



RIVERSIDE PIPELINE

SEPTEMBER 2011

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

MEETINGS

September 1, Thursday at 1:00 PM - Book Group at Stella's—*Major Pettigrew's*

September 1, Thursday at 7:00 PM - Book Group at Lisa's—*One Day*

September 5, Monday at 10:00 AM at Jo's Board Meeting

September 7, Wednesday at 9:00 AM Out & About—Palm Springs Tramway. We will meet at Jo's and car pool down, explore, enjoy, and have lunch before returning home. The cost is \$23.95 plus lunch.

September 16, Friday at noon at Marilyn's Healthy Hearts

September 26, Monday at Bessie's

FUTURE DATES

October 23, Thursday at 11:30 AM at The Convention Center —Centennial Celebration of the right to vote in CA.

October 29, Saturday, AAUW Funds Lunch in Costa Mesa

November 19, Saturday, SEIBC Meeting

TECH TREK MEETING & Sept. Current Affairs Meeting

Please join us on
Saturday, September 17
at 10:00 am
\$15 members/\$10 guests
at Ted Dyer's home for our

Annual Tech Trek Fundraising Brunch!

Our 5 Tech Trek girls had a marvelous time (see Lela's thank you note on page 4), and they would like to share their experiences with you. For next year the price of one Tech Trek girl will raise to \$850. We need your support in order to be able to send 5 girls again in 2012. Also, if you know of any organizations that I can contact for a possible donation, please let me know. The girls and I would be happy to talk with groups and share what a fantastic opportunity Tech Trek is for young girls!

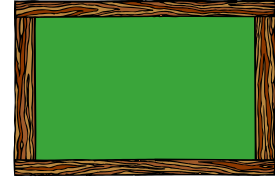
Please contact Lisa Newhall to RSVP for the brunch by September 14 at 951-323-3836. I look forward to seeing everyone there!

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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
International Affairs Chair	Barb Ryon
Tech Trek Coordinator	Lisa Newhall



September 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<u>August 29</u> Board Meeting at Jo's			1 Book Group 1:00 PM <hr/> Book Group 7:00 PM	2	3
4	5	6	7 <u>Out & About</u> Palm Springs Tram 9:00 am at Jo's	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16 Healthy Hearts	17 <u>TECH</u> <u>TREK</u> <u>Brunch</u> 10:00 AM and Current Affairs
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 Current Affairs - with Tech Trek <hr/> Bridge Group at Bessie's 7:00 PM	27	28	29	30	

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

The Riverside Branch will be having two very important meetings. The first is the Tech Trek brunch on September 17th, and the second is a luncheon celebrating 100 years of the right for women to vote in California on, October 28th.

This *Pipeline* will have more information on the Tech Trek brunch, but I want to emphasize the importance of this meeting to the success of Tech Trek for our branch.

The Riverside Branch was able to send five girls to the science camp this past summer at UC at San Diego. We have just received notice that the cost per girl will increase to \$850, and that will still not cover the estimated cost. Reservations from the branches for the 2012 Tech Trek camps are due at the State AAUW by mid-October.

Hopefully you will be able to attend the brunch and bring a check with you. If you cannot attend, please considering sending a donation for Tech Trek. Any amount helps, especially if we can all give something. The checks should be made payable to *AAUW CA SPF* (or *AAUW California Special Projects Fund*) with the memo line indicating "Tech Trek for Riverside Branch". The checks should be mailed to our treasurer, Barb Ryon.

Although women in the United States did not receive the right to vote until the ratification of the 19th Amendment in 1920, California women were granted the right to vote on *October 10, 1911*. The Riverside Branch together with the League of Women Voters of Riverside and California Women Lead will be holding a California Suffrage Centennial Celebration Luncheon on October 28, 2011 at the Riverside Convention Center starting at 11:30 am. This should be a very informative and interesting meeting and hopefully you will all come and bring a friend or two or three.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY —

To all our September Birthday gals

Ellie Bennett
Beverly Cox
Aki Caszatt
Carlease Chandler

Becky Foreman
Taffy Geith
Marilyn Puckett

ONE MEMBER—ONE VOTE

Following the lead of the National Organization, the State Board voted to implement a new procedure for voting. A private contracting firm will be used to handle the voting, and a time frame and voting procedure was adopted which accommodates all AAUW CA members.

