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### MEETINGS

**Board Meeting**—Monday, Jan. 4th at 10:00am at Jo Turner's

**Book Group**—Thursday, Jan. 7th at 1:00pm at Stella Fife—**Dead Wake** by Erik Larson (p.7)

**Dr. Paul Lyons, UCR Medical School**—Wednesday, Jan. 13th at 10:00am at Habitat for Humanity

**Book Group**—Thursday, Jan 14th at Lisa Newhall's—**The Musicians Secret** by Litty Mathew (p. 3)

**Great Decisions**—Wednesday, Jan.20th at 7:00 pm at Jo Turner's (p. 3)

**Out & About—Sunnylands**—Thursday, Jan 21st at Palm Springs (p. 5)

**Current Affairs**—Monday, January 25th at 1:00 pm at Marilyn Dunagan's

**SEIBC Meeting**—Saturday, Jan 30th at 9:30am at Habitat for Humanity.

**MEETING MINUTES—November Board Minutes** click [HERE](#)



As senior associate dean of education, Dr Lyons is responsible for all curricular programs leading to the M.D. degree. In addition, as chair of family medicine, he provides leadership for administration of the family medicine program.

As those who heard Dr. Lyons speak last year know, he is an outstanding, informative and even entertaining speaker. He will bring us up to date on the Medical School at UCR. And of course he will answer all our questions.

You won't want to miss Dr. Lyons and lunch at the Culinary Arts Institute afterwards for those who can.

*10:00 AM*

*WEDNESDAY*

*JANUARY 13, 2016*

*HABITAT FOR HUMANITY*

### BOARD MEMBERS

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### INTEREST GROUPS & OTHERS

Book Group—1st Thursday at 1 pm	Stella Fife
Book Group—2nd Thursday at 1 pm	Lisa Newhall
Great Decisions—3rd Tuesday at 7 pm	Jo Turner
Healthy Hearts—3rd Friday at Noon	Marilyn Dunagan
Current Affairs—4th Monday at 1:00 pm	Marilyn Dunagan
Out & About—dates and times vary	Jo Turner
Bridge Group—4th Monday at 7:00 pm	Muriel Berger
UCR Coordinators	Carole Nagengast
	Luisa Tassan



# January 2016



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3	<b>4 Board Meeting</b> 10:00 am Jo Turner's	5	6	<b>7 Book Group</b> 1:00 pm Stella Fife's	8	9
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**PRESIDENT'S  
CORNER  
BARB RYON**



As the year 2016 begins I send to you greetings and wishes for a productive year and continued efforts to have our membership grow. Is there someone you have been thinking about inviting to a meeting? This could be the time to make that happen.

We will be hosting another **evening potluck** in February. This could also be a place to bring a friend. Dates will be discussed at the January Board Meeting and the final decision will be sent out to you. This isn't to just welcome new members but is an opportunity to spend time getting to learn more about your fellow ladies in a more relaxed setting than at our general meetings. We are aware that some of you are still working and a meeting during the day is difficult for you. Come join us for an evening of fun and friendship.

It was so wonderful to see some "old" faces at our Christmas Program. Aki Caszatt came and performed along with Marilyn Puckett (looking very spritely). And it was so rewarding to see Ruth Wilson, too. More at next meeting???

### LUNAFEST

Just a reminder that Lunafest is coming up soon! Have you asked a friend to go with you? We need to support Zonta of Riverside with their Lunafest, which is films by and about women, since Zonta helped send one of our girls to Tech Trek. Lunafest will be held on Saturday, February 27, at 1:00pm at the Box which is next to the Fox Theater. Doors open at 12:30pm. The fee is \$20.00.

### GREAT DECISIONS — 2016

Be sure and come to our January meeting. We will be discussing "The U.S. and Africa: The rise and fall of Obamamania." You can try us out.

#### The topics for 2016 are:

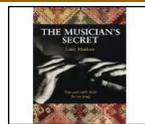
<b>Middle East Alliances</b>	<b>The Rise of ISIS</b>
<b>The Future of Kurdistan</b>	<b>Migration</b>
<b>The Koreas</b>	<b>The United Nations</b>
<b>Climate Change</b>	<b>Cuba and the U.S.</b>

The sessions will begin in February and will be once a month for eight sessions. Sign up at [911jot@gmail.com](mailto:911jot@gmail.com) or call Jo Turner. We are looking forward to having you be a part of the group. Cost is \$25 for the Study Book and your share of the video. Click [HERE](#) to read more about the topics.

### NEW MEMBERS

**Beverly Nickerson (Dual) 760-473-1516**  
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Years ago, Beverly was a member of the Riverside Branch and she has rejoined as a dual member. She and her husband recently moved to Hemet.



### 7:00pm BOOK GROUP

#### *The Musicians Secret*

by Litty Mathew

We've all pretended to be something we're not. But Rupen Najarian, an eighty-three-year-old musician living in Glendale, California, has built his whole existence on a lie. The day his village in Turkey was torched by soldiers, seven-year-old Rupen became the last survivor of his family. He eventually became rich and famous, bearing a **terrible secret**. If you have a secret, everything can be undone by a single person who knows the truth.

