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President's Message

Christmas is upon us and I would like to wish you and all your families a happy holiday season. AAUW started the season with our traditional Holiday Tea. I would like to thank the program committee and Bette for putting on another wonderful event.

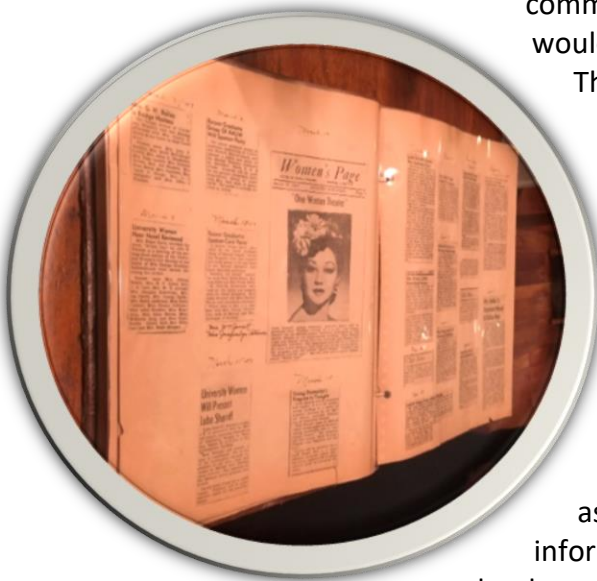
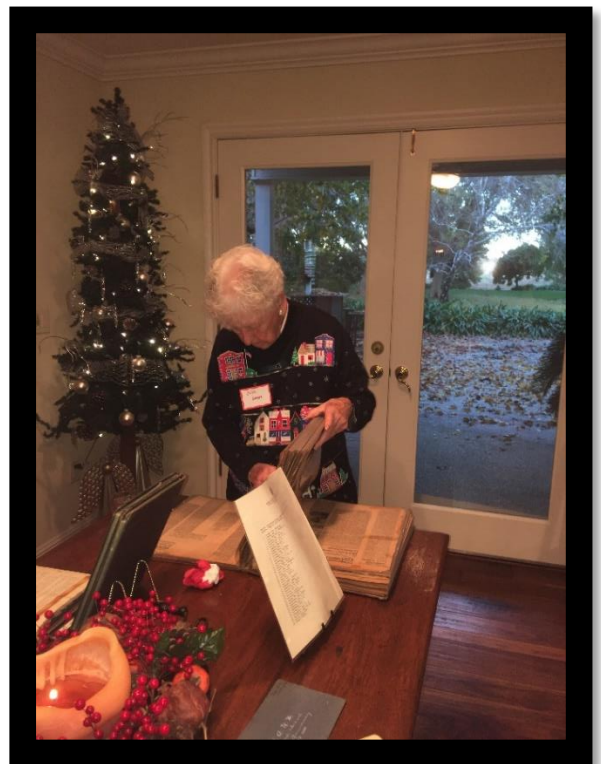
A special treat this year was a display with our organization's history books. Did you know that at one time in history AAUW ran a nursery? Can you image the commitment that it would take to do that!

There was also a lecture on hosiery. That made me smile. I probably could use a lesson on how to put them on again,

especially if you think back when they had a seam. Getting the seam to line up along the back of your leg was not as easy as you might image. These history books have a wealth of information, ideas and history. We are currently thinking these books need a permanent home, possibly at the museum. Have any

thoughts?

Give me a call.





AAUW is co-sponsoring an event with Merced County Historical Museum honoring women's life in Merced County prior to the Suffrage movement. Come join us on March 12 for the opening! Also, on March 28 at the Courthouse Museum, we will be having a presentation by Bonnie Johnston on her books and how publishing has changed over the years. Two wonderful events in our lovely courthouse museum.

Two more events – the travelogue which is booking up fast and the Spring Brunch. The Brunch will feature you as artists so please let Kim McAuley know if you have something to display. We'll have a nice Christmas and I hope to see you at the Cuban Travelogue in January!

Dena Traina AAUW President

January Program: Travelogue on Cuba

By Carol Whitehill

2913 Whitegate Dr., Merced. January 14, 2020. 7 p.m.

Seating is limited. Only a few seats left!

Reservations MUST be made with Kim McAuley.



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PROPOSED PROGRAM CALENDAR

<p align="center">January 14, 2020 7 p.m. Seating is limited.</p>	<p align="center">Travelogue on Cuba By Carol Whitehill 2913 Whitegate Dr., Merced Reservations MUST be made with Kim McAuley.</p>
<p align="center">March 12 5 p.m.</p>	<p align="center">Exhibit Opening Portraits of Women in Merced County History Merced County Courthouse Museum 21st and N Streets</p>
<p align="center">March 28 4 p.m.</p>	<p align="center">Bonnie Johnston, Author Merced County Courthouse Museum 21st and N Streets</p>
<p align="center">May Date TBA</p>	<p align="center"><u>Art Show / Spring Brunch</u></p>

From Ruth Wax – Elegant Celebration

Our AAUW book group was treated to its annual elegant and fun Christmas brunch courtesy of Julia Larson.



The CHOCOHOLICS know how to throw a holiday party!



