



# RIVERSIDE PIPELINE

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

*JANUARY 2015*

## MEETINGS

**Board Meeting**—Monday, January 5th at 10:00 AM at Jo Turner's

**Book Group**—Thursday, January 8th at 1:00 PM at Stella Fife's—*The boys in the Boat* by Samuel J. Brown

**Book Group**—Thursday, January 15th at 7:00 PM at Marilyn Puckett's—*Lisette's list* by Susan Vreeland

**DR. Paul Lyons**—Wednesday, January 14th at 10:00 am at Habitat for Humanity.

**Out & About—San Bernardino County Museum**—Thursday, January 22nd at 9:30 AM carpool to Museum by 10:00 AM.

**Healthy Hearts**—Friday, Noon —place to be decided.

**SEIBC Meeting**—Saturday, January 24th at 9:30 AM at Habitat for Humanity.

**Current Affairs**—Monday, January 26th at 1:00 PM at Stella Fife's.

**Bridge Group**—Monday, January 26th at 7:00 PM.

**LAF Meeting**—Saturday, January 31 at 11:00 AM at Laguna Woods

## DR. PAUL LYONS

10:00 AM  
Wednesday, January 14  
Habitat for Humanity  
2180 Iowa Avenue



Using music and art, Dr. Paul Lyons will discuss the use of the arts to make good diagnoses. He will also update us on the 2nd year of the Medical School. Dr. Lyons came to UCR from Temple University where his work involved collaboration, innovation and excellence in medical education. He was also president of the board of directors of the Philadelphia Physicians for Social Responsibility and a founding advisor of the Women Against Abuse Shelter Free Clinic. Dr. Lyons is now Senior Associate Dean of Education at UCR and Chair of Family Medicine. Dr Lyons holds an MD from the Ohio State University and a BA in Philosophy from Oberlin College. At UCR he is responsible for all curricular programs leading to the M.D. degree and leads administration of the family medicine program.

Come hear this dynamic speaker!

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## INTEREST GROUPS & OTHERS

|                                    |                  |
|------------------------------------|------------------|
| Book Group—1st Thursday at 1 pm    | Stella Fife      |
| Book Group—1st Thursday at 7 pm    | Lisa Newhall     |
| Current Affairs—4th Monday at 1 pm | Marilyn Dunagan  |
|                                    | Dorothy Andrus-  |
|                                    | Bessie Ridley    |
| Bridge Group—4th Monday at 7 pm    | Bessie Ridley    |
| Healthy Hearts—3rd Friday at Noon  | Bessie Ridley    |
| Out & About—dates and times vary   | Jo Turner        |
| UCR Coordinators                   | Luisa Tassan     |
|                                    | Carole Nagengast |



# January 2015



Our Birthday girls are always on the calendar page in red.

| Sun   | Mon  | Tue   | Wed   | Thu   | Fri                              | Sat   |
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| 4   | 5 <b>Board Meeting</b><br>10:00 am<br>Jo t's   | 6   | 7   | 8 <b>Book Group</b><br>10:00 pm<br>Stella F's   | 9                                | 10  |
| 11  | 12   | 13  | 14 <b>Dr. PAUL LYONS</b><br><b>Habitat for Humanity</b><br>10:00 am               | 15 <b>Book Group</b><br>7:00 pm   | 16                               | 17  |
| 18  | 19<br><br>Stella Fife | 20  | 21<br><br>Luisa Tassan  | 22 <b>Out &amp; About</b><br>San Bernardino County Museum<br>10:00 am                   | 23 <b>Healthy Hearts</b><br>Noon | 24<br><b>SEIBC Meeting</b><br><b>Habitat for Humanit</b><br>9:30 am |
| 25  | 26 <b>Current Affairs</b><br>1:00 pm<br><br>Bridge Gp.<br>7:00 pm  | 27<br><br>Carole Nagengast  | 28  | 29  | 30                               | 31 <b>LAF</b><br>Laguna Woods Village Clubhouse<br>11:00 am         |

