# AAUW RIVERSIDE PIPELINE

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

# **MARCH 2015**



# MEETINGS

**Board Meeting**—Monday, March 2 at 10:00am at Jo Turner's

**Book Group**—Thursday, March 5 at 1:00 pm at Stella Fife's—*Still Alice* by Lisa Genova

**Book Group**—Thursday, March 5 at 7:00 pm at Marilyn Puckett's—*The Lost Wife* by Alyson Richmond

<u>Chocolate Game Day</u>—Wednesday, March 18 at 1:00pm at Ruthann Mlcoch's

<u>Great Decisions</u>—Thursday, March 19 at 7:00pm at Jo T's—*Human Trafficking* 

<u>Healthy Hearts</u>—Friday, March 20 at Noon at Marilyn Puckett's

<u>Women in Aviation</u>—Saturday, March 21 at 9:00am at March Field Museum

Movie Group—Wednesday, March 25 at 1:00pm at Luisa Tassan's—*Boyhood* 

<u>Current Affairs</u>—Monday, March 23 at 1:00 pm at Marilyn Dumnagan's

**Bridge Group**—Monday, March 30 at 7:00 pm at Kelly Lopatynsi's

WOMEN IN AVIATION

COLONEL MUNSEY

Join us for some history And a cup of coffee

Saturday, March 21, 2015

9-11 AM

March Air Field Museum

There will be a tour given after the talk for those interested and also lunch at a nearby café.

## **TECH TREK**

We are ready to go with the finances for our 13 campers— 7 girls from Riverside and 6 from Moreno Valley We have the largest number of girls designated for San Diego camp experience. On behalf of the Board I want to thank Ruth Wilson for the donation in her name from AARP, the donation from the California Retired Teacher's Association and all of the members and friends who helped make this happen.

## **BOARD MEMBERS**

President Administrative VP Program VP Membership VP AAUW Funds VP Treasurer Communications Policy Chair International Affairs Parliamentarian Barbara Ryon Ruthann Mlcoch Barbara Purvis Carlease Chandler Marilyn Puckett Ann Kasper Taffy Geith Public Luisa Tassan Carrie Garrett Bessie Ridley

# **INTEREST GROUPS & OTHERS**

Book Group—1st Thursday at 1 pm Book Group—1st Thursday at 7 p Current Affairs—4th Monday at 1 pm

Marilyn PuckettBridge Group—4th Monday at 7 pmAnn KasperHealthy Hearts—3rd Friday at NoonTaffy Geith PublicOut & About—dates and times varyLuisa TassanUCR Coordinators

**Tech Trek Coordinators** 

Stella Fife Lisa Newhall Marilyn Dunagan Dorothy Andrus Bessie Ridley Bessie Ridley Jo Turner Luisa Tassan Carole Nagengast Lisa Newhall Christine Morgando







Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Board Meeting 10:00 am At Jo T's	3 Tula Gallanes	4	5 Book Group 1:00 pm At Stella F's Book Group 7:00pm Marilyn P's	6	7
8 SPRING FORWARD	9	10	11		13	<u>14</u>
15	16	17 HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY!	18 Chocolate Game Day 1:00 pm Ruthann's	19 Great Decisions 7:00pm Jo T's	20	21 WOMEN in aviation 9:00 am at March Field Museum
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Barb Ryan

President

AAUW is an organization that encourages all its members to step up and share their strengths by taking a leadership position-be it locally, statewide or nationally. As we have Branch elections coming up in April, it is time to share the names of the current leaders agreeing to lead us in 2015-2016. Perhaps you are someone who hasn't been approached to be a part of this team. We need "new blood" to move the organization forward and want to hear from any of those interested. Some of the positions can certainly be shared with another. Please let us know if you are willing to serve.

