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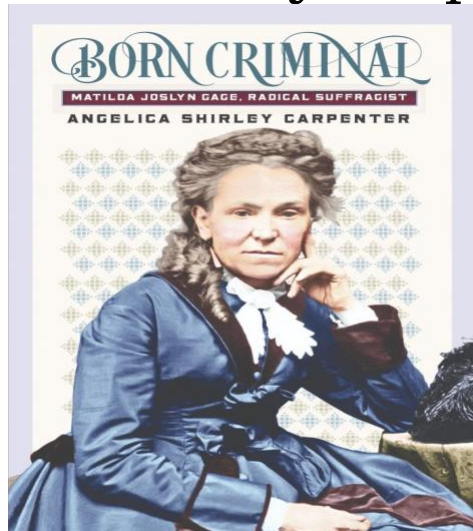


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## Our First Program of 2021 An Author's Talk Featuring Angelica Shirley Carpenter



Have you made your reservation to attend our branch's first program of 2021? You will want to join us as we enjoy visiting with former librarian, and now Fresno author, Angelica Shirley Carpenter. We're looking forward to a lively discussion of her book, **Born Criminal: Matilda Joslyn Gage, Radical Suffragist**. And it is definitely not too late to register for this **Thursday, January 21, 7:00 p.m.** Zoom presentation.

Angelica writes biographies for young people and older readers, too. Her subjects are authors—Frances Hodgson Burnett, L. Frank Baum, Robert Louis Stevenson, Lewis Carroll, and Matilda Joslyn Gage.

Matilda Joslyn Gage, the subject of our discussion, was far more than a suffragist and author. She was a feminist and was considered much too radical for some women's groups of her time. As the late John Lewis may have said about her, she was one who makes "good trouble." Doesn't she sound like someone we would love to hear more about?

Angelica speaks for teachers, librarians, writers, book clubs, students, bookstore groups, and other audiences. Her own photographs appear in her books and in her illustrated talks.

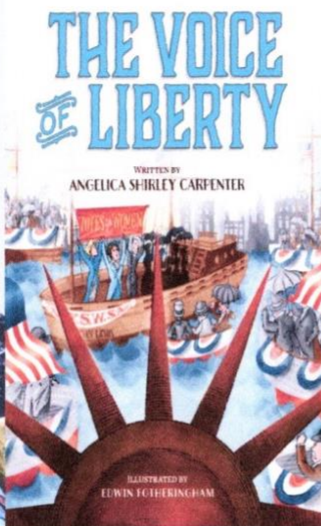
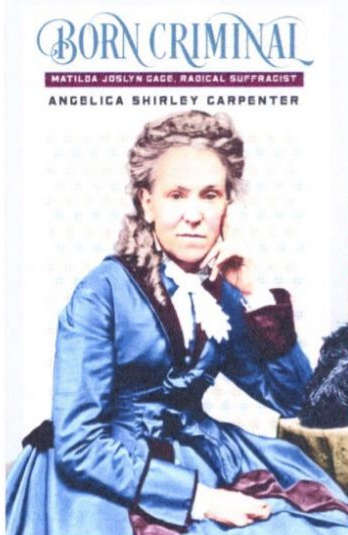
This Program event is proudly open to the public. In fact, other local branches, the League of Women Voters and local book clubs have been invited to attend. Can you think of other women and girls in your life who might enjoy hearing this suffragist's story? You, too, are encouraged to forward this newsletter to anyone who might want to join us for this event. Last minute registrations are welcome!

See Page 2 for the informational flyer. Click on the link to RSVP.

# VOICE OF LIBERTY

Matilda Joslyn  
Gage

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Suffragist/Author



"Matilda Gage was a famous feminist and author in her own right, but she is largely forgotten today, due to some skulduggery by Susan B. Anthony."  
*Children's Book Review Interview, November 27, 2011*



Angelica Shirley Carpenter lives with her husband in Fresno, California. A self-proclaimed Oz nut, she is a past president of the International Wizard of Oz Club. In her former life she was a librarian, the founding curator of the Arne Nixon Center for the Study of Children's Literature at California State University, Fresno. She likes to read, travel, shop, cook, watch movies, and listen to rock and roll (not all at the same time).

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*AAUW advances gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.*

## AUTHOR'S TALK **Angelica Shirley Carpenter**

THURS \* JAN 21 \* 7-8:30

Reserve your seat today  
Online via Zoom

<https://tinyurl.com/AngelicaCarpenter>

Admission is free, but registration is required. Event is open to the public.

# Branch Diversity Officer



Diversity is a source of strength and a sure way to make an organization like our branch more robust. AAUW has always served members from every background and every origin and we are no exception. Our branch's goal is to always do our part to foster a culture in which every individual feels welcome and valued. We know that we grow and learn so much more if we're not all the same.

To recognize its importance and to help us reach diversity goals, member Marylou Rousseau recently accepted a position as our branch's first Diversity Officer.

