

PIPELINE

NOVEMBER, 2015

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

MEETINGS

Board Meeting — Monday, Nov. 2nd at 10:00 am at Jo Turner's

Book Group — Thursday Nov. 5th at 1:00 pm at Stella Fife's — **All the Light We Cannot See** By Anthony Doerr

Pot Luck — Monday, November 9th at 5:30pm at Erika Britton's. Call Jo T.

Great Decisions — Thursday, Nov. 12 at 7:00 pm at Jo Turner's

Dr. David Hansen, Superintendent of RUSD, Thursday, November 19th at 10:00 am at Habitat for Humanity.

Current Affairs — Monday, Nov. 23rd at 1:00 pm at Jo Turner's. UCR student, Miriam Fadel to talk about NCCWSL.

Don't miss out on all the action of the Riverside AAUW Branch. Read the minutes of the September Board meeting [HERE](#).



Dr. David Hansen

*Superintendent of the
Riverside Unified
School District (RUSD)*

Dr. Hansen became the 11th Superintendent of RUSD on July 1, 2014. For the past 26 years, he has educated and led thousands of staff and students throughout the region.

Dr. Hansen will be speaking on issues of the Common Core, the high school exit exam and important educational issues facing educators and school districts. You won't want to miss this !

Thursday, November 19

10:00 AM

Habitat for Humanity

After his talk, lunch at the Culinary Academy (for those who care to go).

BOARD MEMBERS

President	Barbara Ryon
Administrative VP	Ruthann Milcoch
AAUW Funds VP	Cynthia Sprague
Secretary	Barbara Purvis
Treasurer	Ann Kasper
Communications	Taffy Geith
International Affairs	Carrie Garrett
Parliamentarian	Barbara Purvis

INTEREST GROUPS & OTHERS

Book Group—1st Thursday at 1 pm	Stella Fife
Book Group—2nd Thursday at 1 pm	Lisa Newhall
Great Decisions—3rd Tuesday at 7 pm	Jo Turner
Healthy Hearts—3rd Friday at Noon	Marilyn Dunagan
Current Affairs—4th Monday at 1:00 pm	Marilyn Dunagan
Out & About—dates and times vary	Jo Turner
Bridge Group—4th Monday at 7:00 pm	Muriel Berger
UCR Coordinators	Carole Nagengast
	Luisa Tassan



November 2015



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 	2 Board Meeting 10:00 am Jo Turner's	3	4	5 Book Group 1:00 pm Stella Fife's	6	7
8	9 Pot Luck 5:30 pm Erika Brittons	10	11 		13	14
15	16	17 Barb Ryon	18	19 DR. DAVID HANSEN 10:00 AM HABITAT FOR HUMANITY	20	21
22	23 Current Affairs 1:00 pm Marilyn Dunagan's	24	25	26  Thanksgiving Barbara Purvis	27	28
29	30 Bridge Group 7:00 pm					



PRESIDENTS CORNER

Barb Ryon

At the October board meeting the suggestion was made to take steps to add Moreno Valley to the name of our Branch. This would make us the **Riverside/San Gorgonio/Moreno Valley Branch**. The Riverside and the Redlands Branches were originally part of the San Gorgonio Branch. During the war with gas rationing the Riverside members formed their own Branch. The San Gorgonio Branch recently folded due to the dwindling numbers and age of members still remaining. We were approached to include their branch name as part of our name in order not to lose the history of our mutual beginnings. The entire board felt it was a good idea to try and get this change made and the members voted to do it. We'll keep you informed.

The rationale for adding Moreno Valley to our name became very clear at the recent Tech Trek brunch. A video of camp life and activities was shown for the first time and included the pictures of the girls and the name of their branch. This wonderful video mentioned Riverside but not Moreno Valley. Not only were 6 girls from Moreno Valley chosen to attend camp but we also have members living in Moreno Valley. Carlease Chandler started a book giveaway program and we have given books to the following 2 schools in this district— Bear Valley and Alessandro. These contributions were greatly appreciated. Most importantly Moreno Valley funded their 6 girls through a grant which will continue this year and next year. We are pleased to provide more girls the opportunity to attend this wonderful life changing experience.

