





# December 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Book Group at 1:00  ----- Book Group At 7:00 PM	2	3
4	5 Board Meeting at 10:00 AM at Jo's	6	7	8 Press-Enterprise 10:00 AM	9	10 SEIBC MEETING DR. OLDS 9:30 AM
11	12	13 <u>Current Affairs and Out &amp; About</u> Lunch at the Culinary Arts 11:30 am	14	15	16	17
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**PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

As 2011 comes to a close, it would be appropriate to look back on what we have done this year, and to see what we can do to improve in the coming year.

We started off this program year with our Tech Trek brunch where we got to meet the five girls who went to camp this summer. The funds raised at the brunch and other donations will allow us to send six girls to Summer Science camp next summer. Our October meeting was also well worth your time as we celebrated 100 years of women's suffrage in California. In partnership with the League of Women Voters of California and California Women Lead, we were able to capture three tremendous speakers including **Cynthia Azari**, the new President of Riverside City College; **Christine Ward Gailey**, a Professor in Women's Studies at UCR speaking on the history of California women's suffrage; and California Secretary of State **Debra Bowen**. In November, we heard from Jennifer O'Farrell, Anti-Human Trafficking Director, Operation SafeHouse, who spoke on Human Trafficking which is a focus area for AAUW.

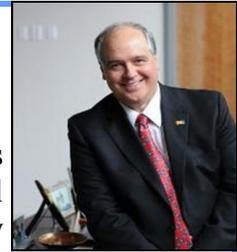
But as diverse as the programs were, we still do not have a great percentage of attendance by our members. We have excellent programs scheduled for December and upcoming in 2012, however, we need to get more members to attend. If you need assistance getting to a meeting, give me a call at 352-8711 and arrangements will be made to ride share. If you believe that a Saturday meeting would be better, let me know and we will try to arrange at least one meeting on the weekend.

We also need to increase our membership. If you have friends or relatives, or work with someone who might be interested in joining, please contact Jo Turner at 786-3966.

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS**

By Barbara Purvis, president

**MEDICAL SCHOOL**



Dr. G. Richard Olds is the Dean of the Medical School at the University California at Riverside.

He will be speaking to the South East Inter Branch Council (SEIBC) of which the Riverside Branch is a member.

• Dr. Olds is very innovative and hopes to create a very different type of Medical School. Do come and hear all about it. He is a very dynamic and inspiring speaker.

**DATE: Saturday, December 10, 2011**

**TIME: 9:30 AM**

**PLACE: Habitat for Humanity on Iowa, Near the corner of Spruce**



Mari-lynDunagan Ted Dyer Stella Fife  
Mary Humboldt Katherine Ann Schulz

**NEW MEMBERS**



**We now have 42 members.**

**KATIE GREENE is a time keeper for the Group and she is on the Board of the League of Women Voters. She is politically very active.**

**STEPHANIE DINGMAN just recently ran for the Riverside School Board and gave a very good account of herself. For many, many years she was a school teacher at Rivera Elementary School.**



### OUT & ABOUT AND CURRENT AFFAIRS

Our Christmas get together will be a no-host lunch at the Culinary Arts Institute. You are urged to bring friends, neighbors, relatives, and even enemies to join in our good cheer. You are also encouraged to bring:

#### BOOKS, BOOKS, AND MORE BOOKS

At the Out and About, we will be collecting books for the kindergarten and first grade classes at Fremont Elementary School. Carlease Chandler has taken the lead on this project and has made arrangements for the books to be presented to Fremont on Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am. The books will go to the school's library. If you cannot attend the Out and About (and Current Affairs) on the 13<sup>th</sup>, we will make arrangements to pick up the books from you before that date. Please call Barbara at 352-8711 or Jo at 786-3866. Or you may drop them off at Jo's place (call first) or Barbara's home. Books can be purchased at most of the stores such as Target and K-Mart, as well as CM School Supply & Book Store at 4103 Tyler Street. We all know the importance of books, and with the disappearing educational dollar, we all need to help out. Please donate a book or two or three or more.

The Culinary Arts Institute is at 1155 Spruce Street and it's kind of at the back. We will meet at 11:30 AM

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**VALUE PROMISE --By joining AAUW, we belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women have a fair chance.**

### SUFFRAGE LUNCHEON



Nearly 100 people attended the celebration of the California Women Suffrage Centennial on October 28, 2011. AAUW, the League of Women Voters, and California Women Lead combined to sponsor the lovely occasion.



