



RIVERSIDE PIPELINE

APRIL 2012

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

MEETINGS

April 2, Monday—Board Meeting at 10:00 AM at Jo's. All members invited.

April 5, Thursday—Book Group at 1:00 PM at Stella's — *The Tiger's Wife* by Tea Obreht

April 5, Thursday —Book Group at 7:00 PM at Lisa's —*Shell Seekers* by Rosamunde Pilcher

April 13-15th STATE CONVENTION
at the Marriott Hotel in Santa Clara, CA.

April 17th, Tuesday — Equal Pay Day

April 23rd, Monday — Current Affairs at 1:00 PM at Marilyn Dunagan's

April 20th, Friday—Annual Meeting and Joan Donahue, President of the League of Women Voters at 10:30 AM followed by a No Host Lunch at the Culinary Arts Institute.

April 27th, Friday — Healthy Hearts at Noon at Marilyn Puckett's.

April 30th, Monday — Bridge Group at 7:00 PM

ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE

The Riverside Branch of AAUW will hold its Annual Meeting on Friday, April 20, 2012, starting at 10:30 am. The meeting will be held in the Community Room of Habitat for Humanity located at 2180 Iowa Avenue, Riverside (near Spruce Street).

The election of the officers for the coming year will be conducted. Votes will be taken on the adoption of the budget for 2012-2013 and amendments to the branch bylaws. Notices concerning the proposed budget and amendments to the bylaws will be sent out separately.

Our speaker at the Annual Meeting will be Joan Donahue, President of the League of Women Voters of Riverside. With a background in theater arts and political science, Joan joined the League of Women Voters in San Diego sixteen years ago. She worked as their State and National Action Director.

Since moving to Riverside six years ago, Joan worked as a Legislative Field Representative at Riverside's City Hall and has become active with the local League of Women Voters of Riverside.

As president of Riverside's much smaller League, Joan covers lots of bases—organizing voter education efforts including candidate forums, keeping League members up to date on issues, maintaining its website, and working to keep our local League a dynamic and visible presence in Riverside's civic arena.

Joan will be speaking on income inequity, and if there is still time, on the “top two” passed by the voters in 2010 which we are facing in the June election.

Board Members

President	Barbara Purvis
Vice President	Barb Ryon
AAUW Funds VP	Carrie Garret
Membership VP	Jo Turner Co-Chair
Membership VP	Carlease Chandler Co
Secretary	Marilyn Puckett
Treasurer	Barb Ryon
Communications	Taffy Geith
Parliamentarian	Bessie Ridley

Interest groups & Others

Book Group—1st Thursday at 1 PM	Stella Fife
Book Group - 1st Thursday at 7 PM	Lisa Newhall
Bridge Group - 4th Saturday at 7 PM	Mary Lou Morales
Current Affairs - 4th Monday at 1: PM	Marilyn Dunagan
	Dorothy Andruss
Healthy Hearts - 3rd Friday at Noon	Bessie Ridley
Out & About - dates & times vary	Jo Turner
International Affairs Chair	Barb Ryon
Public Policy Chair	Ann Kasper
Tech Trek Coordinator	Lisa Newhall
UCR Coordinator	Adrienne Sims



April 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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15 State Convention	16	17 Equal Pay Day 	18	19	20 Annual Meeting 10:30 Habitat For Hum.	21
22	23 Current Affairs 1:00 at Marilyn Dunagan's	24	25	26	27 Healthy Hearts—Noon at Marilyn P. 	28
29	30 Bridge Group 7:00					

PRESIDENT’S CORNER



By Barbara Purvis

The Riverside Branch of AAUW will be holding its annual meeting on April 20th. It is my hope that we can get a good turnout from our members as we will be

voting on a number of items and be hearing from a dynamic speaker, Joan Donahue, President of the League of Women Voters.