We Have Plans For

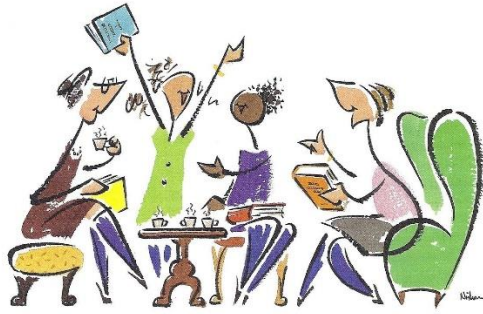


**JOIN US IN CELEBRATING
WOMEN' HISTORY MONTH**

AAUW is co-sponsoring with the Merced County Historical Society and Museum the opening program for *BEYOND APPEARANCE: PORTRAITS OF MERCED COUNTY WOMEN*. The year 2020 marks the 100th anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment that enfranchised American women. By studying portraits of Merced County women from the Victorian Era to 1920, the exhibit aims to look beyond the appearance of these individuals and learn the stories of their daily struggles

Also, on March 29 at 4 p.m. at the Courthouse Museum in the courtroom, we will be having a presentation by Bonnie Johnston on writing and how publishing has changed over the years. Bonnie Johnston is a member of the Sterling & Stone editorial team and contributor to multiple in-house pen names, with more than two decades experience as a freelance writer and editor. She teaches authors how to increase the emotional impact of their stories at writessmarternotharder.teachable.com through courses like *How to Plot a Series that Rocks*, *How to Write Powerhouse Scenes*, and *Story Endings That Satisfy*.

Please join us at these two wonderful events in our lovely courthouse museum.



The New Book Section

will have its organizing meeting the first Tuesday in February :
February 4, 4 to 5 p.m. at 1715 Mondo Drive. Merced.
Call 209 756-1473 for information.

INTERNATIONAL PHOTOGRAPHER ROBERT DAWSON TO VISIT MERCED

Photographer Robert Dawson will be in Merced on **Tuesday, February 25, 2020** to talk about libraries and literacy. He will be giving an afternoon talk at UC Merced and an evening talk at the Merced branch of the MCL. (Exact times TBD).

Over the past 18 years, in between other projects, the San Francisco-based photographer Robert Dawson has captured in photographs nearly 700 public libraries across 48 states in his book *The Public Library: a photographic essay*. His subjects are as diverse as the places they serve.

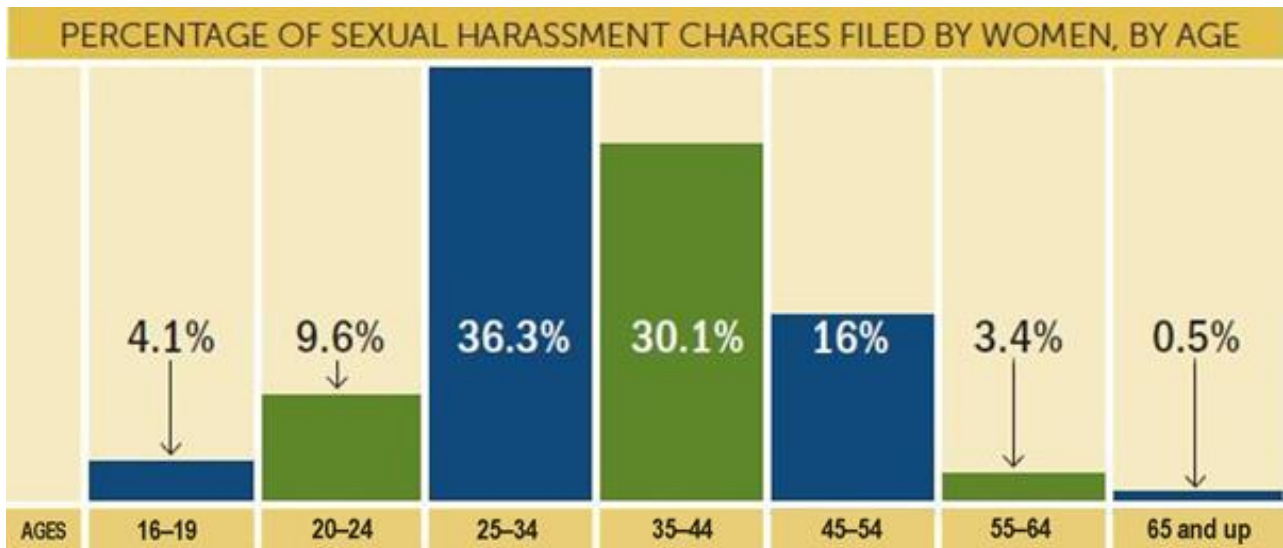
Here is a link to an article about Mr. Dawson and his amazing book
The Quiet Majesty of America's Public Libraries

<https://www.citylab.com/design/2016/06/robert-dawson-american-public-libraries/487352/>

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MISSION & ACTION

AAUW's newsletter



How Sexual Harassment Limits Our Livelihoods

[New research from AAUW](#) finds that workplace sexual harassment can take a toll on women's physical and mental health and reduce their lifetime earnings. The report is based on an AAUW analysis of Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) data, a review of academic studies on sexual harassment and an exclusive nationwide survey of AAUW members and their networks.

It shows that the experience of sexual harassment is not often one that women can quickly put behind them. Rather, its impact continues to reverberate throughout their lives, increasing their risk of depression, post-traumatic stress disorder and other long-term health problems. And that's not to mention the financial repercussions: In AAUW's survey of 311 women, 38% of women who'd been harassed said it contributed to their decision to leave a job early, and 37% said it disrupted their career advancement.

The report includes harrowing stories like this one from Maria, 53: "I was working as an office manager in a small business, and the boss/owner was the one harassing me. There was no one else to report it to. I ended up quitting."

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