



# RIVERSIDE PIPELINE

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

## SEPTEMBER 2013

### MEETINGS

**Book Group** — Thursday, September 5 at 1:00 pm at Stella's—*One Thousand White Women* By Jim Ferguson

**Book Group** — Thursday, September 5 at 7:00 pm at Lisa's — *The Swan Thieves* by Elizabeth Kostova

**Board Meeting** — Monday, September 9 at 10:00 am at Jo's.

**Tech Trek** — Saturday, September 14 at 10:30 am at Habitat for Humanity

**Healthy Hearts** — Friday, September 20 at Noon at Janet Funderburk's

**Current Affairs** — Monday, September 23 at 1:00 pm at Jo's

**Out & About** — *The Invisible War* — **Potluck** — Wednesday, September 25th at 5:00 pm at Luisa's (See Page 4 for details).

**Bridge Group** — Monday, September 30 at 7:00pm at Bessie's

### TECH TREK

Join us for our annual Tech Trek Brunch to hear from our campers about their experiences and raise funds for next year's girls!

Sept. 14 at 10:30 am

at the Habitat for Humanity

\$10 guest/\$15 member at the door

This year we are extending our amazing camp to students at Moreno Valley Unified School District. Please invite guests and help us out to a fantastic start to our expanded program!

RSVP to Lisa Newhall by Sept. 11 at 323-3836.



### BOARD MEMBERS

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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
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
International Affairs Chair	Carrie Garrett
Public Policy Chair	Ann Kasper
Tech Trek Coordinators	Lisa Newhall
	Christine Morgando



# September 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2  Labor Day	3 	4	5 Book Group 1:00 pm <hr/> Book Group 7:00 pm	6  Beverly Cox	7
8  Carlease Chandler	9 Board Meeting 10:00 am	10	11	12	13	14 <b>Tech Trek</b> 10:30 am  Taffy Geith
15	16	17	18	19	20 Healthy Hearts Noon	21
22  Equinox	23 Current Affairs 1:00 pm	24	25 <u>OUT &amp; ABOUT</u>  <i>The Invisible War</i> Potluck 5:00 pm	26  Marilyn Puckett	27	28
29	30 Bridge Gp. 7:00 pm  Ellie Bennett Aki Caszatt					

**PRESIDENT'S CORNER**



By Barb Ryon,  
President

Several days ago I was looking at Face Book and read the following- “A pretty face gets old.....A nice body will change.....But a good woman will always be a good person.” I am pleased to be part of the leadership of this fine organization and to have the opportunity to work with and get to know more of the great women in the Riverside Branch of AAUW.

We have been busy over the summer and have nearly finalized the programs for the 2013-2014 year and I am both pleased and excited at the diversity of speakers and topics. I hope to see many of you at these events. Our September meeting is always a special one as we get to meet the girls who attended the Tech Trek 2013 camp.

I recently found out the official Anniversary date is August 23, 1943. We will be celebrating this 70th event at our December meeting when we will have some of our long time members sharing their memories and highlights over the years of their membership. I look forward to learning more about our group and its accomplishments as I have only been a member since 2007. Tula Gallanes, Marilyn Dunnagan, Ted Dyer, Jean Lewis, Bessie Ridley and Ruth Wilson will be our distinguished “historians”.

The new Directory has been sent out. If you do not receive yours in the next couple of days, please let me know. Also would you look your Directory over and if you find any mistakes, let me know so I can send out a correction list. Jo

**Membership Ideas**

By Carlease Chandler

Purpose: Help strengthen our branch by adding new members (**recruit**), **retain** current members, **reward** and **recognize** members

- Four “R”s -- Recruit, Retain, Reward, Recognize

**Membership Campaign ideas**

- ***Shape the Future:*** Recruit new members and student affiliates For every new member who joins, the branch earns one free national membership, up to a maximum of three memberships per year.

- ***Give a Grad a Gift***



Allows current AAUW members the opportunity to give unlimited free national memberships to college graduates who have earned their degrees within the last 24 months

- ***The Member-Get-a-Member***

Designed to encourage current members to recruit new members by offering incentives. Recruiters are rewarded with a certificate when they sign on a new member. After they have recruited 5 members, they receive a recognition pin.

**SPEAKING OF MEMBERSHIP**

**We now have 49 fully paid members !**

Now let's get some more members



**COME ONE  
COME ALL  
To our  
OUT & ABOUT  
POTLUCK**

Come on September 25th at 5:00 PM. We will eat first. So bring whatever you wish — enough to serve about five people. Please call Jo and let her know what you will bring so we can be sure of a variety of foods. (786-3966).

