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DECEMBER 2014

MEETINGS

Board Meeting—Monday, December 1 at 10:am at Jo's—849 Daffodil Dr.

Book Group—Thursday, December 4 at 1:00 pm at Carlease's—798 Apache Trail—*Big Alma* by Bernice Scharlach

Sureka Acharya—Friday, December 5 at 10:00 at Down Town Main Library

Book Group—Thursday, December 11 at 7:00 pm at Marilyn P's—25670 Beeja Court, Moreno Vally—*Moonlight palace* by Liz Rosenberg.

Healthy Hearts will not meet in December.

Current Affairs will be combined with our General Meeting on December 5th.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS
TO ALL**

(and to all a good night)

STATE AARP AWARD SU ARCHARYA COOKIE EXCHANGE

Ruth Wilson will be presented an award by the State AARP organization.

Dr. Surekha Acharya will be our guest speaker. She is an Associate Professor at RCC and has a doctorate in Anthropology from UCR. Her topic is "Shaadi: Wedding Hindu Style". Her presentation will offer an anthropological perspective on Hindu weddings. She covers the manner in which marriage partners are chosen, the dowry system: and the wedding rituals and customs.



We are combining our Program and Current Affairs so bring your Christmas cookies for our Cookie Exchange which we will have after the program. Bring a batch of cookies and then pick some from everyone else's cookies and go home with nice variety.

10:00 AM Set up and Coffee

10:30 AM Program

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5TH

DOWN TOWN LIBRARY

3581 Mission Inn Avenue

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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	Luisa Tassan
UCR Coordinators	Carole Nagengast
	Lisa Newhall
Tech Trek Co-Chairs	Christine Morgando



December 2014



The names in red are our Birthday Girls

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Board Meeting 10:00 am Jo T's	2	3	4 Book Group 1:00 pm Carlease C's	5 SUREKA ACHARYA 10:00 am	6
7	8 Pam West	9	10	11 Book Group 7:00 pm Marilyn P's	12 Mary Humboldt	13
14 Ted Dyer	15 Marilyn Dunnagan	16 	17	18	19	20 Cindy Sprague
21	22	23	24	25 	26	27 Barbara Cockerham
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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Barb Ryon

What a marvelous program was provided for us in November by UCR Chancellor Tim Wilcox. Many in the audience had close ties to UCR and Riverside over the years, but the enthusiasm generated by Dr. Wilcox almost made one wish we were back on campus and taking part in all of the exciting opportunities. Time was given for questions and there were many, from parking on campus to the master plans for the future growth. One of the ideas shared by Dr. Wilcox was a plan for a UCR outreach program and a pilot program which is coordinated with several out of state colleges and universities. We agreed with him when he said he thinks Riverside is a great place to live and work. Many of those in attendance liked the suggestion that he should come back another time.

Tech Trek update- A wonderful, generous offer comes from our own Ruth Wilson. She was nominated for recognition by Barbara Purvis from the State AARP. We are all aware of the community work that has been such a mainstay of Ruth's life. Instead of being honored with a luncheon at the Mission Inn, Ruth has requested that the funds be given to our Tech Trek program. Thank you for your generosity. Please join us on December 5th when a person from the State AARP Team will present the award. Barb Ryon was able to secure an \$1,800 donation from CalRTA California Retired Teachers Association. We are well on our way but are still in need of more funds. This is the time to seriously look at a fund raiser to help sustain this wonderful Tech Trek opportunity. Put your thinking caps on ladies. Jo has a list for you to start looking at.

My best wishes to you and your families for this holiday season

SAVE THE DATE



2015 Save the Date !!! March 2, at 6:00 PM, we will have our first "Chocolate Game Night." It will Be a fun, fun evening with a chocolate extravaganza: chocolate fudge; brownies; chocolate cake; chocolate to your heart's content, plus all kinds of board games.

Save the date !

NEW MEMBERS

By Carole Nagengast

M.J. (Ellie) Bunt, a long time activist in the Democratic Party in Riverside, recently joined the Riverside chapter of AAUW. She has a BA in Education and History from Arizona State University in Tempe and a Masters in English from University of New Mexico in Albuquerque. She works as a Child Development Consultant in Riverside.

