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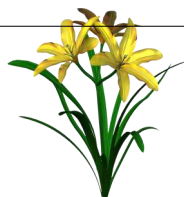
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INSTALLATION LUNCHEON PHOTOS

Marriott Hotel

Shannon Smith-Crowley and Alicia Lewis, Lobbyists for AAUW-CA were our two outstanding speakers. Speaking about pending bills in the California Legislature, these two speakers walked us through the process of how bills are considered and evaluated before being approved by AAUW for support.

From left to right, Mary Duval, program committee, Alicia Lewis, speaker, PJ Missman, CHAR President, Shannon Smith-Crowley, speaker and Joyce Farrugia, program committee.



Newly Installed Officers for 2017-2018

Left to right, Therese Favro, VP Membership – Hospitality, Mary Duval, VP Program, PJ Missman, President, Sue Miller, CA AAUW Public Policy Co-Chair (Installing Officer), Esther Leal, VP Membership - Finance, Roberta Schmalz, Treasurer, Elaine Bemis, VP AAUW Funds. Not pictured is Lee Battershell-Baird, the new Secretary.

Save the Date: September Membership Luncheon—Saturday, September 9, 2017

Carmichael Presbyterian Church, McMillan Hall, Carmichael

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

It was a busy, productive, exciting, and fun year! We started the year with the September Membership Luncheon, giving us all a chance to reconnect after the summer break. We learned all about the ballot initiatives in October, and then had a fun and fruitful fundraiser for scholarships at the Movie Grill, with absolutely wonderful baskets made by our interest groups. We had a fun holiday party, a fun and successful day of games for our AAUW Funds, and a very interesting and eye-opening VGIF fundraiser. Then we had fun at the Author's Luncheon with mystery writer John Les-croart. And don't forget the fabulous wine tasting tour for Tech Trek! Wow! We did have a lot of fun this year!

I am hoping that we also learned a lot about AAUW Public Policy, because we have so very much work to do to safeguard women's equity issues, such as pay equity and Title IX. As our May speakers lobbyists Shannon Smith-Crowley and Alicia Lewis pointed out, we are still talking about pay equity, child care, equal rights, and campus safety in 2017! These concerns have not been solved. There's a lot of work ahead of us, but that doesn't mean we can't have fun along the way. In fact, I think we did just that! We have a wonderful group of caring, enthusiastic, well educated women striving to support all women and girls everywhere.

Thank you all for your hard work, time, and financial support. Without all of YOU we could not accomplish our goal of Changing the Climate for Women and Girls, and this is what AAUW is all about!

Thank you all for choosing me to be your president and giving me the chance to guide our branch through the exciting times ahead.

PJ Missman, President

2016-2017 Officers

President
Patricia Missman

VP Program
Joyce Farruggia

VP Membership
Hospitality
Therese Favro
Finance
Esther Leal

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Elaine Bemis
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BOARD MEETING
June 12th 10:00 AM
Raley's Meeting Room
San Juan at Sunset
Fair Oaks

DEADLINE FOR SEPT. RIPPLES
August 12th
Esther Leal: emleal@comcast.net



Welcome New Members!

Margaret Kaffka



Leontine Oberg

BOOKS AND MORE!

3rd Thursday Book Group

Date: Thurs., June 15th

Time 1:00 PM

Place: Lemon Grass Restaurant,
601 Munroe Street, private room

RSVP: by June 12th to Fran Clarke



More Than Books

Dates:

6/21/17 Mary Groesbeck

7/19/17 Mary Groesbeck

8/16/17 Pat Arthur

Topics: free reading

Whodunits

Date: Tues., June 13th

Time: 1:00—2:30 PM

Place: Carmichael Library

New members welcome. We meet all summer—same schedule.
Call Coby Bonner with questions.



LET'S EAT!

Lunch Bunch

No Lunch Bunch in June.
See you in October.

Clydene
Leslie



Hungry Ladies Eating Out

Date: Thursday, June 1, 2017

Time: 6:00 PM

Place: Bella Bru—a very popular neighborhood café!
Address: 5038 Fair Oaks Blvd, Carmichael--at Fair Oaks
Blvd. and Arden Way in Five Points Plaza

Hostess: Corrine Laing

RSVP:

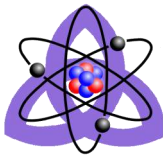
All CHAR members are welcome!

EXPANDING OUR HORIZONS

Tech Trek Update

CHAR is proud to be sending four students this July to Tech Trek Camp at UC Davis from July 23rd through the 29th. The interview Team of Mary Duval, Michelle Favro-Farruggia, Therese Favro and Elaine Bemis selected one student from Lichen K-8 Elementary in Citrus Heights and three from Mills Middle School in the Folsom Cordova School District.

If anyone would like to attend Tech Trek visitation day on the UC Davis campus, on July 27th from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM, please e-mail Giulia Favro-Farruggia immediately. Reservations are due by June 16th.



