



RIVERSIDE PIPELINE

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

MARCH 2014

MEETINGS

Board Meeting—Monday, March 3 at 10:30 am at Jo’s.

Book Group—Thursday, March 6th at 1:00 pm at Carlease’s—*Garden of Beasts* by Erik Larson

Book Group—Thursday, March 6th at 7:00 pm at Marilyn P’s—*The Winter’s Tale* by Mark Helprin

Women in Aviation—**CANCELED**

Lincoln Shrine—Wednesday, March 19, at 10:00 am.

Healthy Hearts—Friday, March 21 at noon

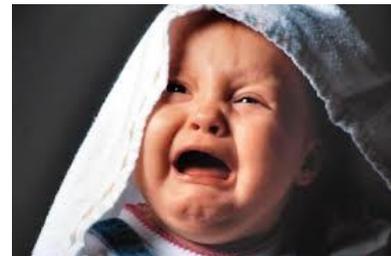
Current Affairs—Monday, March 24 at 1:00 pm at Ruth’s

Bridge Group—Monday, March 24 at 7:00 pm.

WOMEN IN AVIATION



**DUE TO
CIRCUMSTANCES WAY
BEYOND OUR CONTROL
WE ARE FORCED TO
CANCEL THIS PROGRAM**



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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	Jo Turner
Out & About—dates and times vary	Carrie Garrett
International Affairs Chair	Ann Kasper
Public Policy Chair	Lisa Newhall
Tech Trek Coordinators	Christine Morgando
	Adrienne Sims
UCR Coordinator	



March 2014



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 Board Meeting 10:00 am	4	5 	6 Book Gp. 1:00 pm <hr/> Book Group 7:00 pm	7	8
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23 Dr. Judy White	24 Current Affairs 1:00 pm <hr/> Bridge Gp 7:00 pm	25	26	27	28	29
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**Barbara Ryon,
President**

On reflecting on the programs this year I feel we are right out there with the topics and speakers we have welcomed. Tammy Ho's talk - Women's Political Activism in Myanmar (with activist Aung San Suu Kyi) is a topic in the news right now. Carol Nagengast's talk- Amnesty International and Human Rights further broadened our knowledge of the problems facing women and girls throughout our world.

As we look toward planning for our 2014-2015 year, we encourage everyone to suggest topics and speakers to your Board members . The planning meeting is Monday , June 2, 2014 at 10 AM at Jo Turner's home.

A February 14th, 2014 AAUW News Release shared exciting news for AAUW'S STEM program. With a \$250,000, two-year grant from Alcoa Foundation, AAUW's STEM education experience will journey abroad for the first time to a region in Hungary. The grant will also fund a STEM program for middle school girls in Barberton, OH. These regions may be on two continents, but share a mutual need—more engineers and technical skilled workers are needed to keep up with the demand. The STEM program in Ohio will be coordinated with AAUW leaders to start in 2014-2015.

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There are more slaves today than in any other time in history.

DR. JUDY WHITE HONORED

By Aki Cazatt

Thought the branch should know that on January 14th, our own Dr. Judy White was honored as the Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year.

In addition to the Chamber's award, Dr. White received commemorative artwork from Canyon Springs High School students; a plaque from the Moreno Valley Optimist Club; certificates of recognition from Assemblyman Jose Medina, State Senator Richard Roth, and Riverside County Supervisor Marion Ashley; and a standing ovation from all present.

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Register Online for Convention!

For online registration. Go aauca.org and click on "Convention 2014" Enter your registration details, and select your registration fee, workshops and meals. Follow the instructions to checkout and make your payment.

We use PayPal to ensure secure processing of your credit card payment (you do not have to open a PayPal account to use.) The payment will appear on your credit card statement as PAYPAL*AAUW CA.

