



# RIVERSIDE PIPELINE

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

## OCTOBER 2014

### MEETINGS

**Book Group**—Thursday, October 2nd at 1:00pm at Stella F's—*Gone Girl* by Gillian Flynn.

**Book Group**—Thursday, October 2nd at 7:00pm at Lisa N's—*No Time Like the Present* by Nadine Gordimer.

**Board Meeting**—Monday, October 6 At 10:00am at Jo T's

**OUT & ABOUT**—Thursday, Oct. 9th **Metrolink** to Exposition Park at 7:45am

**AAUW Funds Luncheon**—Sunday, October 19th at Seal Beach at 12:00pm

**Dan Bernstein**—Thursday, October 23rd at 10:00am at Habitat for Humanity.

**SEIBC Meeting**—Saturday, October 25 at Habitat for Humanity

**Current Affairs**—Monday, October 27 at 1:00pm at Marilyn P's.

**Bridge Group**—Monday, October 27th at 7:00pm at Ted D's.

**Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak; Courage is also what it takes to sit down and listen.**

### OCTOBER 23rd GENERAL MEETING WITH DAN BERNSTEIN



The Riverside Branch of AAUW has the honor of presenting Dan Bernstein, recently retired columnist from the Press Enterprise at its October General Membership Meeting. Dan is known for his humor, his whistling ability, his sheepdogs, and his support of the Riverside Public Library. But most of all, Dan is known for discovering the truth about our government and other leaders and reporting it to the public. Dan will have *carte blanche* to speak on any topics he desires. Time permitting, questions from the audience will be entertained.

The meeting will be held on **October 23, 2014** 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. Registration and social half-hour will start at **10:00 am** and the meeting will start at **10:30 am**.

Following the meeting, there will be a No Host lunch for those who choose at the Culinary Arts Academy at 1155 Spruce Street which is behind HFHR. The food is good and the prices are reasonable.

The meeting is open to all who are interested in hearing Dan and learning (hopefully) the secrets he has uncovered over his long tenure as a reporter. Please let your friends, relatives and neighbors know of the meeting. Attendance is free.

### BOARD MEMBERS

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### INTEREST GROUPS AND OTHERS

**Book Group**—1st Thursday at 1 pm  
**Book Group**—1st Thursday at 7 pm  
**Current Affairs**—4th Monday at 1 pm  
  
**Bridge Group**—4th Monday at 7 pm  
**Healthy Hearts**—3rd Friday at Noon  
**Out & About**—dates and times vary  
**UCR Coordinators**

**Tech Trek Chairs**

**Stella Fife**  
**Lisa Newhall**  
**Marilyn Dunagan**  
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**Bessie Ridley**  
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**Jo Turner**  
**Luisa Tassan**  
**Carole Nagengast**  
**Christine Morgando**  
**Lisa Newhall**

# October 2014



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			1	2 Book Group 1:00 pm  Book Group 7:00 pm	3	4 
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19 AAUW Funds Luncheon 12:00pm	20	21  Edith Quevedo	22	23 DAN BERNSTEIN 10:00am	24  Muriel Berger	25
26	27 Current Affairs 1:00 pm  Bridge Group 7:00 pm Dorothy Andrus	28	29	30	31 	

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER



BARB RYON

President

The Tech Trek luncheon meeting on Saturday, September 13th at Altura Credit Union was a delightful event and my thanks to all who helped make the event happen — especially your Tech Trek coordinators, Lisa Newhall for Riverside and Christine Morgando for Moreno Valley. My thanks also to all the members of the committee who helped them. Also thanks to all the members who contributed food as you certainly provided a feast for all to enjoy. Christine, everyone loved your salad and wants your recipe.

Funds of \$1,343 were raised and Dr. Judy White, Superintendent of Moreno Valley Unified School District, validated our decision to expand to this district by stating she wants to open the experience to all 5 of the Moreno Valley middle schools and made a commitment to help with funding. If you were unable to attend we would encourage you to contribute to this worthy project. We feel this does indeed make a difference in the lives of these young ladies.

