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President's Message

What a wonderful evening at the Vista! As most of you know, we made an effort to invite some younger women to join us and boy did it pay off. We had a group of 8 to 10 young ladies come and join us to share in our camaraderie. Everyone greeted them with open arms and for that I am so appreciative.

One young lady, Hannah, turned out to be one of our scholarship recipients in 2012. She asked to speak to the group to express her gratitude and to say that although the dollar amount wasn't huge, it gave her the courage to proceed knowing that successful women had put their faith in her. She went on to UC Berkeley for her degree and is now working at UC Merced in the Natural Sciences Department. Hopefully she and the others will join us again.

Dena Traina AAUW President 2019-2020



Please Mark Your Calendar For
The Annual Holiday Tea



*Please join us for an AAMW Tradition –
Our Holiday Tea.*

December 8. Sunday. 3 – 5 p.m. 2694 Piedmont Dr., Merced

Members with last names beginning with A - L
bring finger food, desserts, or hors d'oeuvres.

Finger food only please.



LOCAL FILM-MAKER PRESENTS NEW THRILLER IN MERCED



Join us for A Merced Premiere! THURSDAY NOVEMBER 14TH @7PM

REGAL THEATER, DOWNTOWN MERCED

We have arranged an exclusive big screen premiere of the new Hollywood film

Itsy Bitsy!

It's a BIG night on the town. Make it a Date night! Or bring the kids (PG-13)!

HOW TO GET TICKETS: Click ticket link: (www.itsybitsytickets.com)

You can reserve as many tickets as you want and they will be saved under your name and you will be put on the list. Please ONLY reserve for people 100% coming as

SEATING IS LIMITED.

The main film starts at 7 pm, but there will be drinks and festivities going on from 5 pm at Bella Luna. Meet and celebrate with locally born filmmaker Micah Gallo.

Please spread the word! Thanks!

There will also be a free showing for the community on Saturday Nov 23 at the Merced County Library in the Gracey room at 1:30 pm.

**Merced Branch AAUW
2019-2020 Elected Officers**

President Dena Traina

Vice President Elect Ruth Wax

Program Vice Presidents

Kim McAuley Chris Cook Joanne Abraham

Membership Vice President Anita Parker

Treasurer Carol Landers

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2019-2020 Appointed Officers

Website Linda Lucas

Past president Sandy Clemens

Communications liaison/Newsletter Susan Walsh

Interest Section Coordinator Rebecca Tietjen



Get To Know Your AAUW Officers

Officer	Section Coordinator
Name	Becky Tietjen
Book read this summer	The Woman At The Window
Movie watched this summer	Toy Story 4 (with grandchildren)
Book you plan to read	One from the TO BE READ stack
Favorite summer holiday spot	New England
Favorite local restaurant	Toni's

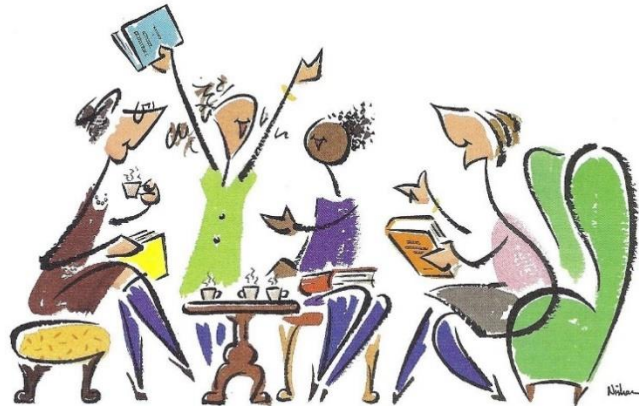
PROPOSED PROGRAM CALENDAR

December 8 3 – 5 p.m.	<u>Annual Holiday Tea</u> 2694 Piedmont Drive, Merced
January Date TBA	Travelogue 2913 Whitegate Dr., Merced
March Date TBA	<u>Women's Author</u>
May Date TBA	<u>Art Show / Spring Brunch</u>



Welcome A New Member

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NEW BOOK SECTION FORMING!!!

All of the current AAUW Book Sections are full. Susan Walsh has volunteered to lead a new book section. If you are interested in joining the new Book Section, contact Susan at drsusanwalsh@yahoo.com

Please let her know the days of the week / general times you might be available. The reading list will be determined at the first meeting (TBA), so bring your ideas.



Governor Signs 14 AAUW-Supported Bills Into Law

October 29, 2019. by Magaly Zagal, Legislative Advocate for AAUW California

The 2018-19 legislative season has come to a close, and by October 13, 2019 Governor Newsom signed 870 bills out of the 1,042 bills that were presented to him. Among the most significant of these were twelve bills which will become law due to the advocacy and research support offered by AAUW California.

[AB 9](#) – Extends the time for filing harassment and discrimination claims under California’s Fair Employment and Housing Act (FEHA) from 2 to 3 years, allowing survivors additional time to seek redress.

[AB 51](#) – Prohibits an employer from requiring an employee to waive any right for a labor code violation as a condition of employment, continued employment or receipt of employment benefits.

[AB 59](#) – Directs county elections officials to consider a vote center location on a public or private university with the intent to increase youth voter turnout.

[AB 170](#) – Closes a gap in the law to ensure that employers do not resort to subcontractor agreements for purposes of avoiding liability for sexual harassment claims.

[AB 218](#) – Increases the civil statute of limitations period for commencement of a sexual assault cause of action. This will give sexual assault survivors sufficient time to access civil remedies.

[AB 381](#) – Ensures that prevention and bystander intervention outreach on dating violence information is made available to incoming students during orientation.

[AB 543](#) – Ensures that all 9th through 12th grade students receive a written policy on sexual harassment information during orientation. AAUW’s report “Schools Are Still Underreporting Sexual Harassment and Assault” was critical in helping support the legislative analyses for AB 543.

[AB 749](#) – Prohibits the use of “no rehire” clauses in settlement agreements that broadly restrict future employment opportunities for workers settling a sexual harassment or other claims.

[AB 809](#) – Mandates that public postsecondary institutions provide notice to students to ensure that pregnant and student parents are aware of their Title IX rights.

[AB 922](#) – Allows a woman providing human oocytes for research to be compensated for her time, discomfort, and inconvenience in the same manner as other research subjects.

[SB 24](#) – Increases access to reproductive health services for students at public universities and colleges by providing medication abortion at student health centers.

[SB 142](#) – Requires employers to have a written lactation policy and lactation spaces that meet minimum requirements for lactating workers. While existing law requires employers to provide parents with the time and space to express breastmilk. [SB 142](#) places specific guidelines to ensure that parents are sufficiently protected in the workplace.

MORE PHOTOS FROM THE AAUW EVENING AT THE VISTA



AAUW MERCED ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY From Dee Near

The AAUW ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY crew was out in force this morning (Nov. 2) on Hwy 140. Our most interesting find was a coin purse with the change left from the food they purchased at Jack in the Box and then threw all their food wrappers out the window. The next hungry homeless person I buy a meal for will be funded by this treasure. \$6.05.



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