

CITRUS HEIGHTS-AMERICAN RIVER

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**You are invited!**

**Bridge/Games Party**

**Saturday, February 11th, 10:00 AM**

**Eskaton Village, 3939 Walnut Ave., Carmichael**

Come and play Bridge, Mah Jong, or any other game of your choosing! Luncheon will be at noon, followed by more games in the afternoon.



Please sign up your foursome for a table.

Reservation and menu choices on Page 5.

If you need a partner for Bridge,  
please contact Jan Bessette.

Players— bring your own cards or Mah Jong tiles / other games.

Score cards will be provided for Bridge.

**Guests are welcome. Reservations must be received by February 1st. Send your reservation to Elaine Bemis. Info on page 5.**

## President's Message

**What an exciting year** 2017 is going to be! We, as advocates for women's issues and human rights, have so much work to do and so many opportunities to make positive changes in our state, our country, and our world! There's no excuse for sitting around moping, and wishing there was something to do to help.

**AAUW gives us opportunities** to work with our state congress by joining the AAUW CA Advocacy and Lobbyist Committee, joining our Tech Trek team to help change girl's lives and introduce them to STEM careers they never would have known about! We can work to raise money for scholarships for women who are doing their very best to go to college and change their futures.

**Then, when we get tired**, we can enjoy a nice game of cards or mahjong with our friends, or enjoy a movie or a meal together. AAUW gives us a chance to enrich our lives by helping women and girls and keeping our minds alert.

**Thanks to all the ladies** who worked so hard on our wonderful December Holiday Party, and thanks to all the attendees for the Women's March on Sacramento, and thanks to Giulia Favro-Farruggia for all of her work with Tech Trek and now the Tech Trek fundraiser on February 4. I hope you are planning on going. I was a science teacher for two of the Tech Trek sessions at Fresno State in the early 2000's. I can attest to how much difference it makes to those girls. It changes lives.

**Let's make 2017** a year of accomplishments and success in changing the climate for women and girls.

*PJ Missman*, CHAR President



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## Next Board Meeting

Monday, February 6th, 10:00 AM

Raley's Meeting Room  
San Juan at Sunset, Fair Oaks

## Deadline for March Ripples

Sunday, February 12th.



# BOOK CORNER



## 3rd Thursday Book Group

**Date:** Thurs., Feb. 16, 2017

**Time:** 1:00 PM

**Hostess and Discussion Leader:**

Gloria Sears

**RSVP:** Gloria sears by February 13th

**Book:** *If Walls could Talk*, by Lucy Worsley

## Whodunits

**Date:** Tues., Feb. 14, 2017

**Time:** 1:00 PM –2:30 PM

**Place:** Carmichael Library.

Briefly share mystery books read with other members. Call Coby Bonner with questions This is a good way to get exposure to many different mystery writers. CHAR/AAUW members can purchase books at The Bookworm, 4949 Walnut, Ste.J - Marconi Avenue and Walnut. Just mention the WHODUNITS account.

## More Than Books

**Date:** Wed., Feb. 15, 2017

**Hostess:** Carol Stieger

**Topic:** Fire

## Great Decisions

**Dates:** Meets 1st and 3rd Tues. thru May. Feb.7 (European Union—topic) and Feb. 21st, (Trade Policy –topic)

**Time:** 1:00-3:00 PM

**Place:** Raley's Meeting Room  
San Juan at Sunset in Fair Oaks.

**Contact:** Virginia Sturdevant with questions.

## California Water Issues

**Date:** Mon., Feb. 27, 2017

**Time:** 10:15 AM

**Place:** Raley's Meeting Room,  
San Juan at Sunset, Fair Oaks.

Recommended reading: Maven's Notebook (online). Contact Mary Duval for more information.

