



Branch Lines

FEBRUARY
2017

American Association of
University Women



FREE Program on February 17th!

Come listen to 5 local high school student-finalists compete for cash prizes as they deliver 5-6 minute speeches on the topic:

“Is it Time to Pass the Equal Rights Amendment?”

Some ask, “Has that amendment *still not* passed?”

The answer: No, not since it was first introduced to Congress in 1923!

Student prizes: CASH AWARDS: Cash prizes are sponsored by Gray Allen in memory of his wife Eleanor Stem-Allen, who began the Speech Trek program in our branch.

WHAT: Speech Trek’s 11th Annual Contest
Final Round: 5 speakers competing!

WHEN: Friday, February 17, 2017—Contest 3:00 P.M.
Reception follows the contest with hors d’oeuvres, soft drinks, and cash bar.

WHERE: Kilaga Springs Lodge, Presentation Hall
1187 Sun City Blvd., Lincoln, CA

You are also welcome to attend the Speech Trek semi-annual contest on February 9 at 5:00 p.m. in room F-1 at Whitney High School, Rocklin. For more information, contact Michele Stark.

ANNOUNCING 2017 WOMEN OF DISTINCTION

This year we will be honoring our keynote speaker, Nancy Lieberman, Assistant Coach for the Sacramento Kings, and two Placer County women:

Robin Trimble, Executive Director, Rocklin Chamber of Commerce

Celia McAdam, Executive Director, Placer County
Transportation Planning Agency



President's Message By Kathleen Crawford

January 2017 was a busy month!

Beginning with the well attended and positively reviewed Program on Technology, over 60 members and guests gathered to hear from our panelists and have their questions answered directly. Many thanks to VP Programs Sanchia Spandow and her committee Pam Wilkinson, Sue Cofer and Kathy Kort for arranging this informative and productive meeting!

Continuing on Saturday, January 21, the Women's March in Sacramento involved participation from over 30 branch members and 5 of our IBC (AAUW Inter-Branch Council) partners as well as many other non-partisan groups including the League of Women Voters. The focus of the Women's



March emphasized the AAUW Public Policy advocacy issues such as pay equity, health care, and civil rights. Women's rights are human rights is not a mere slogan for AAUW— it requires our action and support in collaboration with other non-partisan organizations.

Lastly, the IBC Luncheon on Saturday, January 28, provided many of us an opportunity to hear from the AAUW Funds recipients speaking on their topics in both science and the literature fields. The breadth and historical support that AAUW provides to improve advocacy and opportunities for women and girls is something that I personally am proud to support.

In February, our branch attention turns to our local outreach program and philanthropies. If you have not been to the February Speech Trek Finalist competition, you are missing a fantastic opportunity to see the best and brightest of our local high school students developing their skills at persuasive public speaking on the ERA (What's Up with the Equal Rights Amendment?). Once you experience it, this will be an annual date on your calendar—and this year there is a reception immediately following so you can socialize with the students and their families as well as your fellow AAUW members. Thanks go to Michele Stark and her committee for all the work on this event as well as the Program Committee for sponsoring the reception.

I enthusiastically endorse and encourage your attendance and support for the Women of Distinction Event on March 2nd at Catta Verdera. This fundraiser provides over half the Philanthropy budget funds raised. The keynote speaker and 2 honorees (see cover page) are truly outstanding and you won't want to miss out. The dinner reservation deadline is February 22nd, and this event may sell out. Last year several members complained when the event did sell out, so a larger venue has been secured, but tickets are selling quickly so do NOT delay. You may also support this event by purchasing or selling raffle tickets or advertisements in the evening program. Please contact Mary Kay Melton for raffle tickets or Carolyn Garfein for program ads. I want to express my support for Jackie Lamb and her committee members working on the Women of Distinction dinner for the second year in a row. The event continues to grow and we are reaching into the community to gather support for our local philanthropy outreach projects here in South Placer.

Join us in making a difference in South Placer.

Women of Distinction Dinner

GET YOUR TICKETS NOW!



This year we will be honoring the Kings Assistant Coach, Nancy Lieberman, who will also be the keynote speaker. In addition, we are pleased to announce that we will also honor two local women: Robin Trimble, Executive Director of the Rocklin Chamber of Commerce, and Celia McAdam, Executive Director of the Placer County Transportation Planning Agency.

