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## BRANCH LINES

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### UC Davis Tech Trek is getting closer!!



Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> an Ice Cream Social was held at the Maidu Community Center celebrating and getting to know our new Roseville-South Placer Tech Trekkers and their parents. Also in attendance were their nominating teachers as well as the 2023 Tech Trek Ambassadors to support the new incoming Trekkers! 2024 Tech Trek will be held at UC Davis July 14 – 20<sup>th</sup>. 90 campers make up nine dorm groups of ten campers including a dorm mom and counselor each. Opening Session: A fun opening session is planned for the incoming campers!

Five Core Classes, on-campus field trips, afternoon and evening workshops are currently planned for the week. One of our Roseville-South Placer members, Wendy Leimbach, will be teaching an afternoon Architecture workshop!

Pictured: Athena Fiorentino, Zahra Ahmadzai, Sophie Breaux, and Nora Khartchenko; Not pictured: Gurnaaz Kaur

Visit Day: We are planning to have Visit Day on Thursday, July 18<sup>th</sup> (generally 9:30-11:30 and opportunity to have lunch) for AAUW Tech Trek Branch Coordinators, members, and nominating teachers to get a first-hand glimpse into what goes on at camp. More information with specifics and RSVP details will come later! Stay posted!! Congratulations to our future AAUW Roseville-South Placer Ambassadors!

### Check out AAUW's Social Media:

Link: [Home | AAUW-RSP Branch Site \(aauwrosevillesouthplacer.org\)](https://www.aauwrosevillesouthplacer.org)

Follow us and "like" us on our  
Facebook page:

[AAUW Roseville-South Placer CA Branch](https://www.facebook.com/AAUWRosevilleSouthPlacerCA)  
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## Parking lot sale



Our team:  
 Kathy Kort,  
 Lynda Stockwell,  
 Lora Finnegan,  
 Juanita & Mike Garcia,  
 Nancy Chapman,  
 Michelle Colletto,  
 and Sela Greenhouse

We did good! Kathy's fanny pack collected - (drum roll....) \$600.25!!! profit

## May – Annual Meeting in Pictures 53 people attended our annual meeting

New AAUW Board:

Co-Presidents: Schelly Jensen, Sandy Haley	Secretary VP: Leslie McNeill
Pres elect: Michelle Colletto	Membership VP: Lora Finnegan
Finance VP- Treasurer: Sandi Sherwood	Outreach VP: Patricia Goldman
Philanthropy VP: Juanita Garcia	Program VP: Kathy Novotny



Pictured left to right: Patricia Goldman, Juanita Garcia, Kathy Novotny, Sandy Haley, Schelly Jensen, Michelle Colletto, Sandi Sherwood, Leslie McNeill, Lora Finnegan. Presenter: Carolyn Garfein

## Door Prize winners



Pictured left to right: Joanne Beauchamp, Alfa Lee Battershell, Pat McCluskey, Juanita Garcia, Diane Madden, Kathy Kort, Gail Berberian

## Members that received free memberships

3 free memberships for members who recruited new members (27 new members this 2023-2024 year)

- Michelle Colletto (left)
- Joyce Kirk (right)
- Cindy Hayes (not pictured)



## New 50 Year Members

Presenter: Lora Finnegan



### Elsie Gower ...

Graduated with the BA in sociology from UCLA. Her first job after that was as district Director for the campfire girls of Ventura County but that wasn't enough adventure for Young Elsie, so she got a job as a civilian for the army and worked in France and Italy. She met her husband in Italy, and they got married in Switzerland! Eventually, they came back to the US and she joined the half Moon Bay branch of AAUW, first becoming their membership chair and then president of that branch. By 1996 she her husband were up here, and she joined the Roseville South Placer branch. She won the Eleanor Roosevelt award in 2022. She has been the chair of

the Great decisions group for almost 18 years. And about that she says "I've met wonderful people and learned so much about the world through AAUW and the Great decisions group. Just knowing what's

happening in the world is so amazing.” And her advice to future AAUW members – “join our groups and expand your mind!” I couldn’t agree more Elsie!



**Patricia Glover...**

Graduated from CSU Humboldt with a BA in speech, drama, and education. She became a special education and a regular education teacher in the Loomis district. Then in 1971 She joined the Roseville South Placer branch of AAUW. At various times, Patricia has held offices in the branch and served on the board. At one point, she was the program chair and deeply involved in the successful fashion show fundraiser. She received the Eleanor Roosevelt award in 2009. When I talked to her about her involvement in the branch the other day, she said she was glad to see new blood joining our efforts. And her

advice for new and future AAUW members? “Take part, be active, and don’t wait for someone else to step up”. Excellent advice!



