



# RIVERSIDE PIPELINE

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

## MARCH, 2013

### MEETINGS

March 4th, Monday — **Board Meeting**  
at 10:00 AM at Jo's

March 7th, Thursday — **Book Group**  
at 1:00 PM at Stella's—*The Dressmaker*  
by Kate Alcott

March 13th, Wednesday — **Christine Gailey**  
at 10:30 AM at Habitat for Humanity

March 14th, Thursday—**book group**  
at 7:00 PM at Lisa's—*The Prisoner of Tehran*  
by Marina Nemat.

March 15th, Friday — **Healthy Hearts**  
at Noon

March 25th, Monday — **Current Affairs**  
at 1:00 PM at Ruth Wilson's

March 25th, Monday — **Bridge Group**  
at 7:00 PM at Ted's

**Talk is cheap because supply exceeds demand.**



**CHRISTINE  
GAILEY**

*“Behind the Official  
Story:  
Struggling for Women's  
Suffrage in California”*

Those who attended the luncheon to celebrate the 100th anniversary of California Women Suffrage, will remember the very delightful and informative speech that Christine Gailey gave of the women who fought so hard to achieve women's right to vote. She not only showed her ability for scholarly research, but also her delicious sense of humor. She truly entertained us. This year she will give us views “behind the official story” and she will have time to delve more deeply this year.

**COME AND ENJOY!  
10:30 AM  
Habitat for Humanity  
Lunch \$10.00 at Habitat  
For those who wish  
Reservations — call Jo**

### Board Members

Co-Presidents	Barb Ryon
	Barbara Purvis
AAUW Funds VP	Stephanie Dingman
Membership VP	Carlease Chandler Co
Secretary	Marilyn Puckett
Treasurer	Stephanie Dingman
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	Carrie Garret
Public Policy Chair	Ann Kasper
Tech Trek Coordinator	Lisa Newhall
UCR Coordinator	Adrienne Sims

# March 2013



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4 Board Meeting 10:00 am	5	6	7 Book Group 1:00 pm	8	9
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**PRESIDENT’S CORNER**



**By  
Barbara Ryon  
Co-President**

If you were unable to join us on February 13th to hear Jane Moore speak you

missed a wonderful meeting. I loved her enthusiasm about Africa and her mission to help. Her quotable words are-“ Once you have visited Africa, Africa never leaves you”. AAUW members and guests are now counted among those who are helping to build a girls dormitory for Ayalada School in Karatu, Tanzania.

The Leadership Committee (TLC) has just formed at UCR. The president, Laurie Guimont, attended the January AAUW Board meeting and shared the goals and dreams of this exciting new club. An invitation was extended to all Board members to come to their next meeting. Jo and Carlease represented our Riverside Branch and shared information about AAUW. In fact, our two ladies were the program. There is an established partnership between AAUW and UCR. This makes it possible for UCR students to have a free e-student membership and therefore eligible to be part of “Start Smart”, “Elect Her” and other leadership programs. Our message was eagerly received and you will be hearing more about this. Would you like to be on a partnership with the TLC committee? Call Jo and let her know.

The time for the Nomination Committee to start working is fast approaching. You will be hearing more about this. One of the efforts we have made as part of your Board this year is to expand the idea of forming committees. The Tech Trek committee is a vital part of our growing organization and another way for us to get our name and mission out into the community and make life long contacts.

Are you on a committee, do you attend one of the Book Groups, Current Affairs, General Meetings, Out and About, Bridge, Healthy Hearts Lunch or Board meetings? Are you involved? Now would be your chance to become more active and there are places for everyone. Do you have a specific topic and a speaker to suggest for next year? On June 3<sup>rd</sup> we will meet to make plans for the 2013-2014 year and everyone is encouraged to join us. We welcome your input.

