



# RIVERSIDE PIPLINE

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

**MAY, 2013**

## MEETINGS

May 2nd, Thursday — **Book Group**  
at 1:00 PM at Stella's — *Garden of Stone*  
By Sophie Littlefield

May 2nd, Thursday — **Book Group**  
at 7:00 PM at Marilyn's — *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet* by Jamie Ford

May 6th, Monday — **Board Meeting**  
at 10:00 AM at Jo's

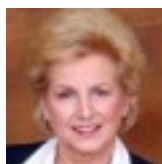
May 15th, Wednesday — **Opel Singleton** and  
**Current Affairs** and **Election of Officers**  
at 10:30 AM at Habitat for Humanity

May 17th, Friday — **Healthy Hearts**  
at Noon at Marilyn Puckett's

May 27th, Monday — **Bridge Group**  
at 7:00 PM

*Hope you've paid your dues.  
Remember \$47.00 is deductible*

## OPAL SINGLETON



Opal serves as the Director of Development for both Million Kids and Rapha House International. As a retired business executive in International Marketing, Opal understands that to win the battle to rescue and support victims of trafficking requires the creative resources of our entire community. She is a very dynamic, inspiring speaker that you won't want to miss. Plus, we will hold our election of Officers.

"Million Kids" is a local non-profit organization that has developed a program called "The Love Trap" that is designed to teach how teens are identified by predators as possible prey and the methods predators use to lure in vulnerable kids.

It is important that we understand how human trafficking happens in Riverside and how to protect kids from being trafficked. Education is the key to protection.

## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

**10:30 AM**

**Lunch will be \$10.00**

## Board Members

Co-Presidents	Barb Ryon Barbara Purvis
AAUW Funds VP	Stephanie Dingman
Membership VP	Carlease Chandler Co
Secretary	Marilyn Puckett
Treasurer	Stephanie Dingman
Communications	Taffy Geith
Parliamentarian	Bessie Ridley

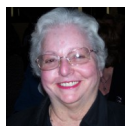
## Interest groups & Others

Book Group—1st Thursday at 1 PM	Stella Fife
Book Group - 1st Thursday at 7 PM	Lisa Newhall
Bridge Group - 4th Saturday at 7 PM	Mary Lou Morales
Current Affairs - 4th Monday at 1: PM	Marilyn Dunagan
	Dorothy Andruss
Healthy Hearts - 3rd Friday at Noon	Bessie Ridley
Out & About - dates & times vary	Jo Turner
International Affairs Chair	Carrie Garret
Public Policy Chair	Ann Kasper
Tech Trek Coordinator	Lisa Newhall
UCR Coordinator	Adrienne Sims



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Book Group 1:00 pm  Book Group 7:00 pm	3   <b>Gladys Brown</b>	4
5	6 Board Meeting 10:00 am	7	8	9	10	11   <b>Gladys Walker</b>
12 <b>Mother's Day</b> 	13	14	15 Opel Singleton 10:30 am	16	17 Healthy Hearts Noon	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 Current Affairs 1:00 pm  Bridge Group 7:00 pm	28	29	30   <b>Bessie Ridley</b>	31	

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER



By Barbara Purvis

As this will be my last time writing in the Presidents' corner, I want you all to know that it has been a great honor and privilege to serve as President, and then as Co-President with Barb Ryon. AAUW is truly a great organization which strives to help women and girls and the entire community through its programs such as Tech Trek and books for the elementary grades, and its fellowships and grants for those seeking graduate degrees and its Legal Fund Advocacy.

On May 15, 2013, we will be having our installation of officers elected at the Annual Meeting held in April. My Co-President will now be President; the current Secretary and Treasurer will be continuing; and the branch will be installing a new Administrative Vice President Ruthann Mlcoch. We will be in very capable hands with these ladies.

The May 15<sup>th</sup> meeting will also have a dynamic speaker; whose message is on human trafficking which does exist in our own backyard. Hopefully we can have a great turnout for this impassioned and knowledgeable speaker.

My new position will be as Vice President for Programs. I do not perform this task alone however. All of the members of the Riverside Branch are part of the Program Committee. We will be having our committee meeting on Monday, June 3, 2013, at the home of Jo Turner. Please come with your ideas, suggestions and criticism of the past year's programs. We can learn from our mistakes. If you cannot come in person, please email your suggestions to me. And if you do not have an email, please telephone or drop a note as to the days you wish to have programs set, the times, and the speakers. But in any case, please do become involved in the continuation and growth of this branch.

## BUDDIES

Did you know that Barbara Purvis, Marilyn Dunagan, Carlease Chandler, Marilyn Puckett, Ann Kasper, Carrie Garrett, Janet Funderburk, and Ruth Wilson have been "buddies" to members who do not have computers? They have been sending hard copies of the Pipeline every month to their buddies.

