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BRANCH LINES

October Meeting

By Kathy Novotny, Program Vice President

What: November Ballot Propositions
- Presented by League of Women Voters

When: October 9, 2024
11am - 1pm

Where: Lincoln Library
485 Twelve Bridges Dr.
Lincoln, CA 95648

Following the presentation join us for coffee, cake and conversation



VOTE

YES NO



RSVP Link: [November Ballot Propositions](#) | [AAUW-RSP Branch Site \(aauwrosevillesouthplacer.org\)](#)

AAUW's 'Final Friday of the month' Happy Hour!



Oct 25 from 3-6
Bennetts Westside Grill
6604 Lonetree Blvd., Rocklin

Wines or cocktails from \$6! Small sandwiches, baked Brie, calamari, ribs and more. Join us on the patio and bring a friend- if they join at this event, they get 50% off national dues.

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Spotlight on: Michelle Colletto

By Lora Finnegan, Membership Vice Present



New member Michelle Colletto has gotten her start with AAUW-RSP off to a bang, joining the book group and contributing to the Great Decisions group. More significantly, she now serves on our board as the President Elect and is the Chair of the Speech Trek Committee and will be helping with High School Scholarships.

But tackling new assignments and big adventures is nothing new to a woman who grew up overseas and has lived in ten different countries. "I've been so blessed," says Michelle, detailing how international postings have impacted her. Michelle's dad served as an Air Force officer all over the world. She remembers celebrating her 11th birthday in Rome, living in Israel during the Yom Kippur War (and studying French), then moving to Germany and later Saudi Arabia. "It shaped who I am today," she contends.

In the 1980's, she attended the American College (now University) in Paris. She later married a Spanish diplomat, adding a son to her family and Spanish to her fluency list. They traveled the world, living in Zimbabwe, Syria, Japan, Spain, Korea and Thailand. The relationship ended and she returned to America with her son Antonio, now 29. With parents living in Sun City Lincoln Hills, she found a new home in Lincoln, along with her current husband, Chris. "I was looking to re-invent myself," Michelle notes.

And joining AAUW-RSP became an important part of Michelle's re-vitalization, for which the branch says, "Merci!", Michelle! (And thank you to Gail Berberian, who brought Michelle into our branch!)

Speech Trek Topic for 2024 - 2025

By Michelle Colletto, Speech Trek Chair

Climate change is happening. The effects are widespread and touch upon almost all aspects of our life on this planet. Select one area of impact and explore the effect climate change is having on women in the USA and around the world.

Background:

The adverse effects of climate change are well studied in relation to agriculture, ecosystems, water resources, human health, and industry, especially in geographical locations that are economically dependent on local natural RESOURCES.

Many studies also highlight climate change in terms of its impact on economics. But do the reports identify any disproportionate effects on women? Is women's health more vulnerable to environmental changes?

Many companies claim their bottom line is impacted by the cost of climate change legislation. Does this have an impact on women's careers and leadership opportunities?

If there are disparities in any of these areas, how does that change the way you look at climate change?

The top prize money for the winners of the **state competition** will be increased to \$2,500 for 1st place, \$2,000 for 2nd place, \$1000 for 3rd place, and the two honorable mentions will each receive \$500.

AAUW kicks off a year of philanthropy

By Lora Finnegan, Membership Vice Present

At the Granite Bay Library recently the American Association of University Women- Roseville South Placer branch (AAUW-RSP) celebrated the start of another year of helping students. Now with more than 100 members from Granite Bay, Lincoln, Rocklin and Roseville, it's one of the county's premier scholarship funding organizations. Co- President Schelly Jensen says, "Our members enjoy social activities, topical programs, and everything from book groups to wine tasting. But our real mission is to give a boost to students' educational goals."

Sierra College Scholarship winners Guadalupe (Lupe)Valencia, and Xuan Zhang spoke at the meeting about how much their association with AAUW has helped. Says Zhang, "AAUW challenged me to take on more, and next year I will graduate from Sierra College."