**LILY LEDBETTER**

**Do come**

Hear this courageous woman speak

Tuesday, March 5, 2013

7:30 PM

Memorial Chapel, University of Redlands

**DUES NEWS**

**By Alicia Hetman**

The State Board began a long-term evaluation of our annual operational budgets. Since 2004, the last time we increased state dues, our fixed costs have increased and our membership has decreased, leaving us without enough money to provide the branch and member support needed to carry out our mission. Your current Board found that while some of the previous state budgets were balanced, they were balanced by drawing down our state reserves. This is not a wise and prudent fiscal practice, and cannot be continued without serious consequences to serving the needs of our members. We, therefore, are taking action to change this practice.

The Board’s proposed solution is two-fold, and will require a vote of the membership. To further reduce costs, the state Board voted to recommend the reduction of the total number of directors from 16 to 12 through a proposed bylaws amendment. This action will reduce expenses, but not totally resolve the issue of a balanced budget without drawing down the state reserves.

Secondly, the Board is also recommending a dues increase of \$4. The new state dues would become \$20. Both of these recommendations will appear on the ballot in the spring and along with electing new directors and officers, every member will have the opportunity to vote on both measures. If the dues increase passes this year, the increase **will not take effect until July 1, 2014**. In other words there will be no increase this year.

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**And speaking of Dues**, did you know that after March 16th new members can join and their dues will be good for the rest of this year and all of next year. That makes this an excellent time to recruit new members



# Book Collection

Now is the time for members to start collecting books for a donation to Bear Valley Elementary School located in Moreno Valley. Since we have several members living in Moreno Valley, it was suggested for this year to select a school located in Moreno Valley.

- Books can be new or slightly used
- Kindergarden and first grade levels
- Can be bought from any source: Target, K-Mart, a bookstore or any where that children's books are sold
- Collection ends in August
- Number of books to be collected: As many as possible
- Money can be given to Jo so that books can be bought

Contact Carlease Chandler at 237-7664 for more information

## TECH TREK

By Christine Morgando

Seven women and one man (recruited husband of an AAUW member) made quick work of compiling nominations for AAUW - Riverside Branch's 2013 Tech Trek. In one hour, Marilyn, Ruthann, Stephanie, Erika, Carlease, Barbara (ducked out of the picture), Tyler (husband/also ducked out of the picture) and Christine (taking the picture) stuffed envelopes for 87 nominations from seven Riverside middle schools. After a quick scheduling change with the normal meeting place, AAUW member Christine offered up her home as a substitute. Christine and her husband Tyler just purchased their first new home and warned the group they would be sitting on the floor and the most they could offer as hosts were glasses of water. Christine gratefully accepted Stephanie and Ruthann's offers to bring tables and chairs, and Carlease was kind enough to bring her own chair. Ruthann even baked cookies!



Nominated by their math or science teacher, each nominated middle school girl will receive a letter congratulating them on their nomination, a request to submit an application, and a request to submit an essay explaining how math and science are important to them. Each student who submits an application will also be personally interviewed.

This year, AAUW - Riverside Branch raised enough funds for seven Tech Trek scholarships. All seven 7th grade girls will be attending UC San Diego for one week of science/math camp. UC San Diego Tech Trekkers will have hands on experiences in labs, college classrooms, and a marine biology boat excursion. All instructors are either credentialed middle school teachers or women currently engaged professionally in math, science, or technology fields. You can see pictures and read more information about UC San Diego's Tech Trek program here <http://www.techtrekucsd.com/>

Interested in making a difference in a young girl's life in your community? Make a tax-deductible donation to Tech Trek by contacting Jo Turner at [jot888@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jot888@sbcglobal.net)



## JANE MOORE — “PENCILS AND DREAMS”

By Taffy Geith

The Community Room of Habitat for Humanity, 2180 Iowa Ave., was again the gathering place for the Riverside Branch of AAUW on February 13, 2013 at 9:30 AM.

After time for greetings, goodies and coffee, Barbara Purvis, co-president, had a brief announcement: The Riverside County Sheriff and Safe House are applying for federal grants to help fund the Riverside County Human Trafficking task force. They are asking their partners in the task force to provide letters of support to show unity and need to the task force. Barbara asked the members present for a vote to support sending a letter which will be signed by the co-presidents. Members were in support of this letter.