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# NOVEMBER POTLUCK



Newcomer  
Charlotte Lucey



Erika's dining room and kitchen



Newcomer  
Leticia Rosales



## COMING EVENTS

- Jan. 13 **Dr. Paul Lyons**
- Jan. 30th **SEIBC Meeting**
- February 12th **Judge Sykes**
- February 21st **Leadership Development**
- February 27 **Lunafest**
- March 14th **Andy Melendrez and  
Woodie Rucker-Hughes**
- April 12 **Equal Pay Day**
- April 15th-17th **AAUW CA Convention**
- April 30th **SEIBC Meeting**
- May 18th **Eunjung Cho on Immigration**

## AAUW ART CONTEST

Dear AAUW members,

*Join us for our eighth annual contest by entering your artwork and then voting for your favorite entries.*

*Throughout **January**, submit an electronic version of your painting, drawing, sculpture, collage, or other form of artwork. AAUW members will then vote for six of their favorite entries beginning in **February**. The winning entries will be featured on a collection of AAUW note cards mailed to members in the spring and will include the artist's biography and branch name on the back. For more information: <http://www.aauw.org/contests/> Linda D. Hallman, CAE AAUW Chief Executive Officer*

*From Linda Haldemon*

**We will be holding a Start Smart program at UCR on January 12 to teach students how to negotiate for better salaries and benefits.**

## TECH TREK NEWS

**By Christine Morgando**

The Tech Trek Committee welcomed a new member this month, Charlotte Lucey! We look forward to having her on the committee so we can put her straight to work!

For 2016 Tech Trek, AAUW Riverside has requested 13 slots at the University of California San Diego. We are currently waiting on reservation confirmation from the camp directors. As we wait, our Tech Trek committee will meet this month to discuss the new process of selecting girls to send them to Tech Trek. If you are interested in becoming a member of the committee contact Christine at [morgando@ucr.edu](mailto:morgando@ucr.edu)

As you may know, last year was AAUW National's first year to expand Tech Trek to states outside of California. The pilot program in other states was very successful and AAUW National has agreed to assist with implementing Tech Trek. One (positive) change is donations will be made to AAUW National directly instead of the Special Funds Program (SPF). Donations remain tax-deductible, but Tech Trek camps will no longer be charged a processing fee. This means more of the money is making it to the camps! Another change is that National is looking to move a lot of the girl selection process online. This will reduce the cost to branches. Typically, local branches are responsible for the printing and mailing costs of selecting girls. All in all, AAUW National is looking to improve and streamline Tech Trek.

## OUT & ABOUT SUNNYLANDS

**By Ruthann Mlcoch**

Our January Out & About will be a fun trip to Sunnylands in Ranch Mirage on Thursday, January 21. Sunnylands is the beautiful Annenberg Estate close to Palm Springs. We will do the Open-Air Experience which is a 45 minute shuttle tour of the Sunnylands grounds and golf course-behind the pink wall. Focused on sustainability, mid-century modern architecture, and Sunnylands history, the outing will take us through the 200 acre estate viewing architecture and outdoor sculpture. No walking is required. It promises to be a great experience and we will either eat lunch in their café or in town. Please come and see how beautiful the grounds are! Please contact Ruthann Mlcoch, at [951-688-0235](tel:951-688-0235) or [951-768-0324](tel:951-768-0324) by Tuesday, January 19 if you would like to go. We will meet at Jo Turner's home at 9:00 AM.

## SEIBE MEETING

**9:30 AM Saturday, January 30**  
**Habitat for Humanity**

## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

**By Ruthann Mlcoch**

This is your chance to pay back Habitat for Humanity for being so kind in letting us meet there for our General Meetings! We will be able to join a group build a house by painting (we don't have to climb ladders), hammering nails, caulking, etc., whatever your skills are. We can do a weekend, or longer if you wish. Please let Ruthann Mlcoch know by January 15 if you are interested in helping with this good cause!

## **Dr. David Hansen, General Meeting**

**By Taffy Geith**

The Community Room of Habitat for Humanity, was the gathering place for the Riverside Branch of AAUW at 10:00 AM on Thursday, November 19, 2015.

President, Barb Ryon, welcomed members and guests and introduced our speaker, Dr. David Hansen, Superintendent of Riverside Unified School District. Barb was pleased to inform us that Dr. Hansen, new to the Tech Trek Program we support, offered to help its funding, which delighted us all. He also became a member of our AAUW Branch.

Dr. Hansen showed a photo of the present School Board of RUSD mentioning their names, -- noting that all are native to Riverside except one.

First, some facts about RUSD. It is the sixteenth largest district in California -- considered a "major player" in the state, has a budget of \$450 million, has 5,000 employees, with 66% of students living in poverty (they qualify for free or reduced price lunch), 40 different languages spoken -- the largest being Spanish (Latinos are our largest sub group), and covers an area 92 square miles. Riverside has one other district, Alvord, partially in the city, but is separate from RUSD. What drives everything, Dr. Hansen said, is "hope for the future, by being engaged in the present.