Marylou is a retired professor from Modesto Junior College whose entire career demonstrates her interest in, and value of, diverse populations. At MJC she was Coordinator for the Human Services Program and she developed the curriculum and taught classes in the college's gerontology program. Marylou's former students, often including parents and their children after them, seem to best remember the Human Sexual Behavior classes she taught for thirty years. She also served as the on-campus adviser for LGBTQ students who knew she was a "safe place" for them when they needed it.

Marylou is Latina and is the mother of one and the grandmother of three.

AAUW national has provided thought-provoking material online for Diversity Officers like Marylou, and all of the rest of us, to experience. If you have not already attended these Equity Network webinars, here is a link to a plethora of information featuring a diverse, talented and inspiring group of women:

<https://www.aauw.org/resources/events/equity-network/events>

We thank Marylou for her interest in this ever-increasingly existential area and her willingness to explore possibilities and share them with other branch members.

## Virtual Lobby Day

Our December issue of *Board to Board* contained AAUW California's excited announcement that they will conduct a virtual **Lobby Day on Wednesday, March 24**. Lobby Day will be the first of what may be several opportunities for members to meet and help influence our local legislators. This is an opportunity for us to get involved by helping the state Public Policy Committee advance our legislative goals for 2021-22.

All Lobby Day participants will be given full training in a **Zoom webinar at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 22**.

**Unfortunately, by the time you see this article, it will be very near the Friday, January 8 deadline for registration.** If you are interested, we will save you time by providing the links you need:

**To register for Virtual Lobby Day:**

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/56JT7XF>

**To register for "How to Talk to Legislators"**

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_-MBPqA7MRfmoToHJ87ZqMQ](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_-MBPqA7MRfmoToHJ87ZqMQ)

## Breaking Down Barriers

On **Monday, January 11 at 7:00 p.m.** this webinar will present a panel of speakers knowledgeable about Title IX. They will review the law's history, its impact on athletics/physical education, the new effort to reverse the damaging aspects of the Title IX Sexual Harassment Rule, and what you and your branch can do to inform your community, to speak up on the issues of gender discrimination, and to encourage your community schools to comply with all gender equity laws.

Please register here:

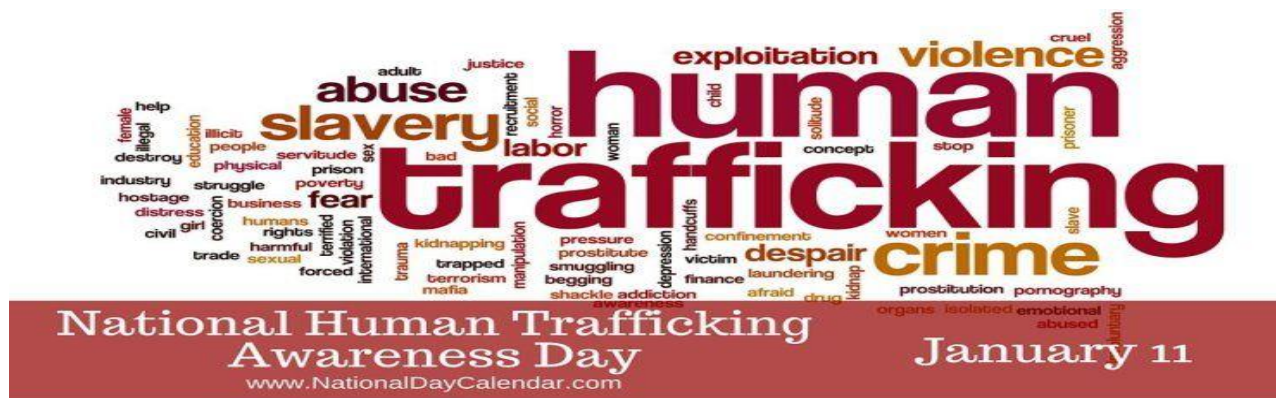
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The speakers include:

**Kiki Williams**, Executive Director of Student Experience and Equity Compliance at San Francisco Unified School District  
**Kim Turner**, Senior Staff Attorney for Legal Aid at Work. She works with the gender equity and LGBT rights program.

**Jean Reed**, Co-President of Petaluma AAUW Branch. She will discuss the AAUW San Jose Sports Equity Community Project.





By Kit Hein, AAUW California Public Policy Committee

January 11, 2021 is National Human Trafficking Awareness Day. AAUW California supports efforts to combat Human Trafficking, as noted in our Public Policy Priorities: “Freedom from violence and fear of violence, including ...human trafficking...in homes, schools, workplaces and communities...”

Human Trafficking is the third largest organized criminal activity in the world. Human Trafficking is a modern-day form of slavery, with an estimated number of victims in the millions. Whether for labor or sex, men, women, and children are manipulated through force, fraud and coercion.

Research shows that people of color, especially the Black community, are more likely to experience some form of sex trafficking. Racial and economic biases drive both social and legal presumptions of “victims” having chosen their situation.

