

Let's meet our new and continuing leaders:

**Continuing** as President is **Angela Scarlett**. She recalls attending Great Decisions before joining about 13 years ago, thanks to Gloria Yost. Her AAUW involvement includes hosting many Happy Hours (for networking and member recruitment), Membership, Communications, Women of the World and Book Group 6. Her original college goal was to major in drama and become an actress. Her degree in communications provided insight into journalism, film theory and interpersonal communication. Her second major improved her skills in critical thinking. "AAUW has helped me develop a better sense of service and community while deepening my knowledge of the policy issues that influence the lives of women and girls." Her motivation to accept the position of president goes back to service to the branch and its community. She also is committed to lifelong learning.

**Continuing** as Program Director is **Kim Rutledge**. She has been a member since 2013 when she attended a Happy Hour, thanks to Angela. She was "drawn to the organization's mission and various programs and activities." She served as newsletter editor from 2014 until last year, when she accepted the position of program director with Gloria Yost. She is active in Book Group 6. Her journalism degree led her to a job as a newspaper copy editor. A change in that industry led her to a MSW and her current job for the state in Adult Protective Services. Through AAUW she has increased her knowledge of the ERA and the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act. While on the board, she has gained leadership skills and lifelong friends. She looks forward "to bringing more equity-focused programming" and resuming "in-person programs when it is safe to do so."

**Elected** Membership Co-Directors are **Donna Holmes** and **Marty McKnew**.

**Donna** has been a member since 1986 -- a gift from her mom allowed her to experience the Berkeley Branch. When she moved to the Sacramento area, she was invited to join our branch, thanks to Gloria. Her involvement includes Foster Youth group, Funds, Scholarship,

finance director (a couple of times) and president. Her career path involved a management position at Pacific Bell; a degree in industrial psychology proved useful! AAUW has influenced her life in terms of friends and helping others. A brush with cancer at an early age has given Donna the power to stop sweating the small stuff and "become more patient and positive".

**Marty** has been a member of Sacramento AAUW since 1994, while she was serving at the CA leadership level. She has held board positions several times as president and funds director. Interest groups include Great Decisions, Film Fans and Singles Dining Out. Her degree is in history, and she was employed by the State of California. AAUW has influenced her life in terms of support in leadership roles at the state and local levels. Friendships made have enriched her life. She "wanted to support Donna and the branch." (Donna twisted her arm!)

Continuing as Funds Director is **Charmen Goehring**. She has been a member of AAUW since 1992 and has joined a local branch after each move. In our branch, she has been public policy director as well as co-president. Currently, she is also co-director of Tech Trek and started an Equity Conversations Book Study group. For the past seven years, she has been active at the state and national levels. "AAUW fulfills that part of me that wants to make a difference in my community and world." After graduation, she obtained a teaching credential and enjoys working with special-ed children. Her political background includes a grandfather who was a state senator; her dad was a lobbyist. Look for her name when she runs for office!! Charmen has benefited from the leadership opportunities offered by AAUW and enjoys meeting women with like values. She became funds director because she hadn't done that before.

Continuing as Finance Director is **Liz Jordan**. In 1976, a friend suggested AAUW to Liz; a couple of people came to her home to check her diploma! Her involvement in the branch began with a book group, thanks to Linda Whitney. Liz has edited the newsletter, joined Creative Writers, spearheaded the Oral History Project that recorded

the stories of many of our 50-year members and started Speech Trek with Shari Beck. She served as president from 2018 to 2020. Her English degree could have led to library school, but she chose teacher training at UCD. Her first job was not in teaching but at Cal West Life Insurance; she published all their policies and procedures. AAUW taught her how to drive around Sacramento before having a GPS; members met at one another's homes. AAUW offered workshops in leadership skills that proved useful in the classroom and beyond. Liz reminds us that a branch cannot exist without a president, secretary and finance director. AAUW "just celebrated an amazing milestone of 100 years of activity in February of 2020. I have loved the people and experiences I have had and wish to have in AAUW Sacramento." As finance director, she is bringing more automation and ease to the job. **Elected** to Secretary is **Carole Cline**, who joined after attending the AAUW Showcase in 2011, thanks to Kathy Papst. She is teaching full time but still tries to attend special events. Majoring in French was her first plan; she now has a BA and MA in English literature. The 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Committee welcomed her contributions and enthusiasm. "I truly became immersed in AAUW history. I enjoyed writing the script for the skit. I was delighted to serve with such hard-working, accomplished women on the committee." She admits she is shy but loves intellectual stimulation; she loves dining with friends as well as learning from others.

**Elected** to serve as members of the Nominating Committee for the 2021-2022 membership year are **Nancy Lawrence**, **Cherril Peabody** and **Linda Sparks**.

**Nancy** has been a member since 1991, thanks to Jean Bonar, because she "needed to talk to educated women about what I was reading and doing. " She is in two book groups and has served as finance director and newsletter editor, as well as being president twice. Her degree in English led her to a career in teaching, which she loved. AAUW has given her "lasting friendships and continuing education." After being in

the background recently, she is looking forward to being involved in the nominating process.

**Cherril** joined AAUW in 1970 but became interested in meeting women with similar interests in 1992. Thank you, Myke Taylor. She has served as program director, interest groups director, newsletter editor, public policy director, scholarship director, 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee member and president. Currently, she is in a book group, coordinates Film Fans and plays Scrabble. She plans to volunteer for the Membership Committee. She feels her degree in literature has taught her "how to think and how to learn, qualities that benefit you whatever field you enter." Through AAUW, Cherril has learned about women's issues and gained many good friends. "I have invested time (and money, too) in this organization, but I have gained so much more than I have given in terms of good friendships and feeling of achievement."

**Linda** joined in 1972 as a new resident and new mom. She was "looking for women to connect with." Her branch involvement includes Newcomers, Recent Grads and a book group. She helped to research and write two branch studies: Nuclear Energy and Transportation. She has testified before the City Council and Board of Supervisors on branch issues. She helped with neighborhood coffees, branch meetings, and bridge group. Her BA and MA in education led to a very successful career. Being involved in AAUW and meeting interesting women has helped her be more involved in her city and neighborhood. "I value my membership in this organization, enjoy learning new things and connecting with others who are as curious as I am."