**Norma Vuletich ...**

Graduated from San Jose State with a BA in elementary education. She is a retired teacher and taught second through sixth grades in Roseville. Her special fondness however, is for third graders. About them she says “they are so cute and funny”. She had to stay close to home caring for her ailing husband but really loved AAUW. Her motivation for joining? She said “I admire the group for their support of women and women’s endeavors. Equal pay for work —that is so important.” and then she added “I’ve seen the branch shrink and I’ve seen it grow – I’m glad to see the branch coming back after Covid.” You and me both Norma!

**Eleanor Roosevelt Honorees**

Presenter: Lisa Beauchamp and Leslie McNeill

I think most know this member loves to read. You might call her a "bookie"! She was a member of the branch Tuesday book group until covid shut it down, and as chair of the Wednesday group, she moved to our 2nd best way to meet and discuss books: ZOOM. Faithfully, she is there on the 3rd Wednesday at 10:00 am as the group gathers. Aside from her love of books, she enjoys the mahjongg group, attends both social and educational events, always was a branch election poll worker and can be counted on to do whatever needs to be done for the branch. As a member of



the Women of the World interest group, she helped make dresses out of pillowcases, these to be sent to an African nation. This award is not the first she has received in the branch! In the past, the "kick-off" had posters and displays showing interest groups, but one-year members were encouraged to come dressed in something attention getting to let members know more about interest groups. Our "Eleanor Roosevelt" arrived in a swimsuit and swim cap. Her humor, her belief, and her support to AAUW RSP won the day. The Roseville-South Place Placer Branch is strong because long-time members like Nancy Taylor have not only stayed in the branch, but also kept members actively involved through the years. She is one of the branch's outstanding contributors. **Congratulations Nancy Taylor.**



AAUW RSP is a 501 (c) organization. With that in mind, it is prudent for the branch to have a financial member sitting at the table. Over the years, we have had numerous very adept members holding this office. As this new year starts, we have a Vice President of Finance who has done an outstanding job in keeping the records updated and presented to the board on a timely basis. She has provided input and suggestions regarding grants for fundraising, and currently is our Facebook Administrator. She

procured a much needed storage unit for our AAUW treasures complete with an inventory and instructions on how to work the lock! In addition, she is formatting the handouts announcing our monthly programs. She also helped design our website and continues to update with incoming events and information. This year we reinstated the Speech Trek Program. Our honoree designed the program and fliers Her dedication and attention to detail helps our branch as we continue to pursue AAUW's mission statement. She is a relatively new member and a wonderful addition to the AAUW RSP branch. **Congratulations Sandi Sherwood.**

## Renew AAUW membership now!

**It's that time of year again.**

Members will get or have already gotten an email from AAUW National to renew their membership, using the "on-line credit card process" [AAUW community Hub]. Please look for your email. If you didn't/do not get an email, please call, or email Lora Finnegan [916-408-2797] [lora303aauw@gmail.com](mailto:lora303aauw@gmail.com) with your name, phone number and email address.

We are encouraging you to renew your membership by using the AAUW National community Hub process. We hope that you'll consider the request to use the on-line process; AAUW National has a secure internet and they do not keep your credit card information and we can then eliminate the handling of checks and your membership forms and provide a more timely, safe, and secure method of renewing your membership.

**If you aren't comfortable going on-line and using your credit card to renew your AAUW membership, you may:**

- ❖ **Send a check made out to RSP AAUW** with your renewal membership form (on-line at our website and print the form then sent to P.O. Box 1174, Lincoln, CA 95648

Or

❖ **Write your credit card number** on the membership form and we can enter your credit card information using square for you. We do not keep your credit card information. Please note that the cost for processing credit card transactions is \$3.75 per transaction. P.O. Box 1174, Lincoln, CA 95648

**AAUW Membership dues for 2024-2025 are \$116;** this amount includes National, State, and Branch dues and a portion of the amount is tax deductible. Renewing will continue your membership for one more year. Your continued membership will help us to support our mission to support women and girls.

## Sierra College Leadership

### Lynda Stockwell



Sierra College has approved a Branch webpage to be posted on the Sierra College website. Once it is posted, a link will be sent to all members to view the page. It will be focused on the free memberships, programs, and resources available to Sierra students, plus **our AAUW web addresses**. Sierra College continues to be a college partner with AAUW, which allows the students to have free AAUW memberships.

Our committee signed up 65 new student affiliate members this year at 4 campus events. Not only are they exposed to our organization and its missions, they are also emailed periodic information from national, state, and our Branch about the many programs in which they can participate.

A big thank you to all of you who donated food, clothing, and supplies to Sierra's Basic Needs Closets, either online or with donated items. These donations are a critical part of students' success today since the cost of everything has increased so dramatically.

