



RIVERSIDE PIPELINE

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

NOVEMBER 2013



MEETINGS

Movie Group — Sunday, November 3 time to be determined at The University Village Theater — movie TBD (page 3)

Board Meeting—Monday, November 4 at 10:00 am at Jo's

Book Group—Thursday, November 7 at 1:00 pm at Stella's—*And the Mountains Echoed* By Khalid Hosseini.

Judge Becky Dugan—LAF Friday, November 8 at the Ceremonial Room of City Hall. (7th Floor) at 11:30 am.

Book Group —Thursday, November 14 at 7:00 pm at Marilyn P's — *The Glass Blower of Murano* by Martina Fiorato.

Healthy Hearts—Friday, November 15 at Noon at Bessie's.

Current Affairs—Monday, November 25 at 1:00 pm at Marilyn Dunagan's

Bridge Group—Monday, November 25 at 7:00 pm at Kelly's.

MEET JUDGE BECKY L. DUGAN ON NOVEMBER 8TH AT THE LAF LUNCHEON



The Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF) meeting is set for is set for November 8, 2013, at the Mayor's Ceremonial Room located on the 7th floor of the Riverside City Hall, 3900 Main Street, Riverside. LAF works to challenge sex discrimination in higher education and the workplace.

Registration and lunch for the meeting begins at 11:30 am; the short business meeting begins at 12 noon (even while you eat) and the program begins at 12:15 pm Lunch will be \$12 per member and guest attending.

Our speaker will be the Honorable Becky L. Dugan, Judge of the Superior Court of the County of Riverside. Judge Dugan has 26 years experience on the bench and is currently sitting in the Criminal Felony Settlement Court. Previously she served as Supervising Judge of Family Law and Presiding Judge of Family Law.

Judge Dugan will be speaking about the new re-alignment law and what it has done to our jails and sentencing. And she is willing to speak on other items of interest to the group as time permits.

Please **RSVP** to Barbara Purvis at 951-352-8711 or PurvisBarb@aol.com by no later than November 6th.

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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-
	Bessie Ridley
Bridge Group—4th Monday at 7 pm	Bessie Ridley
Healthy Hearts—3rd Friday at Noon	Jo Turner
Out & About—dates and times vary	Carrie Garrett
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PRESIDENTS CORNER

By Barbara Ryon

In reading all of the literature that AAUW members get, I am impressed by how vital our organization is to the women of the world. I was recently reading the California Perspective – “What Do Members Say? Survey Answers.” We all know that many new retirees don’t want to join organizations. I think the word “volunteer” is part of the key focus here as so many organizations are having the problem of their membership getting older and finding people to take on the Board positions and participate in activities. The Survey reported -The majority of members older than 50 join AAUW to be in community with women of similar interests. If you’re in this age group, encouraging your contemporary friends and colleagues to participate in AAUW activities is a good recruiting strategy. Our own Jo Turner gives a join AAUW pep talk at each meeting. Her strategy is very effective as we had six women and one man join us as a result of our Tech Trek brunch. Keeping our branch a vital partner in our local communities is critical on so many levels.

Looking over the list of programs provided by the Board, I am continuously pleased by the variety of topics we are able to feature and the quality of speakers. At our October General Meeting Dr. Judy White, Superintendent of Moreno Valley Unified School District, gave us an impressive sketch of the strides being made in education and how she really enjoys her job. Education is such a changing and challenging profession right now.

Our November General meeting will be our annual Legal Advocacy (LAF) meeting and Judge Becky Dugan will be our guest speaker. After viewing the film- The Invisible War at the September Out and About advocacy help for the sisters in the military is vitally critical. We have been very fortunate to have had the availability of the large room at Habitat for Humanity where we have held many of our meetings. Several of this year’s meetings are being held elsewhere. We hope you are able to join us for lunch at 11:30 on November 8th in the Mayor’s Ceremonial Room (7th floor) at City Hall.

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Our December 4th General Meeting will be held at the home of Luisa Tassan. Our eldest members, in terms of membership longevity, will be taking us on a journey down memory lane. Here is your chance to learn more about our wonderful organization as we listen to their stories



NEW — MOVIE GROUP

Save the Date!!! We are starting a new Interest Group called, "Movie Adventures". Our first outing will be on Sunday, Nov. 3 in the afternoon. We'll be going to a movie at the University Village Theater. The cost will be \$5.00. Following the movie we will go to Coco's or somewhere else and discuss what we saw. Friends and family are welcome. It promises to be a fun time. A notice will be sent naming the movie and the time.

WELCOME ANOTHER NEW MEMBER

Marilyn Dunagan brought her friend, Adelinda Gajo to our Tech Trek Meeting. Adelinda got her BS and her MA at the University of the Philippines. She taught Special Education and is now a retired teacher. Be sure and put her name, address, phone number and email in your directory.

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OUT & ABOUT

Due to the rain storm, we cancelled our Out & About trip to Oak Glen. We will reschedule this at a later date



OUT & ABOUT THE INVISIBLE WAR

Members enjoyed a wonderful Pot Luck with home made lasagna, pork roast, potato salad, green salad, crab salad, green beans, wine and other goodies. And of course, there was the usual great fellowship as we start our year. Luisa and her husband, Richard were exceptional hosts.