We hope to fill the room in demonstration of our support to these accomplished women who have mentored other women and girls. Remember, this is our Annual Fundraiser to support the college and high school scholarship programs, Tech Trek, Start Smart, Sierra College activities. Remember, if you want to sit with specific people, the reservations and checks must be received together.

DATE: MARCH 2ND AT 5:30
PLACE: Catta Verdera Country Club, Lincoln
PRICE: \$75.00

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE! REMEMBER LAST YEAR WE SOLD OUT AND SOME MEMBERS DIDN'T GET TO ATTEND! (See page 4 for reservation form.)

RAFFLE TICKETS

Raffle ticket sales provide our largest profit for this event, which then funds our outreach programs. There are only 1000 tickets available, so chances of winning a prize are good. If every member buys or sells five tickets, we will meet our goal.

Please contact Mary Kay Melton to receive packets of raffle tickets.

TICKETS: \$10 EACH/THREE FOR \$25

GRAND PRIZE: 7-night Caribbean Cruise for two on Holland America or Celebrity cruises



PLUS MORE GREAT PRIZES:

- 2ND Prize...2 night stay at the Napa River Inn**
- 3rd Prize....2 night stay at Donner Lake Vacation cabin**
- 4th Prize....2 night stay at the Chancellor Hotel in San Francisco**
- 5th Prize...Wood sculpture donated by Lauren Lane Family**
- 6th Prize...Cakebread Cellars wine**
- 7th Prize...\$200 gift certificate to Kilaga Spa**

We need all members to help with the Raffle Ticket Sales.

WOMEN OF DISTINCTION DINNER

Registration Form



Individual Registration: Complete line 1, mail form with your check.

Group Registration: Groups of two to ten need to register together. Complete one **registration form** with all group registrants listed. **ALL** checks for **ALL** registrants in your group must accompany this form.

Menu Choice

Please print.		a	b	c	(\$75 each)
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Menu Choices:

- a. Mushroom **Risotto** with Grilled Vegetables and topped with Parmesan
- b. Stuffed **Chicken** Breast with Asparagus, Brie and Bacon with mashed potatoes
- c. Slow Cooked **Tri Tip** with Red Wine Demi Glace with mashed potatoes.

By February 22 mail completed form with all checks for the total amount to:

AAUW WOD Dinner
5153 Wedgewood Way
Rocklin, CA 95765

Registration question? Phone Barbara F. at (916) 315-9036.

TECH TREK ENGINES REVVING FOR A NEW START

By Kim Lillard, Tech Trek Chair

Tech Trek is once again at the starting line, gearing up for a new year's scholarship race. Roseville South Placer Tech Trek committee members have been hard at work contacting schools, and it looks as though there may be just about as many teachers participating as did last year.



Teachers have until January 30th to submit their nominees for this year's camp. New shortened student nomination forms for teachers were rolled out by National Tech Trek and distributed, along with all the other information, by our State Tech Trek Director Linda Stinebaugh. This year everything is being done via e-mail, using Word, Excel and pdf forms. The future is now!

The Woman's Club of Lincoln will once again be the site of student/parent interviews, to be held on Saturday, March 18th. The Woman's Club is also again graciously giving us a significant discount on the hall rental because of the work we do to promote education for girls and women. It's a win/win to be able to continue a relationship in this way with such a venerable organization for women in Lincoln. They, like AAUW, began in the early part of the 20th century (1911). Our organizations have both seen great changes and strides forward for women since those days.

A big, heartfelt thank you goes out to all who have contributed to help send six young ladies to Tech Trek camp. Six is the maximum number of places allotted to the Branch by AAUW State Tech Trek, and we are happy to be able to fill the six places thanks to the work of the Philanthropy Committee and the many generous donors.

For more information on Tech Trek, please call or text Kim Lillard .

Tech Trek Receives a Foundation Grant

Special thanks to the Bardis Foundation, created by Christo Bardis of Reynen and Bardis, homebuilders in the greater Sacramento area for over 40 years. Katherine Bardis, administrator of the foundation and the daughter of Christo Bardis, presented to the Branch's Tech Trek program a Foundation Grant for \$900.

Katherine joined the building industry in 2012 by creating Bardis Homes with her cousin Rachel Bardis. At the same time, she completed her Juris Doctor degree at McGeorge School of Law. Katherine and Rachel are role models for young girls in the STEM fields. They have applied their education and knowledge of STEM concepts to design homes and communities for families in the Sacramento area.