Ruthann Mlcoch introduced Jane Moore, retired director of the Riverside County Office of Education, to speak on “Pencils and Dreams, an Endless Journey”, the topic of her adventures in Tanzania, Africa.

Jane credits her parents, -father, a biologist, and mother, a philanthropist, for her care about animals and her concerns in helping people. Her interest in Africa began seven years ago when she first visited there. It's often quoted that “people who come back from Africa, Africa comes back to them”. Africa grows on you. Too, she retired in 2009, and her husband, Dale, gifted her with the book, *Shadows of the Sun*. Tanzania is south of the equator on the Indian Ocean and became an independent country in 1961 when Zanzibar and Tanganyika were combined. Within fifty years it has gone from colonialism and socialism to now being a stable democracy -- although with some conflicts. It is called the Switzerland of Africa, home to the great migrations of the Serengeti, Mt. Kilimanjaro and the Maasai Tribe.

While Jane and her husband, Dale, were touring Tanzania, they saw children begging for pencils. They came to realize these children wanted to go to school. She told her husband that they had to build a school. They contacted the Thompson Safari Co. based in Boston and were advised not to try. The Thompson Co, suggested that they add two classrooms to a school in the town of Karatu that had been begun earlier by Stanford. Stanford had laid forms for five classrooms, but two were left unfinished --\$50,000.00 would be needed to complete them. It was then their dream was born --their “Pencil Dream”. Why Tanzania? Tanzania has quality cement and can do quality work. Further, Tanzania has the UN Millennial Goals --free access to primary school. Tanzania is one of the ten poorest countries in the world, --average wage \$1.25 a day, life expectancy 45 years, two out of five children unable to attend school, 50% of children under the age of 15, 123 different ethnic groups, a population of 45 million today, (and growing) and they ask citizens to build their own schools. Their society needs a variety of factors whose main foundation is education. H.G. Wells said, “History is a race between education and catastrophe.”

Jane and Dale returned home and began fund raising --pencil sales, note paper sales, book sales, etc. and finally, they had generated \$44,200.00. They have just returned from the dedication of two classrooms and felt very pleased. The student performances were high, too, students had drawn maps on the walls of the classrooms -- a true application of learning and creativity. (Would that we all could see that.) The students and mothers were invited to a “surprise” gathering where Ginger Martin and Ruthann Mlcoch gave out 160 handmade, unstuffed Teddy bears to the students. Mothers and students sat outdoors on the grass and stuffed them with cotton batting and sewed them shut. The children were ecstatic! One young boy clutched two pink Teddy Bears to his chest -- happy to have his own toys. A heart warming moment at Ayalabe School, in Karatu, Africa.

**[To read the rest of Taffy’s report, click HERE.](#)**

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## **RIVERSIDE COUNTY CARE TEAM: HOW AND WHY IT STARTED**

**By Ann Kasper**

In response to an alarming growth in the number of fraud and elder abuse reports received by the county Adult Protective Services offices, a group of representatives from APS and private non-profit service agencies started meeting in 1996 at the local county supervisor's office in Hemet. The "Elder Abuse Committee" became the CARE Team (Curtiling Abuse Related to the Elderly) soon after the group was formed, and continues to meet monthly in three county locations (Moreno Valley, Hemet, and Palm Desert). One unique feature about these groups is the remarkable level of cooperation and collaboration between the law enforcement personnel and the social service workers involved. The two groups are not always immediate partners.

Together with the various local social service agencies and county District Attorneys, CARE hears from fraud and abuse victims and their trusted helpers county-wide. People whose disabilities allow them to be taken advantage of by others are also under the protection of APS and the CARE Team. Originally funded by grants, this program is now a part of the Riverside County Department of Social Services and four of the six CARE teams are located in Sheriff's stations.

I can remember in the beginning that a majority of concerns were connected to various abuses and problems with mobile homes and the "parks" where they were located. Today, the major issues are usually based on financial abuse and fraud or physical abuse and/or deprivation, often by family members or caregivers.

**Members and guests are invited any time to all meetings!**