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MOVIE GROUP

There will be no Movie Day in March. Both Ruthann and Carlease find they are too busy to be able to continue with doing the Movie Group. There will be NO MOVIE GROUP unless someone will step up and do it. This is a plea to everyone to find some kind soul who will do it. It is such a fun activity and I truly hope that we will have a Movie Day in April.

Evening Book Group and especially the Bridge Group contributes to Tech Trek every month.

AND THE MOUNTAINS ECHOED

By Khalied Hosseini

This will be the book for the Evening Reading Group on April 10th at 7:00 PM. Please join us for a discussion of this best seller.

The book begins simply enough, with a father recounting a folktale to his two young children. The tale is about a young boy who is taken by a *div* (a sort of ogre), and how that fate might not be as terrible as it first seems—a brilliant device that firmly sets the tone for the rest of this sweeping, heart-breaking, and ultimately uplifting novel which takes us through a series of stories within the story, spanning more than half a century, and shifting across continents.

GREAT DECISIONS ??

Is anyone interested in Great Decisions? It's an exciting program of discussion of world affairs. Check out the website [HERE](#). If you are interested, please give Jo a call. 786-3966

VOTING

***Online voting will be open
from April 12 to May 2.***



THE SHRIVER REPORT: A WOMAN'S NATION PUSHES BACK FROM THE BRINK

A report on women's economic status

[HERE'S](#) a link to the executive summary.

LINCOLN SHRINE

Due to the cancellation last month we rescheduled with a Docent at 10:00 AM March 19. Meet at Jo's at 9:15 AM to carpool or go on your own, but please let Jo know if you plan to go. If we don't have 6 or so we will go at 1:00 PM.

LAF — KLAY V. PANETTA

On February 14, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit heard arguments in *Klay v. Panetta*, a Legal Advocacy Fund-supported lawsuit brought by survivors of military sexual assault and litigated by attorney Susan Burke.

STATE DUES

AAUW CA is going for the gold, not the medal that our Olympic champions have come to prize, but a first place outcome in the vote to increase our state dues by \$4 per year to \$20. Members will have the opportunity to weigh in on this measure when voting begins in April. If you take a look at the *Value for CA Dues* which can be found on the Membership section of our web site [HERE](#), you'll find dozens of examples of the resources and services AAUW CA provides to its membership categorized under six main topics. Many of these may be new to you; others you may have come to rely on and take for granted. Take some time to review each of these items and put a check by the ones that your branch utilizes. Hopefully you'll have an impressive list; if not, it's time your branch began to take advantage of the resources AAUW CA provides. Next month you'll hear how critical this raise is for these branch services.



DR. TAMARA HO AT JANUARY 24TH MEETING

The Riverside Branch of the American Association of University Women gathered on January 24 at 10:00 AM at Habitat for Humanity at 2180 Iowa Avenue.

After welcoming words to members and guests, Barb Ryon, President, gave a brief update on current matters for members. Where previously our Tech Trek students attended camp (which concentrated on the STEM subjects) at UC San Diego, this summer those 7 students chosen from the Riverside Unified School District will go to Whittier College and the two chosen from Moreno Valley School District will attend at UC San Diego. Both programs are essentially the same, and both groups will have similar opportunities. Barb reminded us that fund raising for Tech Trek is ongoing.

Member, Stephanie Dingman, has resigned as Treasurer needing more time to recover her health. We will miss her sparkle and fresh ideas at Board meetings, but we look forward to having her back at monthly sessions when her health permits.

Jo Turner, Publications Chair, introduced Tammy Ho, an Associate Professor of Women's Studies at UCR. Tammy was born in Burma (now called Myanmar), but left with her parents when she was two. Educated in the US, with a PhD. in comparative literature from UCLA, she has taught at several Universities in the US. She's concerned with ethnicity and gender in the literature of Southeast Asia and is currently writing a book.

