



# DIRECTIONS

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

December? ..Already?..

Well I am not prepared for December. I just got back from visiting my parents in Coronado, which was part relaxing-vacation and part family-drama. (The drama was all from my step-mom's denial that her rescued Pitbull scares other people.) I have been planning how to handle the holiday gift giving for my family and I think I am going with thoughtful or helpful gifts instead of a bunch of STUFF. All of our kids are big enough that they don't need toys or clothes they won't wear. So, I was thinking about gifts that they can do together, like a kayaking trip gift certificate or dining. Whatever I do will be last minute and sent with apologies for being late, but it will be sent with love.

However you are going to handle your holidays this year, I hope that you and your loved ones are safe, sane, and healthy!

Cheers and take care,

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Novato Branch President

## **MEMBERSHIP**

Our current membership stands at 52.

At our last board meeting we discussed some thoughts for 2021 including the possibility of resuming, more formally, some program activity – initially digital. Cindy had a suggestion from Beverlee Sandy to do some enriching/informative Zooms with guest speakers. If you have any topics that would interest you, please let Cindy know.

The board also discussed restarting a book group since it seems that everyone has been reading (more than usual) and there must be lots of recommendations for good books or ‘don’t bother’ if the book was not so good. Also, we’d be happy to print your recommendations in the newsletter, some of us are always looking for the next ‘good’ book.

Some member news:

We received news that Ginna and David Zoellner have decamped from Oakmont and moved to their desired destination of downtown Windsor. They are thrilled to once again be able to walk to restaurants and a favorite upscale grocery, Oliver’s. Find them now at 192 Johnson Street, Windsor, 95492. Please update your directories; cross out the home number listed and leave only the cell number.

We also received news about Gail Wood. Gail’s husband, Winston, passed away at the end of September. In spite of some health issues relating to balance, Gail is learning to cope in the compounding of difficult times with the help of virtual get-togethers with friends and long-distance conversations with her sisters. She welcomes calls from her AAUW friends, and the branch as a whole sends its belated condolence.

## **SEE’S CANDY**

Kathleen sent a recent e-mail that the See’s candy delivery has been delayed a couple of days – it seems that the See’s store supporting our orders did not receive everything needed in a timely manner. We’re hoping that by the time you receive this newsletter that you’ll be enjoying your favorite See’s as you read this item!

## **NOVATO BRANCH BOARD MEETING**

The next board meeting will be January 5, 5:00 p.m. The meetings are on the first Tuesday of each month at 5:00 p.m. (January 5, February 2, March 2, April 6, and May 4). At this time, we expect these to be Zoom meetings. You should contact branch president Cindy if you wish to attend – use number 6849736775 with Zoom to enter the waiting room – Cindy will attach you to the actual meeting.

## NOTES FROM OUR MEMBERS

### From Sue Potter -

We received news from Sue who is busy with many activities and her two grandchildren Grace, 4, and Levi, 1-1/2. She spends most of her time outdoors with lots of long walks and impromptu picnics. They love the lawns and trees at the park. The picture is of Sue and grand-daughter Grace.

Sue is reading *The Gown* and watching "Queen's Gambit." She recommends both.



**From your newsletter editor** – It may be that with the nearness of Christmas our members have been busy with holiday preparations and have not had time to send a note or pictures for the newsletter. I hope to hear from many of you for the January newsletter and that you will share some of your holidays with all of us. And I'm sure you can guess one of my New Year's resolutions – be more timely with the newsletter!

I wish all of you continued good health and the delight of keeping in touch with all of the wonderful Novato branch members. Happy Holidays!

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