

THE PIPELINE

AAUW Riverside San Geronimo CA



The American Association of University Women (AAUW), officially founded in 1881, is a non-profit organization that advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research. The organization has a nationwide network of 150,000 members, 1,500 branches, and 500 college and university partners. Its headquarters are in Washington, DC.

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September 2016



Jo Turner: In Loving Memory

Jo Turner edited and published this newsletter for many years. It is with great sorrow and humility that I assume the chore in her name and with, I hope, her spirit and good cheer. Jo will long be remembered as a stalwart of the Riverside/San Geronimo and Moreno Valley chapter of AAUW. On page 7, there is an account of Jo's celebration of life.

-Carole Nagengast

SEPTEMBER'S PROGRAM

Tech Trek
Powered by AAUW

AAUW Riverside awarded 13 scholarships to 2016 Tech Trek. 7 girls selected from Riverside attended UC San Diego and 6 girls selected from Moreno Valley attended Whittier College. This brunch is a fundraiser to send even more girls next year.

What happens at Tech Trek doesn't stay at Tech Trek!



Join Us for Brunch!

September 10, 2016 @ 10:00 am

Altura Credit Union

2847 Campus Parkway

Riverside, CA 92507

\$15 per person or \$50 donation includes brunch

RSVP by September 1, to Ginger Martin

duncan11592@gmail.com or (951) 242-7325

Thank You For Your Support!



SOME OTHER DATES TO REMEMBER

BOARD MEETINGS. Co-

President Luisa Tassan will have the 10 am Sept. 12 Board Meeting at her house at 1145 Via Pintada, Riv. 92507. Luisa can be reached at dewaelri@aol.com or 742-5479. **Co-President** Barb Ryon will host the October Meeting.

GREAT DECISIONS:

Charlotte Lucey will take over responsibility for this event. There will be no meeting in September. October schedule will be available next month.

CURRENT EVENTS. 4TH

Mon. at 1 pm. Call Marilyn Puckett for further info. 485-0610 or marpu@roadrunner.com

BOOK CLUBS. Daytime club is

held the 3rd Th of the month at 1pm at Stella Fife's, 4183 Brentwood Ave; 686-7233. Stella does not have email so call her to hear what they are reading.

Evening club is 3rd Th of the month at 7 pm, with a rotating location. Sept. book is *Once a Crooked Man* by David McCallum Sept. 15 at Carole's 26410 Ironwood Ave, Moreno Valley. 242-2791.

OUT AND ABOUT: Olive

Tasting & Dinner; Migliore; Canyon Crest Center. Nov. 12, 6:30 pm

Women's Wisdom Circle, Jan, 14, 10-12 am; at Luisa's; 1145 Via Pintada.



All meetings are tentative and subject to change. See Pipeline monthly newsletter or website for current information.
<http://riverside-ca.aauw.net/>

~~I cannot begin to address the upcoming year for AAUW Riverside/San Gorgonio Branch without~~



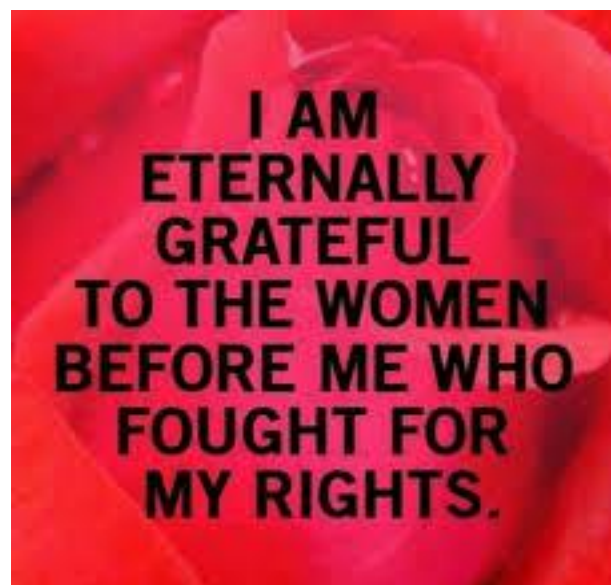
CO-PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Luisa Tassan

remembering our treasured Jo Turner. It is hard to believe that she will not be with us this year to lead us through a year of wonderful programs and events. However, as I reflect-- in many ways she still is. As a new Co-President there is a large learning curve. As I work through reading branch material for history and researching the various information about running an AAUW branch, I am finding that I am continually assisted by resources Jo sent me before her passing. She mentored me right into this job and continues to do so from *the beyond*! Thank you Jo for everything you did to make our branch and AAUW a thriving organization here in Southern California. The greatest honor we can provide her is to carry on the work of AAUW, improve and expand where we can (she was always pushing us to a higher level of participation and involvement) and all pitch-in.