Tech Trek Scholarship winners Sophie Breaux and Gurnaaz Kaur (Glen Edwards Middle School); Athena Fiorentino and Zahra Ahmadzai (Rocklin Academy, Gateway) all spoke about the impact of attending AAUW's weeklong science camp. (Unable to attend: Nora Khartchenko, Olympus Middle School.)

Recently, the nonprofit group awarded scholarships to college- bound seniors at seven area high schools. They are: ANTELOPE HIGH SCHOOL: Jasreet Sahota, Janel Vega. GRANITE BAY HIGH SCHOOL: Hosan Aazim. LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL: Brooke Byrd, Meghan Gustafson, Mallory Kuehl, Katelyn Lauderdale, Cassidy Lowe, Areli Gutierrez Ramirez, Ameer Shergill, Brielle Soto. OAKMONT HIGH SCHOOL: Viktoriya Rotaru. ROSEVILLE HIGH SCHOOL: Abeerah Ahmer, Faith Harriman. WEST PARK HIGH SCHOOL: Melissa Bradley. WOODCREEK HIGH SCHOOL: Sneha Namboodiri, Victoria McCurnin.

"We've been supporting the education of women and girls in South Placer County for more than fifty years," notes Jensen, "and with community support we will continue to help local kids for years to come."

Besides raising scholarship funds, AAUW-RSP offers book and game groups, happy hour events and seminars on popular topics, combining philanthropy and fun. Outreach Vice President Patricia Goldman says, "We welcome women who are interested in our philanthropic programs, our fun interest groups, or join just to support our mission." To join or get more information about the group, go to aauwrosevillesouthplacer.org or contact them at aauwrosevillesouthplacer@gmail.com.

Our mission

Supporting women and girls



Tech Trek Girls at the Kickoff
AAUW Tech Trek chairs Andrea Flamenco (left) and Carol Delville (far right) flank scholarship winners Zahra Ahmadzai, Athena Fiorentino, Gurnaaz Kaur and Sophie Breaux

AAUW Sunshine Lady

Patricia Glover is a long-time member who cannot be active as before. She loves to be involved and is a sweet kind person. If you're aware of a member who needs some "sunshine," give Patricia a call, and she'll send them a card. There is no cost to the branch! Patricia Glover....916-624-3581

Gov Trek Status Update

I want to give you an important update about our state program, Gov Trek. Despite two successful years of this new program serving young high school women, it will sadly be on hiatus for the current 2024-2025 AAUW California year. We were unable to find a member willing to take on chair or co-chair duties. I had hoped to be able to announce a chair and committee at the end of the summer, but it didn't work out as planned. I am hopeful that we will be able to encourage someone to step up in the next few months to continue on for next year.

Gov Trek gives young women a unique introduction to political campaigns and public service careers. In a world where women's voices are needed more than ever, Gov Trek serves as a way to highlight young women's voices and show them ways they can be involved in changing the world around them. I know many will be disappointed by this news and I hope you will encourage those in your branch to consider helping to guide this program next year. Former chair, Shauna Ruyle, left the tools and roadmap; we just need someone to take the lead and move it forward.

Please feel free to contact me at statepresident@aauw-ca.org if you have any questions about Gov Trek and its status.



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AAUW handbook online

The printed Handbook Directory has been posted in the Members Only secured section of our website @ www.aauwrosevillesouthplacer.org. To view the directory online, hover over the About Us menu item and Choose the Members tab from the drop-down menu. The password is in the front of the printed Handbook Directory. It is a standard pdf file; if you want to look someone up, you can either scroll down or search by using Ctrl F and typing in either a first or last name. Please take a minute to review your own name and let us know about any updates and/or corrections.