The Branch is grateful to the Bardis Foundation for the support of young girls in the Tech Trek Program. You can read more about them at <http://bardishomes.com>.

KUDOS TO !!

**Kudos to:**

Chair Pam Wilkinson and her team, Sue Cofer and Kathy Kort, for the extraordinary Communication Technology Program on January 18th.

And to: Tasha Standridge, Branch Secretary, and Len Carniato and Paul Varacalli for their well prepared presentations and handouts that helped audience members gain an understanding of today's technology tools and the media that affect all of our lives.

Attendees learned a lot!

A Philanthropy Thank You!

The No Reservations fundraiser was a huge success! The generosity of Branch members was amazing and will go a long way to continuing to fund our programs/ scholarships for women and girls at all levels. We look forward to the Women of Distinction dinner in March. Raffle tickets are available at Branch events and at the door of the dinner. (See pgs. 3-4 for details.)

Only a few days left to Nominate for Eleanor Roosevelt Award

Each year our branch contributes to AAUW Funds as part of our educational mission and selects two members to receive the Eleanor Roosevelt award for outstanding contribution to the Branch over the past couple of years. These honorees are women who have supported the Branch in terms of their time, effort, and talent and have not won the award in the past. Our past winners are published in the Member Handbook each year.



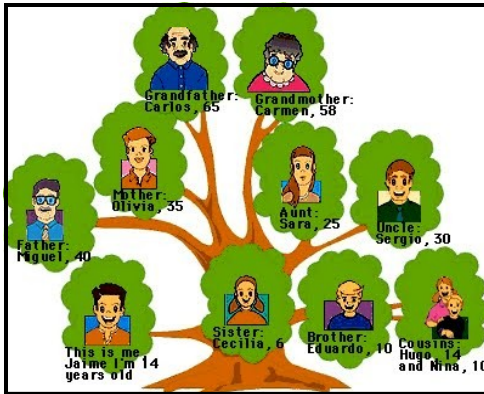
Please nominate a member or members who are deserving of this award and state your reason for the nomination.

All nominations need to be sent to the committee by January 31, 2017.

Please call or email Carolyn Garfein, or mail your nominations to Carolyn Garfein in Lincoln. (Contact information in Branch Handbook)

Winners' names will be kept secret until awards are given at the Annual Installation and Awards Luncheon.

Save the Date: Branch Meeting on Family History



FAMILY HISTORY: WHY IT IS IMPORTANT Wednesday, April 26, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at Sierra Pines, 7600 Whistlestop Way, Sun City Roseville

Hear speakers from the Family History Center; Sun City resident and family archivist Bert Donlon and others talk about why someone needs to pay attention to family history.

Possible Topics:

Family Trees and Medical and Genetic History
Dealing with Family Photo Albums and Memorabilia
Collecting and Recording Family Stories--Various Methods and Media
Internet Research--Free Sources
What to Do With Family Collections--finding a home for all the "stuff"
Publishing a Family Book--Samples Provided

The program is free, open to guests. Bring a family member or friend and find out interesting and valuable information. You won't want to miss it.

January Board Meeting Highlights

- President Crawford announced the 2017-18 Nominating Committee. Sanchia Spandow is chair with committee members Patricia Lane and Barbara Fraivillig. If you have any suggestions for nominations to the incoming Elected Board, please contact a Nominating Committee member.
- Membership VP Patricia Lane asked that the branch continue its past practice to allow new members to join beginning in January to participate in the national and state program dues program allowing their dues to pay through June 2018. This was unanimously adopted.
- Philanthropy VP Lynn Cooper announced that the No Reservation Fundraising has been a success and 95 thank you notes were sent out.
- Women of Distinction chair Jackie Lamb announced current and pending plans including the addition of program advertisements for the dinner on March 2.
- Outreach VP Sue Orvis provided updates on NCCWSL, Sierra College Re-Entry Scholarships and Tech Trek activities.
- The board passed a motion by Susan Hall, seconded by Patricia Lane, approving the revised and reformatted job descriptions for many board and committee chair positions. These will be posted on the branch website and distributed to the Nominating Committee and board members.

The next board meeting is February 8 at the Raley's Conference Center in Lincoln at 10 am.