Please consider joining our committee for the 2024-2025 year. If you enjoy the college atmosphere and working with young people, this is the place for you! Contact Lynda Stockwell, 916-303-3809

## New - AAUW handbook online

The printed Handbook Directory has been posted in the Members Only secured section of our website @ [www.aauwrosevillesouthplacer.org](http://www.aauwrosevillesouthplacer.org). To view the directory online, hover over the About Us menu item and Choose the Members tab. 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.

## Welcome New Member – Ronnie Binczewski

We are pleased to welcome a new member, Ronnie (Veronica) Binczewski. Ronnie is a native of Ohio and came to California to attend college. She graduated from St. Mary's College in Moraga, where she was part of the

second graduating class that had women at the formerly all-male school. She has a BA in Psychology from St. Mary's, and an M.Ed. from the College of Notre Dame.

Retired now, Ronnie's career was as a Montessori Primary teacher for 45 years, working with children ages 18 months to 6 years. In addition to her BA and M.Ed., she has a Ministerial Diploma, an American Montessori Society Primary Diploma, and a California Teaching Credential which allows her to teach any grade from kindergarten through junior college. All her degrees were obtained between 1976 and 1978. As she says, she loves going to school!

Ronnie currently lives in Roseville with her two dogs. Her interests include bicycling, counseling, ceramics, travelling and reading. Branch activities that interest her are book groups, movies, communications, and Mah Jong. Her computer skills include creating websites. She heard about us through a neighborhood blog announcement and joined at the April Happy Hour. Welcome, Ronnie!

### **Wanted/Need** - by Lynda Stockwell

**Wanted:** we would like a donated not-needed **laptop (age <10)** with Wi-Fi to sign up Sierra College students for AAUW membership at campus events.  
**Contact Lynda Stockwell.**

### **Wanted/Need** - by Lynda Stockwell

**Wanted:** our Branch Archives are **missing** the following Branch **Handbooks**. If you have a copy, **contact Lynda Stockwell**. If you can donate it to our archives, it would be much appreciated. If you want your copy back, I can make a copy for our archives and return the original to you:

1973-74

1974-75

1997-98

1998-99

Also needed: Addendums for the above years (not 2023-24) and all the years 1976 through 2002-03.

## AAUW State Speech Trek winners

Hello, dedicated Speech Trekkers! The State Speech Trek contest has concluded, and the winners were announced at the Annual AAUW California meeting on April 27th. Just in case you missed the meeting, the results are below. Both returning and new judges commented on the quality of the contestants' speeches and stated the contest was very competitive. Congratulations to you, your contestants and your branches for carrying on the Speech Trek competition in a very challenging year!

[View in browser.](#)

Final results:

BRANCH CONTESTANT

1st Place, Auburn, **Addison Horn**

2nd Place, Poway-Penasquitos, **Shreeya Patel**

3rd Place, La Mesa - El Cajon, **Nenas Ajji**

All three winning videos can be viewed [HERE](#)

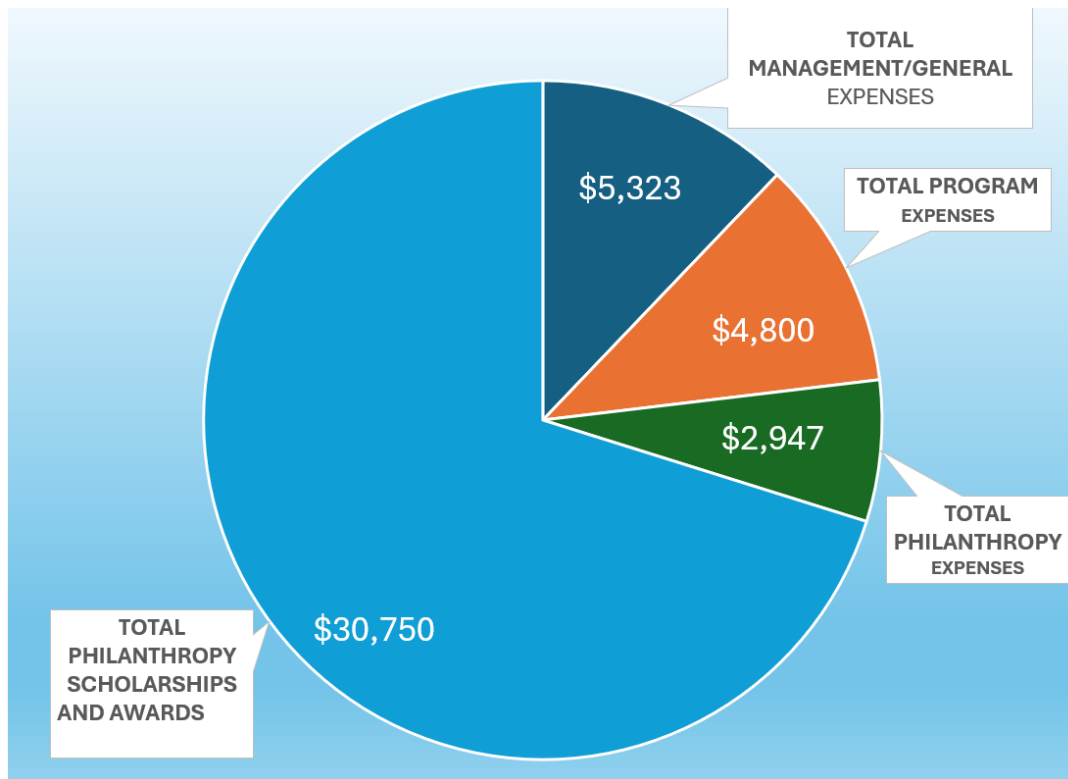
HONORABLE MENTION:

