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NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members and Guests,

Once again it was lovely to see you all in person at our favorite venue Rivino Winery. The meal by our honored Chef Earl and family was again delicious and plentiful. Thank you to Madelyn McCauley, Sue Mason, and Ilse Winters for helping to serve the meal and to Kyle for preparing the Welcome Table, taking care of the finances and helping me with an assortment of necessary preparations.



Once again Norma Marks provided us with the beautiful roses from her garden and thank you to Kyle, Val and another dear person for taking photographs. Chante Edison and Kyle were again on task to help with the final packing up. And, the weather was perfect!

Eliza Grider from the College Foundation was a guest at our Spring Dinner. Eliza spoke with us about the process of finding the women for our Scholarship Grants.

Mary Ann Villwock and Katie Gibbs have done a great job for several years heading the scholarship committee. Both of them are not planning on doing that work next year.

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Especially memorable was the recognition of the amazing longevity of belonging to AAUW by 19 of our members. We gifted small and colorful pins--each group of colors spanning from 69 years to 22 years of membership, to honor this wonderful level of commitment! Though eight of these members could not attend the dinner, we look forward to giving them their pins at future programs.

Our current officers on the AAUW Board have agreed to stay on. Much appreciation to Sharon, Kyle, Norma, Rocio, Val, and myself. Janet Chaniot, working with the relationship to Mendocino College and with program mentoring, intends to remain as supportive as possible considering her health factors.

The following members showed interest in helping the board with aspects of the work:

Scholarship: Katarzyna Rolzinski, Accolades: Gretel Palmerin: Tech Trek: Nancy Laybourn: and Website: Michelle Hutchins. Thank you for stepping up, your assistance is truly necessary to keep our Chapter alive.



Sulin with Corinne Olson,
AAUW Member for 62 years



Kristana Arp, Bev Spence, Sue Mason and
Marie Behnke receiving pins for long-term
Membership.

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Val Muchowski awarding Ann Kilkenny and
Katie Gibbs 30-year pins

To repeat the need for essential help, please let me know if you could volunteer a few hours with any of the following:

Membership, Hostess Committee, Revising the Yearbook, (probably in July/August) and coordinating the phone tree to secure Volunteer Helpers. Please RSVP to me with your interest in serving our AAUW in any capacity at sulinbell@gmail.com. This is very important if we are to continue to provide our interesting, stimulating, educational annual programs in November, January and April.

We also need people to offer to help Rocio, as Program Officer, with this creative job; Rocio unfortunately could not attend the dinner, but she wrote a very thorough letter describing the needed assistance. Please let me know if you would like more information in order to consider being part of this and I will forward her letter to you.

Wishing you a wonderful summer; you will continue to receive occasional e-mails to keep you in touch of developments.

Congratulations on another successful year for AAUW Ukiah.

MENDOCINO COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS 2023

We hope you enjoyed hearing at the Spring dinner from Eliza Grider, Administrative Assistant and Scholarship Coordinator at the Mendocino College Foundation. She handles our applications. Since 2015, we have awarded \$1,000 to each of thirty women, and to one extraordinary student, Lisa Baker, twice. Recently at the College's Foundation Gala, Lisa, who is President of the Student Body, gave an inspirational address about the importance of scholarships in her path to graduation and she hopes, on to a four-year college.



Eliza Grider

In April, Mary Ann Villwock, Kyle Mayers and I reviewed nine applications for our three scholarships, some years there are more. We chose Sarah Adams, from Laytonville, who is studying biological sciences for pre-nursing. She is hoping to go into the nursing school in 2026. She wrote an excellent essay and carries a 4.0 grade point average.

We also chose Brittany Evans, wife and mother of three who is working for an Allied Health degree, again with a goal of RN/midwife. She too wrote a competent essay and maintains 4.0. Marissa Daniel, of Ukiah, is currently working in human services at First Five as she studies toward a Master of Social Work and plans to transfer to UC.

Each student will receive her check upon matriculation this Fall semester. We hope that we will be able to hear from these ladies at our Fall dinner. And we always appreciate assistance if you'd like to read the applications or take over this job.

And now the appeal! Please look into your budget and give what you can to help these very serious students who are making a better future for themselves and their families. Checks may be sent to Kyle Mayers, Treasurer, PO Box 1626, Ukiah, CA 95482. Please note "college scholarship" on the check.

And Thank You from all of them.

Happy Summer,
Katie Gibbs and Mary Ann Villwock

Happy June and Happy Pride Month!

Every June since 1970, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer or Questioning (LGBTQ+) Pride Month is celebrated to honor the 1969 Stonewall Uprising in Manhattan. At the time, The Stonewall Inn was the most popular gay bar in Manhattan. Until 1966 it was illegal to serve alcohol to a gay person, and until 1969, homosexuality was a criminal offense. On the morning of June 28, 1969, police raided the bar for the sale of illegal alcohol. As word got out about the raid, thousands of protestors came out, and the protests lasted for six days. These protests sparked the beginning of the Gay Liberation Movement.

The Stonewall Inn is now a National Monument. In 2016, President Obama established the first LGBTQ+ National Park in the 7.7 acres surrounding The Stonewall Inn, and in 2019, the city of New York honored LGBTQ+ activists Marsha P. Johnson and Sylvia Rivera for their activism with a statue. They were prominent in the Stonewall Uprising, and according to the city of New York, this was the “first permanent, public artwork recognizing transgender women in the world.”

Since the Stonewall Uprising, there have been many significant advances for the LGBTQ+ community, like same-sex marriage and the passage of the Matthew Shepard and James Byrd Hate Crimes Prevention Act of 2009. There is still a long way to go for equitable treatment for all, but that’s why it’s exciting to work with an organization like AAUW on its mission of achieving a more equitable society.

For further information, the Library of Congress has compiled a wonderful resource guide. *LGBTQ+ Studies: A Resource Guide* serves as an introduction into the excellent collection of LGBTQ+ resources available at the Library of Congress.

Val Muchowski
Public Policy

AAUW BOOKMARKERS

Our book for June is *An Immense World* by Ed Yong.

The meeting will be at 4561 Eastside Calpella Road at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, June 21.

Newcomers are welcome; call Katie Gibbs for directions, 707-228-6143.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next Board meeting will be on June 13 at 11:00 a.m. Anyone interested in attending needs to e-mail Sharon at [sharonjeanmarshall@gmail](mailto:sharonjeanmarshall@gmail.com) for the location still to be determined.

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