The recession of 2008 caused a host of problems for education in Riverside. The loss of teachers was the greatest concern. (21,000 teachers will be needed in California in the next five years.) Another loss was to the budget -- \$100 million was cut and we are still 20 % short of a fully funded budget. (The bulk of budget goes to people.) Further consequences are our old and aging facilities. Riverside has not passed a bond issue in 30 years, however new growth is expected in the Lake Matthews and Orange Grove areas with projected new enrollments -- perhaps meaning new facilities. Naturally, we are aware of the savings we generate by being energy and water efficient.

Common Core (much discussed) refers to the state standards in language arts and math that each student should know and be able to do from K through grade 12. Presently, 6 out of 10 freshmen need remedial teaching when they begin college. The new common core standards are aligned so that students are "college ready." We will test in grades 3 through 11 using tests that are in line with what they're doing in school.

The California High School exit exam has ended by order of Governor Brown. The Advanced Placement Test is still here and allows students to take college level classes while in High School and pass the requisite exams which will give them college credit and apply to their grade status and boost their college readiness.

RUSD has 6,000 students in Special Education classes which requires \$75 million. There are lots of levels in this category ranging from the lowest (30 minutes of speech therapy a week) to the highest level which is Sunshine School (full day) for children with severe physical and mental handicaps.

Dr. Hansen made note of RUSD's expansion in technical integration and infrastructure. The STEM Academy is now temporarily housed at Hyatt Elementary. Plans are considered for a High School to be situated next to the UCR campus where the curriculum will allow students to graduate with an AA Degree. Innovative programs are already in place, example: dual emersion in classrooms with half English and half Spanish Instruction -- all students become bilingual.

Dr. Hansen stated that more computers are need -- presently, one for every 4 students. He also cited his great concern for the need for trained counselors -- both in academics as well as in social, emotional areas. All schools have a campus supervisor for safety. Because of time constraints (other meetings to attend), this is but a brief summary of the needs and considerations that Dr. Hansen spoke of for the future of RUSD.

Dr. Hansen had a short time for Q and A. Members asked why California Schools are unequal in many respects (class size, librarians, support staff) to schools on the East Coast? He responded by saying that California spends about \$1,500 per student (from August to June) while many schools on the East Coast spend as much as \$22,000 per student. California is 48<sup>th</sup> in the nation in "per pupil" spending. Inequality in education exists across the country.

President, Barb Ryon, thanked him for his informative and enlightening presentation and presented him with a gift. Those in attendance were very appreciative of his knowledge and his honest portrayal of our own Riverside Unified School District.

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(General Meeting continued)

Following Dr. Hansen's departure, a meeting was called for the AAUW members in attendance.

Secretary, Barbara Purvis, asked those members present to review the minutes of the last meeting. A motion was made and then passed to accept them.

Barbara introduced two guests from AmeriCorps, Linda Toro and Jessica Gonzalez-Lopez. Both are juniors at UCR and work at Highland Elementary. They assist students who are at the lower levels of achievement in literacy and math, and also help middle level students to progress from proficiency to advanced levels. They expressed much that they liked about what they were doing. A member suggested that the homeless children in the Family Shelter need their help. They said they are expanding to RCC and to Cal Baptist and will be going to summer day camps across the City.



Dr. David Hansen



Sheryl Anderson, Dr. Hansen's Assistant



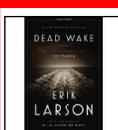
Charlotte Lucey



CHRISTMAS PARTY



Two Choir members



1:00 BOOK GROUP-FOR JAN.

DEAD WAKE: The last Crossing of The Lusitania

by Erik Larson

"Larson is a journalist who writes non-fiction books that read like novels, real page-turners, breathing with life. This one is no exception.

# RIVERSIDE PIPELINE

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## 9 OUT OF 10 COLLEGES REPORT ZERO RAPES IN 2014

**BY CAROL NAGENGAST**

AAUW analyzed new crime data which revealed 91 percent of U.S. colleges disclosed zero reported cases of rape in 2014. We know that sexual assault is unfortunately common on college campuses, with nearly one in four women experiencing sexual violence. The low reporting numbers are likely an indicator that victims did not feel comfortable reporting the assault. Research tells us that survivors are often ashamed to come forward and fear retaliation if they do. In an ABC Interview, AAUW's Vice President of Government Relations Lisa Maatz stressed that schools that report zero rapes are not necessarily safer, but may in fact have reason to re-examine their policies for barriers to such reports. She also stressed that we should encourage schools to collect and use better data to help create more effective prevention programs and better protect students from sexual assault.

## STUDENTS FIGHT BACK AGAINST MANDATORY ATHLETIC FEES THAT ADD TO STUDENT DEBT

Many of our county's largest public universities require mandatory student fees to fund college athletic departments. These fees are buried on long and complex tuition bills and charge hundreds of dollars to each student, including those who will never participate in sports or set foot in stadiums. There is legitimate concern that such fees are contributing to America's spiraling student debt problem. Students at schools across the country are protesting.

## AAUW CHEER OF THE WEEK

Defense Secretary Ashton Carter announced no job in the United States military will be denied based on gender, opening the door for women to hold combat jobs. This decision will open up about 220,000 jobs when implemented.