After a sumptuous meal we will be treated to an award winning movie, *The Invisible War*. The movie won the audience award at the Sundance Film Festival. It was also nominated for an academy award for documentaries, but unfortunately didn't win.

*The Invisible War* is about the rampant sexual assaults and rape in the military and is told through the gut-wrenching stories of a few women who experienced not only rape, but the betrayal by their own officers and an indifferent military.

After the movie, we will have a short break and then can have a discussion afterwards.

One of our new members, Luisa Tassan, has graciously offered to host this wonderful event. She lives in the Canyon Crest area, just off Central Avenue, at 1145 Via Pintada Way. Call Jo or Luisa (742-5479). if you need directions.

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An Associated Press survey shows that four out of five Americans will experience joblessness, near poverty, or reliance on welfare programs at some point in their lives.

**NEW MEMBER**

Over the summer, we gained a new member. Be sure and welcome Marge Yeager when you see her. She has attended some of our meetings and you may remember her.

**IMPORTANT DATES**

Please put these dates on your Calendar

**October 19th** —Funds Luncheon at Knotts Berry Farm

**State Convention** — April 10th- 13th.

**BIRTHDAYS**

Remember that birthdays are always listed on the Calendar (page 2) in **Red** at the bottom of the date, so wish everyone a Happy Birthday.

**SPEEDY RECOVERY**

**Stephanie Dingman** is recovering from major surgery and we wish her a very speedy recovery. In the meantime, any checks (or requests for reimbursements) should be sent to Barb Ryon who has temporarily taken over Stephanie's job as Treasurer.

**NEW YEAR**

This is the beginning of a new year for us. We have a new member. And this would be an ideal time to begin any new interest groups that you might want. I would be interested in joining a "Great Decisions" group if anyone would like to start one. Any other ideas?

## TECH TREK LETTERS

Dear Riverside AAUW Branch,

Thank you very much for giving me a scholarship and allowing me to attend Tech Trek. This opportunity to participate in Tech Trek is a once in a lifetime chance, as only incoming 8th graders my attend.

This experience has taught me incredible things in the wide fields of science and math -- such as polymers, marine biology, robotics, engineering and symmetry. One interesting adventure I attended was going to Sea Camp, and learning amazing marine biology facts on a boat in the shores of La Jolla. College Prep was incredibly helpful because even though my whole family has attended college, I know the standards nowadays I should expect in a year or two in high school. My core class was robotics where I learned how to program and how to make a spinning robot hat.

Finally, I would like to thank you once more for picking me to come as it makes me feel special. This experience would never have been extremely wonderful, or even occurred to me without your help,

Signed,

Michelle Boulos



Thanks.

Thank you so much for giving me this opportunity to come to Tech Trek. Tech Trek is an amazing camp that you can learn and have fun! When you leave Tech Trek, everyone will leave with knowledge and determination to go to college. **My words can't explain how**

much fun it was at this camp. You will have to experience it yourself. Thanks!

At camp I loved to be at glacier core class. My teacher was Sarah Child. We learned about different types of glaciers and we also did projects with them. I also loved how we were able to make polymers! That was so fun! Lastly I liked doing my bridge! We had a group of 4 and we had to make a bridge that will get crushed by a crusher.

I want to say thank you once again for letting me come to Tech Trek. To make Tech Trek better, I think you should make the cafeteria closer and more activities.

Thanks,

Justin Kassim



Dear Riverside Branch,

I just want to say thank you so so much for this once in a lifetime opportunity. I wasn't really sure I could get to go because I was an alternate. But no one could have been happier than me when I got that phone call saying they need me.

We did many exciting, fun-filled activities while here. I particularly enjoyed the Sea Camp. There we dissected a squid, learned about many fish and went on a boat! I also enjoyed my core class, which was Documentary Film and Edit in order to make a short film on the stench of La Jolla cove. I

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## TECH TREK LETTERS (continued)

I also am enjoying building a bridge that will be put to the test tomorrow!

Again I thank you all for giving me the experience of a lifetime. I know this will affect me for the rest of my life and while I'm in college. This experience has helped me become more clear on what I want to be when I grow up! Thanks and I will be looking forward to working with you all in the future

Forever Grateful,

Desiree Wyles

Dear Riverside Branch AAUW:

Thank you very much for this amazing scholarship to Tech Trek. It has been wonderful experience and will impact me a lot on my future career choices.

There were three things I especially enjoyed about camp. First of all was my CORE class, Forensics. I learned so much about fingerprints, chromatography, and especially blood spatters. We were even able to visit the physics lab where we made our own electric circuits. Secondly, I enjoyed building the bridge with my group. It taught me a lot about working with others and how to build a bridge in a way that it can hold a lot of weight. Last but not least, I enjoyed going to Sea Camp. I had a lot of fun dissecting the squid, as well as learning about the different marine creatures. I hope to experience something like this again.

