



RIVERSIDE PIPELINE

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

NOVEMBER, 2012

MEETINGS

October 29 Monday, **Tech Trek Committee Meeting** at 7:00 PM at Lisa's.

No Board Meeting in November

November 1st, Thursday, **Book Group** at 1:00 PM at Stella's—*The Tender Bar* by J. R. Moehringer

The 7:00 PM **Book Group** will NOT meet in November.

November 2nd, Friday, **LAF Meeting** — **Anne Rogan** at 10:30 AM at Habitat for Humanity

November 14th, Wednesday, **Out & About Craft Day** at 10:00 am at Stephanie's

November 16th, Friday, **Healthy Hearts** at Noon.

November 26th, Monday, **Current Affairs** at 1:00 PM at Taffy's.

November 26th, Monday, **Bridge Group** at 7:00 PM

NOVEMBER 2, 2012

LAF Luncheon



We will be holding our annual AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF) luncheon on Friday, November 2, 2012, at Habitat for Humanity, Riverside, 2180 Iowa Avenue, Riverside. The meeting starts at 10:30 am.

Our speaker will be Anne Rogan, the aunt of Sara Kruzan. Sara was a victim of human trafficking sentenced to life imprisonment without the possibility of parole when she killed her pimp in 1994. She was sixteen years old at the time, and had been trafficked since she was 13. She is now seeking a new trial. Hear about the human face of human trafficking.

Lunch will be provided for a nominal charge of \$10. The public is welcome to attend. Please RSVP to Barbara at (951) 352-8711 or PurvisBarb@aol.com by October 31st.

You may donate to the LAF by checks made payable to *AAUW Funds* with the notation "*LAF*" or "*Legal Advocacy Fund*" on the memo line of the check.

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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
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
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UCR Coordinator	Adrienne Sims

November 2012



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<p><i>October 29 Tech Trek Committee Meeting 7:00 PM Lisa's</i></p>			1	<p>2 <u>Anne Rogan</u> 10:30 am</p>	3
4	<p><u>No Board Meeting</u></p>		7	<p>8 Book Group 1:00 pm</p>	9	10
11		13	<p>14 Out & About <u>Craft Day</u> 10:00 am</p>	15	<p>16 Healthy Hearts Noon</p>	<p>17 Barb Ryon</p>
18	<p>19 Current Affairs 1:00pm</p>	20	21	<p>22 Happy Thanksgiving</p>	23	24
25	<p>26 Bridge Group 7:00 pm Barbara Purvis</p>	27	28	29	30	

PRESIDENT'S CORNER



By Barbara Purvis
Co-President

On September 15th, we had the privilege of hosting the young ladies who went to this past summer's Tech Trek camp together with their families. The camp focuses on the STEM subjects (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics). All seven girls attended and related their experiences to a very attentive audience. Their presentations were emotional, informative and inspiring.

Tech Trek is one of the premier programs of AAUW California, and it is now going national. California is again leading the way for the rest of the nation.

The importance of this program and the interest it generates in these girls, their families and the public helps the image of AAUW. This is one way to make the upcoming generations aware of AAUW and its mission.

However, the cost of next summer's Tech Trek has gone up to \$900 per attendee. The Riverside Branch hopes to again send seven girls to UC San Diego. Although some funds were raised at the September brunch, more needs to be raised.

A committee is being formed under the leadership of Lisa Newhall to draft the policies and procedures for this branch, and to assist in the arduous task of fund raising. Please contact Lisa if you wish to be involved in the committee. With the establishment of this committee, perhaps we can expand into Moreno Valley this year or next year.

And if you were not able to attend the Tech Trek Brunch and make a donation, it is certainly not too late. If you wish to make a donation, please make the check payable to "AAUW CA SF" and in the memo line write "Tech Trek Riverside" and send it to our Treasurer, Stephanie Dingman. No donation would be too small or too large. Please help us send seven girls to camp next summer.

OUT & ABOUT CRAFT DAY

Create something fun to use yourself or to give as a gift for the upcoming holidays. We will be making some crafts and cards on Wednesday, November 14th at the home of Stephanie Dingman from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Bring a small salad to share for our lunch break. Wear casual clothes.

If you plan to come, please RSVP by November 5th so we have enough supplies for everyone. Stephanie's phone number is 789-1490. She can give you directions to her house. You can also email Stephanie at msdingywomn@att.net. This should be FUN!

CURRENT AFFAIRS

October's Current Affairs will be on Monday, the 22th of October. We will have Dorothy Andruss's Adventures in Canada at Marilyn Dunagan's.

Current Affairs in November will be "Back to Back Safaris in Africa" with Adele Beck, November 26th at Taffy's. Let's see how it differs from Carrrie's Adventure.

**"I'd rather be a could-be if I cannot be an are;
because a could-be is a maybe who is reaching for a star.
I'd rather be a has-been than a might-have-been, by far;
for a might-have-been has never been, but a has was once an are."**

-- Milton Berle



“Stories from the Frontiers: The War on Women, Fact or Myth?”

Talk by Lisa Maatz

Reported by Barb Ryon

Lisa Maatz, The American Association of University Women Director of Public Policy and Government Relations, gave a stimulating talk on this topic last month at Claremont McKenna Athenaeum. The audience was primarily college aged women and men. There was AAUW representation as 3 members of the Riverside Branch attended along with others from the extended area. Five delightful young ladies joined us at our table and shared their views and concerns on this topic.