We have 4 new members (and 1 fairly new) and are having a pot luck get together on November 9th from 5:30 to 8. We will be meeting at the home of Erika Britton. Please call Jo and tell her what you will bring, if you are interested in joining us. There will be no speaker but just visiting and sharing and helping our new members learn more about the wonderful organization of which they now are a member.

Look for the articles about the three members who are in the spotlight and shining brightly. It is a joy to belong to such a fine group of talented friends.

NEW MEMBERS

Make it a point to get acquainted with our new members and make them feel very welcome.

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COMING EVENTS

December 5—Christmas Program, Cookie Exchange, Moreno Valley Chorale.

January 30—SEIBC Meeting

February 27th—Luna Fest

April 15-17th—California State Convention

GREAT DECISIONS

Great Decisions was cancelled last month so this month we will be discussing “Russia and the Near Abroad.” Do join us for this discussion.

CURRENT AFFAIRS

Learn about NCCWSL from an exciting UCR student, presented with slides.

HEALTHY HEARTS

In 2006 Roseana Parent joined Riverside AAUW from Sacramento. From Sacramento she brought the format for Healthy Hearts. It was a friendly group of 5 or 6 members who really enjoy exchanging nutritional information and recipes — AAUW and family news. We have a soup, salad and desert luncheon, each of us contributing.

Now, due to members being ill, moving away, etc, we are about to retire Healthy Hearts unless several members show an interest in participating so we can stay alive. It's a simple, short gathering of food and fun. Please contact Marilyn Dunagan if you are interested — 951- 683-1330



FROM THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH BULLETIN

The Project Food meal on September 23rd was sponsored by Joy Junkert in **honor** of Marilyn and Tad Dunagan for their service to the program for over 20 years (serving food to the homeless). They were both present at that first meal in 1984, and remember sitting and visiting with the 20 guests that showed up. The Dunagan's joined First Congregational Church in 1964 and have served on various boards and committees during that time. Marilyn is still serving on the Music Committee. She estimates she has served there for 50 years since she loves the Music program, but has lost the good qualities in her voice and no longer participates in choir.

You will often see the Dunagan's ushering and handing out bulletins on Sunday morning, still a very active part of the church.

POTLUCK

Come one, come all on
Monday, November 9th to
Erika Britton's
577 Via Sotelo, Riverside
5:30pm RSVP to
Jo Turner at
786-3966

Enjoy the fellowship and meet
our 5 newest members.

I AM A SEENAGER (senior teenager)

*I have everything that I wanted as a teenager, only 60 years later.
I don't have to go to school or work.
I get an allowance every month.
I have my own pad.
I don't have a curfew.
I have a driver's license and my own car.
The people I hang around with are not scared of getting pregnant
and they do not use drugs.
And I don't have acne.
LIFE IS GREAT!*



Docent of the Year at the MISSION INN

By Carlease Chandler

Our dedicated AAUW Member, Jo Turner, is the MISSION INN'S 2015 Docent of the Year. She is actively involved With the peer review and Working With those Wanting to be docents. Let's give a great big congratulations to JO!



The Losers and Jo



ELLIE BENNETT—WOMAN OF ACHIEVEMENT

Ellie Bennett will be honored as a "Woman of Achievement" by the YWCA on Friday, October 23rd. She is a well-deserved recipient of this award !

She has served as Chief Operating Officer of Riverside County Regional Medical Center, Moreno Valley, California, since 2001 until her recent retirement.

Ellie is an active member of both Riverside and Moreno Valley communities. As well as being a Board member of Community Connect, Ellie is also a Board member of the United Way of the Inland Valleys and the Family Services Association, and a board member of the Philharmonic as well as her membership in other organizations.

TECH TREK BRUNCH**By Taffy Geith**

The Altura Credit Union, 2847 Campus Parkway, Riverside, was a happy place on Saturday, September 26 at 10:00 AM. The Riverside Branch of the American Association of University Women was honoring the Tech Trek Group of 2015 with a brunch after their week-long summer camp at UC San Diego to study the STEM subjects—science, technology, engineering and math.

Secretary, Barbara Purvis, thanked Altura's Chief Operations' Officer, Jennifer Binkley, and Sharon Flores for allowing us free use of their spacious facility. President, Barb Ryon, explained that one week of summer camp at UC San Diego is expensive, and though AAUW members contribute to the funds needed, there are many others who provide extra monies –she cited Councilman Mike Gardner, and Debbie Waltzer of the Zonta Club of Riverside as examples. She said that today is a fund raiser for next year's Tech Trekkers and we have received some donations. All donations are appreciated.