#### Slate for 2015-2016 Officers

#### President

## **Barb Ryon**

Administrative Assistant Secretary Treasurer Membership VP AAUW Funds VP Cynthis Sprague Public Policy VP International

**Ruthann Mlcoch Barbara** Purvis Ann Kasper **Carlease Chandler** Luisa Tassan

Relations **Carrie Garret** 

We have many committees with appointed chairs who would love some assistance. We would especially encourage some of our newer members to become more informed about the Riverside Branch by offering to join a committee. We encourage you to attend Board meetings on the first Monday of the month to learn more.

Would some evening Branch meetings help you attend if you are still working? What about Saturday meetings or 5:00pm meetings? A survey will be sent out soon by Jo Turner.

#### CHOCOLATE GAME DAY

We will have a fun Chocolate Game Day on Wednesday, March 18th, 1:00 pm at Ruthann Mlcoch's home. There will be lots of chocolate to eat-fudge, cookies, brownies, ice cream, etc., etc.] You can munch to your heart's content! Then we will play all kinds of board games-Dominoes, Apples to Apples, Scattergories, Uno, Sequence, Five Crowns, etc. See how many games you can win! Please RSVP to Ruthann by March 16th,.

#### **MOVIE GROUP**

Last month 9 of us enjoyed the movie "The Hundred-Foot Journey" and a lively discussion afterward..



In March we will see "*Boyhood*" about the true story that follows the life of a boy for 12 years. The movie has been nominated for SIX Academy awards.

WHEN: Wednesday, March 25th, 1:00 pm (2 hours and 45 minutes long)

WHERE: Home of Luisa Tassan, 1146 Via Pintada, Riv.

**DIRECTIONS**: Click

RSVP: 951-742-5479, Luisa Tassan or e-mail at dewaelri@aol.com

#### **GREAT DECISIONS**

Great Decisions is America's largest discussion program on world affairs. It provides a unique opportunity to learn about issues of global importance. On March 19 Great Decisions will meet at Jo's to discuss Human Trafficking: A Serious Challenge to Humanity.

#### AAUW RIVERSIDE BRANCH FACEBOOK PAGE **By Luisa Tassan**

Did you know that AAUW Riverside Branch has been on FACEBOOK for about a year? Please go to our page and "LIKE" US. This will increase visibility for our branch and programs and hopefully increase attendance and membership !

www.facebook.com/AAUWRiversideCA You can post comments and photos from our events as well. You can also access our page on our website by clicking the Facebook Link.





#### **BOOK DONATIONS**

Again this year the AAUW Riverside Chapter will be donating books. In the past four years, books have been donated to schools in the Riverside and Moreno Valley Unified School districts. This year a decision was made to donate to Foothill School in Alvord Unified School District.

Beth Miller worked at Foothill from 1969 to 2011. Since she worked at the school over forty years, she felt that it be more than appropriate for her school to be scheduled for donations from our chapter. Obviously, we agree with her.

This year the books will be donated to three Kindergarten classes and one pre-K class. We are looking at books for children ages four to six years old. There is a total of 112 "K" and pre"K" students attending Foothill as of January 30<sup>th</sup>.Pictures books and Dr. Seuss books would be examples of books to buy. Gently used books will be accepted. Books or money to buy books can be given to Jo Turner, Carlease Chandler or our treasurer. All books should be turned in by July 31<sup>st</sup>, so that we can have time to count and figure out the value of our donation.

For more information, please contact Carlease Chandler at: (951) 682 6567.

# LUNAFEST : Short Films By, For, About Women

LUNAFEST, the fundraising film festival dedicated to promoting awareness about women's issues, highlighting women filmmakers, and bringing women together in their communities, will be hosted by AAUW Redlands Branch and the Zonta Club of Redlands. All proceeds from LUNAFEST will benefit Zonta and AAUW's local scholarships for women in the community as well as the Breast Cancer Fund. Learn more about this event at the breast cancer

- Friday, April 17, 2015, in the Esri Auditorium, Redlands
- Reception begins at 6:00 pm, SHOWTIME 7:00 pm
- Tickets are \$35 general admission, \$20 student admission with valid student ID
  - Tickets available soon

Be sure and put this on your calendar

National Convention is in San Diego June 18-21.

