Book Club "The Name of the Rose"**  
**March 14 - Friday 10:00 am - History/Mystery Walk #2/10**  
**March 18 - Tuesday 11:00 am - General Meeting**  
**March 18 - Tuesday 1:00 pm - Speaker Cindy Sanders on Strengthening Service Clubs**  
**March 21 - Friday 10:00 am - History/Mystery Walk #3/10**  
**March 28 - Friday 10:00 am - History/Mystery Walk #4/10**  
**April 1 - Tuesday 11:00 am - Aronos Board Meeting**  
**April 4 - Friday 10:00 am - History/Mystery Walk #5/10**  
**April 6 - Sunday 2:00 - 4:00 pm - Infinite Possibilities to Bloom and Grow, Tea and Fashion Show**

### MARCH is Aronos Annual Membership Dues Month

Well, its that time of year again! Please remember to get your annual membership dues of \$40/year sent in during March. Mail to Aronos Research Club, 37 Elkin St., Sonora CA 95370. For Friends of Aronos, please send \$25/year or contact Sue Endter, Membership Chair or Shelly Stewart, President at [aronosresearchclub@yahoo.com](mailto:aronosresearchclub@yahoo.com)

### Happy St. Patrick's Day!



### Infinite Possibilities!

**Infinite Possibilities to Bloom and Grow** is the theme for our annual spring tea, which supports Columbia College Scholarships. Joyce Axtell-Drush is chairing the event. New this year is a fashion show in conjunction with the Sonora School of Sewing & Apparel Construction. There will be music, prizes and the Just Tappin' with Bonnett dance group. Tickets are \$25 per person and can be ordered online at [aronosresearchclub@yahoo.com](mailto:aronosresearchclub@yahoo.com). Call Joyce at 209-770-1294 for information. Members will be selling tickets so be sure to get yours now!

### Little Free Library

The Little Free Library is being well used, so please come visit. Take a book & leave a book - there's some great reads awaiting!



### Driveway Repaired!

Thank you to Sierra Pacific for the Grant to make our driveway safer for passengers to exit cars. Thanks to Garrett and his son for donating the bricks. Working together we get things done - **Thank you!**

**The Aronos Research Club, Inc.,** is a proud member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC) and the California Federation of Women's Clubs (CFWC). We are in Area "B" in the San Joaquin Valley District. Meetings are held the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month September through May at 11:00 A.M.



## Officers, Directors, Chairs

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## Contra Callers Workshop

In an effort to bring in new callers for the Barn/Contra Dances, Sue and Wayne provided a hands-on workshop on Sunday, March 2nd. For over 20 years, Contra Dancers have been enjoying the live band here at the Aronos Club, with newcomers always welcome. We hope the workshop will encourage and teach new callers to be part of this fun Aronos Club Fundraising Event. Thank you Sue, Wayne and the Band!



## Aronos Research Club New Website!

The Aronos Research Club's new website is <aronosresearchclub.com>. We are working on this new platform, which for right now is mostly used to organize our rental dates and forms. It is still in the "building" stage or, as they say, a work in progress, but we hope soon to be able to sell tickets and take donations online. We have a second email associated with that website which is <aronosresearchclub@gmail.com>. We hope to set up active links in the newsletter to the website soon, also. We are making progress and moving forward, but still a ways to go!

## Page Turner's Book Club

*The Book Club Meets the 2nd Tuesday of Each Month - 11 am at the Aronos Clubhouse*

March - *Name of the Rose*, Umberto Eco  
April - *Commonwealth*, Ann Patchett  
May - *Simon the Fiddler*, Paulette Giles  
June - *Village of Secrets*, Carolyn Moorhead  
July - *The Women*, Kristin Hannah  
August - *Grateful American*, Gary Sinese  
September - *Justified*, Elmore Leonard  
October - *The Black Echo* - Michael Connolly  
November - *The President's Daughter*, James Patterson  
December - *A Gentleman in Moscow*, Amor Towler



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## History Mystery Blue Zone Walks Start March 7th!

Join the Aronos Club and Blue Zones on our new "History Mystery Blue Zones Walks." Beginning Friday, March 7th, our group will walk for about 20 minutes to an undisclosed historic location where info about the historic site and its significance to our town will be presented. Ten different sites have been selected - all within our historic downtown area. Every Friday at 10 am we will meet at the Courthouse Park starting March 7th - it will commence for ten weeks through May 9th. Each participant will receive a brochure with information about each destination ... so come, walk with us and visit, enjoy the outdoors, and collect a full set of Sonora historic sites information! To sign up and for more information, contact Shelly Stewart ... 209-770-1144

## Thank You Black Oak Casino!

Thank you Black Oak Casino for your generous donation to sponsor our monthly Barn/Contra Dances. These events are important to our community, bringing people together, laughing and meeting new friends! We appreciate your continued generosity and support in our fundraising. You are helping us to make a *Difference - Thank you!*



## Debate-Discussion on Concept of "Wokeness"

Saturday, March 1st, we hosted a "debate" sponsored by a collaboration of Con Amor Building Bridges and the Aronos Club to listen to speakers share their views about "wokeness" and if it is harming the social construct - or not? A crowd of over 60 people were introduced to a new approach to debating the issue where the object was not to prove your point one way or another, but rather to present how you saw the issue in a safe environment where everyone's right to speak was respected. Emotions running high nationally on the topic, each person can share their feelings in a neutral environment where they are accepted and not attacked for their opinion. Our brave speakers who did a marvelous job were Marlys Bell, Renee and Julie Orth, Jim DeGlopper and Sue Endter.

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## Lecture Series Continues

**March 18, 2025 at 1:00 pm**

How Do Service Clubs Increase and Maintain Membership

by: Cindy Sanders, California Federation of Women's Clubs 2nd Vice-President

**April 15, 2025 at 1:00 pm**

Railroads in Tuolumne County

by: John Zach, Chairman Tuolumne County Railroad Association and Director of California State Railroad Association

**May 20, 2025 at 1:00 pm**

Domestic & Sexual Violence Awareness & Prevention  
by: Cathie Petithomme, California Federation of Women's Clubs Chair

**Think about topics you'd like to explore and see researched for 2025-26 for our lecture series.**  
Contact us via our new website: [aronosresearchclub.com](https://aronosresearchclub.com)  
or Email Shelly @ [shellystewart5@gmail.com](mailto:shellystewart5@gmail.com)

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