Lisa Newhall, the original organizer of Tech Trek for our Branch in 2004, (when we sponsored two girls), gave a brief history of Tech Trek, how it has grown and the success it has become as a way to promote interest in learning about STEM subjects for girls about to enter eighth grade. This year we sponsored thirteen girls (seven from Riverside Unified and six from Moreno Valley). Lisa mentioned the extra benefits of living in a college dorm, eating dorm food, making new friends, and the positive examples of the professional women they observe there at UC San Diego.

Since the Tech Trek girls, (as well as all of those present), had already made choices from the food arrayed at the smorgasbord, and being finished, Lisa asked them to come forward, introduce themselves, and share their experiences. They all believed that this weeks' adventures were life changing! Nearly all of them found the dissection of fetal pigs, and/or squids was most interesting and the marine boat trip to collect sea specimens was fun and exciting. Some found computer programming so interesting it might lead to a college major, and one found that Pascal's Triangle made her realize she loves math. They all liked the smaller class sizes and the “hands-on” approach to learning and all appreciated their instructors –all volunteers. One student passed around her notebook from her Chemistry class, and all the teachers who got to look at it were impressed not only with her notes and hand-drawn illustrations but the obvious care with which the instructor had prepared for this class.

Not to be overlooked were the discussions and suggestions that instructors gave to the students on matters of financial planning and ideas and important factors to consider when choosing a college that they might wish to attend. Who could give better or more sound advice?

That part of the program ended with the showing of a CD that had been prepared at the camp and was accompanied by the appropriate rock music. Lisa gave each Trekker a copy of the CD.

There were fifty-three people present (twenty members and eight guests plus twenty-five students and their parents). Three Tech Trekkers were unable to attend and Christine Morgando, our regular Tech Trek Chair, wasn't present because of family obligations, hence Lisa Newhall was her substitute.

President, Barb Ryon, recognized the Zonta Organization's generosity in supporting one candidate for next year. Director of Education at Moreno Valley, Maribelle Matthews, thanked the Riverside Branch for including their district. Nick Smith, a teacher at Sunnymead Middle School, was present, but his student Trekkie could not be there. Moreno Valley is pleased to be a part of AAUW.

Carlease Chandler, Membership VP, took over Jo Turner's task to encourage people to become members. She asked parents to “spread the word” about Tech Trek sponsored by AAUW.

TECH TREK BRUNCH



Ginger Martin & Pam West



Two Moreno Valley Tech Trek girls and their families



Debbie Waltzer from Zonta presenting a check for Tech Trek for 2016 to Barb Ryon & Ruthann Mlcoch



Seven Riverside Tech Trek girls

Ellie Bennett and her daughter



Edith Quevedo & Taffy Geith



Tech Trekker Avery Morse & her parents

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2013 VAWA Helps Native American Women **more or less by Attorney General Loretta Lynch**

It is a tragic fact that violence affects women of every background in every region of the United States. But the story is even worse for women in Indian Country, where violence against women has become an epidemic. The numbers are shocking. According to a nationwide survey by the National Institute of Justice (NIJ), one-third of American Indian women experience rape. A recent survey showed that nearly 40 percent of Native women have been victims of rape, physical violence, or stalking by a spouse or partner. And an NIJ-funded survey found that Native women are murdered at a rate more than 10 times the national average. Until recently, jurisdictional issues, flawed statutes and insufficient resources prevented tribal and federal law enforcement from effectively addressing these heinous acts, especially when the perpetrators weren't Indians – even when the incident involved a non-Indian man assaulting his Indian wife on tribal land.

This has been a deeply challenging issue. But with the decisive action and vital partnership of leaders across Indian Country, encouraging progress has been made through the bipartisan passage of the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013 (VAWA), which helps to empower Indian women who experience abuse by non-Native men. . It made clear that tribal courts are fully entitled to enforce civil protection orders. And it strengthened federal sentences for certain acts of domestic violence in Indian Country, ensuring that wrongdoers are held wholly accountable for their crimes, regardless of where they occur.