- Summer- Fall – Nominating committee produces slate, and resolutions' committees determines if any resolutions are forthcoming, and public policy presents the Priorities.
- Nominations and resolutions published in Perspective with Preliminary ballot and voter guide
- April - Additional nominations accepted up to the close of the first business session of the annual meeting. No amendments to resolutions or Public Policy Priorities accepted. (Nominations and new resolutions will be accepted from the floor of the meeting)
- After Annual meeting - Online Forum for debate/discussion of resolutions and Public Policy Priorities put on the state website.
- Within a week of the annual meeting, AAUW CA will post final voters guide on the website. Ballot will be finalized.
- May - Ballots emailed and snail mailed and online voting activated and voting opens
- Deadline set for mailed ballots and online voting to be closed.
- Election results announced.

MORE ABOUT TECH TREK



Top Row: Nina Chachad, Lara Ibrihim, Jelaiya Jacob

Bottom Row: Lela Ownes, Amy Patel

Dear AAUW Riverside Branch,

I would like to express how incredibly grateful and appreciative I am to you all for giving me this opportunity to meet amazing, inspiring women, make new friends, and learn so much more about my interests. This camp has been a life changing experience that I will never forget.

My favorite part of this experience was being inspired every day by new people and learning how I can make a difference in the world. I've learned so much from what classes I should take as I move up in my education to seeing a fetal pig up close in my anat-

omy core class. I even experienced college dorm life. This was an experience I will always treasure.

One thing about this experience that is unlike any other was that while we learned about anatomy in the day, at night we discussed how to use our knowledge and passion to make a life for ourselves that benefits the world. I have realized that everything I do counts. Tech Trek is the first step in reaching my goal of becoming a medical researcher. This camp has changed my life.

I also really enjoyed learning and exploring the world of science with my new friends that share the same passion the I have. It was really exciting to dissect a fetal pig and beef heart in my anatomy class. It was incredible to see how similar humans are to pigs and cows. I am amazed everyday by all there is to learn.

I am so grateful to have been given the opportunity to go through this experience. From the initial application to the day I leave UCSC, I will remember this journey forever. Thank you for giving me this opportunity.