AAUW Riverside holds many meetings in members' homes. For privacy, the Pipeline only puts first names and the first initial of the last name in the newsletter. All members have a Directory and you can easily look up a name in the Directory to get a phone number or address for any meeting.

**It takes guts to leave the ruts**

## OUT &amp; ABOUT

**When:** Thursday, October 9, 2014

**Where:** LA Exposition Park, LA

**Transportation:** Leave on the downtown Metrolink (be there by 7:45am). Train leaves at 8:15am. We will arrive at LA Union Station by 9:20am. We will return at 5:25 and arrive back in Riverside at 7:00 pm. **Cost:** \$26, if younger than 65. Those 65 or older pay \$13.00.

From LA Union Station we will get on the Red or Purple Bus Line. It's first stop is Exposition Park/USC (this takes less 10 minutes).

Cost at Exposition Park is FREE. IMAX is \$6.00 and for Senior Citizens, \$5.25.

The Endeavour is there. If you would like more information, call 213-744-2019 or visit the LA Exposition Museum website.

## ODDS AND ENDS

The annual **Funds Luncheon** on **Sunday, October 19, 2014 in Seal Beach**. This is your opportunity to hear the recipients of AAUW Grants and Fellowships speak about their experiences and their scholarship.

The annual **LAF Luncheon** on **Saturday, January 31, 2015**. The location and the guest speaker have not been chosen yet, but last year's event with U C Irvine's Dean Chemerinsky speaking was a sell-out. This is our opportunity to create and auction off baskets created by our interest groups.

**Current Affairs** meets on the 4th Monday of the month at 1:00 pm. We meet in members' homes and a tasty dessert is served. Then we have an interesting speaker or a discussion, but it is always informative and fun. If you would like to volunteer to host a Current Affairs meeting in your home, it would be much appreciated. Please get in touch with Dorothy A. to volunteer.

## TECH TREK



### Riverside AAUW Tech Trek Brunch

**By Taffy Geith**

The Riverside Branch of AAUW assembled on Saturday, September 13, at 10:00 AM in the multi-purpose room of the Altura Credit Union, 2347 Campus Way, Riverside. This is a special occasion, a Brunch, to honor the nine girls going into eighth grade, -- two from Moreno Valley Unified, and seven from Riverside Unified School District (RUSD), who have attended AAUW's one week summer camps where they studied science, technology, math and engineering. The Riverside students went to Whittier College and the Moreno Valley students to UC San Diego.

President, Barb Ryon, graciously welcomed everyone – the Tech Trek girls, their parents and siblings, and members. She was pleased to note that both Superintendent, Dr. Judy White and Assistant Supt., Dr. Martinrex Kedziora, from Moreno Valley Unified School District (MVUSD) were present to hear these special students.

President Ryon asked that we delay partaking of the delicious food at the buffet to hear one Tech Trek girl who had to leave early. Lisa Newhall, Co-coordinator for RUSD Tech Trek, called Marisil Chavez, from Central Middle School, to share some of her experiences at Whittier College. Marisil found living in a dorm “fun” and learning to “analyze” a useful skill. She knows that she “can do whatever she puts her mind to”. She has had much experience in playing different musical instruments and is most interested in “band”, but is not sure where she wants to attend college.



(Taffy Geith's Tech Trek article continued)

President Ryon invited everyone to go up and survey the smorgasbord and try the different foods provided by the Riverside Branch under the supervision of Barbara Purvis, Program VP.

Again, Lisa Newhall, Co-coordinator of Tech Trek, summoned each girl, one at a time, to come forth and share their experiences and favorite activities. Lia Villarreal, from Central Middle School, RUSD, went to Whittier College and found her favorite thing was building a Lego robot which they activated via the computer. Lia loved the sea trip and also loved being independent.

Christine Morgando is the Co-coordinator for MVUSC. Jaylene Slack, from Palm Middle School, went to UC San Diego, and enjoyed the anatomy class because they dissected a cow's heart – most like a human heart. She also made a bridge using coffee stirrers and guests got to check it out. She didn't indicate what her college choice would be, but she has had a taste of biology and engineering.