**PRESIDENT**

**BARB**

**RYON**



Now that the holidays are behind us I hope you saved some energy and are ready to continue your involvement in our wonderful organization. I want to thank all the Board members who have helped make the job of President so easy and enjoyable. This is not an organization where the work is all done by just a few individuals. Special thanks to Barbara Purvis who has been the lead in securing our speakers and Jo Turner for the many, many hats she wears including her “membership deal” speech at the meetings. These 2 ladies do a great deal towards making the Riverside Branch a stand out branch in our community. Thanks go to Lisa Newhall and Christine Morgando who help coordinate the Tech Trek programs. Their work starts soon as letters go out to the counselors, math and science teachers at the local middle schools in both Moreno Valley and Riverside. Thank you also to all the people who were part of the Tech Trek selection committee this past year and hope you still continue to be part of this. A huge thank you to Luisa Tassan for her letter to encourage members and others to make contributions to our Tech Trek program. We are now closer to our goal for the June 2015 camperships. The cost for each participant is \$950. However, the experience for each girl would be hard to place a monetary value upon. You need to attend the Tech Trek brunch in September to see first hand the rewards of your contributions. Lastly, I want to give a huge shout out to Carlease Chandler for bringing the idea of book distributions to local schools to our branch. We have done this for 4 years. We are going back to gathering books appropriate for kindergarten and first grade. The books don’t have to be new, gently used is wonderful so start shopping and collecting.

**OUT & ABOUT  
San Bernardino County Museum**



The Out and About for January will be at the San Bernardino County Museum on Thursday, January 22, 2015 at 10:00am. Please meet at Jo Turner's home, 849 Daffodil Dr., Riverside, at 9:30am to carpool. We will tour the museum and then go to lunch at a nearby restaurant. The museum always has new exhibits, so it should be a fun time! If you plan to go, please call Ruthann Mlcoch at 951-688-0235 by Wednesday, January 21, so carpools can be arranged. **\$8.00 for seniors (60 years and older) otherwise \$10.00.** Pay when you get there.

**SEIBC Meeting**

**9:30 AM**

**Habitat for Humanity  
2180 Iowa, Riverside**

**Sarah Garrison, the Teen Dating Violence Prevention Specialist for DOVES**, has enthusiastically agreed to be the guest speaker. This is such a timely and important topic with issues affecting practically every college and university campus. Her talk will include: 1) agencies and services available in the I.E.; 2) Teen Dating Violence; 3) challenges in the mountain communities; and 4) what organizations like ours can do to help.

A brief meeting and discussion of branch issues including Tech Trek will follow. Coffee, tea and refreshments will be provided.

**SAVE THE DATES**

**April 14th 2015 is Equal Pay Day**

**April 18th**,—Annual meeting — with the tech trek finalists—Manhattan Beach Mar.

**April 19th**—Leadership Development Day  
Manhattan Beach Marriott, \

**DECEMBER 5th RIVERSIDE BRANCH MEETING**

**By Taffy Geith**

The Riverside Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) assembled at the Main Downtown Library, 3581 Mission Ave., on December 5, at 10:00 AM. This meeting was significant because we were eager to hear our featured speaker, Dr. Su Acharya, inform us about Hindu weddings, but also eager to witness the Andrus Award being given to one of our Treasured Members, Ruth Anderson Wilson.

President, Barb Ryon, welcomed Branch members as well as members from the local chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) who had joined us and filled our room. Barb introduced Adriana Mendoza and Antoine Cook, representatives of the State AARP who were there to present the special Andrus Award. This award is given to the person who has brought positive change in the world and provides leadership to face the great challenges of today. It symbolizes to the public that we can all work together to make life better for generations to come. Ruth Anderson Wilson was selected from thirteen candidates. As Ruth came forward and sat near the podium, she was given checks (one large and symbolic, and one real) for \$1,000.00 – both made out to the American Association of University Women, for the Tech Trek program. She was also given a gold pin (which Antoine pinned on her lapel), and an artistically designed award with her name engraved upon it. Ruth graciously thanked them, and with humble words and the glow of humanity about her, told why she was donating this money to the Tech Trek program of AAUW. She is a great proponent for education for girls and has often stated that this Tech Trek Program (a week-long summer camp at a college or University) is one of the best programs that AAUW supports. This donation is typical of the generosity of Ruth — long time member of AAUW.

