



# RIVERSIDE PIPELINE

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

## APRIL 2015

### MEETING

**Book Group**—Wednesday, April 1 at 7:00pm at Marilyn Puckett’s—*All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr

**Book Group**—Thursday, April 2 at 1:00pm at Stella Fife’s—*Mary Coin* by Marisa Silver.

**Board Meeting**—Monday, April 6 at 10:00am at Jo Turner’s

**Movie Day**—Thursday, April 9 at 1:00 at Luisa Tassan’s—film "Boyhood"

**Great Decisions**—Tues, April 14 at 7:00pm at Jo T’s-India Changes Course

**Healthy Hearts**—Friday, April 17 at Noon at Marilyn Puckett’s

**Yolanda Moses**—Tues; April 21 10:00am at Habitat For Humanity

**Out & About**—Thurs, April 23 9 (p.4)

**Current Affairs**—Monday, April 27 at 1:00pm at Ruthann Mlcoch’s

**Bridge Group**—Monday, April 27th at non-member Charlotte Pope’s

### DR. YOLANDA MOSES



**“Moving Forward for Women in the STEM Subjects”**

10:00 AM

APRIL 21, 2015

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

11:30 AM Lunch at Culinary Arts for those who care to go

Dr. Moses graduated from Perris High School, SBVC , California State University, San Bernardino, and earned her Ph.d. in Anthropology at the University of California, Riverside. Her present title is “professor of Anthropology and Associate Vice-chancellor for Diversity, Excellence and Equity at the University of California, Riverside. She is at work advancing the role of women faculty in the Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics fields.

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	Christine Morgando

### INTEREST GROUPS & OTHERS

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





# April 2015



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1 Book Group 7:00pm Marilyn P's.</b> 	<b>2 Book Group 100pm Stella Fife's</b>	<b>3</b>  <b>Jean Lewis Debra Steinmuller</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> 	<b>6 Board Meeting 10:00am Jo Turner's</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9 Movie Day 1pm Luisa Tassan Film, "Boyhood"</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>  <b>Kelly Lopatynski</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14 Great Decisions 7:00pm Jo Turner's</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17 Healthy Hearts Noon Marilyn Puckett's</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21 Yolanda Moses 10:00am Habitat</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23 Out &amp; About Salvation Army 9:00am</b>	<b>24</b>  <b>Ruthann Milcoch</b>	<b>25</b>  <b>Ann Kasper</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>27 Current Affairs 1:00pm</b> <hr/> <b>Bridge Group 7:00pm</b>	<b>28</b>  <b>Jo Turner</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>  <b>Lisa Newhall Christine Morgando</b>		



**BARBARA  
RYON  
PRESIDENT**



March 1, 2015 marked 33 years of AAUW's celebrating women's history. In 2013 the military announced the end to the combat ban for women. Ending the ban doesn't mean that military women will automatically be granted these positions, but it does mean women will finally have a military career based on merit and ability.

According to the Department of Defense ending the ban will open up 237,000 positions to women. Although women make up nearly 15 percent of armed services, the ban excluded women from approximately 20 percent of jobs. These positions frequently pay more and are often required for promotion in top ranks. Ending the ban means women will not be excluded from top leadership.

I think it is only fitting that we held our March meeting at March Field Air Museum and enjoyed Director Patricia Korzec's presentation on Amelia Earhart. We then had a tour of the museum led by a woman aviator.

**ELECTIONS GALORE**

**Branch Election** will be on April 21st at the General Meeting with Yolanda Moses. You will also be able to vote for both National Board and State Board candidates online at this meeting, but you need to bring your voting codes and your PIN number to the meeting.

**Slate for 2015-2016 Riverside Officers**

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**National Candidates** are [HERE](#). Read about them so you can vote intelligently. Voting will take place between April 15 and June 19.

**State Candidates** are [HERE](#). Learn about them before you vote. State voting will be from April 18 to May 8.

**2015-2016 DUES ARE DUE**

This year we voted to raise the State dues by \$4.00 and that took effect on March 16th. Now State dues are \$20.00 which raises the total renewal dues for most members renewing to \$86.00. If you haven't already received a renewal letter, you will get one soon.

**MEETINGS**

**National Convention** is in San Diego, June 18-21  
**AAUW CA Annual meeting** is April 18 in Manhattan Beach. Cost is \$75.00 and includes the Speech Trek luncheon. There will be a panel discussion with several state leaders and one national leader.  
**Leadership training** is April 19, same location. The 7 workshops will provide helpful information. Cost is \$60.00 and includes lunch.



**ZONTA OF RIVERSIDE**

Zonta of Riverside will host Lunafest on Saturday, May 16th, at the Box in Riverside. Doors open at 12:30 and the event starts at 1:00 pm. The cost is \$20.00 per person. Lunafest is a program of eight selected films directed by women about women. It is exceptional storytelling—by, for and about women. Look in the Press—Enterprise for more details.

**GIVE A GRAD A GIFT**

AAUW members can give recent college graduates a free, one-year AAUW [member-ship](#) within two years of graduation, at no cost to you or them. It will keep them current on the events and people that affect their life as they receive *Mission & Action*, *AAUW Outlook*, Action Network alerts, and more.

**MOVIE DAY RESCHEDULED**



Movie Day has been moved to Thursday, April 9th at 1:00pm. We will be showing 2015 Oscar nominated film "Boyhood", a true story about the life of Ellar Coltrane, over the course of 12 years taking him from boyhood to manhood. Patricia Arquette, who plays the mother, won the Best Supporting Actress award for her role in this film.