Stacy Sweitzer, Palm Middle School, MVUSD, went to UC San Diego also, engaged in a chemistry experiment which demonstrated how plants excrete carbon dioxide. (She passed around the example for guests to try.) She's most interested in being a computer engineer – how text messages are turned into 0's and 1's. She said she learned that “hard work gets you where you want to go”.

Carmen Sanchez, from Gage Middle School, RUSD, feels this experience changed her life. One of her favorite classes was “Mars Alpha” -- designing the first city on Mars. She's decided to be in the designing world when she chooses her life work.

Nicole Skaggs, from Earhart Middle School, RUSD, had a core class in anatomy and was able to visit a medical school near the campus and view the cadavars kept in a lab -- one especially of a woman who had died of cancer. This was all interesting to her, e.g. analyzing the size of a bone and relating it to a person. She hopes to go into forensics.

As can be noted, only six of the nine Tech Trek students were present at this Brunch, the others were unable to attend. All of the students present here this day thanked AAUW profusely and considered this experience at a real college to be positive and enlightening. They had gained both academically as well as socially and in independence – which, hopefully, leads to greater self esteem. The Riverside Branch is proud of this Tech Trek program and plans to continue it. Funds raised today will be used to provide funds for next year's summer camp. Dr. Judy White considers it such a learning experience that they plan to send five girls next year from MVUSD. They have received a special grant to fund them.

Jo Turner, Publications Chair, was quietly selling raffle tickets to any and all for a chance to win an afghan, hand crocheted by Member, Ginger Martin. (This is another way that we raise funds for Tech Trek.) Dr. White was chosen to pick the name of the “lucky winner” out of the hat. Dr. White warned us that, if she drew her own name, she would keep the afghan because she is expecting a grandchild. Dr. White picked a name—that of Member Ruth Wilson. Ruth promptly gifted the afghan to Dr. White for her coming grandchild. What a positive way to end a wonderful day.

President, Barb Ryon, thanked everyone for coming, for their contributions, and to Barbara Purvis, Program VP, and her willing crew, for the delicious food. The meeting was adjourned.

*Never let a problem become an excuse*



PUBLIC POLICY

Six statewide ballot propositions are certified for the November 2014 ballot in California. Here is a short description of five of them, and the position AAUW-CA recommends:

**Proposition 1 - \$7.12 billion bond for California's water system.** Put on the ballot by the California Legislature, this measure would authorize the sale of \$7,120,000,000 in state bonds, and reallocate \$425,000,000 of unissued bonds to finance the purpose of water quality, supply and infrastructure improvements. **AAUW CA supports the passage of this initiative.**

**Proposition 2 - State Budget. Budget Stabilization Account. Legislative Constitutional Amendment.** This proposition requires the state to spend a minimum amount each year to pay down specified debts. It creates a Public School System Stabilization Account (PSSSA) which is funded by a transfer of capital gains-related tax funds in excess of 8% of the general fund revenues. It creates rules about forecasting estimates of revenues and expenditures for 3 fiscal years with 1.5% annual deposit of general fund revenues and taxes from capital gains in excess of 8%, and changes rules for taking money out of the BSA. Funds would be appropriated when state support for K-14 education exceeds the allocated revenues and resources. School districts will be limited in the amount of reserves that can be kept at the local level. While theoretically the PSSSA is a positive step for education, an analysis by Ed Source (of which AAUW CA was a founding partner) states the PSSSA would not likely be funded until the end of the decade. With this degree of uncertainty, **AAUW CA remains neutral on this proposition.**

**Proposition 45 - Public notice required for insurance company rates initiative.** This initiative would require the Insurance Commissioner's approval before a health insurer could change its rates or anything else affecting the charges associated with health insurance. It provides for public notice, disclosure, and hearing, and subsequent judicial review, and exempts employer large group health plans. **AAUW CA recommends an oppose position on Proposition 45.**

