



## BRANCH LINES

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### Speech Trek

Denise Hexom – Speech Trek Chair



Semi-Finals – Feb 3 -- 10am

Location: Whitney High School  
701 Wildcat Blvd, Rocklin

Finals - Feb 9 -- 4:00pm

Location: Lincoln Hills Kilaga -Presentation Hall  
1167Sun City Blvd, Lincoln

“How can we ensure a robust public-school curriculum that is accessible to all and teaches historically accurate information?”

Don't miss hearing our local high school leaders weigh in on this meaty topic.

That's the intriguing topic students will be addressing in the Eleanor Stem Allen Memorial Speech Trek contest.

Please join us for a few hours of local high school students competing to move onto the State finals. Light Refreshments and No Host Bar. Admission is Free. Seating is limited and unreserved come early. This event is sponsored by our branch and the Gray Allen Family. Thanks to Denise Hexom and her 14-member committee, who have been working hard since July to stage this complex event.

### Welcome New Member - Christine Auld

We are pleased to welcome a new member, (Christine) Christy Auld. Christy received a BA in 1971 from the University of Hawaii. In 1978, she received an MA from the University of Santa Barbara.

Christy has rejoined AAUW, as she was a member of the Honolulu Branch in the 1970's. She now lives in Lincoln, where her interests include art/oil painting and food & wine. Branch interests include Book Groups, Food/Wine, Gardening, High School Scholarships, Neighborhood Groups, and Games (specifically Mah Jongg).

Christy joined us in January. Welcome Christy!

## March --- Women's History: The Making of the Modern First Lady

### Kathy Kort – VP Programs

**Date: Saturday; March 23    Make your calendar!**

**Time: 10:00 to Noon**

**Location: Lincoln Library**

Joan Griffin – Guest speaker & author



When asked, who was the first truly modern First Lady, most women would point to the activist Eleanor Roosevelt. However, two other lesser known First Ladies blazed a trail ahead of Roosevelt. Helen "Nellie" Taft and Lou Hoover each accomplished several important "firsts" during the single terms of their husbands' presidencies, paving the way for all the following First Ladies. Like so many strong women in history, these two have been pushed into the shadows. Come learn about their exciting and inspiring lives and their contributions to the role of First Lady of the Land. Joan will highlight her book at the end of

her talk on "The Making of the Modern First Lady".

**Force of Nature** - *Force of Nature* is equal parts gripping adventure tale, personal memoir, and vivid nature writing. Three friends, all over fifty, Joan, Cappy, and Jane set out to hike the 200-mile John Muir Trail—the "most beautiful long-distance trail in the world." Right away, their adventure is complicated by the wild power of Mother Nature and several self-inflicted accidents. Then their journey is enriched when they "adopt" an inexperienced younger hiker whose partner takes off, abandoning her along the trail.

Together, the women experience the terror of lightning at eleven-thousand feet, the thrill of walking through a towering waterfall, and the joy of dancing among midnight moon shadows. For twenty-seven action-packed days, the women live immersed in vast natural beauty, struggle with the trail's physical demands, and find camaraderie among an ensemble cast of eccentric trail characters. Finally, atop the 14,500-foot summit of Mount Whitney, the women celebrate the triumphant conclusion to their empowering and transformative journey.

## April -- Deeper in Debt: Woman and Student Loans

Kathy Kort – VP Programs

**Date: Saturday; April 13    Make your calendar!**

**Time: 10:00 to Noon**

**Location: Lincoln Library**

**Speakers:** Carol Garcia from First Northern Bank & Linda Williams from Sierra College

**Heads Up!** Carol Garcia, Vice President/Community Relations from First Northern Bank, and Linda Williams, Director of Enrollment Management and Financial Aid will be our keynote speakers on Deeper In Debt: Women and Student Loans. The program will be informative and reinforce our commitment to provide scholarships at Sierra College for women each year.

Carol and Linda’s will talk about the impact student loan debt has on citizens – gender and racial disparities and ultimately basic life decisions.

There will be a question-and-answer time at the end of the program. The meeting is open to non-members. Light refreshments will be served. Any questions, please contact Kathy Kort – [aaurosevillesouthplacer@gmail.com](mailto:aaurosevillesouthplacer@gmail.com).

