


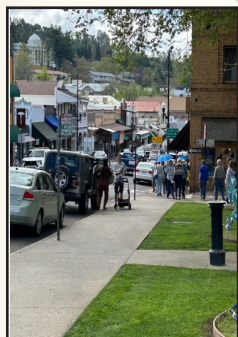
A monthly newsletter of The Aronos Research Club, Inc.  
Proud members of GFWC & CFWC



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### Blue Zones and Aronos Research Club History/ Mystery Walks

In partnership with Blue Zones, ten historical sites were selected as part of a walking MOIA. A "MOIA" is a group of people who have common interests, who walk and talk and improve one's well-being. The group is lead by Shelly Stewart, Aronos Club President, and Peggy Debely, a Friend of Aronos. Participants exercise by walking for at least 25 minutes around town and arrive at "the site," at which time each walker is given a brochure explaining the historical significance. The brochures were written by Pam Overholtzer, Board Member of the Aronos Club and Architectural Historian. A speaker at the site further explains the importance and answers questions. The "Walk" then continues back to the Courtyard Plaza where it began; walkers have made new friends, socialized, exercised and learned about the history of downtown Sonora. Our last walk will be May 9th. Approximately 40 people have attended each week.



### Hats off to Cathie Petithomme!

Cathie serves as 1st VP, Treasurer and Parliamentarian of the Aronos Research Club, 2nd VP of SJVD, and CFWC Chair of Domestic and Sexual Violence Awareness and Prevention. But did you know she is Senior Reporter for the GFWC California Clubwoman Magazine? Please read her timely article on the relationship between natural disasters and domestic violence in the April Clubwoman. Thank you Cathie for all you do to make this a better place to live.

### Upcoming Events

- May 2nd - Friday 10 am - Courtyard Plaza - 8th History/  
Mystery Walk
- May 4th - Sunday 1 to 4:30 pm - Perspectives presented by  
Sonora High School Visual Arts Dept
- May 6th - Tuesday 11 am - Board Meeting
- May 9th - Friday 10 am - Final History/Mystery Walk with  
Celebration at Clubhouse
- May 13th - Tuesday 11:00 am - Page Turners Book Club  
Simon the Fiddler
- May 15th Thursday, to Saturday, 17th - CFWC Convention  
in San Jose
- May 17th - Saturday 7 pm - Contra/Barn Dance with Nick  
the Caller
- May 20th - Tuesday 11 am - General Meeting (last one until  
Sept)
- May 20 - Tuesday 1 pm - Speaker Cathie Petithomme, Pre-  
venting Domestic and Sexual Violence
- May 24th - Saturday 6 pm - Salsa Fusion Fiesta Dance Bash
- June 3rd - Tuesday 11 am - Board Meeting, Summer  
Planning
- June 28th - Wednesday 2 to 4 pm - Building Bridges Debate

### Infinite Possibilities to Bloom & Grow Spring Tea April 6th



The Clubhouse was decorated beautifully with pastel spring colors, delicious tea cakes on 3-tiered centerpieces, with small teapot gift boxes for each attendee. Music was provided by Columbia College students Arman Abusaidi, Toffee Orfiano and Professor Daniel Godsil. Sonora Sewing School students modeled their clothing to the delight of all. Bonnett Saussol and Just Tappin (Heather Doyle, Alissa Nordstrom, Kerry Rice and our own Chris Halley) livened the stage with their dancing. Servers were from Sonora High School. Thank you to our Chair, Joyce Axtel-Drush, and her team who made this scholarship fundraising event a great success and to our wonderful sponsors, Adventist Health and California Gold!

### Save the Date: June 28th 2 pm

Building Bridges in combination with the Aronos Research Club will host the second debate. The topic will be "Should Government Prioritize Protecting the Environment?" This is a friendly exchange of ideas designed to bring together speakers on both sides of the issue. See our facebook page flyer for more information on this event.

### CFWC State Convention

Cathie Petithomme, Elena Linehan and Shelly Stewart will represent the Club at the State Convention in San Jose this year.

*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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## Come Dance the Night Away! Saturday May 24th at 6 pm

Salsa to be taught by Erika and Tom from Sonora Salsa Dance Club at 6:15! Enjoy the vibrant rhythms and smooth moves and lots more. See facebook page flyer. There is no charge, although we always appreciate donations, which help with costs and building maintenance. Bring your friends and Salsa together!



## Don't forget to check out our Little Free Library!

whenever you're at the clubhouse.  
Books are coming and going all the time!

## Page Turner's Book Club

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



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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

## For Rental Information please visit our Website @ [aronosresearchclub.com](http://aronosresearchclub.com)

Do you know of an organization or individuals who are looking to rent a space for an event? How about renting the Aronos Clubhouse for your events or special occasions? Price is very affordable, chairs and tables on-site, and plenty of room for dancing? ... exercising? ... club meetings? ... large family parties? Call Shelly Stewart for more information ... 209-770-1144 ... or visit our new website!

## ACTS Program

Letters from Sonora Elementary Teachers are now being accepted by ACTS Committee. Three \$100 grants will be awarded to teachers to help purchase classroom supplies. The Aronos Research Club mission is to support education, learning and service. Announcement of recipients will be made this month.

## Beetlejuice Jr at Sonora High!

Elena Linehan, Joyce Axtel-Drush and Dixie Turzai attended the Sonora High School performance of Beetlejuice Jr. Thank you Elena for organizing these outings for our members and for supporting the arts in our community.



## Welcome New Members!

Welcome Karen Ethier and Jane Furguson as new Friends of Aronos. We appreciate your support and hope you enjoy club activities and the friends you will meet.

## Scholarships!

Two \$500 Scholarships have been awarded to Fire Science Major, Augustine Foster and Nursing Major, Marissa Langfeldt. Thank you to Diane Dotson and the Scholarship Committee for reviewing all applicants and selecting this year's recipients.

## April Lecture on Railroads of Tuolumne County

John Zach and Glenn Sutherland, Members of the Tuolumne Historical Railroad Association, presented the last in this year's series highlighting Industries of Tuolumne County. Our working railway system has been integral to the development of Tuolumne County since 1898. Railroads connected Angels Camp, Yosemite, Don Pedro, and built Hetch Hechy in 1923. The Sierra Railways were featured in numerous movies further strengthening the local economy and promoting tourism here. Thank you, John and Glenn, for an informative presentation and increasing our knowledge!

## Lecture Series

### Last One For Spring

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

### *Domestic & Sexual Violence Awareness & Prevention*

by: Cathie Pettithomme, California Federation of  
Women's Clubs Chair



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