In addition to voting on the officers who will guide us next year, we will also be voting on the budget for fiscal year 2012-13 and amendments to the Bylaws. The slate of officers recommended by the Nominating Committee appears in this Pipeline. Nominations may be made from the floor at the Annual Meeting with the consent of the proposed nominee. The proposed budget and amendments to the Bylaws will be sent out under separate cover. In addition to the changes to the Bylaws mandated by the National AAUW, other changes will be recommended to update the Bylaws and address the issue of succession.

Joan Donahue will be speaking on Income Inequality - How did it get so bad and what can we do to fix it? There has been a growing income disparity between the wealthy and the middle class, but the reality of the phenomenon was left undefined or swept under the rug until recently. In 2011, with the emergence of the Occupy movement's 99 percenters and staggering new statistics from the Congressional Budget Office, the issue has come to the forefront.

This is an issue which needs to be discussed by organizations such as AAUW. AAUW advances equity for women and girls. Income and its growing disparity between the 1% and the 99% or the wealthy and the middle class touches on this mission and the future of our country. Come and join the discussion.



Ann Kaspar	Lisa Newhall
Jean Lewis	Kelly Lopatynski
Adrienne Sims	Jo Turner

CONVENTION NEWS

The National Convention will be in **June, 2013** in the great city of New Orleans
The next California State Convention will be in Southern California in **2014**.

PROPOSED SLATE OF OFFICERS

The Nominating Committee composed of Jo Turner, Taffy Geith, and Stephanie Dingman recommends the following slate of officers for 2012-2013.

Co President	Barb Ryon
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Secretary	Marilyn Puckett
Treasurer	Stephanie Dingman
Membership VP	Carlease Chandler
AAUW Funds	StephanieDingman
Tech Trek	Lisa Newhall
Communications	Taffy Geith
Public Policy	Ann Kaspar
International Affairs	Carrie Garrett

CONDOLENCES

Our thoughts go out to Bessie Ridley for the heartbreak of losing her dear daughter, Judy, on March 3rd. Although it's not in the natural order of things for a child to precede a parent in death, knowing that a life was well lived and an illness bravely fought, brings memories that will be treasured forever. We send sympathy to Bessie.

EQUAL PAY DAY

Another year, another 23-cent wage gap for women and their families.

And with our inactive Congress and still-troubling economy, women feel the pinch of the wage gap even more, but there's little being done about it.

That's where you come in.

We invite you to mark Equal Pay Day, Tuesday, April 17, and spread the word about the gender pay gap and AAUW to everyone you meet. Tell them :

- Women on the average earn 77 cents for every dollar that a man earns.
- Just one year after college graduation, women make only 80 percent of what their male counterparts earn.
- *The Paycheck Fairness Act* is a bill that's before congress and deals with pay equity, but members of Congress need to hear you support it!
- Pay attention to the elections, and ask local candidates running for office what they'll do for California's wage gap.

VOTING

We will not vote at State Convention this year, although we still may nominate candidates from the floor and submit resolutions.

In early May, every member will receive an email from AAUW CA with an access code and a link to vote. Members who do not have email or whose email "bounces" will receive a postcard with this information. Every member will have the opportunity to vote, either online or by submitting a paper ballot

ALL VOTING WILL END ON JUNE 1 AT 9:00 P.M. The results of the election will be available on the CA website within a day or so.

HARASSMENT UNDER REPORTED

AAUW [released an analysis](#) of the new data from the U.S. Department of Education that shows a remarkable disparity between what school district administrators are reporting and what students say is happening at their schools.

The eagerly awaited Civil Rights Data Collection (CRDC) data from the 2009–10 school year includes, for the first time ever, information on harassment and bullying — a move AAUW applauds.

But, according to AAUW's analysis, 14 of the 20 largest school districts in the nation (including Los Angeles) reported **no incidences of bullying or harassment**. Specifically, the schools did not report allegations of sexual harassment, disciplinary actions as a result of bullying or harassment on the basis of sex, or students who reported being bullied or harassed on the basis of sex. These numbers fly in the face of reputable research and common sense.