After dinner the 12 of us retired to

the comfortable couch and lounging chairs in the living room to watch *The Invisible war*. The movie was very well done and made us all realize the terrible reality of rape and sexual assault in the military — how the women (and men, too) suffered, not only that trauma, but no support at all from the military. Many felt betrayed by their “brothers.” Former Secretary of Defense, Donald Rumsfeld, was quoted as saying that rape in the military is “an occupational hazard.” The movie reinforces the idea that the military for years has failed to address the problem of sexual assault and rape — the Tailhook Convention for example and countless other instances. Promises were made by the military, but nothing has happened. It’s time for these types of cases to be taken out of the hands of the military. See page 6 and be sure to bring your check books to our November LAF meeting and support these and other cases.

Following the movie, Richard and Luisa gave us a tour of their beautiful home. We all look forward to coming again to our Christmas Old timers Meeting in this wonderful setting.

DR. JUDY WHITE—A POSITIVE SUPERINTENDENT

The Riverside Branch of AAUW met on Saturday, October 12 at 10:30 AM at the Main Library, 3581 Mission Inn Avenue. After snacks and coffee, President Barbara Ryon welcomed those in attendance and introduced our speaker, the outstanding Dr. Judy D. White, Superintendent of the Moreno Valley School District.



Dr. White began by defining her own philosophy—how a woman must question who she is any number of times, and how that often leads to developing that “woman’s touch.” She believes that women have control over some parts of their lives, they’re givers and can choose to be the “best” that they can be. She herself, born in turmoil, and influenced by the example of her strong grandmother, became President of her High School (first female), because she wanted to influence race relations there. That was her beginning in a leadership role. She went

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on to get a scholarship to Occidental which led to new perceptions and started her on an upward projectory to her present position. She's had 35 years experience in education,—the last three years in Moreno Valley.



Dr. White proceeded to give us an overview and explanation of the changes that are happening in education—particularly the curriculum, how we teach and the standards that students will be expected to achieve. Where long ago the three “R’s” were considered the basics, now there are twenty common core standards that are mandated. She gave two quick examples of how math will be taught: In a third grade group of four, a story problem will be given which they then must first analyze, use the correct operation (add, subtract or multiply), get the answer to the question posed, and then physically (write) explain how they got that answer, and also, how someone else in the group got the wrong answer. Another example: A seventh grade group is given an electricity bill, which they must first analyze the kilowatts used, what rates were charged, explain how they got their answer to the question posed, and finally, collaborate with the group and design a brochure that advertises the electric company. These illustrate critical thinking, creativity, and promotes co-operation in working within a group. Also, this kind of class-room learning will require the teacher to prepare students with higher technical levels of vocabulary.

Dr. White says that these kinds of learning activities will be very hard to assess. It has been determined that there will be no achievement tests until 2015. In the intervening time schools will give quick assessment tests and will use the Local Funding Control Formula (mandated by the state) to determine how to assess students using the Common Core Standards.

Dr. White went on to define some issues that are of concern now, such as the new laws for transgender children. The challenge is to find a balance for these students in all areas. Another problem is that Moreno Valley has the highest number of children in foster care and they are often the most aggressive.

Dr. White passed out an information brochure that listed thirteen reasons for which Moreno Valley was very proud in 2013. It included many awards, excellent programs, scholarships, competitions, accreditations, athletic team championships, and, of course, the fact that Dr. White received the Woman of the Year Award from the 61st Assembly District of California. Importantly, the brochure provided the statistic that academic progress had increased and that the High School Graduation Rate was 74.8 percent- an increase from the previous year.

Dr. White's clear, positive presentation helped members and guests to have a better understanding of Common Core Standards and the hard work and time required for the transition so that such changes may occur. We value the knowledge and efforts of Dr. White. (Side note: At the end of Dr. White's remarks she had each of us play a “vocabulary bingo game”, with even a prize for the winner! This was positive reinforcement to the max! Dr. White is a creative teacher.)

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LAF UPDATE ON MILITARY CASES

Cioca v. Rumsfeld — This is a case of more than 30 service women and men who were raped, sexually assaulted or harassed by other members of the military while on active duty. The case was dismissed in December, 2012 and then was appealed in the U.S. Court of Appeals which rejected the appeal. This **forecloses further appeal** of the case.

Klay v. Panetta — In this case 8 plaintiffs are suing the U.S. military for creating a culture in which rape and sexual assault are tolerated and those who report the crimes face retaliation, which violates their constitutional rights. The District Court granted a motion to dismiss the case. The case has been appealed to the Circuit Court, but a hearing has not yet been scheduled.

Hoffman v. Panetta — Thirty former service members in the Army and the Air Force allege they were sexually assaulted or raped by other service members while they were on active duty filed this class-action lawsuit. The case was filed in September of 2012. It is being refiled under the Administrative Procedure Act. The refiling date has not yet been decided on, in light of ongoing legislative efforts on Capitol Hill.

AZ v. Shinseki and **AY v. Shinseki** — Federal Circuit court of Appeals ruled in favor of the two veterans seeking disability benefits after sexual assaults in military service. The court recognized the real barriers to justice faced by survivors of military sexual assault.

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