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## **MAY 2014**

#### **MEETINGS**

**Book Group**—Thursday, May 1 at 1:00 at Stella's—*The Paris Wife* by Paula Mclain

**Book Group**—Thursday, May 1 at 7:00 at Jo's—*The Invention of Wings* by Sue Monk Kidd

**Board Meeting**—Monday, May 5 at 10:00 at Jo's

<u>Healthy Hearts</u>—Friday, May 16th at Noon at Marilyn P's

<u>Program—Colleen Walker</u>—Thursday, May 17th at 10:00 at Habitat for Humanity with lunch at Habitat.

Out & About—Metrolink to San Juan Capistrano—Wednesday, May 21st.

**Bridge Group**—Monday, May 26th at 7:00

**Planning Meeting**—Monday, June 2 at 10:00 at Jo's.

## Annual Meeting and Current Affairs

Colleen Walker, the Undersheriff of the County of Riverside, will be our speaker at

the Annual Meeting (combined with Current Affairs) to be held on May 17th. Colleen has been with the Riverside County Sheriff's Department for over 31 years. Sheriff Sniff appointed Colleen as his Undersheriff in July of 2010, where she serves as his chief of staff.

As this is the Annual Meeting for the Riverside Branch, we will be holding the election of officers for 2014-2015, adoption of the budget for the upcoming year, and the installation of the officers.

A light lunch will be served following the meeting for those who wish at a cost of twelve dollars (\$12).

When: Saturday, May 17th

**Time:** 10:30 Registration

11:00 Meeting

**Location:** 2180 Iowa at Habitat for Humanity

If you wish to stay for lunch, please RSVP Barbara Purvis at <u>PurvisBarb@aol.com</u> or (951) 352-9711 by May 15th.

#### **BOARD MEMBERS**

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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-**Bridge Group—4th Monday at 7 pm **Bessie Ridley** Healthy Hearts—3rd Friday at Noon **Bessie Ridley** Out & About—dates and times vary Jo Turner **International Affairs Chair Carrie Garrett Public Policy Chair** Ann Kasper **Tech Trek Coordinators** Lisa Newhall **Christine Morgand** UCR Coordinator **Adrienne Sims** 



# **May 2014**



| Sun                              | Mon                            | Tue | Wed   | Thu                                    | Fri                       | Sat                           |
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|                                  |                                |     |   | I Book Gp. 1:00 pm  Book Group 7:00 pm | 2                         | 3                             |
| 4                                | 5 Board<br>Meeting<br>10:00 am | 6   | 7   | 8                                      | 9                         | 10                            |
| Marge Yeager                     | 12                             | 13  | 14  | 15                                     | 16                        | 17                            |
| Happy Mother's Day Gladys Walker |                                |     |   |  | Healthy<br>Hearts<br>Noon | Colleen<br>Walker<br>10:30 am |
| 18                               | 19                             | 20  | Out & About  Metrolink to San Juan Capistrano | 22                                     | 23                        | 24                            |
| 25                               | 26  Bridge Group               | 27  | 28  | 29                                     | 30                        | 31                            |
|                                  | 7:00 pm                        |     |   |  | Bessie Ridley             |                               |



Barbara Ryon
President

E3- Engage, Educate, Empower...a Formula for Success!

This was the title for the AAUW convention this past month. To these E's I would like to add another — **Expansion**. Our group has grown in the last several years. We have added our book donations to schools, and have reached out to Moreno Valley School District to send two girls to Tech Trek. I have another area of expansion I would like us to consider -- Speech Trek. This year's topic was "Women at the Top". The topic for 2015 convention is "College: Is it worth the time and expense?"

Speech Trek got its start in 2006 when a survey was conducted at convention to discover what program the branches might suggest as a follow up to the very successful Tech Trek. Seven ideas were presented and a speech contest came in first. In 2009, Gray Allen chose to memorialize his late wife by offering to be the Speech Trek sponsor. Every year he makes a donation of \$5,000 to fund the 1st through 5<sup>th</sup> place winners.