## The following people have been chosen to serve on the AAUW 2024 nominating committee.

• Jane Watkins	• Nancy Taylor	• Sandy Haley
• Lora Finnegan	• Patricia Goldman	• Carol Delville

**Please consider becoming a board member.**

**😊 We need fresh new faces to move our branch forward!! Please volunteer.....**

## Connie Frank, a longtime member, has passed away.

Connie Frank passed away on January 21. She was president for two terms (1999 – 2001) and was a recipient of the Eleanor Roosevelt award as well (2000), She loved our book group. Our hearts go out to Doug, her husband. He visited her the previous two days. She was very happy and finally getting accustomed to the memory care unit. On the day she passed the staff told Doug she had gotten up and was very happy had breakfast and gave a

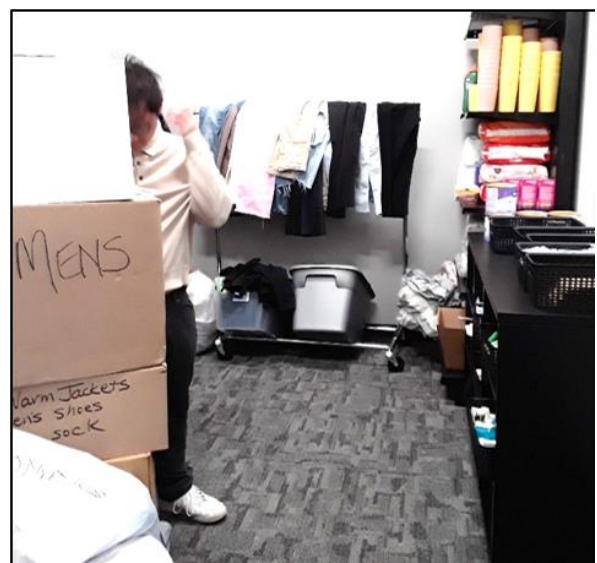
thumbs up to everyone. When they went to pick her up for lunch she was in bed with little breathing. It was thought she may have had a stroke. No service is planned at this time.

## Branch Donations to Sierra College Basic Needs closets

**Lynda Stockwell – Sierra College Chair**

A big thank you to all of you who donated hygiene items, food, and clothing to the students at Sierra College this December. Some of you donated online at the Sierra College Foundation website which has the student wish list on Amazon (and they deliver it to the college!). Some of you donated by dropping off items at the Holiday Party or to your Neighborhood Group Leader. THANK YOU!

All the donations were dropped off at the Basic Needs Center in Building K, Room 1 on Jan 9<sup>th</sup> by Lynda Stockwell, Britt Bray, Basic Needs student assistant helped transport the donations in two wagons. Her word was back of my car. The students donations which ease their you would like to visit, they Fall/Spring: M-Th, 9 am-4pm, to verify. The campus phone Program Manager, and a transport the donations in “Wow!” when she saw the are so appreciative of the budgets while in college. If are usually open F: 9am-12pm, but call first is 916-660-7486.



Britt Bray, Basic Needs Program Mgr., and student assistant 1/9/24

## No Reservation 2023-2024 Campaign as of 1/8/2024

High School Scholarships	\$ 3,750.00
Sierra College Scholarships	\$ 3,550.00
Tech Trek	\$ 1,750.00
Website Development	\$ 1,000.00
General Fund	<u>\$ 4,600.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$14,650.00</u></b>

Thanks to the following people for donating to our Branch!