As you can see, I had an awesome time at Tech Trek. Again, thank you so very much

for the generous scholarship. What I learned at Tech Trek will help me a lot in the future. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Camper Susan Sy

Dear Riverside Branch,

**Thank you for sending me to Tech Trek! I got put into robotics! It was so much fun! I would not have been interested in Tech Trek if it wasn't for my mom! Science and Math are absolutely my favorite subjects! In Robotics we are making a hat, called, "the Efil Tower.! This stands for "Evil and Eiffel Tower!"**

**Thank you again for this amazing opportunity! I loved my roommates, Deirdre, Liz, India, Shea, Cami, Haley, and Raylenn!**

Sincerely,

Savannah Esqveda

Dear Riverside Branch of AAUW,

I want to say a big thank you for choosing me to experience camp. It was an awesome opportunity and I really thank you for that.

So many things get done in the camp and I got to experience all of them. My core class was the best. Our teacher, Lauren Child, was so amazing. She was the Documentary Films teacher and taught us so well. We produced our own documentary and edited it. It

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It was such an amazing thing to learn. Our mini classes were math, polymers, and bridges. Math we mainly focused on symmetry and patterns. Bridges was so fun! We built a truss bridge. In polymers, it was awesome! We made gack! We also put a skewer into a balloon without popping it. Our trip to Sea Camp was so fun! The guides at Sea Camp were so cool and awesome. My favorite guide was Brian. He was really funny. I loved the dorms and dormmates. It's fun. My dormmates are the best people! They are amazing and I love them.

My favorite experience at camp was Sea Camp. It was fun to dissect a squid, but a little gross. The guides made it so much more fun! Brian was really funny and he made it really enjoyable. The boat trip was amazing! The sea was great and the weather was perfect. We caught fishes and got to hold them. We even caught a plankton. They told us all about it. On the car ride home, it was so fun! Brian cranked up the radio and danced in the car. It was fun! We were all singing. I absolutely loved it!

Again, thank you so much! It was the most amazing experience anyone could have. I appreciate everything you have done for me.

Sincerely yours,

Appreciating this opportunity,

Samantha Interiano

## MORENO VALLEY WELCOMES TECH TREK

**By Christine Morgando**

AAUW Riverside received a warm welcome from Superintendent Dr. Judy White and Assistant Superintendent Dr. Martinex Kedziora to Moreno Valley Unified School District.

President Barbara Ryon, Vice President (Programs) Barbara Purvis, and Tech Trek Committee member Christine Morgando met with Dr. White and Dr. Kedziora to introduce AAUW's Tech Trek to Moreno Valley schools. Dr. White stated Moreno Valley will be introducing the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) program to Palm Middle School and suggested AAUW Riverside's Tech Trek start there. Dr. White felt Tech Trek should be considered as enrichment for the students and will add to the school's distinction. She will announce Tech Trek and AAUW Riverside's involvement when she announces the introduction of STEM to Palm Middle School in September.

Dr. White and Dr. Kedziora will join AAUW Riverside's Tech Trek brunch on September 14<sup>th</sup> to meet this year's Tech Trek campers.

With the suggestion of a few AAUW Riverside members, the expansion to Moreno Valley Schools has been a year-long goal. Thanks to the support of our AAUW Riverside members, Superintendent Dr. Judy White and Assistant Superintendent Dr. Martinex Kedziora, AAUW Riverside will send 2 girls for 2014 Tech Trek from Moreno Valley.

## REVISED BUDGET

At the May 2013 Board meeting the following items were discussed: Add more to the honorarium for guest speakers, add a line item donation for Habitat for Humanity for the use of their facilities. Because of extra dues monies this year we were able to do this. The revised Budget will be discussed at the September General Membership/ Guests Meeting - Tech Trek.

## HELP YOUR TREASURER

PLEASE help your Treasurer and committee by making out separate checks to all of the funds accounts—Tech Trek, LAF and EF. Make check payable to : AAUW SPF. Write the fund name on the memo line. If you write AAUW Riverside/ SPF we then need to deposit your check and write an AAUW check and this makes it harder to keep the Branch monies separated from Funds monies.

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for women and girls  
through advocacy,  
education, philanthropy,  
and research.



If you haven't already done so, be sure and read Luisa Tassan's beautiful article on Human Trafficking. It's on our website —

<http://riverside-ca.aauw.net/2013/08/07/human-trafficking-the-global-and-local-connection/>

This was an absolutely spectacular event with a brilliant panel where each panel member made different and excellent points. Two of the panel members were Jennifer O'Farrell and Opal Singleton, who have been speakers for the Riverside Branch.