Jo and I are looking into the requirements and guidelines for Speech Trek and you will be hearing more about this. This would make the fifth "E"-Enunciate for this year. We would contact the local high schools and would be looking for judges. We have personal contacts within the Toastmasters organization that we would call upon for potential judges and mentors. Please share your thoughts with any Board member.

#### **MEMBER NEWS**

Please give a really warm welcome to our **four** new members



1. Susan Jindra





3. Janelle Fratt and 4. Shannon Carlson

Information on these new members will be coming out later and will be in the new Directory.

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Put Adrienne's new address in your Directory. 7640 Continental Place Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730

> HAVE YOU VOTED YET? VOTING ENDS MAY 3RD

## OUT & ABOUT SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO

We will leave Jo's house and carpool to the Metro Station downtown at 10:25 am on Wednesday, May 21st. The train leaves at 10:40 and arrives at San Juan Capistrano at Noon. We will have lunch at a café with very little walking distance. Also a short distance away is the Mission San Juan Capistrano which we will tour.

We will take a Metrolink at 3:34 to Orange and then take another line at Orange at 4:00 and arrive back in Riverside at 5:21.

The roundtrip cost is \$13 for seniors and \$25.50 for adults

#### **AAUW CONVENTION SATURDAY APRIL 12, 2014**

#### **By Carrie Garrett**

This past Saturday April 12, I attended the California State AAUW Convention what an experience. It was exciting from early morning breakfast through dinner. There were many exciting things taking place among them -- online voting and meeting our State and National AAUW Officers.

Before taking the workshop on Title IX, I thought Title IX only covered limiting girls in sports activities and coaches involved in coaching them. What an eye opener !! It also covers how girls are treated in the classroom -- if they are being taught differently than boys. "No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving federal financial assistance." This is really what Title IX is all about.

The day continued with Speech Trek where we heard three participants – each spoke with such poise in their delivery. I was so thankful I did not have to vote on a winner.

#### STATE SENATOR HOLLY MITCHELL

By Jo Turner

For me one of the highlights of the Convention was the Friday night speech by State Senator Holly Mitchell. She represents portions of the city and county of Los Angeles. She read us her 24/7 schedule for one week and it was overwhelming. She made us all aware that the pay was very poor for the time that state legislators put in. She really impressed me with her speech.

#### HELP NEEDED!!!

The Friends of the Riverside Public Library took on the adult literacy program for the Riverside Public Library when it was about to close due to lack of staffing and funding. Since then, dozens of tutors and learners have been matched to meet weekly, and work on learners' goals that require reading and writing skills. Each pair is unique and some tutors are taking on two or three speakers who need to improve English skills in order to more fully assimilate in this country.

But more tutors are needed! Take a chance on a rewarding experience, call the Literacy Friends Office at 951-826-2238 or email at <a href="mailto:literacyfriends@gmail.com">literacyfriends@gmail.com</a> and leave a message. Someone will get back to you.

## **CONVENTION SNIPPETS**



Boy Scout Flag Bearers



Alicia Hetman, President Kathleen Doty, President Elect



Donna Mertens, Chief Financial Officer



Donna Mertens as a Flapper Floozie



Marie Wallach, Tech Trek Founder



Carol Holzgrafe and the three Speech Trek Finalists—Anneka Sonstroem, Divya Gopisetty, Marian Pagaduan



Communications Chair, Harriet Tower being honored for her years of service by Alicia Hetman.



Pat Allgeier getting an award for her long service to AAUW



Pat's daughter, Micky Feicht getting an award for her long service to AAUW



Two big smiles

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Donna Erickson and the three Speech Trek judges—Mark Hopkins, AAUW President Patricia Fae Ho and Cordy Galligan



Ainsley Nies showing off the Convention bags we all got



Voting at Convention

#### **NATIONAL CONVENTION -- 2015**

Convention attendees left New Orleans recharged and eager to put in motion tons of new and creative ideas. Don't just take our word for it — here's what one member had to say about the 2013 event: "This was, without a doubt, the best convention I've ever attended (and I started in the '70s!)." The AAUW National Convention in San Diego will be even bigger and better. So save the date — June 18–21, 2015 — on your calendars. Join the wave in San Diego!

If you haven't read it already, be sure you read Taffy's latest article on our website riverside-ca.aauw.net/