4th Place, California Online, **Nicolas Jung**

5th Place, Alhambra - San Gabriel, **Angelina Yip**

## AAUW 2023-2024 Financials

### Where Our Money was Spent . . . .





## 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>"NATO's Future"</i> presented by Claire Ravi. Rescheduled from May.  Note: NO meetings in July and August. Elsie: 916.847.4229, <a href="mailto:elsiegaura@gmail.com">elsiegaura@gmail.com</a>	Elsie Gaura	2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday of-each month June 14	10:00AM
<b>WEDNESDAY MORNING BOOK GROUP</b> Zoom meeting – turn on your computer, iPad, Kindle Fire or smartphone! Book/Author: <i>"The Bookbinder"</i> by Pip Williams  <a href="mailto:grandmonancy@yahoo.com">grandmonancy@yahoo.com</a>	Nancy Taylor	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month June 19	10:00AM
<b>WEDNESDAY EVENING BOOK GROUP</b> Book/Author: <i>"The Six"</i> , Loren Grush Host/Reviewer: Jenny Griffin For additional information, please contact Jenny Griffin <a href="mailto:ashlandgrandma@gmail.com">ashlandgrandma@gmail.com</a> , 916-409-5055	Jenny Griffin	Wednesday June 5	6:30PM
<b>MAH JONGG GROUP</b> Joyce: 916.771.5174, <a href="mailto:joyceawade@gmail.com">joyceawade@gmail.com</a>  To join, contact Joyce Wade	Joyce Wade	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursdays June 6: host, Barbara Gorden  June 20: host, Brenda Knaack	1:00PM
<b>CHICAGO/DUPICATE BRIDGE GROUP</b> Leslie: 916.540.7616, <a href="mailto:Immcneill@@gmail.com">Immcneill@@gmail.com</a>	Leslie McNeill	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month June 12  JUL: no bridge AUG: 14th	1:00 PM
<b>WINE GROUP</b> For information about next planned event, call Joan: 916.773.3458, <a href="mailto:jwdonlon@surewest.net">jwdonlon@surewest.net</a>	Joan Donlon		
<b>CASUAL GARDENERS GROUP</b>	Diane Madden	1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month: June: TBD No meeting in July nor August	10:15AM

## Current Neighborhood Group Activities

**Lincoln Neighborhood Group.** No meeting in June, July nor August. Next get-together will be September. [Lfinnegan0345@aol.com](mailto:Lfinnegan0345@aol.com)

**Roseville Neighborhood Group:** All members and prospective members of the Roseville-South Placer Branch are invited to join the Roseville Neighborhood Group for breakfast on Monday, June 17 at 9 AM at Timbers, 7050 Del Webb Blvd. in Sun City Roseville.

RSVP before Friday, June 14 by replying to Sandy Haley's email. If you don't receive her email, you can text her at 916-577-0882. Please, sign your name to your RSVP.

**Rocklin Group:** Group contact is Leslie, 916.540.7616, lmmcneill@gmail.com

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

### Explore Exploration keeps life fresh and exciting.

There can be great comfort in the familiar. It's only natural to look forward to doing my favorite things and spending time with my favorite people. But it's also important to grow beyond my habits and try new things. Exploration expands my experience of life. New places, people, and pursuits encourage me to grow and learn. I believe I will find the pursuits that spark my interest and will be in the right place at the right time to find my perfect adventures.



*Linking together for our mission.*

### Board meeting

Branch Board Meeting is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month. We will meet at Raley's (10 am) Raley's O-N-E Market | 1970 Blue Oaks Blvd, Roseville, CA 95747 or Raley's in Lincoln. 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

**[aauwrosevillesouthplacer.org](http://aauwrosevillesouthplacer.org)**