Toni Henderson also joined AAUW this month. She has a BS and MA in Business and Management, respectively, from the University of Redlands. She has retired from UCR, but returned to part-time work in digital e-learning for the new UCR School of Medicine. Toni lives in Corona with her husband, Carl.

Debra Steinmiller, our third newcomer to AAUW, was educated in the Cal State system with a BA from Cal State Long Beach in Liberal Studies with a concentration in Speech Communication and two MA degrees in Curriculum and Education Administration from Cal State San Bernardino. After working in her chosen field of Education Administration for some years, she has retired and lives in Riverside with husband Don Chotro.

We hope to see our "newbies" along with longer time members at the regular meetings of AAUW- Riverside, special events and our various monthly interest groups. Please see the calendar for days, time and locations.



DAN BERNSTEIN

By Taffy Geith



Dan Bernstein, recently retired columnist for the Press Enterprise, spoke to the Riverside Branch of AAUW on Thursday, October 23, at 10:00 AM at the Community Room at Habitat for Humanity, 2180 Iowa Ave. This is the first time he has spoken publicly, he did retire, and contrary to rumors, he was not “pushed out” at the Press. He loved his job, but saw the opportunity to try a new avenue in life. He does not miss the concern for deadlines and does not plan to write any more columns.

After a vacation trip to Oregon, where one of his sheepdogs, Sherman, competed in a “herding trial” with four other dogs, Dan came back to Riverside and returned to one of his many loves –music. He volunteers at Kaiser Hospital playing his trombone in the lobby on Wednesdays as a music therapist. He plays old tunes --much enjoyed by all ages, and often receives tips. He will soon play in the Cancer Center there at Kaiser on Thursdays. While Dan is engaged in his music activities, his wife takes Marvin, his other sheepdog, (trained as a therapist), to areas of the hospital where Marvin's responses give pleasure and comfort. Of course, Marvin earns treats for his hard work, which Dan pays for with his tip money. Too, KUCR, 88.5 on the radio dial, has a jazz show to which Dan has been invited to join and to be tutored. He finds it great fun, but it's work, too.

Before beginning his Q and A time, Dan gave a brief history of the Press Enterprise. It began as a family owned newspaper, much valued by citizen subscribers of Riverside. It has been sold to different buyers with different visions for its success, but was lastly purchased by the Freedom Corporation, the Orange County Register. It, too, tried to enlarge, has had financial problems and is in a state of flux right now. All newspapers have been affected by the recession, the power of the Internet as well as many other factors of our changing society.

Some of those present questioned the extreme conservatism of the Press Enterprise at this time. For example, it will print only one candidate's opinion, but not that of his opponent. Dan acknowledged this and said that the Press is losing readers by ignoring other than the opinions of the “right”. The decisions printed on the Opinion page are made in Orange County –the whole paper has a conservative bent. Dan did add that few newspapers are objective.

Dan would not hazard a guess on the future of print newspapers. The Press has one or two reporters covering local news –this is impossible. People are thirsty for local news. It is about our government –we need independent voices to dig into what has happened. Good reporting means bringing attention to events that make them transparent and easily understood.

Dan's presentation was a great success –we realized anew how much we miss his voice in the newspaper. (A standing ovation when he finished his talk.) In answer to a question, Dan said that the most satisfaction from his columns came when he affected “change” in a practice or in a policy. Readers understood that he was unafraid to bring attention to the hypocrisy of leaders –especially if it was vital to an institution, such as the Public Library. Dan mentioned that although he had no plans to do more writing, he did have a few ideas. Some of those present would hope that he would teach young “wanna-be” journalists what it means to inform, amuse, write well and do it with integrity.

DR. KIM WILCOX

By Taffy Geith

Dr. Kim Wilcox, Chancellor of University of California, Riverside, spoke to the Riverside Branch of AAUW on Thursday, November 13, at 10:00 AM at the Altura Credit Union, 2847 Campus Parkway, Riverside.