Maatz is a sought -after speaker across the nation and on Capitol Hill and provides leadership to several coalitions working to advance opportunities for women and girls. She was instrumental in achieving passage of the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act.

Lisa’s talk focused on all of the issues relating to women’s rights, specifically women’s health decision issues that have been such a focus in the media. A concern for all women should be that the committee members making these decisions and recommendations have not included women in the discussion. A direct outcome of these conversations about birth control is that we are more aware of the role government plays in our everyday life. Women are joining into the conversation and becoming more vocal about issues that directly relate to all women. Working women and childcare issues are a new reality for everyone.

AAUW’s role is to continue to keep women’s issues at the forefront and educate all women of the importance of open dialogue and involvement at all levels of government from your local area to Washington, D. C. Due diligence is necessary to not lose the progress that has been made.

We were encouraged to keep the dialogue going and to write letters or make phone calls to our individual Congressional representatives as these are the two most effective ways to have our voices be heard.



CURRENT AFFAIRS — CHEETAH CONSERVATION

By Taffy Geith

The Current Affairs Group met on Sept. 24, at 1:00 PM with Jo Turner and Barb Ryon as co-hosts. After enjoying delicious mango cake, members were privileged to hear the account of Carrie Garrett's recent adventure in Namibia, Africa. Carrie is a member of Earthwatch, a world-wide research organization, whose main focal point is the research of endangered species and plants.

Carrie, along with a like-minded friend, has been to many areas of the world on Earthwatch Projects. This two week Project to help protect the cheetah, began with a flight from Los Angeles to Atlanta, GA to Johannesburg, South Africa, and from there to Namibia, a country on the west coast of Southern Africa.

Carrie, with her friend and other volunteers, (five from Earthwatch), lived in two person rondavels (traditional African circular conical dwellings with thatched roofs) with a sink, wardrobe and running water. The showers and toilets were in one of the main buildings that housed the kitchen, an outdoor covered patio. At evening time, when it was dark, some of the staff and volunteers gathered around an open fire pit to relax and socialize. It was at these night gatherings that Carrie, and others, noticed the wondrous, beauty of the night sky.

Carrie and the others spent their days doing multiple assigned tasks – never alone, but with a staff member. They raked the pens where goats were kept, helped with the feeding of kids, walked the dogs, worked the animal clinic, did computer data input, and many other jobs. Every morning one chore (with a staff person whose area it was) was the scat walk around the fence to pick up scat and bones. They also took part in a survey being done by an intern along with staff. Three or four in a car or truck would drive along the large area and identify, count and record whatever animal they saw. This was great fun, exciting trying to see the animals because they blend so well with the area.

As all animals, cheetahs are unique in their habits and needs. They are considered to be at the bottom of the animal “pecking order” because they are prey for many predators. At this conservation station they are fed a measured amount of mostly donkey meat. The fat is trimmed to prevent the cheetah from choking, a round bone left in for nutrition. Cheetahs are the fastest running animal and have been clocked at a burst of speed from zero to 70 miles an hour in seconds, faster than the world's top sport cars. The difference -- the car can run for 2 hours and the cheetah can only maintain speed for a short time before tiring. This is when they are the most vulnerable. When they run, cheetah puts his tail straight out, and uses it like a rudder to change direction. Carrie and the staff, as well as paying visitors, witnessed the morning “cheetah run” And Carrie was able to show us a real cheetah run. The Run is a necessary part for their healthy exercise. This was an exhilarating sight, slightly dangerous, and a rarity that few of us will ever get to see. Carrie did hear them meow and purr and showed photos where a cheetah had a collar on and was sitting next to a person.

This is a feeble attempt to write an account of Carrie's fascinating adventure. When Carrie finished her report, everyone was in awe and inspired by her bold spirit and her love of the creatures and plants of our earth. We have a new appreciation of cheetahs and the fact that Earthwatch and other foundations are working not only to save them, but to increase their numbers. We also have a new admiration of our own Carrie – a world-wide traveler who travels with a purpose. She sets an example of “giving back” -- much needed in today's world. Earth watch may have gained new recruits this day.

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RIVERSIDE WEBSITE

Have you explored the Riverside Website yet? Have you read the History of our branch [HERE](#)? Or have you read Lisa's article about Tech Trek [HERE](#)

If you get on the website [HERE](#) and move your cursor down the right hand side to "Links" and click on

"University of California at Riverside" it will bring up all the latest doings at UCR since we are partnering with them and it automatically changes when something new is put there. You can also scroll down and find some current articles in "AAUW News" and "AAUW Dialog" and "legislative Alerts" which is the Two-Minute Activist.

On the same page [HERE](#), you might want to read the very poignant story of one AAUW member's story of her abuse by her husband.

Another article you might like is about the American women in the Olympics [HERE](#) or one on the pithy sayings of Bella Abzug [HERE](#) or a comparison of Propositions 30 and 36 [HERE](#).

If you want to get an e-mail when something new is put on the web, click the envelope in the upper right hand corner to be put on the list.



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Members and guests are invited any time to all meetings!