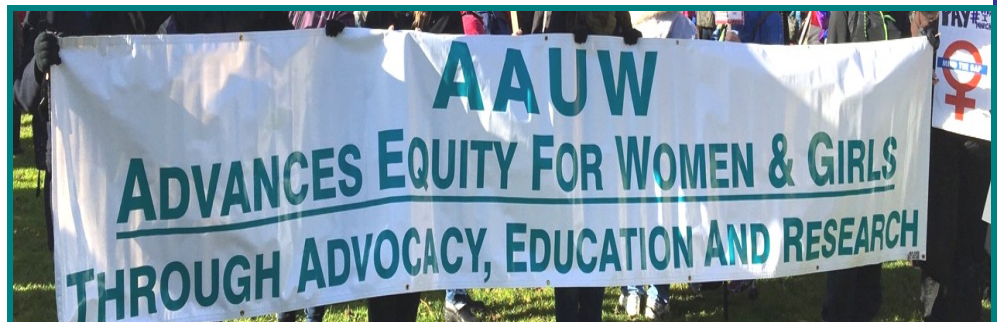
It is Time to Become an AAUW Activist!

The outcome of the November election and subsequent events have raised concerns in organizations that focus on women's issues, including AAUW and its coalition partners in California, the California Coalition for Reproductive Freedom, and Stronger California. Finding appropriate ways to express the concerns of members is a challenge. We see issues that we thought to be "settled" now have become front-page news, such as access to health care for people at all income levels, forthcoming challenges to Roe v. Wade, and freedom to make personal reproductive choices.

AAUW is a non-partisan organization engaging in issue-based advocacy. Our messages cannot identify with political parties, but this does not mean that we must remain silent when key components of our mission are being challenged. In fact, we *must* speak up. As Lisa Maatz, AAUW VP for Governmental Affairs has stated: "AAUW will speak truth to power," and has already made strong statements as candidates for cabinet posts are being vetted by Congress. It is critical that AAUW members and all citizens concerned with equity be knowledgeable and aware of the current status of important issues, and take action.

What should you do as an AAUW member? First, become informed. Use the AAUW website to educate yourself on issues. Check your facts in these days of "fake news" messages being planted. Next, get connected AAUW's national Two -Minute Activist network. If you haven't already, take advantage of the easiest way express advocacy: sign up for AAUW Action Alerts. Go to the national website, <http://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/public-policy/two-minute-activist/> and sign up. AAUW will notify us when it is time to make contact with our elected officials. When you use Two-Minute activist you are automatically connected with the office of your elected Member of Congress or U.S. Senator. Make yourself heard! These elected have offices in their districts – even consider making a visit there to express your views!

The recent Women's Marches have been another way to express support for our mission. On January 21, AAUW was well represented at the Sacramento Women's March through downtown Sacramento to the Capitol. Roseville South-Placer was represented by more than 30 members (and some husbands) who marched along with members from Sacramento, Auburn, Citrus Heights-American River, Davis and Nevada County branches—and a contingent of 10 from Redding! It was amazing to see over 20,000 women and men marching together enthusiastically and peaceably! A lineup of speakers energized the marchers gathered in front of the Capitol and surrounding streets—it was exciting to participate!



Use Amazon Smile and Help our Branch

A new and easy way to help the branch!

So many members order from Amazon, some even using Amazon prime. Now there is a way to buy your usual items and let Amazon give back to our non-profit charitable funds.



When you are ready to place an Amazon order:

Find the "Select a charity" space and type in AAUW Roseville South Placer. Then click the select button. Now you are on Amazon Smile. You have just entered Amazon through a different portal. Shop and place your order in the usual way, and Amazon takes care of the rest, giving back one-half a percent to our branch--not a lot, but every few dollars help, and you have no extra charges. You already have your credit card and personal information on file and secured with them, so you are not exposing any information to a third party. If you are an Amazon Prime user, the process works the same way.

If you are not an Amazon user but would like to be, you will be asked to set up an account. Amazon walks you through the process. If you are a regular Amazon buyer, you already know the procedures. Eventually, the branch hopes to have a similar connection with other businesses that will work the same way. Keep shopping and help our worthy causes!

!!! PORCH THIEVES !!!



Porch thieves are hitting homes all over South Placer, including the retirement communities.

Branch members often leave out on their porches items for friends to pick up. These may be nothing more than a set of Branch brochures or printed copies of programs, but porch thieves grab and run and look later.

Also, Branch members use Amazon Smile for a small percent donation to Branch philanthropy. Police agencies are warning homeowners to be cautious about leaving anything on the front porch--whether visible from the street or not.

