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Merced Branch**



THE INSIGHTER

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President's Message:

Well who would have thought that the end of my presidency would be like this! I have now been home over a month and have had lots of time to do house projects. (Lots more to do). I am missing all of my activities and friends and only venture out for a walk each. One of the activities I am missing is AAUW. The sections are trying to keep in touch with everyone and I hope that you have heard from yours in the last month. So there are a few changes that we are going to have to make to get through the rest of the year.

- We are going to need to vote by mail. A paper ballot will be coming your way soon. We have put together a slate of officers that I think you will be pleased with. To make it easier for everyone we are going to request that you send in a ballot if you are **opposed** to the slate in any way. Otherwise, you can do nothing.
- We are going to have to postpone the installation. The plan is to have it, but it will be in the summer instead of May.

In the meantime, there are a few things that can keep you connected. Take a look at the video on our website. Merced County Office of Education prepared a video of the last day of Science Camp. They did a very nice job. It has been uploaded to our website thanks to Linda Lucas! Thank you Linda. Please take a look. <https://merced-ca.aauw.net/>



And don't miss the exhibit at the museum – that is, when its re-opened. This joint exhibit with the Merced Historical Society, is going to be on display longer than originally announced. I believe I saw a few of our members families on the boards so when the museum re-opens, I hope you will stop by and see what these pioneering women accomplished.

I always try to find the good in every situation. I know for me there has been more quality time with my husband. He isn't as tired at the end of the day and he is more willing to sit and talk. I also see many more families going on walks together away from the devices that can be quite distracting. So, take this time and work on your art because when we are meeting again, we will have the art show and installation brunch. More than ever I can truly say that I cannot wait to see you all! And please look in the mail for your ballot.

Dena Traina AAWW President

A QUOTE FOR THE TIME OF SHELTERING IN PLACE

“It is good people who make good places.”
— Anna Sewell, Black Beauty

AAUW Merced Branch 2020-2021 Ballot

The following is the proposed slate of officers. We will be holding this vote by mail only. You do not need to do anything if you want to vote for the entire slate proposed. If you are interested in writing in a candidate or voting no on any of the proposed officers below, please send in your ballot to **Dena Traina by May 20** at following address:

3395 Locksley Court
Merced, CA 95340

Proposed 2020-2021 Slate of Officers

President	Ruth Wax
Write-in	_____
Vice President and President Elect	Jane Lawrence
Write-in	_____
Program Vice Presidents	Ashley McComb-Thanadabouth Susan Chappell Ann Ahmadi
Write-in	_____
Membership Vice President	Anita Parker
Write-in	_____
Treasurer	Phaedra Hofmann
Write-in	_____
Secretary	Linda Lucas
Write-in	_____
EF/LAF	Pauline Cuchna
Write-in	_____

WHAT ARE MEMBERS DOING WHILE THEY SHELTER IN PLACE?

From the Textiles Group



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Merced Branch Membership 2020-2021 (Deadline June 30, 2020)

Please complete and submit the entire form (even if you are an honorary life member) and return with your dues. This is necessary to ensure that you are listed accurately with National, in the directory and on newsletter mailings.

Make your check payable to Merced AAUW and mail to:

Anita Parker, 2814 San Juan Court, Merced, CA 95340.

Please note: Failure to renew will exclude you from section participation in 2020-2021.

Is your contact information listed correctly in the AAUW Directory? Yes ___ No ___

Please note corrections below.

___ *My contact information is not in the Directory, please include as listed.*

MEMBER INFORMATION

Name:

Last Name, First Name Middle Initial

Address:

Street City Zip

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

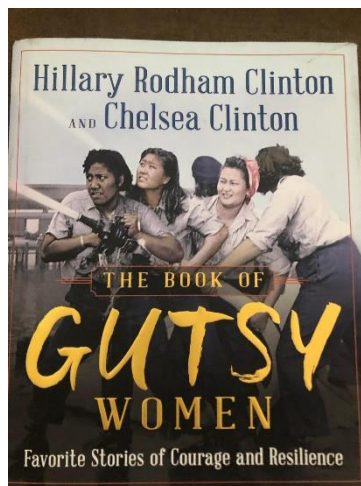
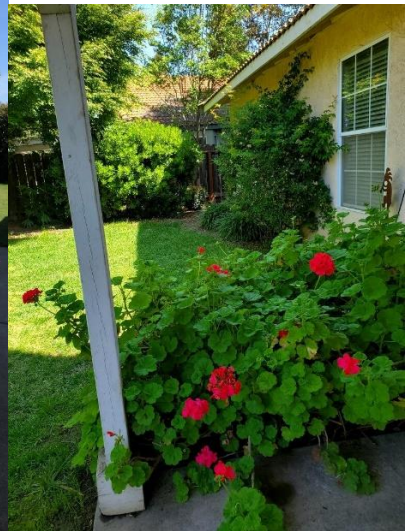
Email:

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- Regular Branch Member **\$88**
(Assoc. \$59 (\$56 which is tax deductible), State \$20, Branch \$9)
- Honorary Life Member **\$0**
(No Fees)
- Association Life Member **\$29**
(Assoc. \$0, State \$20, Branch \$9)
- Scholarship Donation \$ _____
- Science Camp donation \$ _____
- Late Fee (after July 1) \$2

Date _____ Check # _____ Amount \$ _____

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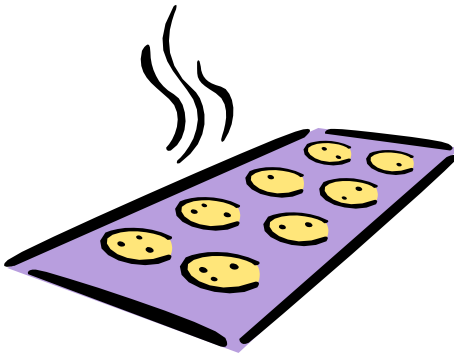


A REQUEST TO STAY IN TOUCH



Writing notes to friends is NOT a lost art.
It requires pen, paper, envelope and stamp.
And the kindness to stay in touch.

Calling a friend just to say hello
Is not as hard as it seems. Even a
brief call can make the day better.



Leaving homemade cookies on the doorstep
does not break the NO PARTIES rule,
but it does remind friends you care.

A FRIENDSHIP QUOTE

Friendships begin because, even without words, we understand how someone feels. ~Joan Walsh Anglund

WHAT ARE WE READING?

WALKING ON WATER, REFLECTIONS ON FAITH & ART	URSULA LEGUIN
THE CITY OF BRASS	S. A. CHAKRABORTY
ONCE AND FUTURE	CORI MCCARTHY
CARRION DEATH	MICHAEL STANLEY
GIRL STOP APOLOGIZING	RACHEL HOLLIS
BECOMING	MICHELLE OBAMA
EDUCATED	TARA WESTOVER
RUST: A MEMOIR OF STEEL AND GRIT	ELIESE COLETTE GOLDBACH
COOK'S SCIENCE	COOKS ILLUSTRATED
THE GIVER OF STARS	JOJO MOYES
GUTSY WOMEN	HILARY RODHAM CLINTON & CHELSEA CLINTON




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