



RIVERSIDE PIPELINE

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

DECEMBER 2013

MEETINGS

Board Meeting—Monday, December 2 at 10:00 am at Jo's

Remembrance of Things Past and Current Affairs — Wednesday, December 4 at 1:00 pm at Luisa's — 8 of our long-time members and a cookie exchange and our 70th Anniversary

Book Group—Thursday, December 5 at 1:00 pm at Stella's — *The Aviator's Wife* by Melanie Benjamin

Book Group—Thursday, December 12 at 7:00 pm at Erika's — *Zealot* By Reza Azlan

Healthy Hearts—will NOT meet until January.

Happy Holidays

REMEMBRANCE OF THINGS PAST

Muriel Berger, Beverly Cox, Marilyn Dunagan, Ted Dyer, Tula Gallanes, Jean Lewis, Bessie Ridley, and Ruth Wilson will help us celebrate the 70th anniversary of the Riverside Branch of AAUW. They will each give us bits of their Remembrances of Things Past—in AAUW.

This will be a combined meeting with Current Affairs and it will be a **Cookie Exchange** so we can all go home with lots of Christmas cookies. We will celebrate the 70th Anniversary of our Riverside Branch, too.

The Program will be at Luisa Tassan's lovely home. Call Luisa if you need directions. You won't want to miss this program.

Wednesday, December 4th

1:00 PM

1145 Via Pintada — RSVP to Jo

BOARD MEMBERS

President	Barbara Ryon
Administrative VP	Ruthann Mlcoch
Program VP	Barbara Purvis
Membership VP	Carlease Chandler
AAUW Funds VP	Cindy Sprague
Secretary	Marilyn Puckett
Treasurer	Stephanie Dingman
Communications	Taffy Geith

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	



December 2013



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 	2 Board Meeting 10:00 am	3	4 Remembrance Of Things Past 1:00 pm Jean Tanner	5 Book Group 1:00 pm	6	7
8 Pam West	9	10	11	12 Book Group 7:00 pm Mary Humboldt	13	14 Ted Dyer
15 Marilyn Dunagan	16	17 Angelia Wyles	18	19	20 Cindy Sprague	21
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**Barbara
Ryon
President**

Last October I spent a week with family in Yosemite enjoying the fall leaves. While I was there I purchased a book entitled *Yosemite Meditations for Women* and would like to share a few with you.

If the sight of the blue skies fills you with joy, if a blade of grass springing up in the fields has the power to move you, if the simple things of nature have a message that you understand, rejoice, for your soul is alive.....Eleanor Duse

If we make our goal to live a life of compassion and unconditional love, then the world will become a garden where all kinds of flowers can bloom and grow.....Elizabeth Kobler Ross

Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure.Marianne Williamson

To all the wonderful and amazing women in AAUW may your holiday season be one of family and friends and a time to enjoy the riches in your life.

MOVIE GROUP

Thanks to all those who attended the first movie. There will be no meeting in December, but we will meet again in January. See the information in the January Pipeline.

DR. JUDY WHITE NAMED



CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

On November 20, 2013, the Moreno Valley Chamber of Commerce announced its 2014 Citizen of the Year, Dr. Judy White.

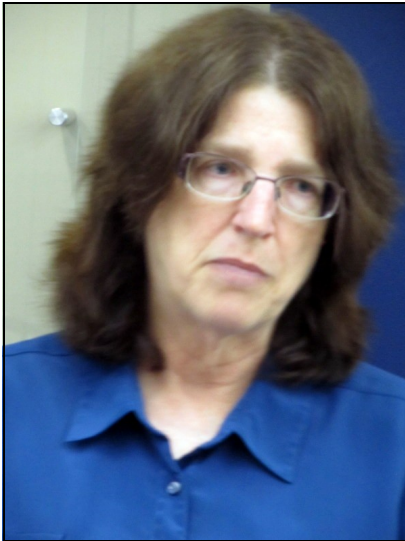
A well deserved congratulations to Dr. White. She was among six other nominated candidates.

IMMIGRANTS — PUBLIC POLICY PRIORITY

Since AAUW members voted in June to add to our [public policy priorities](#) support for “the civil and human rights of all immigrants, including a fair and just path to legal status,” AAUW activists have sent messages to representative from almost every congressional district, demanding immigration reform now. In addition, the AAUW Action Fund Lobby Corps has delivered this message to over 200 Senate and House offices.