# LET'S EAT!

## Lunch Bunch

**Date:** Wed., Feb. 8, 2017

**Time:** 12 Noon

**Place:** Mikuni Japanese Restaurant and  
Sushi Bar—4323 Hazel Ave., Fair Oaks

**RSVP:** Clydene Leslie  
by Friday, February 3rd, or  
Virginia Dunstan.



## Hungry Ladies Eating Out

**Date:** Thurs., Feb. 2, 2017

**Time:** 6:00 PM

**Place:** Wonderful Chinese Restaurant  
7042 Sylvan Rd., Citrus Heights

**Hostess and RSVP:** Eras Cochran



## EXPANDING OUR HORIZONS

### Bird Watching

**Date:** Tues., Feb. 7, 2017

**Time:** 8:00 AM

**Place:** Vic Fazio Yolo Wildlife Area  
- about a 30 min. drive.

This is mostly a driving route. Meet at Calico Corners in Quail Pointe Shopping Center at Sunrise and Madison.

**Pouring rain cancels the event.** Please RSVP to Charlene if you plan to attend, need binoculars, have questions or are willing to drive. Call Charlene's cell Tuesday morning if you need to cancel.

This event was rained out last month.

### World Country Study Group

**Date:** Wed, Feb. 22 2017

**Time:** 10:15 AM—12:00 Noon

**Place:** Raley's Event Center, San Juan at Sunset, Fair Oaks

**RSVP:** Janice Chung,  
It would be appreciated, but come anyway, if you don't RSVP. We have plenty of room.

### Gadabouts

**Date:** Thurs., Feb. 23, 2017

**Time:** 9:15 AM

**Carpool:** Madison and Sunrise. Drivers needed. (I will have to cancel if not enough drivers.)

**Place:** Blue Line Art Gallery and AT&T Telephone Museum. (Tour will start at 10:00 AM)

**Lunch:** "The Place" (Italian food—11:30 AM)

All these places are very close together on Vernon Street.

**RSVP** by February 23rd at noon.  
Lois Wren

### Movie Mavens

**Date:** Wed. Feb. 1, 2017

View a film and have lunch together.

**RSVP:** Jean Gordon for movie and time.



### Mah Jong

**Date:** Thurs., Feb. 9th

**Time:** 1:00 PM

**Place:** Darlene Houston's Clubhouse

This is a fundraiser for AAUW, so please bring \$5.00.

RSVP: Elaine Bemis

### Welcome New Member!

Roberta Schmalz



### Ellie Eng

New Address and  
Phone Number



# Reservations for Bridge/Games Party

Saturday, Feb. 11, 2017

**Menu Choice: 1) Cheese Cannelloni with Tomato Sauce**

**2) California Chicken**

**All entrees include green salad, rolls, vegetables and dessert.**

**Coffee, tea and iced tea will be served.**

Number of Reservations \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$25 each     \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total

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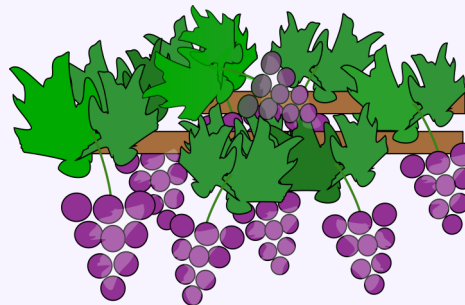
**Reservations must be received by Wednesday, February 1st.** The check for \$25 for each person at your table is for the luncheon only. It should be made out to CHAR-AAUW and mailed to Elaine Bemis.



If you have an item or two to contribute for our raffle baskets, please contact Mary Duval or Lee Battershell. Interest groups are encouraged to donate a group basket. If your group has not yet donated a gift basket for our raffles, please consider putting one together for this event. Valentines day themed baskets would be appropriate for the day.



*Just a Reminder!  
Tech Trek Fundraiser  
Saturday, February 4th.*



## Public Policy

**A new California AAUW subcommittee** has been formed, led by Charmen Goehring, for the purpose of training members in the art of lobbying and advocacy. Public Policy is a major focus of AAUW CA and an important part of this focus is our contact with attorney Shannon Smith-Crowley, our effective lobbyist for legislation on issues regarding women and girls.