So it is in this spirit that I hope any of you who have been waiting for an opportunity to contribute a little bit more might use this opportunity to honor Jo's memory and step up to take on a task, start a new activity (garden, hiking, movie, lunch, concert, theatre, winetasting, supper group), take on a new initiative (Title IX facilitator, Speech Trek, Pay Equity Day Event, Fundraisers, Get Out The Vote Program, Elect Her Program, Women's History Month Event), take on a Board position (Communications is open), or assist with an existing branch function (website, International Affairs Asst., College/University Relations Asst., expanding membership initiative). And of course, thank you to all our members who HAVE stepped up this year---we couldn't do it without you and we welcome ALL levels of participation and contributions!

Thanks to the advance planning of our dear Jo we have followed through on her framework for our 2016 - 17 Programs and have an interesting line-up from a Hindu Temple trip to a speaker from Homeland Security. You can click on this link to see the full year of programs on our AAUW -Riverside Branch website <http://riverside-ca.aauw.net/activities/programs/> Our 2016-17 programming year starts off with our beloved Tech Trek Brunch to honor the teachers, Superintendents, and members who made it possible for us to send 15 girls from Moreno Valley, Riverside and the San Geronio Branches this past summer to UCSD and Whittier College for STEM camp. This brunch is not only a fundraiser for next year's campers but an opportunity for the girls to share their Tech Trek experience with their families, teachers and our members. September 10th at 10:00am at Altura Credit Union, 2847 Campus Parkway, Riverside.



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SOUTHEAST INTER BRANCH COUNCIL-BARB RYON

Our SEIBC (Southeast Inter Branch Council) meeting on July 30, 2016 was devoted to "Open Space." Jo Turner and others had experienced this organizational tool at the 2016 AAUW National Convention and were impressed with the possibilities it presented. Ainsley Niles, AAUW Convention Manager, shared the process with us. It was time well spent as we talked with others members of the SEIBC, voiced our concerns, and shared ideas.

The Open Space theme is "Empowering Each Other: Sharing Our Wisdom." The following overview of Open Space was written in the convention program. Open Space is an approach that allows groups of all sizes to self-organize, create an agenda, and solve problems. The nature of Open Space is self-organization. Using a simple framework, we empower ourselves to build an agenda together then attend sessions that have real meaning for each of us.

Since 1983, the Open Space movement has spread internationally and grown to the point where each year hundreds of conferences organize on its principles. It has broad use from NASA, church and non-profits, technical organizations, to inside large corporations, and more. The format for the entire Girl Scouts 50th National Convention (1,800 people) was Open Space.

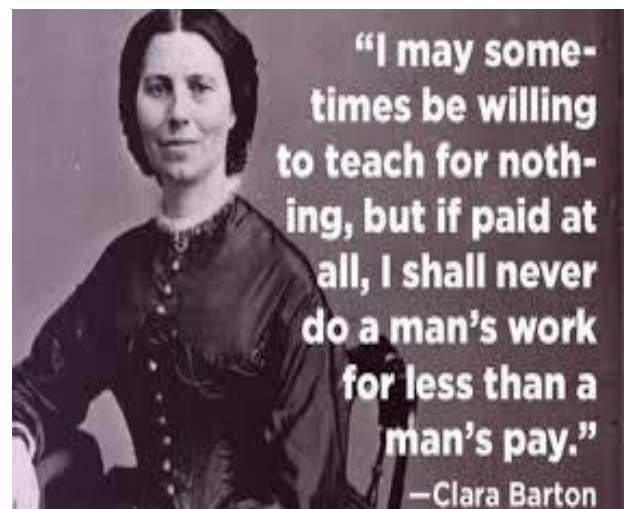
There are three essential elements in an Open space event:

1. **Opening the Circle:** Begin with a Welcome. The facilitator explains the guidelines and describes how the agenda will be created. Next, participants are invited to propose sessions. To host your session, you'll briefly announce your topic, assign it in a space and time to meet, and post the session on the Marketplace (agenda wall). When all sessions are posted, you'll browse the Marketplace and initial sessions that interest you.
2. **Session Time:** Session hosts show up at the appointed time and location, initiate the topic conversation, and see that notes are taken. As a participant, you may attend any session you like and move freely between sessions.
3. **Closing the Circle:** A time for reflection and comments.