Sierra College Scholarship Students 2024-25

By Betty Manning, AAUW Sierra College Scholarship Chair

We had 2 Sierra College Scholarship students returning from last year and the Scholarship Committee interviewed our 3rd student in June. We had 17 applications this year, the most we've ever had! It was extremely difficult to choose, since so many of them were exceptional and definitely would have qualified for our remaining scholarship. We finally reduced our interview number to 4 outstanding and deserving women. Our final choice was Guadalupe Valencia, who totally impressed us at her interview!

It's such an honor to meet these committed students and to follow them as they excel at Sierra College and move forward to a 4-year college to complete their education. They're focused on improving their life and their families' lives as well as making a difference in the field they've chosen. Our Scholarship Committee all agree that we have one of the most satisfying positions with AAUW! We're able to appreciate and see how our scholarships assist motivated women, returning to school, to begin their educational journey. Thank you to all of our members who work on projects to fund these students!

**Our mission is to give a boost to students'
educational goals**

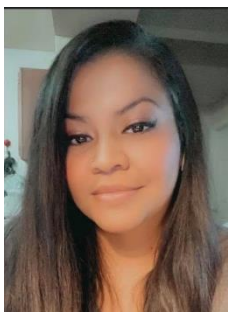
Lunch with our Sierra College Scholarship Students



The luncheon attendees (left to right): Betty Manning/Scholarship Chair, Sandy Haley/Co-President, Lupe Valencia, Xuan Zhang and Lin Chavez/students, Schelly Jensen/Co-President and Michelle Colletto/President Elect.

On August 25th, we met for lunch with our Sierra College Scholarship Students at the Timbers Restaurant in Sun City Roseville. It was a relaxing lunch with plenty of time to interact with the students. Our 3 students are not only focused on their education; they all work outside of school, and they all have children! It was impressive being with them and laughing with them at how they manage their busy lives. Their jobs range from working in a law office, to teaching ESL (English as a second language) students and even volunteering at their child's school to tutor math! AAUW members should feel proud to be able to assist these women and the many we've helped in the past, to reach their educational goals with the support of our scholarships!

Guadalupe Valencia



My name is Guadalupe Valencia, but most people call me "Lupe". I am currently a full-time student at Sierra College and an active member of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society at Sierra College. I am a single mother of two wonderful teens, ages 15 and 16, and I am also a full-time caretaker for my mother, who lives with me. I work full time as a legal secretary and have been with the County of Sacramento for 7 years. I moved my family to Northern California from San Diego in May 2017 for better opportunities and this has been the best decision we have made thus far.

I am very grateful to have been selected for this opportunity. I'm especially honored because of this organization's history and continued commitment to the women that are going to college / university. This scholarship has opened up opportunities for me to be able to continue my education at Sierra College. Obtaining my AA in Administration of Justice is a step toward my ultimate dream of becoming a lawyer. When I leave Sierra College, my plan is to go on to Sacramento State University where I will continue to obtain my bachelor's degree. My academic goal is to go on to law school. My law school of choice would be Lincoln Law School. And once I've obtained my law degree, I would love to practice Family Law or Juvenile Dependency,

where I can work at my current office with the County of Sacramento. It is my desire to use my law degree in an effort to be a pillar in my community. I want to help those that cannot help themselves. Life has shown me that sometimes things happen that make us feel like our world is crumbling and I want to be there for those who are going through this and make them feel like they are not alone and that there is always a solution for everything. Truthfully, my one true goal in this life is to be a great example and role model to my children who only have me to look up to. I want to inspire them to also continue their education once they graduate high school. My ultimate dream is for them to look to the future and have that desire to pursue great things for their lives. Following their dreams and being the best they can be, while also continuing to be an integral part of our society. This is the main goal for my life, that my children, despite being at somewhat of a disadvantage (with having one parent), can go on to do bigger and greater things with their lives and for our society.