Amazon now offers drop-off sites, such as local grocery stores, where packages can be picked up within three days with the customer's use of an Amazon created code. Neighbors are urged to watch for strangers walking on the street--perhaps distributing those ubiquitous advertising flyers or brochures to our doormats--or vehicles following slowly behind delivery trucks. We are being warned about mail box thefts, technology hacking and viruses, and now porch thieves cashing in on computer deliveries. It's the new world we must adjust to.

Interest Group Meetings in February--Open to all members

Casual Gardeners

Wednesday, February 1, 10:00 a.m.

On February 1 the Casual Gardeners will be venturing out to visit High Hand Nursery located at 3750 Taylor Rd, Loomis, CA 95650.

Please arrive by 10:30 a.m. and meet at the Koi pond by the restaurant. Our tour will begin at 10:45. Lunch is scheduled for 11:30.

Please RSVP to Gini Christiansen if you plan to attend.

We have scheduled our trip to UC Berkeley Botanical Garden for March 1, 2017. The cost of the tour is \$10 per person (senior rate). We will need to commit to at least ten people, as it is \$100 for the tour. If you are interested in joining us, please let Pat Tolleson know.

She will need your \$10 check by February 14.

Wednesday Evening Book Group February 1, at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting at the Lincoln home of Kathy Kort
Kathy reviews: The Underground Railroad
by Colson Whitehead

RSVP to Kathy if you plan to attend.

Further information: Contact Pat Morgan.

Mah Jongg

Thursday, February 2 and 16, at 1:00 p.m.

Group plays twice monthly in members' homes on first and third Thursdays.

Players will be contacted by
Coordinator Joyce Wade.

Or: RSVP to Joyce if you plan to attend.

Newcomers are welcome at the teaching table.

Party Bridge

Wednesday, February 8, at 1:00 p.m.

Group meets monthly on the second Wednesday.
Questions & RSVP, contact Leslie McNeill.



Duplicate Bridge

Friday, February 10, at 1:00 p.m.

Susie Hovde in Lincoln will be our hostess.

Please let her know if you can play.

If you would like to join or be a substitute in this group, please contact Sandi Roullier.

Great Decisions

Friday, February 10, at 10:00 a.m.

Raley's Event Center, 1915 Douglas, Roseville
2017 Discussion Books Available at \$21.00.

Topic: "Conflict in the South China Sea" (So Timely).

DVD & Discussion, Open Forum, Bring Opinions.

Contact Elsie Gaura for further information.

Women of the World

Monday, February 13, 10:00 a.m.

Hostess: Kathy Kort in SC Lincoln

Program: Kathy reviews

"I Am Nujood, Age 10, and Divorced"
by Nujood Ali with Delphine Minoui.

RSVP to Kathy if you plan to attend.

Contact substitute: Elsie Gaura

Hand and Foot Card Game

Tuesday, February 14, at 1:00 p.m.

Group meets on the second Tuesday monthly at the Granite Bay home of Darlene Thomas.

RSVP if you plan to attend.

For information about our group, contact Darlene.

Wine Appreciation Group

No information yet for February.

Members will be contacted.

Questions? Contact Diane Madden.



February Interest Group Meetings-- Open to All Members

Wednesday Book Group

February 15, at 10:30 a.m.

Raley's Event Center, 1915 Douglas, Roseville
Jane reviews: The Summer Before the War
by Helen Simonson

March book: Mr. & Mrs. Doctor by Julie Iromuanya
Questions: Contact Nancy Taylor.

New Member Interest Group

Thursday, February 16, at 1:00 p.m.

Group meets monthly on the 3rd Thursday
hosted by Dotti May in Lincoln.

New members and their mentors are encouraged
to attend; however, all branch members are
welcome. Its purpose is to integrate new members
through socializing, mentoring, and
education about branch activities.

February Topic: National AAUW

Presented by Carolyn Garfein

Please RSVP to Dotti if you plan to attend.

Movies on Monday

February 20, at 11:30 a.m.

Meeting at the Lincoln home of Sue Cofer
Our film: "Brooklyn"

Bring your lunch. \$2 "at the door" pays for
chips, beverage, and movie rental.

Seating is limited to 15 so please RSVP early.

For Reservations: Contact Carol Mahany.

Further Group Information: Contact Coordinators
Darlene Thomas or Sue Cofer.