“Laugh as much as you can” —
Maya Angelou

JUDGE BECKY DUGAN



**Superior Court
Judge Becky Dugan**



**Kay Dobberton, President of Redlands Branch
& dual member with Riverside**



Carolyn Confer—guest



November Branch Meeting November 8, 1913 By Taffy Geith

The Riverside Branch of AAUW gathered in the elegant Mayor's Ceremonial Room of City Hall, 3900 Main Street on November 8, at 11:30 AM. After partaking of a very tasty lunch, Barb Ryon, President, thanked those for attending and introduced several special guests. She was pleased to announce that our Tech Trek Funds will provide for sending seven girls from Riverside Unified School District and two from Moreno Valley School District to Tech Trek Summer Camp at UC San Diego –indeed, there will be funds left over for the next year. We are grateful to Supervisors Jeffries, and Tavaglione for their generous donations of \$1,500.00 each to Tech Trek.

Barbara Purvis, Program Vice President, spoke on behalf of the AAUW Legal Advocacy program which supports women fighting gender inequality. She gently reminded those present that AAUW is seeking donations to this Legal Advocacy Fund today. AAUW is presently involved in four military cases involving harassment of US Service Members.

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Barbara Purvis introduced our speaker, Judge Becky L. Dugan of the Riverside County Superior Court, the longest sitting judge on our bench with twenty-six years of experience. Our California prison gyms were overcrowded with prisoners stacked like cord wood. The Federal Government deemed our prison system 50% over capacity and thus unconstitutional. In 2011 Gov. Brown and the State Legislature called for a re-alignment plan for the Criminal Justice System. Since it cost \$40,000.00 a year to house a state prisoner, the plan is to send non-violent, non-serious (drug offenses, store theft) to the County jails, thereby saving money that could be allocated elsewhere. This plan has had a great impact on our County Justice System. Judge Dugan mentioned many problems that have surfaced, but the following is a brief summary of her report.

Lack of Judges. We need to double the number of judges in Riverside County. We presently have fourteen women and forty nine men — the formula for allocating the number of judges must change. Judge Dugan works in Settlement County Court and sees over a hundred cases a day.

Funding. Governor Brown cut over \$63 million from our courts in the last three years. We need new jails, more residential beds for probation violations, and more staff in all areas.

Sentencing. Judge Dugan gave examples of offenders who can get a four year sentence reduced again and again and serve only 30 days. Because Riverside has only a 3,900 bed capacity, certain offenders can get a federal release early deal (called a fed-kick), get 30 days and go free. Judge Dugan sees this as a disaster and needs to be fixed.

Other issues. We are achieving gender equity in case loads. Women offenders are becoming more violent – statistics show 60% of offenders are men, 40% women. Judge Dugan sees a return of drugs, such as heroin, and meth. These drugs damage the brains of our children. She wants the legislature to sort out different categories for offenses — such as sex crimes that are situational as opposed to serial rapists or serial pedophiles. All offenders cannot be put into one category.

Pensions. There is a disparity in pension plans for judges within the State depending on their location. This is an issue for the future.

Judge Becky L. Dugan had a very rapt audience for her close-up view of the very real problems concerning re-alignment, mandated by law, and how it affects our people, our community and our culture. Members and guests were enlightened and also challenged by what we as citizens as well as the Justice System have to face and repair.

"Speech has allowed the communication of ideas, enabling human beings to work together to build the impossible. Mankind's greatest achievements have come about by talking, and its greatest failures by not talking. It doesn't have to be like this. Our greatest hopes could become reality in the future. With the technology at our disposal, the possibilities are unbounded. All we need to do is make sure we keep talking."

Stephen Hawking

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SUPREME COURT DISMISSES APPEAL OF ABORTION LAW

The U.S. Supreme Court changed course and [announced](#) it would not hear an appeal challenging the Oklahoma Supreme Court's ruling in *Cline v. Oklahoma Coalition for Reproductive Justice*. The Oklahoma Supreme Court had previously struck down a state law that effectively bans nearly all medication abortions in the state, and the U.S. Supreme Court had agreed in June to hear an appeal of that decision, pending clarification of the state Supreme Court's ruling. After receiving a response from the Oklahoma Supreme Court last week, the U.S. Supreme Court justices announced on Monday that it would not hear an appeal of the lower court ruling. As a result, the Oklahoma Supreme Court's ruling that the law was unconstitutional will stand.

JOB GROWTH HIGHER THAN EXPECTED FOR OCTOBER

The Labor Department's [monthly jobs report](#), released today, shows 204,000 jobs were created in October. Job growth was much larger than expected; however, economists caution that the data may be unreliable given the government shutdown that lasted for the first half of October. Today's report also showed a slight increase in the unemployment rate, which may have been partially due to the hundreds of thousands of federal workers who were furloughed early in the month, but counted as unemployed. Meanwhile, a [White House report](#) released Thursday attempts to tally up the costs of the shutdown, from lost productivity in the government to a loss in private-sector job creation.