WHERE: Home of Luisa Tassan, 146 Via Pintada

DIRECTIONS: [HERE](#)

DONATION: \$1.00 to go to Tech Trek Fund

SNACKS: Drinks will be provided by the hostess, but feel free to bring something to pass if you care to—no obligation.

**OUT & ABOUT**

**SALVATION ARMY FACILITY**

**Thursday, April 23rd at 10:00am**

Come with "Out & About" and tour the Salvation Army facility. We'll meet at the entrance on First and Orange in the big parking lot. There will be coffee and a quick review of the history of the facility here in Riverside. Meet the Captains and then tour Kids Café, Social Services Department, the Sanctuary, and the Ka Boom Project—maybe even Silver Crest Housing. After the tour, those of us who have time will have lunch together.

Phone reservations to Marilyn Dunagan at 951-683-1330.

**GREAT DECISIONS—INDIA CHANGES COURSE**

Tuesday, April 14th at 7:00pm at Jo Turner's



**ELOISE GOMEZ REYES**







## ELOISE GOMEZ REYES—AAUW Riverside Branch Meeting

By Taffy Geith

Once again the Mayor's Ceremonial Room on the 7<sup>th</sup> floor of City Hall, 3900 Main St. was the meeting place for the Riverside Branch of the American Association of University Women, (AAUW) on Friday, February 20 at 11:00 AM.

After an introduction by Luisa Tassan, our guest, Eloise Gomez Reyes, spoke to us on the importance of women in politics and the differences they make. Having been a candidate for a seat in a Congressional District, Eloise stated at the beginning of her talk that women want to be counted.

As a child of immigrant parents, Eloise, one of six children, began working in the fields picking and/or cutting the tops off onions. She says she was the best. When her family settled in Colton, Eloise continued to follow her mantra, "I'm here", and excelled in all of her endeavors. In second grade she was asked to tutor other students in reading. In high school she started a drill team and, in addition, received a scholarship to USC. She delayed using her scholarship, getting her AA at San Bernardino College first, to later be a resident advisor at USC before graduation. She continued at Loyola Law School, getting her first job at a large law firm in LA, specializing in worker's compensation, then to return here to work at a premier law firm. She was the first Latina to open her own law firm in Riverside, and has volunteered at Legal Aid for twenty-five years.

Eloise ran for Congress in California's 31<sup>st</sup> District, and though, she did not win, she considers the "journey" wonderful. She lost to Pete Aguilar even though she got more votes than he did in several areas. She was endorsed by Emily's List, Hilda Solis, the Now organization, and many friends, but she says her strongest supporters were her mother and her husband. Eloise feels that issues are important—look at the issues that affect us—senior rights, the Equal Rights amendment to name just two. Getting women to run for office is a problem. We are 50 percent of the population, yet California is 19<sup>th</sup> in the number of women in the State Legislatures, and 19.4 percent in the number of women in the US Congress. She feels that she will run again because the experience was invaluable. Too, she wants to represent her community and she believes the law is an important tool in working for the community.

Eloise had the good fortune to be a member of a very close, and successful family. She gave charming examples of her mother (married at 14) who had each child open their own savings accounts from their earnings, gave marriage advice to friends and family, gave lawyerly counsel when necessary, and even became an entrepreneur. (Surely, Eloise must write a book about her mother!) The members of AAUW who attended this presentation by Eloise considered themselves fortunate because Eloise is a perfect example of a woman who was persistent in pursuing her goals, keeping her belief in herself, and who convinced us that it is important for women to be in politics. Eloise's mantra, "I'm here", has served her well.

President, Barb Ryon, thanked Eloise for her talk on a topic that is so important to us, and invited everyone to partake of the splendid looking buffet lunch at the side of the room. This gave Eloise, guests and members an opportunity to visit, ask questions and, of course, take pictures.

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



## NEWS FROM PUBLIC POLICY CHAIR

**Luisa Tassan**

AAUW's Action Network is asking for our support by communicating with our legislators on the following pending legislation in Congress:

**THE FAMILY ACT:** This piece of legislation would take up where The Family and Medical Leave Act, passed 22 years ago, left off—mainly by providing for paid leave to care for a serious illness of yourself or your child, parent, spouse, or domestic partner, or the birth or adoption of a child. The paid leave program created by the **FAMILY ACT** would be funded by employer and employee contributions that amount to less than \$1.50 per week for the average worker, or 2 cents for every \$10.00 of an employees salary. Click [HERE](#) to contact your representatives.

**EQUAL PAY DAY April 14th, 2015:** Despite civil rights laws and the advancement in Women's education and economic status, workplace discrimination still persists. On average, women who work full time average about 78 cents for every dollar a full time working male earns . Over a lifetime of work (forty seven years) that amounts to an average loss of earnings of over \$700,000.00 for women with a high school diploma, \$1.2 Million for a college graduate, and \$2 Million for a professional School Graduate. Lucky for us here in California we rank 5th in the nation with women making 84% of what men earn. However in the 41st District (Riverside and Moreno Valley) the number is only 79% of what men earn, putting Riverside at 41st in the state out of 53 districts. SPEAK UP this Equal Pay Day AAUW makes it easy to do something about this. Click [HERE](#) to see some things you can do.

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