Dr. Ho acquainted us with the life and legend of the Burmese Nobel Peace Laureate, Aung San Suu Kyi. Dr. Ho did not dwell on the early life of Ms. Suu Kyi, but did tell us that she was born in Burma (1945) to parents who were part of the British Colonial government at that time. Her father was assassinated (1949) and her Burmese mother eventually was an ambassador to India. Ms. Suu Kyi was educated in Burma, but later lived in England earning a degree at Oxford. She married a fellow British scholar (1972) and had two sons. In 1988 she was called home to Burma to minister to her dying mother. Ms. Suu Kyi was dismayed to find Burma in turmoil as the people were protesting over the military rule and the dictatorship that was behind it. Ms. Suu Kyi spoke out against this and was welcomed by the people, but she was put under house arrest because she had broken a campaign rule. She soon became a symbol of Burmese hope to her people while also translating Burma to the world. She appealed to the people as a champion of human rights and was an icon of the women's movement. Dr. Ho stated that Ms. Suu Kyi endured propaganda that criminalized her life, her class and her character and also deprived her of seeing her family who remained in England. Throughout she maintained her beliefs, her courage and her moral authority that transcended all to capture the hearts of her people.

In 1991 she received the Nobel Peace Prize and she wasn't even allowed to go to the ceremony to receive it. She was under house arrest from time to time for nearly 20 years and did not gain her final release until 2010. She eventually was elected to a seat in Parliament.

This is an abbreviated account of a very tumultuous and heroic life. Dr. Ho quotes Ms. Suu Kyi, "Burma's future lies within themselves—it is a collective responsibility to work hard for democracy."

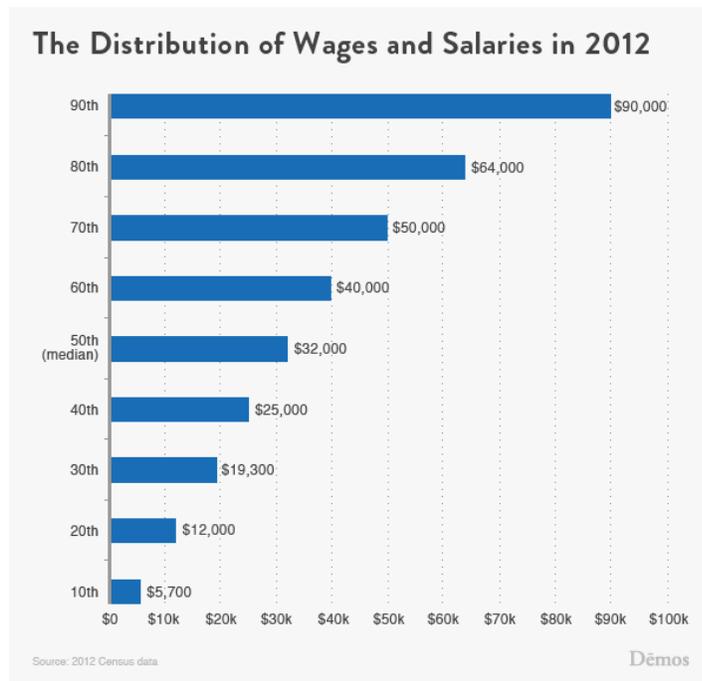
Aung Sn Suu Kyi's name will be recorded in all the history books that hail the brave women who care about human rights and the value of democracy.

By Taffy Geith

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WOMEN'S WAGES AND WAGES

Two-thirds of minimum wage workers are women. Two-thirds of tipped minimum wage workers are women. And in two-thirds of American families, women are the breadwinners or cobreadwinners. But right now, a mom who is working full time in a minimum wage job to support her kids earns just \$15,000 per year—below the poverty line for a single mom.

On Wednesday, February 12, President Obama signed an executive order raising the minimum wage for federal contractors to \$10.10 per hour. This change

will be in effect on new contracts in 2015 and will impact hundreds of thousands of workers. During the ceremony the president reiterated his call for congress to raise the federal minimum wage for all workers above its current level of \$7.25 per hour.