Thank you so much for this wonderful opportunity and for your time.....Lupe

Sierra College

By Lynda Stockwell, Committee Chair



At the Aug 21 Student Welcome, Lynda Stockwell, Kathy Kort, and Dawna Hawksworth signed up 11 student members and spread the word to students and staff about our organization. We again hosted a membership table at “Club Days” on Sep 24 & 25. View our new branch webpage on the Sierra College website:

<https://www.sierracollege.edu/student-services/career-transfer-internship/prepare-for-a-career/>. Through October, the College will be having voter registration and information days on campus to encourage students to vote.

Our committee is having a Basic Needs donation drive in October. Members can donate directly to Sierra College's Basic Needs Closets at:

<https://www.sierracollege.edu/about-sierra-college/sierra-college-foundation/impact-programs-to-support/basic-needs/>

It will take you directly to their Amazon account so that you can select specific items in the category that you want to donate for the students. Amazon delivers them directly to Sierra College:

Food items School Supplies Hygiene Items Make a donation (managed by SCF)

OR you can drop donations at your Neighborhood Group Leader’s home: Lora Finnegan in Lincoln, Sandy Haley in Roseville, Lynda Stockwell in Rocklin. Our committee will deliver all the donations to Sierra College in early November. OR you can bring them to the October 9th program. OR take them to Sierra College yourself – see the link above for the location. Thank you all for your support!

<p>Suggested Food Pantry Items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Easy-to-Fix meals Soup, chili, stew, canned meats Top-Ramen Pasta and sauces Peanut butter or nut butters Jelly, cookies, cheese, 	<p>Suggested Basic Needs closet</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NO CLOTHES ACCEPTED Travel or regular sized toiletries Sealed toothbrushes & toothpaste Menstrual products Toilet paper, Purell, or wipes Misc. school supplies
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Snack items: crackers, chips, nuts
Protein bars, granola bars
Staple flour, sugar, rice

Baby diapers, breast feeding supplies
Purell or wipes for purse

Check out the Sierra College EVENTS calendar for more information on:

- Oct 10 – Nov 3: Sierra College Theatre Arts Presents William Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet
- Saturday, Oct 12, 10am – 2pm: Sierra College Nevada County Campus (NCC) opens its doors to the public for a free day of Fall fun!

Tech Trek

By Carol Delville, Committee Chair

Hats off to another great year with Tech Trek and our 5 fabulous girls!! Our Kickoff meeting showcased 4 out of the 5 girls answering questions about what they loved about camp. The process for 2024-2025 starts off with Branch Coordinator's statewide Zoom calls and Branch Coordinator's UC Davis Zoom calls the third week of September.

If you are interested in participating in the Tech Trek Committee, please send me an email:
It's an amazing experience for all!

Current Interest Group Activities

Group Name	Leader	Meeting Day	Time
GREAT DECISIONS GROUP Great Decisions Raley's Event Center 1915 Douglas Blvd., Roseville Topic: "High Seas Treaty" presented by Denise Hexom Contact:	Elsie Gaura	2 nd Friday of each month Oct 11	10:00AM
WEDNESDAY MORNING BOOK GROUP Zoom meeting – turn on your computer, iPad, Kindle Fire or smartphone! reviewing <u>The Other Alcott</u> by Elise Hooper	Nancy Taylor	3 rd Wednesday of each month Oct 16	10:00AM
WEDNESDAY EVENING BOOK GROUP Book/Author: <i>The Woman on the Orient Express</i> , Lindsay Jayne Ashford Host/Revier: Jane Watkins For additional information, please contact Jenny Griffin	Jenny Griffin	Wednesday Oct 2	6:30PM
MAH JONGG GROUP	Joyce Wade	1 st & 3 rd Thursdays	1:00PM