Tuesday Book Group

February 21, at 10:30 a.m.

Lutheran Church, 6365 Douglas Blvd., Granite Bay
Jane reviews: We Are Completely Beside Ourselves
by Karen Joy Fowler

March book: The Boston Girl by Anita Diamant

Questions: Contact Patricia Glover.



Couples Dinner Group

For information about our group, contact
Barbara Gorden or Fran Rice.

Mexican Train

Monday, February 27, at 1:00 p.m.

Our hostess this month is Joan Urry
in Rocklin. If you plan to attend, please
RSVP to Joan by February 24.

Please remember to bring your nickels.

Women's Gourmet Group

Monday, February 27

Women's Gourmet will be held at the home of
Mary Ellen Volt in Lincoln. The menu will be
sent out in February. Questions can be
directed to Karen Allen.

Audio Book Exchange

No regular meetings—just sharing of books
on CD throughout the year. If interested,
please contact Coordinator Nancy Taylor:

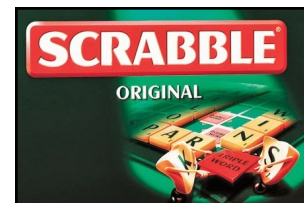
Scrabble Group

Tuesday, February 28, at 1:00 p.m.

Scrabble meets on the 4th Tuesday.

The hostess for February is Karen Allen in Lincoln.

RSVP to Karen if you plan to attend.



**For more information
About our Interest Groups,
Contact Coordinator Amy Costello.**

February Neighborhood Groups Events

Schelly Jensen, Groups Coordinator

Granite Bay/Loomis/Newcastle/E. Roseville/Orangevale: We will meet for lunch on Friday, **February 17th**, our usual 3rd Friday day. The restaurant will be decided upon at our January luncheon. We welcome any AAUW member to join us. Details will be sent by email. For further info about our group, contact Sally Altman.

Rocklin/Springfield: We will not meet in February. Our neighborhood group plans to go to the Women of Distinction dinner on **March 2nd**. To make your reservations to sit at the Rocklin Neighborhood table, call Jerri Yeager.

Lincoln: Save **February 17**—the Speech Trek finals at Kilaga Springs Lodge. We'll be doing something in conjunction with the Speech Trek competition. Details to come!

SCR Villages 9-13 + Southwest Roseville: Neighborhood Group Leaders

(They welcome your questions about our groups)

Granite Bay/Loomis/Newcastle/E. Roseville &
Orangevale: Sally Altman
Rocklin/Springfield: Jerri Yeager
Lincoln: Sue Cofer
SCR Villages 1-8 + Northwest Roseville:
Connie Frank
SCR Villages 9-13 + Southwest Roseville:
Sandy Haley

SCR Villages 1-8 + Northwest Roseville:

On Tuesday afternoon, **February 14**, Connie Frank will host a Valentine Tea from 2 to 4 at her Sun City Roseville home. Valentine's Day is associated with the color red. Think of other celebrations or holidays where a color dominates and tell us about it. Please RSVP to Connie as soon as possible so that she knows how much tea to brew and how many cookies, etc. to have ready.

SCR Villages 9-13 and Southwest Roseville:

Let's celebrate Valentine's Day with breakfast at 9:00 AM, Tuesday, **February 14**, at Awful Annie's, 490 Lincoln Blvd., Lincoln. RSVP to Sandy Haley as soon as possible if you plan to attend so Sandy can make restaurant reservations.

**Join your
Neighborhood Group Today!
For further information
Contact Coordinator Schelly Jensen.**



Lincoln Neighborhood Group—Help Wanted



The Lincoln Neighborhood group is very large and Sue Cofer would appreciate some help in organizing the group's activities.

If you would like to help Sue with the group's activities, please give her a call or email. (Contact Info in Branch Handbook)

Board Meeting Notice

Board Meetings are scheduled for the second Wednesday of each month at 10:00 AM at the Raley's Conference Room.

The February 8 Board Meeting is at 10:00 AM at Raley's in Lincoln.

Anyone interested is welcome to attend. Please call President Kathleen Crawford with your discussion item a week before the meeting so you can be placed on the agenda. Thank you.

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No problem!

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Your printer will most likely be set for color. You may click on Properties or Preferences and change the setting to black-and-white or grayscale.

It is suggested that you print out the newsletter now so you will have it handy for future reference.