I'm sure some would like relief and if you would be willing to be a buddy and print and send a hard copy to a member, let Jo know.

## SEIBC LEADERSHIP DAY

Be sure to put **Saturday, June 29<sup>th</sup>** on your calendar as that is going to be our SEIBC Leadership Day. It will be at Pomona College from 9:30 AM to 2:00 PM. Details will be coming later.

*WE'RE 70 YEARS OLD*

Riverside AAUW started with the founding of the San Geronio Branch of the Association of Collegiate Alumnae in 1909 in the San Bernardino Valley by women residents of Redlands, Riverside and San Bernardino. The name of the organization was changed to the American Association of University Women in 1921. During World War II, transportation was difficult due to gas rationing, so the Riverside group withdrew from the San Geronio Branch in 1943 to form their own Riverside Branch. So come to the May Branch meeting on May 15<sup>th</sup> at Habitat for Humanity and help us celebrate this great occasion — complete with cake, but probably not candles.



# Book Project

AAUW, Riverside Chapter will again donate books to a selected school. This time, books will be donated to a Moreno Valley school since some of our members live in the Moreno Valley area. The books will be donated to first grade teachers. Please start buying books for students reading at 0.1-1.9 (1st Grade) reading level or higher. If you are unable to buy books, please give a monetary donation to the chapter, writing the check to AAUW Riverside Branch with "book donation" written in the memo. The books will be given to the school in August. Thanks you for your generosity.

C. Chandler, Chairman of the Book Project

## JODIE HOLT — ELECTION OF OFFICERS





### JODIE HOLT

Members of the Riverside Branch of AAUW came together for their April 17 meeting at Habitat for Humanity, 2180 Iowa Avenue at 9:30 am.

Barb Ryon, co-president, extended a warm welcome to members and guests present and conducted the election of officers for next year Jo Turner, president emeritus, came forward to remind us again, that women are fifty-one percent of the population, but have yet to get equal pay for equal work or equal representation in government. This, even though, AAUW has been advocating for equality for 132 years. Jo provided a brief but definitive report on areas that have concern for us.

Jo introduced our guest speaker, Dr. Jodie Holt of UCR, an Associate Dean, Agriculture and-Natural Resources and Cooperative Extension. Jodie graduated from the University of Georgia and got her PhD. at UC Davis. Her special field is weedy and invasive plant species, and she is also known for her consulting work on the film, Avatar. Jodie was the contact person for the Avatar film maker.

Jodie's time (and fame) with the film, Avatar, has given her many opportunities to connect with young people. Jodie cites the study of science as essential in order to have an educated public that can solve human and environmental problems. Botany is the study of plants. Plants matter -- they produce all of the oxygen, are the sources of goods, medicines, paper, wood, and serve as habitats for wild life. Further, Botany concerns itself with protecting the environment, global warming, and pollution. (Some plants threaten the environment -- she cited the giant reeds down at the river bottom and the kudzu that is found in Georgia and other southern states.) Jodie encourages girls to be scientists. Lots of girls get a bachelor's degree in Botany, fewer go to graduate school, and fewer, still, go into graduate leadership roles. When she speaks to girls, she suggests that they ask themselves these questions: What do you like --- dislike? What do you want to like? What do you want to know about? Who do you admire? (Girls want to be liked.) Jodie loved plants and loved math. Her match teacher inspired her. She wanted to learn all about plants — consequently, she loves her job. She does research, teaches, studies and mentors students.

Jodie stated that another reason for the importance of teaching about plants is that many of us have “plant blindness”. To illustrate this she showed several slides and asked us what we saw? Example: a panda in a dead tree with greenery all around. Everyone saw the panda but not the bamboo behind it. We often are unable to see plants in our own environment. She said that with our visual system, ten million bits of information pass before our eyes every second, but we only process 16 of them. The film, Avatar, cures plant blindness because of the lush landscape of the rainforest — botany is embedded in the film. The film artists and designers drew illustrations of the unusual plants of this unique rainforest and Jodie wrote the descriptions of this flora of the planet Pandora using Latin nomenclature and basing the information on her botanic knowledge. She gave an example of her words, “signal transduction” -- meaning how cells communicate. She showed many slides comparing the Pandora plant with an example of an earth plant that is similar to it and how she made the botanic description. Words here cannot convey the excitement and artistic beauty of the Pandora plants and the earth plants. A book

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Sigourney Weaver, star of *Avatar*, could not have selected a better model for a field botanist than Dr. Jodie Holt. Dr. Holt is truly gifted and this was an informative and fascinating presentation. She convinced us that science is critical for solving problems and that science, art and technology can reach audiences in many ways. We gained so much knowledge as well as love and appreciation of plants –too, we know that the students in her classes are very fortunate.