To join, contact Joyce Wade Joyce:		Oct 3 - Fran Rice Oct 17 - Cathy Razumich	
CHICAGO/DUPICATE BRIDGE GROUP Leslie:	Leslie McNeill	2 nd Wednesday of each month Oct 9	1:00 PM
CASUAL GARDENERS GROUP Casual Gardeners met at Karen Haggard's home, and we planned 2024. Saturday, we are going to the Elk Grove Green Acres for the Pumpkin Festival. We'll gather at 10 AM with lunch to follow. Joan Nolan is in charge of this event, Please RSVP to her by Wednesday, Sept. 25. Text or call To join, contact Diane Madden Diane:	Diane Madden	1 st Wednesday of each month: Sept 28	10:15AM
RUMMIKUB at Sandy Haley's 5517 Lantern Grove Lane in Sun City Roseville RSVP to Sandy Call or text: Please, include your name	Sandy Haley	Monday Oct 21	11:00 AM

Current Neighborhood Group Activities

Lincoln/Loomis Neighborhood Group We will be having a "Bring Your Own Picnic" at Ciotti Cellars. Saturday, Oct 5th. 1:00pm-3:00pm. 3285 Crosby Herold Rd, Lincoln 95648. RSVP is very important for this gathering. Please contact Sela Greenhouse.

For November, we will go for a tour of Nimbus Fish Hatchery in Folsom. I was thinking about the Monday before Thanksgiving on Nov 25th to arrive at 10:30am.

Roseville Neighborhood Group. All members are invited to attend.
Everyone is invited to join the Roseville Neighborhood Group at 9:00 AM the 3rd Monday of every month for Breakfast at Timbers, 7050 Del Webb Blvd. in Sun City Roseville. Following Breakfast, those who want to play Rummikub are invited to Sandy Haley's home located close to Timbers.

Monday Oct. 21
Monday Nov. 18
Monday Dec. 16

RSVP to Sandy Haley call or text by noon the Friday before the breakfast. Please, include your name and indicate if you are just coming for breakfast or if you also plan to play Rummikub.

Rocklin Group. Group contact is Lynda Stockwell, or Elizabeth Gonzales , The Rocklin Group is taking a student-led tour of the Sierra College campus, Thursday, **October 24**, at 11 AM. A map and a parking pass will be provided. Lynda can offer 3 places in her car for carpooling. All Branch members are welcome. Contact Lynda Stockwell, for more information.

Can't make it? Sierra College is also having ***Preview Day*** (along with the ***Maker Faire***) on **Saturday, October 12, 10 - 3 pm**. Open to the public and parking is free. They are offering **campus tours** every 1/2 hour. Register for the day at www.sierracollege.edu , "Events", go to October 12 on the event calendar, click on "Preview Day", and "Register". They will send you information about the Day and the tours.

*** 2024 Words of Wisdom ***

Joy

Joy is always part of me. I feel it strongly in times of deep peace and serenity, when my heart feels full of love, and when my life feels in perfect balance and easy harmony.

The best way to feel my joy even more strongly is to share it. Simply smiling may inspire others to respond in kind. Considerate actions such as holding doors for those behind me or letting someone go ahead of me in a long line are small actions that could have a lasting impact.

Throughout the day, I will focus my attention on the love and joy in my heart as I send silent blessings to others.

As I commit to being the presence of gladness, my joy will grow, touching and inspiring others to share their own.

Friendship

A good friend is like a warm blanket on a cold day-a comfort and a joy. When I'm feeling down or in need of a compassionate ear, I reach out to my friends and trust they will be there for me.

My heart rejoices in the memories we have shared-the tears and the laughter. These treasures are part of the rich tapestry of my life. My ups and downs would not have been the same without the supportive presence of my friends.

I pray I am the blessing in my friends' lives that they have been in mine. I endeavor always to be responsive and compassionate, to celebrate their joys and alleviate their sorrows.



Linking together for our mission.

Board meeting

The next Branch Board Meeting is **October 14**. We will meet at (10 am) Raley's O-N-E Market | 1970 Blue Oaks Blvd, Roseville, CA 95747. All members are welcome. **Please send an email to the President if you plan to attend and if you have something to add to the meeting agenda.**

For updates in real time, please visit our branch website at

aaurosevillesouthplacer.org