**Prop 46 - Drug and Alcohol Testing of Doctors. Medical Negligence Lawsuits.** This proposition implements measures to reduce doctor impairment from drug and alcohol use. It would require health care practitioners to consult state prescription drug history database before prescribing certain controlled substances. Finally, it would increase the cap on pain and suffering damages in medical negligence lawsuits from \$250,000 to over \$1 million, reflecting inflation. **Because AAUW supports access to quality, affordable health, it opposes this initiative and recommends a NO vote.**

**Prop 47 - Criminal Sentences. Misdemeanor Penalties.** The initiative would reduce the penalty for most nonviolent crimes from a felony to a misdemeanor. Specifically, the initiative would mandate misdemeanors instead of felonies for "non-serious, non-violent crimes," such as petty theft and drug possession, unless the defendant has prior convictions for violent and serious crimes. **AAUW CA recommends a support position on this initiative.**

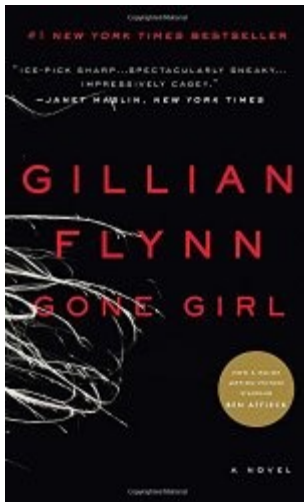
**Prop 48 - Ratification of gaming compacts.** AAUW CA did not study this initiative, as it is not related to the AAUW CA Public Policy Priorities.

For more detailed analysis of the propositions and rationale for AAUW's positions, click [HERE](#).

**BE SURE AND VOTE ON NOVEMBER 4TH**

## AFTERNOON BOOK GROUP

#1 NYTlmes best seller



On a warm summer morning in North Carthage, Missouri, it is Nick and Amy Dunne's fifth wedding anniversary. Presents are being wrapped and reservations are being made when Nick's clever and beautiful wife disappears.

Husband-of-the-Year Nick isn't doing himself any favors with cringe-worthy daydreams about the slope and shape of his wife's head, but passages from Amy's diary reveal the alpha-girl perfectionist could have put anyone dangerously on edge. Under mounting pressure from the

police and the media—as well as Amy's fiercely doting parents—the town golden boy parades an endless series of lies, deceptions, and inappropriate behavior. Nick is oddly evasive, and he's definitely bitter—but is he really a killer?

DISCUSSION at Stella F.'s at 1:00 pm , Thursday, October 2nd.

Do come and join us



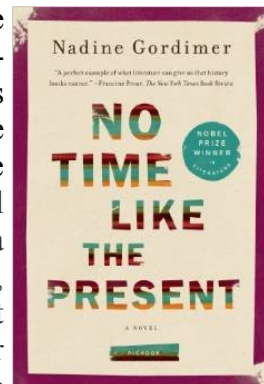
## EVENING BOOK GROUP

Nobel prize-winning author Nadine Gordimer paints a graphic picture of post-apartheid South Africa, through the lives of a multi-racial couple who have come through the Struggle and who now can live together in a free society. Its characters deal with so many issues that face us in America today. And the love story is the closest to real, with great heart and passion plus intellect. It pokes fun and yet loves its characters for struggling to cope with a difficult world - the present.

Gordimer's prose is dense, verbose, paying no attention to grammar and syntax, sentences often a paragraph long, and the reader has to excavate the important material the novel contains. But she writes with compassion and perspicuity which brings her readers to tears—the complexities and agony of that tortured land, both primitive, in one sense and first world, in another.

DISCUSSION at Lisa N's at 7:00pm, Thursday, October 2nd

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- Survivors Graduate College
- Receive the Good Citizen of the Year award
- Hundreds of Hours of Art Therapy
- Be awarded School District and County awards to academic achievement
- Graduate High School
- Learning the value of nature through gardening
- Be recognized as HOPE Advocate of the Year
- Intern at Bakeries to learn what it means to be a pastry chef
- Participate in Survivor Annual Party to celebrate their years of freedom
- Participate in first of its kind Survivor Support and Recovery Groups
- And so much more!