2017 Campers will have an orientation meeting on June 5th at Starbucks in Rancho Cordova. The students' teachers have given glowing reviews on all of the girls' passion for STEM subjects, and all families appreciate the branch's offer to cover the cost through scholarships. The girls themselves will earn \$50 toward their own tuition, which goes toward future scholarship funds.

Tech Trek funds were generated from a variety of sources, including corporate sponsors, CHAR member donations and the fundraiser in February. A total of \$7,686 less \$3,600 for 2017 camp leaves \$4,086 toward 2018 scholarships (3.5 scholarships).

CHAR is looking for some motivated members to act as a committee to further Tech Trek in our branch. No one will be expected to work alone. It will be a team effort with all committee members helping each other. Please contact Elaine Bemis if you would like to be part of this important and fun cause.

World Country Study Group of Croatia

Date: Sunday, June 11, from 11:30 AM until 1:30 or 2 PM (for car poolers), the event closes at 5 PM or so.

Carpool: Janice's house, at 11:30 AM to the Croatian American Cultural Center, 3730 Auburn Blvd., Sacramento, CA 95821 or find us there around noon, when the event opens. Parking is both on the same side of the street in a chain-linked fenced area or street parking or across the street (be very, very careful crossing the 5 lane Auburn Blvd.) It's best to car pool.

RSVP: Janice Chung

Bring: Spending money (lunch was less than \$12, pastries and coffee around \$5(?)) any money for crepes, small items. Last year the event was free on Sunday. Be sure to dress for the weather although there is some shade. Wear flat, walking shoes or sandals, maybe a carry-bag for the magazine-style program and your own bottled water for convenience.

Website:

Croatian Extravangza 2017 <http://www.croatiancenter.org/croatian-extravaganza/>

Summer Ping Pong

Lois Wren's backyard again starting at 9:00 AM, Tuesday mornings, beginning June 13th. We have fun socializing, play a little p.p., have never kept score and like ladies of all abilities. Please let me know with updated emails and phone numbers. Summer guests and friendly neighbors welcome!

Lois Wren



Public Policy

CELEBRATE, SUPPORT, EMPOWER

Patricia Fae Ho, AAUW Board Chair, writes to remind us all to help create a brighter future for women and girls by contributing generously to AAUW's work. The note cards created by some of our artistically gifted members we received recently are a special reminder of this need.

This year, she notes, has been a challenging one in our fight to achieve equality as AAUW works with the president and Congress to shape public policy through our non-partisan leadership and research-based advocacy.

AAUW has led the fight to end gender discrimination for 135 years by advocating laws that equitably support women and girls. By supporting AAUW, we can carry on this progress.

Just a few of our priorities are: Conducting crucial research. Solid research is the basis of sound public policy and positive social change. Closing the gender-pay gap - AAUW's "Start Smart" and "Work Smart" salary negotiation programs help prepare thousands of women to negotiate their salaries each year. Being an ally in the fight against hate. AAUW stands against bullying, bias, and bigotry of any kind. We are disturbed by racist, sexist and xenophobic incidents taking place across the country, especially on college campuses. We are urged to step up our efforts to protect women from sexual assault, harassment and hate crimes so that our educational institutions and our communities can become safe spaces for all.

Mary Toutonghi, Public Policy



Marathon Bridge

Sign ups are now being accepted for next year's Marathon Bridge.

Both old and new teams are welcome. You and your partner will play a different team each month from September through April on a date agreed upon by the respective teams. Winners are announced at a bridge luncheon in May.

Each player should mail a \$20.00 check, payable to CHAR/AAUW, to Margaret Lawston. Your \$20 donation can be for Local Scholarships, Tech Trek or split 50/50. Write the name of your partner and your donation preference (LS,TT, or 50/50) on the memo line of your check.

Checks must be received by June 30, and your CHAR dues must be paid. Instructions and a play schedule will be mailed to each partner in late August.

Questions? Call Margaret Lawston or Linda West.

In Memoriam

Marlene Jackson passed away on May 15, 2017. She was a member of CHAR in the late 60's - 70's and then a hiatus until about 5 yrs. ago. At that time she joined both CHAR and the Sacramento Branches. She played bridge in at least 6 groups (some AAUW and some not), participated in Gadabouts. Hungry Ladies Eating Out, Lunch Bunch, Movie Mavens, Singles Dining Out and enjoyed the theatre and musicals. She also played golf at Campus Commons. Marlene liked to be active in many social settings and offered her beautiful Carmichael home quite often. She was gracious and generous and will be missed.



**MINUTES OF CHAR/AAUW BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
RALEY'S COMMUNITY ROOM, MONDAY, MAY 1, 2017**

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Mary Duval in the absence of President P.J. Missman.

Minutes: The minutes of the April 3, 2017, meeting were approved as corrected.