Lisa Newhall, Co-coordinator of the Tech Trek program, came up and formally thanked Ruth for her helpful and needed gift. Lisa gave a brief outline of the Tech Trek program started in 1998 which is a week-long summer camp for girls going into eighth grade. Although this program is expensive, it concentrates on science, technology, engineering and math (STEM), and gives each girl a taste of college life, social interaction, and, of course, a sample of core subjects she might pursue in later college life. Lisa said that AAUW has about 800 girls going to a Tech Trek camp each summer. Our Branch has not met our goal for the 2015 summer camp, --- we want to send thirteen girls. Donations are welcome.

Barbara Purvis, President of the local branch of AARP, nominated Ruth for this Andrus Award, and mentioned that Ruth was a past president, past vice-president and past program chairperson for the local branch. Ruth is well known for the numerous civic activities she has been part of here in Riverside. Barbara asked everyone in the Riverside Branch of AAUW to consider joining the American Association of Retired Persons.

This was the time for a cookie break, the exchange of greetings and for renewing friendships.

Again, Barb Ryon, President, welcomed those who stayed to hear Dr. Su Acharya, Professor of Anthropology at RCC. Dr. Acharya, dressed in a lovely sari, thanked us for her invitation to tell about the Hindu wedding customs still practiced by Hindus. She began by saying that when parents have a baby girl, they think only of her marriage. She gave us a detailed account of the types of marriage, the way the couple's parents discuss caste, horoscopes, contracts, dowry, and length of ceremony. This includes symbolic rituals to be observed — such as feet washing, garland exchange, henna dyed hands, and knot tying. No God is present—prayers are addressed to Fire. Two love poems are read — perhaps pledges of fidelity. At the end, sweets are exchanged and rice is thrown about. This summary does not do justice to the completeness of the account given by Dr. Acharya, but it does give us a picture of how complicated a Hindu marriage is. Certainly, it gave listeners pause to contemplate the sanctity of marriage that began in that culture so long ago.

Members took time then to go to the back table and exchange and choose home-made cookies brought by members. Obviously, exchanging sweets is not only symbolic for Hindus in India but for people of other countries and cultures.

Most members felt that this was a “boffo” meeting in every sense of the word. It was meaningful to all who came. Our Treasured Member, Ruth Wilson, has been a “point of light” in the world, (to use the phrase of a former president), of which we were all aware. Dr. Su Acharya was stunning, not only in her presentation, but in the depth and detailed knowledge that she purveyed. We have an appreciation of the Hindu marriage ceremony and its importance in the life and culture of India. She caused us to think anew about the customs and rituals that we have practiced, --- and wonder about the origin of all rituals.



DECEMBER 5TH RIVERSIDE BRANCH MEETING



Adriana Mendoza, Manager Volunteer, telling of Ruth's many accomplishments



Antoine Cook, Associate State Director for AARP, with the lapel pin for Ruth



Ruth holding the thousand dollar check which she donated to our Tech Trek program



Ruth with her lapel pin on, holding her award.



The audience



Dr. Surekha (Su) Acharya speaking about Hindu Weddings and all the accompanying rituals and customs

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

## TWO MINUTE ACTIVIST

In fiscal year 2014, AAUW saw a 57 percent jump in the number of Two-Minute Activist messages sent by AAUW members and supporters to Congress, the Obama administration, and state lawmakers! This tool and the AAUW Action Network are cornerstones of AAUW's e-advocacy efforts, and we thank you for taking action.

If you have not subscribed to the 2-minute activist, click [HERE](#) so that you, too, can make your voice heard in Congress. You will receive an e-mail notice when there is something you can respond to. You will get a letter of several paragraphs and you can choose the ones you want and then you can send it.

## TWO TECH TREK GRANTS

AAUW announced a new [collaboration](#) with Alcoa Foundation to bring our STEM education programs to girls in communities across the globe. Thanks to a \$250,000 grant, AAUW will expand our successful [STEM programs for girls](#) to new sites in Székesfehérvár, Hungary, and Barberton, Ohio, where Alcoa has operations.

AAUW received a \$90,400 grant from Lockheed Martin to help more than 1,600 rising eighth-grade girls attend 21 [Tech Trek](#) camps next summer at college campuses throughout the nation.