**On December 14th 4 members of CHAR** - Lee Battershell-Baird, Mary Duval, P.J. Missman and Mary Toutonghi joined 16 other AAUW members from branches all over Northern California on a tour of our State Capitol. This was followed by additional information provided by Lobbyist Smith-Crowley that was extremely useful. We were directed toward our individual legislators' offices and encouraged to go and introduce ourselves to the staff, sharing information about AAUW Public Policy Priorities. Fortunately we had some handouts to this effect which we were assured would "definitely be brought to the attention of our legislators." It was an excellent opportunity to learn first hand what their particular positions and interests were. We received cards with addresses to their district offices which could be used to schedule follow up visits. Getting to know them and having them get to know us was a crucial step in the process.

**We may be learning to use social media** ie twitter in order to be able to respond more quickly to notification of impending bills. This is definitely an "action" committee though study is a necessary component. Resources on the tried and true techniques of advocacy may be found under Public Policy on the AAUW website. "How To Guides" on organizing, advocacy, media, social media, and getting out the vote are available. Our lobbyist is an especially knowledgeable and encouraging mentor.

I would encourage anyone who is interested to consider joining this sub-committee.

*Mary Toutonghi, Public Policy*



## HIGHLIGHTS OF CHAR/AAUW BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING P.J. MISSMAN HOME, MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2017

**Program:** Joyce Farruggia reported the IBC luncheon is January 28, 2017.

**AAUW Funds:** Elaine Bemis reported the February Bridge and Games Event will be at Eskaton Village, 3939 Walnut Ave. AAUW Majong is a fund raiser event, open to non AAUW members. There have been good turnouts, amounting to a \$100.00 donation each time.

**Jan Bessette, Bridge Interim Chair,** reported the six bridge groups are experiencing a lack of substitutes. She asked for a change in our policy allowing non- members to substitute.

**Public Policy:** At the invitation from the new Public Policy committee, AAUW's lobbyist, Shannon Smith-Crowley, led a tour of the Capitol for twenty AAUW members, four from CHAR. P.J.Missman, Mary Duval, Lee Battershell-Baird, and Mary Toutonghi. AAUW information was distributed to various offices..

Discussion and plans were made for the Women's March in Sacramento on January 21, 2017. At this writing, eight members will participate.

Submitted by Pat Boyd, Acting Secretary

## There are changes coming, and we need to continue the fight to support Title IX's civil rights protections.

**As we approach the 45th anniversary of Title IX in June 2017,** AAUW is assessing the recent efforts of the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights (OCR) and evaluating the tremendous positive effect it's had in the past eight years with enforcing this longstanding civil rights law.

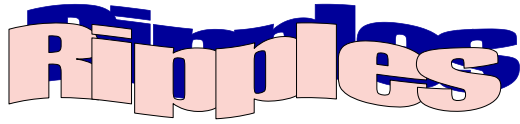
**"For decades students and advocates** have called on OCR to enforce long-standing Title IX statute, regulations, and Supreme Court case law concerning sexual harassment and violence, protections for pregnant and parenting students, equity in career and technical education, athletics, transgender students, and more," said Lisa Maatz, AAUW's vice president of government relations. "OCR's recent report documents what students and advocates already know: Under the Obama Administration and Assistant Secretary Catherine Lhamon's leadership, this OCR steadily increased technical assistance and enforcement and provided critical guidance to schools, which led to better outcomes and safer climates for students at every level nationwide."

**OCR plays a critical role** in promoting and ensuring equity and fairness in educational settings, as well as addressing violations of students' civil rights that can seriously undermine a student's access to an education.

**"This generation of women,** girls, LGBTQ, students with disabilities, students of color, and survivors of campus sexual violence will reap the benefit of greater understanding, application, and enforcement of Title IX, which has positively affected academic results and resulted in safer environments for all students," said Maatz. "Students demanded this change, schools asked for additional clarity, and OCR answered the call by ensuring that schools and colleges implemented many of these changes. It's a new day, and we will never go back."



## CHAR-AAUW Ripples



Deadline for Mar. 2017 Ripples  
Feb. 12th  
See page 2 for address  
Our CHAR website:  
<http://www.citrusheights-ca.aauw.net>

# February 2017

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