AAUW CA Annual meeting is April 18 in Manhattan Beach. Cost is \$75 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 and includes lunch.

# AAUW ELECTIONS

AAUW CA voting for President Elect, Chief Financial Officer and 3 director positions is from April 18 -May 8. For the first time in quite awhile, we have contested contests at the CFO and director positions. Go to <u>AAUW.org</u> for details on the candidates.

National elections take place April 15-Jun19. At least two California AAUW members are running for National office so check out their information on the National website: <u>www.aauw.org</u> and also in the upcoming Outlook.



# TECH TREK IN THE NEWS

- 1. AAUW National received a \$100,000 grant from Symantec Corporation that will help pilot a **cybersecurity** core class as part of Tech Trek's curriculum. Cybersecurity is a growing field with a six figure income for qualified workers. With the support from Symantec, we will develop and test the course at four camps this summer. The camps are at Bowling Green State University in Ohio, <u>Stanford University</u>, and the <u>University of California, Irvine</u>.
- 2. The AAUW CA Board of Directors voted to have our California Tech Trek camps join National at some date to be determined. It will probably take a couple of years to achieve this transition. 2015 camps are not affected. Details are still being worked out but this gives our camps the opportunity to benefit from National's fundraising. Already this year, our camps are receiving money from a grant that National received.
- 3. Our Riverside Tech Trek Program is in full swing. The Middle School teachers have submitted the names of girls they recommend for Tech Trek. The letters inviting the girls to apply have been sent. The next step will be for the Tech Trek Committee to read the essays the girls have written and then pare down the numbers to 14 or 15 girls to be interviewed for the final selection of 13 girls and one or two alternates.

TAX SEASON is here. We are all working on our tax returns - a bit of good news - \$46 of our AAUW dues a r e t a x deductible.





#### HAPPY NEW YEAR By Kriys Wulff

The time-worn tradition of making resolutions that seem to fade too quickly is being replaced by simple, short "TO DO" lists for me. I have a small list for my involvement with AAUW that I believe will yield greater knowledge and ability to become engaged with the organization and the branch:

*1. Peruse the <u>AAUW website</u> and the <u>branch website</u> at least once a week.* 

2. Stay abreast of AAUW happenings through online newsletters like the <u>Washington Update</u>.

3. Check the branch <u>facebook page</u> at least once a week, if not already a part of the social media.

4. Attend programs and groups listed in the Pipeline.

Small steps like these will keep you connected with all that is AAUW.

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#### **PUBLIC POLICY** By Luisa Tassan, Public Policy Chair

**Health Families Act:** AAUW is asking all our members to urge our Congressional Representatives to support the **Healthy Families Act**, which would allow workers to earn paid sick time! For millions of American workers without paid sick days, the choice between their health and their job is one they are forced to face every time they or a family member gets sick. In these tough economic times, the decision to stay home sick without pay is a very difficult one. And if your job and your economic security are on the line, it's a risk many workers can't afford to take – more importantly; it's one they shouldn't have to take. AAUW makes it easy to do this---just click on this LINK and a pre-prepared letter is already written and can be directed to YOUR specific Congressional Representatives. It's that EASY---so no excuses!

**Elementary & Secondary Education Act:** Urge your Congressional Representatives to support an education bill that:

- Spends public funds on public education only not private school vouchers or "portability" schemes that would pave the way for vouchers in the future;
- Holds schools accountable for demonstrating that they are meeting educational goals;
- Requires annual, statewide assessments that measure each student's progress toward meeting the state's college and career-ready standards;
- Requires schools to collect and break-down data on students' performance by subgroups so they can identify and close achievement gaps; and
- Reauthorizes and fully funds the Women's Educational Equity Act to provide resources to fully implement Title IX.

**TWO MINUTE ACTIVIST** enables you to give your opinions to your representatives in Congress.