**Cynthia Azari**, the new President of Riverside City College talked about the College.

**Christine Gailey**, a Professor in Women's Studies at UCR gave a history of the Suffrage movement in California with lots of humor.



**Debra Bowen**, our California Secretary of State, was the keynote speaker and she spoke with great charm.

## **ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING PROGRAM**

**By Taffy Geith**

The Riverside Branch of AAUW met on Friday, November 11, at the Community Room of Habitat for Humanity for their general meeting. Jennifer O'Farrell, Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force Director and Director of Operation SafeHouse for Riverside County, presented an overview of the system and goals of the three hundred members of the two Task Forces. They were originally funded by the 2010 California Emergency Management Fund, but now include the Riverside County Sheriff's Dept., The Riverside County District Attorney, US Homeland Security, and the organization called Million Kids. They have three main goals: protect, prevent, and prosecute.

The cooperative efforts of these groups have developed what they call "wrap-around services." They collect information, establish training, the County District Attorney prosecutes cases, The Federal Homeland Security can cross state lines (if necessary), the County Sheriff's Office helps to identify victims, and the Organization Million Kids has specifically trained observers. Operation SafeHouse helps the victims become survivors and provides a safe haven for runaways.

Ms. O'Farrell defined two kinds of trafficking: Labor trafficking and Sex trafficking. Labor trafficking involves force, fraud, coercion and kidnapping (rarely); sex trafficking uses fraud, and now more often, on-line abduction, (which is harder to detect). She presented two case studies -- one for each type of trafficking with photos of the real victims and true details of their lives. These stories were sad and heart breaking for those attending, perhaps more so, because they were children from our own county.

Victims of sex trafficking have various methods of making money for their masters: peddling, carnivals, nail salons, organ removal (kidney), and prostitution. Victims of labor trafficking work in nail shops, massage parlors, sweat shops, or field crops. Conditions that victims (better called "psychological prisoners") live with are torture, confinement, threats of violence, starving, rape, gang rape, drugs, and love relationships. (Young prostitutes often call their abductors, Daddy.)

Ms. O'Farrell said that sex trafficking is a thirty-two billion dollar industry worldwide. She said the US has the distinction of being one of the top three destination drops. (California, Florida, Nevada, New York and Ohio lead among the states.) 2.8 million children live on the street each year and one-third of those will be picked up for a sex act. The average age of a prostitute is 13. The phone number for the National Human Trafficking Resource Center is 1-888-3737-888 which connects directly to Law Enforcement.

She ended with a reminder that "Stuff the Bus" will be taking donations for SafeHouse on November 17th at the Riverside Plaza at the Regal Theater. SafeHouse helps victims with legal assistance, medical treatment, and ways to rebuild their lives and, importantly, their trust. Too, it offers help with emancipated foster youth who need temporary space while adjusting to living on their own.

This report does not do justice to the outstanding, substantive presentation of a very current and difficult social problem that we and surrounding counties face. Ms. O'Farrell was clear and frank in her language, but always expressed a depth of feeling and understanding that made her listeners thankful to have such a positive person working with children in trouble. We are more aware and alert and better citizens because of the knowledge she shared.

We concluded our meeting by joining the line-up for the delicious and plentiful buffet lunch provided by Jo Turner, Membership Co-Chair. Eating good food always promotes conversation and a chance to discuss and catch up with other members and to greet the many guests we had. A good morning for the Riverside Branch of AAUW.

# Riverside Pipeline

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## AAUW ACTIVIST IMPACT

This message comes from National — Thank you for the thousands of [e-mails](#) you sent your senators, demanding that federal judiciary nominees be confirmed immediately! Your efforts have paid off with action. The Senate confirmed 16 federal judges in October — almost 43 percent of all federal judges confirmed this year! Send your senators [another message](#) demanding an end to the judicial emergency created by vacancies in courtrooms nationwide.

This is good example of the effectiveness of the two minute activist. It really does pay to send letters to our congressmen and it is so easy to do. If you've never done it, click on [another message](#) and try it yourself. AAUW has about 100,000 members and if just one/fifth of us use the two-minute activist that's a big impact and we need to use our power.

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