Law enforcement efforts against human trafficking are stronger today than in 2017, but still inadequate. Globally, definitions of human trafficking vary from country to country. Even using the term “slavery” is met with opposition in cases of forced marriages and cross border smuggling.

In California, legislation in the past few years includes support for victims, updating school health curriculum, and addressing hospitality industry training. But legislation is not the key unless the public is educated as to the enormity of the issues, both locally and globally.

We as individual AAUW members can help in a number of ways but only if we are informed. For more information members may read the AAUW national public policy information here: <https://www.aauw.org/resources/policy/position-human-trafficking/>. Our own California Public Policy web page may be found here: <https://www.aauw-ca.org/category/public-policy/human-trafficking/>.

Fellow local AAUW branches provide community awareness events to educate the public. Please consider joining the Santa Cruz County Branch on **January 11, 2021 at 2 p.m.** for a Zoom webinar to learn more. Access the branch website: <https://santacruz-ca.aauw.net/> for more information and an invitation to this event.

# A Look Back

**Submitted by Marilyn Hoobyar**

There have been many changes in the past fifty-three years that I have been a member of AAUW. I was first invited to a meeting by my late sister-in-law. One of my first memories as a member was when our son, David, was three weeks old. I was called home from a meeting because he wouldn't stop crying! After attending Turlock schools, CSU Stanislaus and doing graduate work in Spain, David is a Spanish teacher at Turlock High School and an adjunct professor at Modesto Junior College.

Another change was our family's move to the country in 1988, planting almonds, and then replanting in 2018. Along the way, while I was teaching, there were many educational opportunities in the Turlock Branch of AAUW: meetings with topics from quilting to technology, voluntary bell ringing for the Salvation Army, board and committee positions, plus fundraising for scholarships, fellowships, and Tech Trek. Highlights were attending the state convention with \* Mary Allen, Readers' Theaters, activity sections like gourmet cooking lessons, lunches and conversations followed by knitting or craft activities. And many brunches, lunches, and dinners.

Early fundraising activities, before the current ones, included silent auctions for gift baskets and lots of bake sales. I remember our younger son, seeing me baking yet another cake, asked "Who is that for?" I understood why he might ask but this time I was able to tell him, "That is for us." Now Arby is an Optometrist with his practice at Turlock's Costco. Like his brother he graduated from Turlock Schools and CSUS. He completed his education at Southern California College of Optometry.

Membership in AAUW Turlock was made possible after it was sponsored by the Modesto Branch. Now, of course, we are the Turlock/Modesto, California Branch. Fellow AAUW member \*\* Vivian Manha, my husband, and I would talk about the changes we had seen in Turlock. When I moved here in 1968, Canal Drive was two lanes in both directions; now one way on each side. Where there were once open fields, there are now hospitals, new schools, and homes. Blue Diamond has built a new plant in Turlock; a can a week is all we ask.

I have appreciated the cooperation and insights from AAUW members who have served with me. These interactions led to other activities including nursery school, PTA, church, and Tuesday Reading Club. I appreciate the current members and learned from the ones who have gone before.

Changes are inevitable as we saw in 2020. Learning never ends, and I hope that our branch continues to thrive.

***Marilyn served as Branch President 1998-2000***

***\* Mary Allen served as Branch President 1995-96***

***\*\* Vivian Manha served as Branch President 1961-62***

## AAUW National Art Contest



Let your creativity show! Enter the [AAUW National Art Contest](#).

The contest begins on **January 6** with **entries accepted through February 3**. Click the link to find the rules and to take a look at last year's entries and winners.



Long-time Turlock/Modesto branch member **Joelle Johnson Triebsch**, 82, died November 30 after a long illness. She served the branch as president in 1975-76. Among various other AAUW activities, Joelle hosted many local political debates. She and her husband Bob used their beautiful yard to host large gatherings and community events, including AAUW celebrations. In her later years, she became an avid Bridge player, joining her fellow Turlock/Modesto AAUW Bridge group.



Joelle's degree was in Landscape Architecture (Cal Berkeley) and she used her talent to assist with the redesign of downtown Turlock and to help create the Turlock City Street Tree Plan. She also created the Turlock High School Tree Plan and was instrumental in saving numerous huge, old sycamore trees throughout the city.

The family plans a Celebration of Life service in the coming months.

## Save these Dates!

In 2013, Aileen Rizo sued her employer, the Fresno (CA) County Office of Education, after learning that a newly hired male colleague, who shared the same job title with her but who had less education and less experience, was being paid more than she. The Alameda County Inter-Branch Council will sponsor a Zoom event on **Thursday, February 18** with Aileen who will discuss the eight-year legal battle that resulted in a July, 2020 Supreme Court ruling in her favor. See next month's *Montage* for more information as it becomes available.



The Turlock/Modesto Funds Fellowship Luncheon is scheduled **Saturday, February 27 at 11 a.m.** Our speaker, Fellow Maro Youseff, has quite a story to tell and you won't want to miss it. Details to follow in next month's *Montage*.