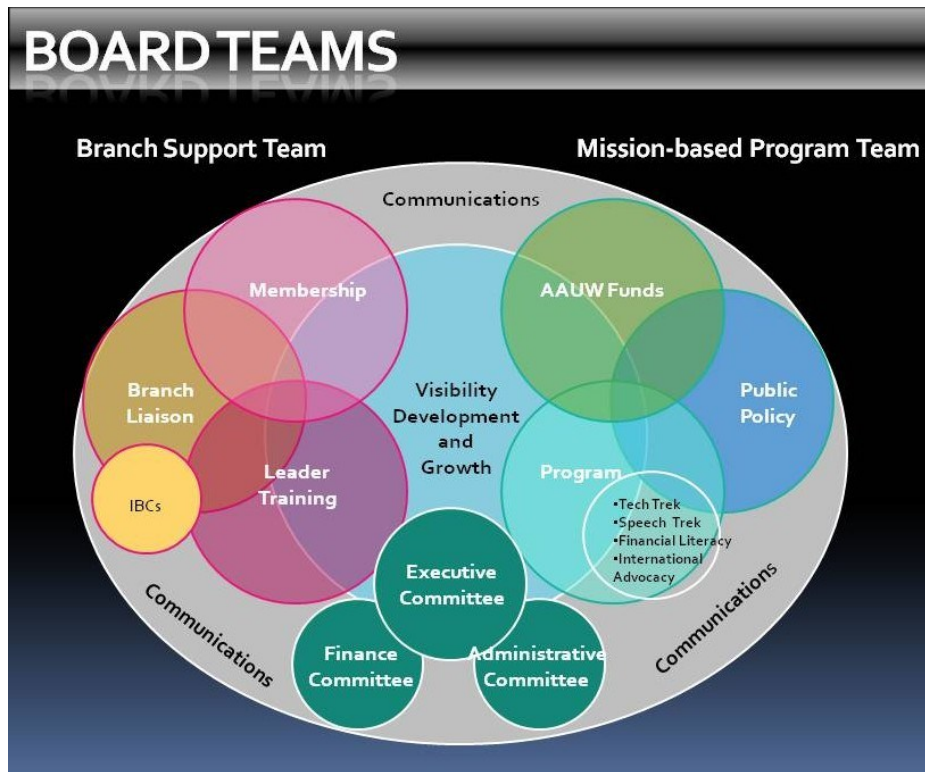
Sincerely yours,



A Very Remarkable Lady

Martha Ann Miller, a [member of AAUW since 1944](#), (that's 67 years ago) turned **100** this month. Cameras were also rolling at the 2011 AAUW National Convention, and they recorded [a video of Martha Ann](#) speaking about the importance of AAUW. When the *Washington Post* [profiled her](#) recently, they included the video of her from the convention in the article. Happy birthday, Martha Ann!

NEWS FROM THE STATE BOARD



The State Board is now organized in a series of overlapping teams as demonstrated on the chart. The Team we will deal with the most is the Branch Support Team on the left hand side of the chart. This year there will also be an increased emphasis on Visibility.

BRANCH SUPPORT

We're no longer a Committee. We're a team!

There's a new team in town and the State Board wants to get the news out that they're ready for business—our branch business that is. Now composed of five AAUW-CA Branch Support Team Directors (Ginny Hatfield, Lynn Janeway, Helene Carr, Carolann Ford and Kim DeBroux) plus more than a dozen Branch Liaisons from throughout the State. Their mission is to foster vitality in the branches by providing branches with direct assistance in the areas of membership recruitment, retention and leadership development. Leader-on Loan and Mini-Grants are available. Watch the Branch Support section of the website for details -- updates are being made daily.

Have a Question or a Comment?

The Board has made it easier to get help with your branch questions.....check out the new Branch Support Team blog, which is the latest way to communicate with Branch Support Team directors concerning your questions. Now you don't even have to look up names in the State Directory, just go to our blog HERE (on the website in the Branch Support section), pose your question and it will automatically be sent to the AAUW CA Director assigned to your branch. Help is just a click away.

Public Policy Advocate

After interviewing three candidates (including our present Advocate, Charlotte Newhart) the Board has selected Shannon Smith-Crowley.

Riverside Pipeline

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Gender Wage Gap Smaller in STEM Careers

A new U.S. Commerce Department report [found](#) that women in science, technology, engineering and mathematics careers experience greater economic parity with men. The department's Economic and Statistics Administration [report](#), titled *Women in STEM: A Gender Gap to Innovation*, said women with STEM jobs made 33 percent more than women with non-STEM jobs in 2009; however, only 24 percent of women in the United States hold STEM careers. Engineering, which remains the most male-dominated STEM career, offers the lowest wage disparity between genders.

AAUW's 2010 research [report](#), *Why So Few? Women in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics*, explored environmental and social barriers, including stereotypes and gender bias, that block women's participation in STEM. AAUW [supports](#) promoting and strengthening STEM education, especially for girls and other underrepresented populations. Efforts to reduce gender barriers will [help](#) increase America's competitiveness in these fields.

And did you know that a woman who works in the STEM fields with no college degree will usually earn 30 % more than a woman who teaches with a Master's degrees?

Don't forget to check our blog — <http://riversidebranch.blogspot.com/>

Members and guests are invited any time to all meetings!