Stephanie Roche	Michele Stark	Joyce Wade
Lynda Stockwell	Linda Yadao	Joyce Kirk
Judith Clemensen	Patricia Goldman	Kathy Kort
Cindy Hays	Amy & Steve Cho	Carol Garcia
Denise Hexom	Susan Kuukka	Nancy Chapman
Kathleen Novotny	Juanita Garcia	Diane Madden
Schelly Jensen	Lisa Beauchamp	Jacalyn Smith
Kathleen Quigley	Lora Finnegan	Carolyn Garfein
Sanchia Spadow	Susan Orvis	Dotti May
Sandra Haley	Placer County	Joanne Beauchamp
Marilyn Kupcho	Elsie Gaura	Joan Nolan
Lynn Cook	Norma Vuletich	

## Tech Trek update

### Carol Delville

With the beginning of the New Year, exciting plans have been put in place for the upcoming 2024 UC Davis Tech Trek! Since last October, monthly Zoom meetings with Dr. Mary “Mimi” Isaac, the CA Director of Tech Trek and all branch coordinators have taken place, flurries of letters have been sent to schools and teachers. Many people have already been working tirelessly in the background to make 2024 UC Davis Tech Trek phenomenal! Inspired by the girls we sent last year and our branch’s support, Andrea Flamenco and I look forward to being part of an engaging, dynamic, and rewarding camp for all to experience!!

## Check out AAUW’s Social Media:

**Link: Home | AAUW-RSP Branch Site ([aauwrosevillesouthplacer.org](http://aauwrosevillesouthplacer.org))**

As a member of the Roseville South Placer AAUW branch, you have the privilege of reviewing the following branch items. Password is listed in the 2023-2024 handbook on page 1. Look under the “About Us” tab (members).

- Newsletter – Branch Lines
- Board Information
  - Monthly Board Meeting Minutes
  - Monthly Financial Statement (P&L)
- Governance
  - By-laws & Job descriptions
  - Policies and Procedures

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## Year-End Finances for 2022-2023

Sandi Sherwood – Treasure

<b>Income</b>	
Dues	\$6,567
Fundraising (Grants/No Reservation)	\$12,304
Programs	<u>\$1,960</u>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$20,831</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>	
CA Funds Assessment	\$593
Administrative (PO Box/square/storage)	\$836
Communications (Handbook/website/zoom)	\$2,288
Finance (QuickBooks/taxes)	\$628
Philanthropy	\$3,069
Membership Dues	\$4,940
Membership	\$121
Programs	<u>\$2,791</u>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$15,266</b>
<b>Net Operating Revenue</b>	
	<b>\$5,564</b>

## Jan 26 Happy hour event – all had fun!



## Sign Up for AAUW CA Lobby Days!

### Sue Miller - AAUW CA Public Policy Committee

AAUW's Lobby Days 2024 will be held on Tuesday, April 2 and Wednesday, April 3. Most meetings will be held on zoom, although for branches like ours it may be possible to visit the offices of our legislators near the Capitol. You'll need to register to participate.

You should have received an email on January 29, which contains links to register online. To take part you'll need to attend a webinar on March 25 at 7pm, for which you can also sign up online. This session will acquaint you with 3 bills which AAUW is supporting in the 2024 legislative session. Lobby Days are our opportunity to acquaint a legislator or staffer about AAUW's mission, as many still aren't aware of our organization. We can explain what the bill will do if passed, how it will benefit women and girls in California, and get a sense of whether the Senator or Assembly Member may vote for the bill. I took part in in-person visits last year and found these to be worthwhile.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me ([aaurosevillesouthplacer@gmail.com](mailto:aaurosevillesouthplacer@gmail.com)). Please consider taking part in this very important activity that can impact women and girls in our state.

## Scholarship Funding for spring/summer of 2024

### Tech Trek - \$5500

- Price increased from \$1000 per student to \$1100 per student
- Send 5 students that is \$5500
  - \$1300 from covid money
  - \$1000 from Placer Community Foundation (restricted for 2024) – given in 2023
  - \$2750 from no reservation (restricted for 2024)
  - \$ 450 from savings (budgeted in 2023 was \$4000)

### High school - \$5000

- Allocation went from \$1500 to \$1000 per scholarship
- Send 5 students that is \$5000
  - \$3750 from no reservation (restricted for 2024)
  - \$1250 from savings (budgeted in 2023 was \$3000)

### Sierra College \$5000

- 2 students at \$2500 each (\$5000)
  - \$3550 from no reservation (restricted for 2024)
  - \$1450 from savings (budgeted in 2023 was \$7500)