Finance: Lee Battershell pointed out that CHAR had exceeded the amount earned from member dues and CHAR is now using reserves. The use of the reserves was approved during the 2016/2017 budget process. The reports were accepted as presented.

Program: Mary Duval reported the Installation luncheon will feature speakers from AAUW, Lobbyists, Shannon Smith-Crowley and Alicia Lewis.

Membership. We currently have 122 members. Twenty-five of those members have renewed to date for the 2017/2018 year.

Local Scholarships. Lee Battershell reported \$2,250 will be used for 2017 scholarships leaving a balance of \$2,889 for 2018 scholarships. We may need to have a fund raiser for 2019 scholarships.

Local Endowment. Lee Battershell reported during 2017 we scheduled \$750 for one scholarship. We are allowed to issue scholarships at 4 percent of the endowment value. We will be able to issue one scholarship for 2017 and 2018. To issue two scholarships in 2019 we need to grow the endowment to \$37,500.

C/U Relations: Charlene Eberwine reported that she plans to set a meeting during the summer months with Trish Caldwell, our CHAR member at ARC. Charlene will focus on exploring a program geared toward college women that includes starting salaries, negotiating salaries, and leadership.

Tech Trek: Board members discussed the need to identify a leader for the 2017/2018 year. Current leader, Giuliana Favro-Farruggia reportedly agreed to help with fund raising. Elaine Bemis had suggested in a prior meeting using a team approach for TECH TREK leadership. The committee members will investigate the team approach and report their results at the June 2017 meeting.

New Business: Pat Boyd said she would reserve the Northridge Country Club for our April 14, 2018 Author's luncheon.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 11:10am by Mary Duval acting for President P.J. Missman.

Submitted by Lee Battershell-Baird, Acting Secretary

Renewing Your Membership Online—New Method!

AAUW National has rolled out an easier way to renew online.

This new system does not require either a membership no. or a password. An email letter is addressed to you personally and connects you directly to their renewal site.

I will be activating this email letter on June 1st to all those who show an email address regardless of whether you receive your Ripples by email or not. If, by chance, you had recently renewed and I hadn't received it by that time, you can just ignore the email letter.

The Membership Renewal form on page 7 can always be used by anyone preferring to pay by check.

**Any questions, as always, please contact me.
Esther Leal**



Membership Renewal Form for 2017-2018

CHAR MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

☐ Check here if any information is different from last year's directory.
Highlight changed information. Please complete the following information as you wish it to appear in the branch directory:
Please print.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone:

Home _____

Cell _____

(Include area code with all phone nos.)

E-mail address:

Ripples Newsletter, emailed ____yes

____Mailed through Post Office*

** \$10 covers annual printing and mailing costs of your Ripples. If you choose the mailing option, adding \$10 allows the branch to use general membership dues to benefit all members.*

The due date for renewing your membership is June 15th.
Make check payable to CHAR/AAUW

Send Form and Payment to:

Esther Leal

Please send in the entire page when completing the membership renewal form

CHAR MEMBERSHIP FEES

Circle appropriate category:

Regular Dual Honorary

1) Regular Member Category

Breakdown of dues:

AAUW National Dues \$49
 (\$46 of this is tax deductible)

CA State Dues \$20

CHAR Dues (Branch) \$15

Regular Member—Total: \$84

Note: *If you are a Paid Life Member your total fee is \$35. (Total of State and CHAR fees. You do not pay National Fees.)*

Paid Life Member—Total \$35.

2) Dual Member Category

My Primary Branch is:

 If you are a dual member, and CHAR is not your primary branch, **your total fee is \$15.** (Our CHAR branch fee). You do not pay the State and National fees twice! If this is your primary branch, total fees of \$84 apply.

3) Honorary Life Member Category

If you are an Honorary Life Member, you only pay \$15.

Honorary Life Member- Total: \$15 fee

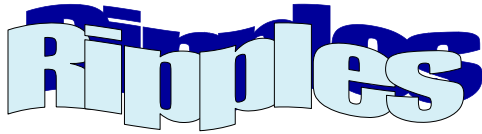
Renew Online!

See the new notice on page 6 with simplified instructions.



If you're paying online, you may designate contributions there. Otherwise, Look for contribution opportunities in the September 2017 Ripples and at the Membership Luncheon on September 9th. Please don't send any with this renewal, except adding \$10 if you're requesting the printed Ripples.

CHAR-AAUW Ripples



Deadline for Sept. 2017 Ripples
August 12th
See page 2 for address
Our CHAR website:
www.citrusheights-ca.aauw.net

* A big thank you for all the *
* cards, phone calls, and visits I *
* received following my knee re- *
* placement. I am doing much *
* better and it was great to hear *
* words of encouragement. *
* Thank you so much! *
* Margaret Lawston *

June 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Hungry Ladies	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 World Country	12 Board Meeting	13 Who Dunits	14	15 3rd Thurs Bks	16	17
18	19	20	21 More Than Bks	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN MISSION STATEMENT:

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