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## SLATE OF OFFICERS

The following slate of officers for our Riverside Branch for 2013-2014 were elected by a unanimous acclamation at our April Branch meeting on April 18th. Our new Board

President ————— Barb Ryon  
Administrative VP ————— Ruthann Mlcoch  
Secretary ————— Marilyn Puckett  
Treasurer ————— Stephanie Dingman  
Program VP ————— Barbara Purvis  
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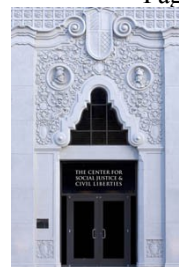
Please give a hearty welcome to our new members (and don't forget to paste this into your Directory).

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## THE CENTER FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE & CIVIL LIBERTIES

By Luisa Tassan



On April 24th AAUW members enjoyed an **Out & About** tour of the newly renovated and restored Citrus Belt Savings & Loan Building which is now home to The Riverside Community College District's **Center for Social Justice & Civil Liberties** located at 3855 Market Street, Riverside. Best known for its collection of the art work and humanities collection of Riverside Community College alumna **Mine Okubo**, whose works played a significant role in documenting the history of Japanese Americans in the United States including her own experiences in an internment camp during WW II in Utah. The Center is a testament to Riverside's commitment to honor its multicultural history.

The first floor exhibition entitled *Riverside Stories* highlights the good and the bad side of Riverside's social justice and civil rights history through the stories of seven residents: **The Harada family**, who challenged the *Alien Land Act* in the courts on behalf of their American born children; **Frank Johnson**, who fought to integrate a public swimming pool in the 1920s; Native American **Rupert Costo**, Riverside Community College alum, who went to Washington, D.C. to fight for tribal water rights and with his wife, Jeannette Costo, were prominent national leaders in the fight for the economic and social rights for Native Americans; **John Sotelo**, the first Mexican American to be elected to Riverside's city council, worked to secure equal treatment for minority groups by ensuring representation in city government and securing community facilities for underserved neighborhoods; **Thomas Rivera**, an author, migrant rights supporter and educator who became the first Mexican American chancellor of UC Riverside, first in the UC system; **Frank Miller**, original owner of the Mission Inn and stalwart supporter of civil rights. The first floor also houses the Digital Media Resource Center which holds a repository of video, film, photographs and personal documents for more in depth study of Riverside's significant cultural history.

The second floor houses the rich and varied works of Mine Okuba who over her lifetime experimented with cubism, charcoal drawings, watercolor and tempera to ink on paper. As viewers of the vast collection (8,000 pieces of art, professional papers and personal memorabilia), a large portion of which is still being archived, one is struck by the breadth of her artistic ability to change styles and mediums.

The Center also houses a temperature controlled archive and storage room complete with a scholar workroom for visiting scholars, graduate students and experts who wish to pursue a more in-depth understanding and further development of Mine's vast collection. Through NEA grants graduate students are welcomed to further develop Mine's collection.

The Center can only be seen through pre-arranged visits by calling or contacting the center at (951) 222-8846 or [socialjustice@rccd.edu](mailto:socialjustice@rccd.edu). There are also opportunities for support and named gifts (naming the building, a floor level, etc...) if you wish to contribute towards supporting the exhibitions and operations of the Center through the RCCD Foundation (951-222-8627 or [rccd.edu/foundation](http://rccd.edu/foundation)). For more information on the Center, to see samples of the artwork and displays and speakers at the preview opening held in June 2012 go to [socialjustices.rccd.edu](http://socialjustices.rccd.edu).

# Riverside Pipeline

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## 2013-14 California Legislative Session

The California Public Policy Committee has studied and reviewed 89 bills, as the first step to the AAUW CA Public Policy committee adoption of a Bill package, but has now whittled the bill package down to a more manageable 25 Bills. Watch the Public Policy section of the California website ([HERE](#)) for more information

To check on the status of these bills, the details on bills can be found by looking at the AAUW California online bill tracking system ([HERE](#)). In addition to the report showing tracked bills and AAUW-CA positions on the bills, clicking on the bill number will direct you to the bill page, where bill language, analysis, votes and letters can be found. Clicking on the bill Author's name will show information on the Author.

With this online system, bill changes are updated daily.

For critical bills where the Legislature needs to hear from AAUW California members, Action Alerts will be utilized. If you do not receive our Action Alerts now a good time to sign up. (Click [HERE](#)).

*Visit our website: <http://riverside-ca.aauw.net/>*

**Members and guests are invited any time to all meetings!**