## Current Interest Group Activities

Group Name	Leader	Meeting Day	Time
<b>GREAT DECISIONS GROUP</b> Raley's Event Center, 1915 Douglas Blvd, Roseville Topic: <i>Global Trade and Green Energy</i> - open forum Elsie: <a href="mailto:aauwrosevillesouthplacer@gmail.com">aauwrosevillesouthplacer@gmail.com</a>	Elsie Gaura	2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month February 9	10:00AM
<b>WEDNESDAY MORNING BOOK GROUP</b> Zoom meeting – turn on your computer, iPad, Kindle Fire or smartphone! Book/Author: <i>Lady Tan's Circle of Women</i> by Lisa See Nancy: <a href="mailto:aauwrosevillesouthplacer@gmail.com">aauwrosevillesouthplacer@gmail.com</a>	Nancy Taylor	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month February 21	New time: 10:00AM
<b>WEDNESDAY EVENING BOOK GROUP</b> Host: Kathy Kort Book/Author: <i>The Last Salve Ship</i> by Ben Raines Jane: <a href="mailto:aauwrosevillesouthplacer@gmail.com">aauwrosevillesouthplacer@gmail.com</a>	Jane Watkins	Wednesday February 7	6:30PM
<b>MAH JONGG GROUP</b> Joyce: <a href="mailto:aauwrosevillesouthplacer@gmail.com">aauwrosevillesouthplacer@gmail.com</a>	Joyce Wade	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursdays February 1: Barbara Gordon, February 15: Carolyn Eakin	1:00PM – please note the time
<b>CHICAGO/DUPICATE BRIDGE GROUP</b> Leslie: <a href="mailto:aauwrosevillesouthplacer@gmail.com">aauwrosevillesouthplacer@gmail.com</a>	Leslie McNeill	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month February 14	1:00 PM
<b>WINE GROUP</b> For information about next planned event, call Joan: <a href="mailto:aauwrosevillesouthplacer@gmail.com">aauwrosevillesouthplacer@gmail.com</a>	Joan Donlon		
<b>CASUAL GARDENERS GROUP</b> Diane: <a href="mailto:aauwrosevillesouthplacer@gmail.com">aauwrosevillesouthplacer@gmail.com</a> For February: need to RSVP to Diane Madden (contact info above)	Diane Madden	NOTE: Thursday, February 8 Folsom History Museum 823 Sutter Street, #2440, Folsom. Lunch to follow	11:00 AM

## Current Neighborhood Group Activities

**Lincoln Neighborhood Group** – Tuesday February 20 at 11:30. Let's meet at Tomatina's Italian restaurant at 10505 Fairway Dr., Roseville. They have a great soup and sandwich combo lunch for \$12.95. While we nosh, we can discuss ideas for next year's outings. Open to all members! Please RSVP to [aauwrosevillesouthplacer@gmail.com](mailto:aauwrosevillesouthplacer@gmail.com).

**Roseville Neighborhood Group** - Monday, February 19, 9AM, breakfast at Timbers (Sun City Roseville). RSVP to Sandy Haley no later than February 16: [aauwrosevillesouthplacer@gmail.com](mailto:aauwrosevillesouthplacer@gmail.com)

**Rocklin Neighborhood Group** – Finals for Speech Trek will be our outing on February 9<sup>th</sup>. Contact: Leslie McNeill [aauwrosevillesouthplacer@gmail.com](mailto:aauwrosevillesouthplacer@gmail.com)



# \*\*\* 2024 Words of Wisdom \*\*\*

## Service

I don't need special skills to be of service. I have willing hands and an open heart to be directed wherever they are needed most. This impulse to serve is my compassionate nature seeking expression. I respond to the needs around me by doing what I can to help. I do not think of reward or recognition. Just being of service fills my heart. My loving heart is open, my hands are busy, and my life feels purposeful when I am doing what I can to brighten one person's life or to make the world a better place.



*Linking together for our mission.*

## Board meeting

Branch Board Meeting is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month. We will alternate between Raley's (10 am) Raley's O-N-E Market| 1970 Blue Oaks Blvd, Roseville, CA 95747, and the president's home (4pm) see handbook for her address. 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](http://aaurosevillesouthplacer.org)**