Dr. Wilcox has been chancellor since August, 2013. He has much experience in academia, having been provost and executive Vice President for Academic Affairs at Michigan State University for eight years, dean of the college of Liberal Arts at University of Kansas for ten years and on the staff of the University of Missouri prior to that.

Dr. Wilcox has found the students at UCR very special --they are more genuine, appreciative and most articulate. The present enrollment is 21,000 students (18,000 undergraduates). A large percentage are natives of Los Angeles and the Inland Empire. To meet the needs of these students, regardless of their socio-economic levels, UC Riverside joined the University Innovative Alliance. This Alliance is funded by five major foundations, (e.g. Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, the Ford Foundation, etc.) who agreed to identify the best ways for low income and minority students to obtain high quality degrees. Ten other major public research universities joined this Alliance, however. Dr. Wilcox believes that UC Riverside can be a model for America.

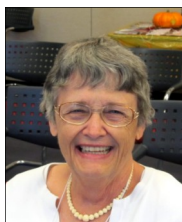
This leads to the question about the cost of an education at UC Riverside. Low income students pay little or no tuition. UC Riverside has the highest number of Pell Grants of all California universities. As a consequence, we also have the lowest amount of student debt. If social mobility, academic quality and community service are the criteria to rank a university, UC Riverside is ranked number one in the country by Time magazine and number two by Washington Monthly. Dr. Wilcox states that we are a great public university, and all students, regardless of gender, race or socio-economic status, graduate at the same rate. This is unusual.

Dr. Wilcox is a visionary chancellor --he wants to add 300 new faculty members over the next five years. This is crucial to building a "team". UC Riverside is growing fast, --needs a new budgeting system with analysts to reorganize and rebuild its core strengths. We are heading for 25,000 students and we will need more space. UC Riverside will have to move southward.

In responding to Q and A, Dr. Wilcox said we will never build a big medical center on our campus. Rather, we are building relations with medical centers here in this area. We want our medical school to be longitudinal. This means that medical students work in doctors' offices when they are freshmen and stay at the same clinic for four years--thus seeing a lot of the same patients. Medicine is about people --we want to change clinical care. To other inquiries, Dr. Wilcox said he is committed to the citrus industry and hopes to raise the visibility and centrality of agriculture on our campus. UC Riverside lags behind other universities in its international out-reach, and also needs reform to its pension system. Dr. Wilcox is well aware of present and future needs that require attention.

Dr. Wilcox was very positive about UC Riverside. He wants a university that's integrated in the community and believes that at present, it is more connected to the City than any he has been to as an administrator.

Dr. Wilcox's presentation was far too short --he has a very tight schedule. AAUW members and the guests present were eager to hear more --one member suggested that AAUW have Dr. Wilcox as an annual visitor. Our interest in UC Riverside never wanes. Dr. Wilcox is a provocative proponent and very confident in his vision for an innovative, inclusive university.



New Member
Toni Henderson



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Supreme Court Prohibits Misleading Anti-choice Practices



In a victory for reproductive rights, the U.S. Supreme Court recently declined to hear an appeal from crisis pregnancy centers (CPCs) challenging a New York ordinance that prohibits deceptive practices. CPCs are typically run by anti-choice groups that wish to dissuade women from seeking abortions or emergency contraception. Many CPCs use misleading advertisements and staff practices (such as having non-medical staff dress in medical uniforms) to make clients believe the CPC is a health care clinic when in fact it provides no medical care. Moreover, because clients are led to believe that the CPC is a medical provider, they assume that their personal information will be kept confidential under health privacy laws, when in fact those laws don't apply to most CPCs.

New York City passed an ordinance that, among other provisions, required CPCs to publicly disclose the fact that they do not employ any licensed medical providers. Several centers filed suit, claiming that the ordinance infringed on their free speech rights. A federal court in New York upheld the provision requiring CPCs to tell clients that they cannot provide medical services. The Supreme Court's refusal means that the lower court's decision to restrict misleading anti-choice activities will stand.