September Birthdays

Beverly Cox-9/06
 Carleas Chandler-9/08
 Taffy Geith-9/14
 Marilyn Puckett -9/26
 Ellie Bennett-9/30
 Aki Caszatt-9/30

Happy Birthday to All



AAUW RIVERSIDE BRANCH PROGRAM SCHEDULE 2016-2017

GENERAL MEETINGS*

All general meetings are held at Habitat for Humanity unless otherwise noted.

September 10, Saturday at 10:00AM-----Tech Trek Brunch with our Riverside, Moreno Valley & San Geronio girls. Altura Credit Union, 2847 Campus Parkway, Riverside.

October 5, Wednesday at 10:00AM---Penny Newman, Executive Director, Center for Community Action and Environmental Justice----learn about the social Justice and environmental activism of this local organization.

October 23, Sunday-----AAUW-CA Funds Luncheon in Seal Beach

November 10, Thursday at 10:00AM----Dan Hicken, Dept. of Homeland Security will tell us about the work being done to protect our country right here in Riverside.

December 8, Thursday at 11:15AM—Legal Advocacy Fund Event: Vonja Quarles, Co-Founder & Executive Director Starting Over Inc, advocate and criminal law Attorney.
Location: Mayor's Ceremonial Room, 7th Floor of Riverside City Hall, 3900 Main St.

January 11, Wednesday at 10:00AM---Professor Sharon Walker, Associate Dean, Student Academic Affairs and Professor of Environmental and Chemical Engineering UCR.

February 15, Wednesday at 10:00AM---Rachel Hamilton, Nature Conservancy.

March 8, Wednesday at 10:00AM---Linda Sherman-Nurick, Cellar Door Bookstore

April 3, Monday at 10:00AM---Tami Mlcoch, Television Reporter Ch. 17

May 6, Saturday at 10:00AM---Nancy Melendez and the history of the Trujillo Adobe House.
Location: Heritage House, 8193 Magnolia Ave., Riverside.

SEIBC (SOUTHEAST INTER-BRANCH COUNCIL) MEETINGS*

October 29th

January 28th

April 29th

July 29th

Meetings held at Habitat for Humanity at 9:00AM. Topics & speakers to be determined.



Jo Turner's Celebration of Life

April 29, 1929-July 10, 2016

On July 22nd a *Celebration of Jo Turner's Life* was held at The Trinity Lutheran Church in Riverside. The number of people in attendance was a testament to how many lives were touched by this wonderful, spirited woman. "Beautiful, feisty, active, fiercely independent, reliable, humorous, wise, dependable, one-of-a-kind, inspirational, role model, classy, passionate, honest/straightforward, generous, educator, community activist, intellectually curious, leader, welcoming, life-long learner, energetic, and mentor" are all adjectives used at her *Celebration* to describe this fabulous woman. People from all of the organizations Jo had been involved with ---Mission Inn Docents, League of Women Voters, Riverside Recorder Society, Soroptomists, AAUW, UCR Osher, and RUSD represented by Dr. Hansen, Superintendent, "The Group" and other friends and family were all in attendance to bear witness to Jo's "rich" life.

The *Celebration* was a lovely program that included a remembrance prepared by her daughter, Erika Britton, with assistance from her granddaughter Chelsea and grandson Brian. Erika's presentation was a loving remembrance of *The Ten Lessons My Mother Taught Me* accompanied by a video collage of photographic memories of Jo's childhood through today. The Riverside Recorder Society led by Greg Taber played a number of lovely pieces, leaving an empty chair for their "missing member"—Jo. One by one representatives from these various groups stood up to share their memory of Jo and what she meant to them. "The Group" through Jennifer Vaughn-Blakely presented Jo's daughter with a *Proclamation* honoring Jo's contributions to the Riverside Community and a \$100 check to put towards the AAUW Tech Trek fund scholarship in Jo's honor. Jo's family asked for donations to AAUW Tech Trek in lieu of flowers as this was one of Jo's favorite programs---sending local 8th grade girls to STEM camp at UCSD. To date people have contributed \$3,000 in Jo's honor which will be used to sponsor a Tech Trek camper from Riverside for the next 3+ years. Jo would be pleased. Thank you to all of you for making that possible and to Jo's family for sharing her with all of us.

