

# RIVERSIDE PIPELINE

## **NOVEMBER 2011**

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

### **MEETINGS**

November 3rd, Thursday, <u>Book Group</u> 1:00 pm at *Room* by Emma Donoghue

November 3rd, Thursday, <u>Book Group</u> 7:00 pm at Jo's. *Sarah's Key* by T. de Rosnay

November 11, Friday, <u>Human Trafficking</u> <u>In Riverside</u>, at 10:00 am.

November 16th, Wednesday, **<u>\$\$tart \$mart</u>** 8:30 AM - 3:00 PM at UCR

November 18th, Friday, <u>Healthy Hearts</u> at noon at Janet Thunderburk's.

November 28th, Monday, <u>Current Affairs</u> at 1:00 pm at Marilyn Dunagan's

November 28th, Monday, **Bridge Group** at 7:00 pm

#### FUTURE MEETINGS

December 3rd, Saturday, SEIBC Meeting, Dr. Richard Olds, Dean of the coming Medical School at UCR. 9:30 am

December 8th, Thursday, at the Press-Enterprise.

December 12th, Monday, Current Affairs
And Out & About at Culinary Arts

### **HUMAN TRAFFICKING**

Our November General Meeting will be on Human Trafficking, a focus area of AAUW. Jennifer O'Farrell, Anti-Human Trafficking Director, Operation SafeHouse, will be our presenter.

Jennifer is the representative of Operation SafeHouse on the Steering Committee of the Riverside County Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force (RCAHT). RCAHT was formed in 2010 as a collaborative between the Riverside County Sheriff Department and Operation SafeHouse. The RCAHT was initially funded by a grant from the State of California Emergency Management Agency, Besides the original partners, the Steering Committee now includes the Department of Homeland Security, the Riverside County District Attorney's Office, Million Kids, and the United States Attorney's Office.

The meeting will be held on **November 11, 2011** (Veterans Day) at the Community Room of Habitat for Humanity, Riverside (HFHR), **2180 Iowa Avenue**, **Riverside**, CA 92507. HFHR is located on Iowa Avenue near its intersection with Spruce Street. The meeting will start at **10:00 am**, and lunch will be provided immediately following the meeting (or during it if time is needed). Lunch will be at a nominal fee of \$10.00.

Please **RSVP** to Jo Turner at 951-786-3966 or jot888@sbglobal.net by no later than **November 9**, **2011**. Please let her know at that time whether you wish lunch or not.

The meeting is open to all who are interested in this problem and how we can help. Please let your friends, relatives and neighbors know of the meeting.

Lisa Newhall

### **Board Members**

President Barbara Purvis Barb Ryon Vice President AAUW Funds VP Carrie Garret Membership VP Jo Turner Secretary Marilyn Puckett Treasurer Barb Ryon Communications Taffy Geith Parliamentarian Bessie Ridley

# Interest groups & Others Book Group - 1st Thursday at 1:00 PM Stella Fife

Book Group - 1st Thursday at 7 PM

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 very Jo Turner International Affairs Chair Barb Ryon **Public Policy Chair** Ruth Wilson Public Policy Co-Chair Ann Kasper Tech Trek Coordinator Lisa Newhall **UCR** Coordinator Adrienne Sims



# November 2011

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27	28 Current Affairs 1:00 Bridge Group 7:00	29	30			

### PRESIDENT'S CORNER



By Barbara Purvis

A gender wage gap exists that begins as early as the first year after a woman graduates from college. A decade after graduation, it widens. Over a 40-year

career, college-educated women will have an average lifetime loss of roughly \$1 million.

The \$tart \$mart campus initiative was created and piloted in the Fall of 2007 by the WAGE Project, a nonprofit national organization dedicated to eliminating the gender wage gap. In March 2009, WAGE and AAUW joined forces by working collaboratively to bring the program to 500 campuses in three years. This collaboration between AAUW and the WAGE Project offers the \$tart \$mart Campus Negotiation Workshops. \$tart \$mart provides college women who are approaching the job market with the knowledge and skills to negotiate salaries and benefits.

Thanks to the hard work and dedication of Jo Turner, there will be \$tart \$mart training at the University of California, Riverside on Wednesday, November 16<sup>th.</sup> Jo was able to get this project to the UCR campus without cost to the University or the students attending. The training for the students is from 9:00 am to noon.

The workshop at UCR will also include training for the trainers. There is a \$50 charge for this portion of the program. I would encourage any of you who are passionate about helping young women negotiate a better salary for their first (and successive) jobs join Jo and me at this workshop. The Train the Trainer Workshop will be from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm.

For more information or registration, please contact Jo at 951 786-3966 or e-mail jot888@sbcglobal.net.



Barbara Purvis Barb Ryon

### **CURRENT AFFAIRS SCHEDULE**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>HOSTESS</b>	CO- HOSTESS
Nov. 28	M. Dunagan	S. Soares
Dec. 12	<b>Culinary Arts</b>	Lunch
Jan. 23	B. Ridley	J. Lewis
Feb. 27	M. Sheehy	J. Funderburk
<b>Mar. 26</b>	<b>B</b> Miller	S. Fife
Apr. 23	M. Dunagan	D. Andrus
May 28	R. Wilson	B. Purvis

### **SOCIAL SECURITY NEWS**

Social Security recipients will see a 3.5 percent raise in their benefits this January – the first increase since 2009. An inflation measure adopted by Congress in the 1970s adjusts benefits to meet the increases in cost of living every year, but inflation was too low to cause an adjustment in 2010 and 2011. This increase in January will amount to an average \$455 of extra income a year.

AAUW is committed to strengthening retirement benefits and to protecting Social Security. The Social Security system is more than just a retirement program; it is one of the most successful anti-poverty programs in our nation's history, providing benefits to many children, disabled workers, surviving spouses, and retirees. More than half of older women would fall into poverty without Social Security benefits.

Take Action! Ask your senator to cosponsor the Keeping Our Social Security Promises Act (S. 1558), which makes all individual income over \$250,000 subject to the Social Security payroll tax. This bill would help to protect the long-term solvency of Social Security.

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### REPORT ON RACIAL GROUPS AND EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT

A recent report <u>found</u> that only some racial/ethnic groups are likely to attain more education than their elders. Among people ages 25 to 29, just Asian-Americans and whites have made gains in level of education over those 30 and older. The 2011 supplement of the *Minorities in Higher Education—Twenty-Fourth Status Report* from the American Council on Education also found that the high school completion rate has shown limited improvement and that college enrollment gaps have widened among racial/ethnic groups.

AAUW <u>advocates</u> increased support for, and access to, higher education for women and other disadvantaged populations. AAUW places particular importance on access to higher education for nontraditional students, ensuring students can stay in school to complete a degree, and increasing financial aid.

### MOST STATES INTEND TO APPLY FOR NCLB WAIVERS

Thirty-nine states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico <u>notified</u> the U.S. Department of Education that they plan to apply for a waiver under the No Child Left Behind Act. These notices of intent to apply, which were due Wednesday, are not binding. The waivers will offer states flexibility in meeting No Child Left Behind's requirements. The 11 states that have not notified the department of interest in a waiver are: Alabama, Alaska, California, Louisiana, Montana, Nebraska, New York, Pennsylvania, Texas, West Virginia, and Wyoming.

AAUW <u>maintains</u> that the only way to fix No Child Left Behind/the Elementary and Secondary Education Act is through reauthorization. Read <u>AAUW's congressional testimony</u> that outlines many of the problems we see with the current law.

Members and guests are invited any time to all meetings!