"These reports of no sexual harassment and bullying happening in a school district are impossible to believe," said AAUW Executive Director Linda D. Hallman, CAE. "It just does not sync with what we know to be the unfortunate reality for many school children in this nation. High-profile incidents in the press of students being bullied to death and independent research conducted by AAUW shows that it is highly unlikely that any school district would be free of sexual harassment and bullying." Read [MORE](#)

DUES

Shortly you will be getting a notice of your dues for 2012-2013. They have not gone up.

Any new members will get the benefit of the rest of this year and all of next year.

EDUCATIONAL FUNDS

Did you know that AAUW granted its first fellowship in 1888? More than a century ago Vassar graduate, Ida Street, studying early American Indian history received a grant for \$350 to pursue her graduate studies at the University of Michigan. AAUW has now topped \$80 million in grants to more than 11,000 women and this year 240 Fellowships were granted.

Did you know that last year, AAUW awarded over 3.7 million dollars in Graduate Fellowships and Awards and is one of the world's largest sources of funding for graduate women? And gave over 1 million dollars in scholarships and awards to undergraduate students last year?

Do you know how all this happens? Suppose I win the lottery and set up a \$200,000.00 Riverside Branch Fellowship Fund. At the end of a year, the fund will have earned, maybe, \$10,000.00. That is not enough to give a \$18,000.00 to \$30,000.00 Fellowship. But the earnings from the Riverside Fund and another Fund or two would be enough to pay for a Fellowship.

Funds can be from \$75,000 to \$200,000, but none of the interest money can be used until the full amount of the Fund is achieved. It's common to hear about "unfunded" funds as those are the ones that haven't reached their goal. There are presently 215 + completed funds and there are still many others that are unfunded.

These are the different types of Fellowships and Awards that are given:

- American Fellowships
- International Fellowships
- Selected Professions Fellowships
- Research & Projects Community Action Grants
- Research & Projects Career Development Grants

How are the Fellowship and Grants determined? There are panels established to go through all the applicants (and there are usually two or three times as many applicants as there are moneys to be awarded). There is a separate panel for each of the types of Fellowships and Grants that are offered. The panelists serve two years so half of each panel is selected each year.

Scholarships operate a little bit differently. Suppose I decided to set up a \$200,000.00 Riverside Scholarship Fund. Again, at the end of the year, it might earn \$10,000.00 and that would be enough for the Riverside Branch to award a scholarship to some deserving undergraduate candidate of our choice. If the Fund earned less, the scholarship would be for less. If the Fund earned more, we might decide to award two scholarships.

Here is the easy way to make a contribution to the Educational Fund. Just click [HERE](#).

"The greatest discovery of my generation is that a human being can alter his life by altering his attitude." Henry James

Riverside Pipeline

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AAUW SUPPORTS SECOND MILITARY SEXUAL ASSAULT CASE

On March 6, eight current and former service members [filed a lawsuit](#) against U.S. Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta and numerous Marine Corps officers. The plaintiffs are accusing military officials of creating a culture in which sexual assault and rape is tolerated and in which people who report it face retaliation. AAUW is providing support to this case and to [Cioca v. Rumsfeld](#), which also deals with the issue of sexual assault in the military. The new case focuses on assault and harassment in the U.S. Marine Barracks in Washington, D.C. Lawyer Susan Burke plans to file additional lawsuits focused on similar crimes in other branches of the military. AAUW Executive Director Linda Hallman spoke at the March 6 press conference and emphasized that AAUW would stand with these courageous women as they work to create a safer environment for women in the military.

[AAUW Dialog Blog Post »](#) | [Washington Post article »](#) | [MSNBC Video »](#) | [Legal Complaint \(PDF\) »](#)

Please consider making a [tax-deductible donation to LAF](#) to help balance the scales of justice for women.

"It isn't where you came from, it's where you're going that counts." Ella Fitzgerald

Members and guests are invited any time to all meetings!