Luisa Tassan



AAUW national is encouraging us to register and turn out voters this election through their AAUW Action Fund **It's My Vote: I Will Be Heard** campaign. Through a series of webinars and trainings you will learn all the information and resources you need to register, educate and turn out voters. You can register for one or all three and make a difference this Election Day November 8th:

Voter Registration: It's My Vote Training Part I

Date: Wednesday, August 31, 2016; **Time:** 7–8 p.m. ET

National Voter Registration Day is September 27, so there's no time like the present to plan a voter registration drive in your community! In the first of a three part series, you will learn everything you need to know to host a successful event including tips for maximizing your reach, opportunities to seize, and information about voting rights and protection efforts in the state.

Voter Education: It's My Vote Training Part II

Date: Wednesday, September 28, 2016; **Time:** 7–8 p.m. ET

Each election cycle, AAUW members seek to provide all women voters with the information they need to cast their ballots. With so much at stake in this election, our efforts are needed across the country. At this one hour training, you will learn the ins and outs of a successful voter education campaign and tips for you to employ in your branch this fall. From hosting candidate forums and attending town halls to making use of voter guides, and bird dogging candidates, there are so many ways you can help ensure that women voters are educated, able to exercise their right, and encouraged to do so on Election Day.

Turning Out the Vote on Election Day: It's My Vote Training Part III

Date: Tuesday, October 18, 2016; **Time:** 7–8 p.m. ET

You can register by clicking on this link: <http://www.aauw.org/event/2016/08/2016-gotv-skill-trainings/>

Locally, we will be setting up AAUW tables at UCR and RCC later this September and October to tell students about AAUW and register voters. If you would like to help please contact Luisa Tassan @ dewaelri@aol.com or call 951-742-5479.

THE SUPREME COURT'S 2015-16 SESSION

This summer, the Supreme Court decided several cases that will impact the rights of women and girls across the country for years to come. But the term will be remembered for the unexpected death of Justice Antonin Scalia, who passed away earlier this year. Because the Senate has so far refused to consider the President's nominee to fill Scalia's seat, the court made most of its major decisions with only eight justices.

So what did the eight-judge court decide this summer? Three huge decisions from this term will profoundly affect gender equity.

1. CONTRACEPTIVE CARE. Following the *Hobby Lobby* decision, women's access to contraceptive care was again under threat this year. When the Affordable Care Act regulations were created, the government built in an accommodation for religious nonprofits that objected to contraception on religious grounds. The accommodation allowed the nonprofits to avoid paying for their employees' contraceptive care simply by notifying insurers or the government of objections. While most nonprofits accepted the accommodation, a small group argued that the accommodation didn't go far enough to protect their religious beliefs. Because the circuit courts disagreed over whether the accommodation was sufficient, the Supreme Court agreed to hear several of the cases, consolidated under the case name *Zubik v. Burwell*.

Given the impact of *Hobby Lobby* and the implications this decision could have, *Zubik* was one of the most anticipated cases of the term. But in the end, the decision only created more confusion. The court issued a per curiam opinion—an opinion that speaks for the court but doesn't identify an author—and sent all of the cases back to the lower courts for reconsideration. The court made no decisions on any of the legal questions and certainly not on the overarching question of whether the accommodation sufficiently protected religious liberty. And since there are multiple lower courts that will have to reconsider the cases, the Supreme Court's decision not only delays any resolution of the issues but also creates more possibility for confusion and competing interpretations of federal law.

2. AFFIRMATIVE ACTION. *Fisher v. University of Texas at Austin* was the court's first race-conscious admissions case since 2003. After several rounds of appeals, the high court finally heard arguments this term. In *Fisher*, a white student sued the University of Texas, claiming that the university's admissions policy violated her rights by taking race into account.

3. REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS. The court's decision in *Whole Woman's Health v. Hellerstedt* will have the most profound effect on the rights of women and girls across the country. In *Whole Woman's Health*, the court unambiguously affirmed the constitutional right of all women to make decisions about their health, family, and future without needless barriers.

In the last few years, a number of states have passed so-called TRAP (targeted regulation of abortion providers) laws in an attempt to restrict and even eliminate women's access to legal abortion. TRAP laws are designed to prevent doctors from performing abortions. They are typically passed under the guise of protecting women's health, even though the provisions generally do nothing to increase the standard of care. *Hellerstedt* challenged two TRAP law provisions in Texas, one that required all doctors providing abortion care to have admitting privileges at a local hospital, and one that required all clinics providing abortion care to meet the same standards as ambulatory surgical centers.

The Supreme Court soundly rejected both TRAP provisions and emphasized that Texas had not offered any medical evidence in support of either requirement – in other words, no evidence that either provision did anything to protect women’s health. In fact, medical evidence showed that the requirements did nothing to make patients safer. And the court also emphasized that the burden on abortion access was severe – allowing the two requirements to remain in place would have closed the majority of clinics in Texas.

IN SUMMARY, with a vacancy on the court, we don’t know what the next term holds. Without the ninth justice, the court risks deadlocked four-four decisions. Typically, in a fully-staffed court, it takes a five-justice majority to issue a ruling, and that ruling becomes law for the entire country. In the case of a four-four tie, the decision of the lower court stands. But if the court has taken a case in order to resolve conflicting decisions – if, for example, the 5th and 8th Circuits disagreed over the interpretation of a federal law and ruled differently in similar cases – then a four-four tie means that federal law is different in different parts of the country.

The Supreme Court is the final arbiter of the most complicated and controversial federal laws. The ongoing risk of four-four ties undermines the court’s ability to fulfill that essential duty. Courts matter, and we need the Supreme Court to be fully functioning. If you haven’t already, join AAUW members across the country and [sign our petition](#) urging the Senate to consider President Obama’s nominee.

--Public Policy Wonk: Carole Nagengast



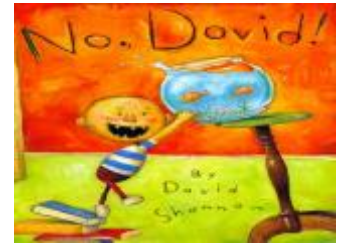
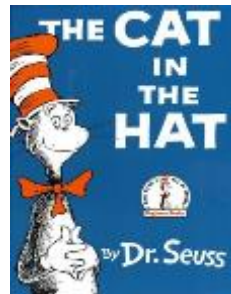
Members of AAUW with teachers from Orrenmaa Elementary School. Carlease Chandler led the group in the book donation expedition. See next page for details and page 12 for more photos

COMMUNICATIONS CHAIR NEEDED**Etiam
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After years of fabulous writing and meeting coverage by our dedicated Communications Chair, Taffy Geith, she has asked us to find a new person to carry on. While we will miss having Taffy in this position we will honor her wishes and seek someone to be the Communications Chair to carry-on her good work for 2016-17. This would be a board position and the duties would entail any one or more of the following tasks:

- Writing articles about our upcoming and past events and getting them published in our local newspaper resources--[hard copy](#) and [on-line](#);
- Taking photographs at our events and meetings to post on the [AAUW-Riverside website](#), in newspaper, for newsletter;
- Getting our events onto the [City of Riverside](#) and [Moreno Valley](#) websites, community calendars and [Meet-Up](#);
- Developing an e-mail database and mailing our monthly meeting flyers to our membership and other potential members/interested parties;
- Doing write-ups or arranging for someone else to do write-ups about our monthly speaker programs for the newsletter.

Even if you cannot do all of the above functions but are willing to do one or more---your contribution would be greatly appreciated! Please contact Luisa Tassan @ 951-742-5479 if interested.

**BOOK DONATIONS:** Carlease Chandler

Above and below are books that were donated to Orrenmaa Elementary School, Alvord USD.

This is the sixth year that our generous members have donated books to a school. In the past we have donated books to schools in Riverside USD, Moreno Valley USD and to Alvord USD. Now six schools have benefited from our generosity.

This year Orrenmaa Elementary School was chosen to receive books. There are four kindergarten classes and one TK(Traditional Kindergarten)class totaling about 125 children. **289** new and gently used books were given to the "K" teachers on Thursday, August 25th.

Thanks !!!! go to those who donated books or money for books for the Orrenmaa students. There were **289** books valued at over **\$700**

****Jo Turner spent a lot of time shopping for books. This was a project that she enjoyed greatly.****

Carrie Garrett, Barb Ryon, Beth Miller and husband and Carlease Chandler met with the Vice Principal and kindergarten teachers who were elated to



receive the books.



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