



Ripples

CITRUS HEIGHTS-AMERICAN RIVER BRANCH

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Jeri Chase Ferris—Author's Talk Writing, Research, Publishing and a Bit About Russia

**Saturday, April 11, 2015 1:00 PM
Sylvan Oaks Library, 6700 Auburn Blvd,
Citrus Heights, 95621**



JERI CHASE FERRIS is the award-winning author of twelve biographies for children and young adults, plus articles and stories for the L.A. Times and other newspapers and magazines. She specializes in biographies of women and minorities - people from 1776 to 1936 who did great and important deeds for America, but have been overlooked in history. Her latest biography, *Noah Webster & His Words* (Houghton Mifflin Books for Children), won the 2013 SCBWI Golden Kite Award for best non-fiction for children in the U.S.

Her current book, *Surrounded: The Nazi Noose*, is historical fiction set in Leningrad, USSR, during the WWII 900-day Siege. This book comes from her passion for Russia and its history, culture, and people, and her desire to convey the unimaginable experiences of the people and youth of 1941 Leningrad to American young people and adults.

Jeri and her husband Tom visited Russia yearly from 1969 to 2000, collecting history, artifacts and memories. The 10,000-item Ferris Russian Collection, which focused on the Stalin era and is described by a Russian specialist as "unmatched in the western world," is housed in Los Angeles.

Check out Jeri's terrific website for more information on this dynamic woman.

www.jerichaseferris.com.

Equal Pay Day !

The Public Policy Committee will be featuring the Cookie Project at the April meeting. They will commemorate the day by offering cookies with a "bite" out of them demonstrating women's pay which is approximately 78% of men's pay for the same work.



**Save the Date: Saturday, May 9th 10:00 AM Eskaton Fitness Center
Healthcare and Affordable Care Act— Walgreen's Pharmacist**

PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

We have 18 new members this year. Thanks to all for helping the branch to grow! Spring membership discounts are starting now. It's an excellent time to bring in friends who would enjoy CHAR activities.

Save the date: April 25. CHAR grant writing workshop, presented by an AAUW national grant reader and professional grant writer. This is a great opportunity for everyone interested in fundraising. The public is invited. Seating is limited. Reserve early. *Final details will come to you via an e-blast.*

Save the date: May 30. VGIF FUNDRAISER. Suleikha Sutter, a high school student from Davis, traveled to Ethiopia last summer, taking with her soccer equipment and uniforms for the girls at a local school. Come and hear how she organized the first girls' soccer team in Ethiopia. This presentation is a CHAR fundraiser for VGIF. Suggested donation: \$5 person, \$10 family. May 30th, 1:30, F.O. Library.

Sacramento's Lauren Wallace is #1 in the nation having won the women's 1000 meter race at the US Open Track and Field Championships in Boston. Lauren lives and trains in Sacramento and is a U. C. Davis graduate. She is also the granddaughter of CHAR's Karen Campbell. Congratulations!

How well do you know your fellow members in CHAR? Can you name the member who speaks five languages, including Arabic? Hint: she was born in Morocco.

Remembrance of Carolyn Kiesling - Our friend and former treasurer Carolyn Kiesling passed away on March 16. Those who had the privilege of working with Carolyn admired her dedication to understanding complex, new AAUW fundraising policies. In addition to her service to CHAR, she volunteered at the Harris Theaters and the Old Schoolhouse Museum in Sacramento. Her friends in AAUW remember her with great respect and affection. A memorial mass and a celebration of her life will be held on Saturday, March 28, 2015 at 1 PM at DIVINE SAVIOR CATHOLIC CHURCH, Greenback Lane, Orangevale, CA.

Mary and Joyce, Co-Presidents

Remember!

At the April General Meeting we will be voting on the new by-law changes. We'll also be nominating the officers for the upcoming year.

Note: Place and time are incorrect in the directory. Meeting will be 1:00 PM at Sylvan Oaks Library

CO-PRESIDENTS

Mary Duval
Joyce Farruggia

PROGRAM COMMITTEE 7 Members

CO-V.P. MEMBERSHIP
Finance—Judy Bell
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REMINDER OF BOARD MEETING

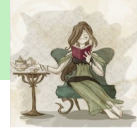
April 6th— 9:30 AM
Raley's Meeting Room
San Juan at Sunset
Fair Oaks

DEADLINE FOR MAY RIPPLES
April 12th.

Esther Leal: emleal@comcast.net



BOOK CORNER



3rd Thursday Book Group

Date: Thurs., April 16th

Time: 1:00 PM

Hostess: Corrine Laing

Address:

RSVP: Corrine

Book: *The Tenderness of Wolves* by Stef Penney

Discussion Leader: Aggie Vawter

New Book Group

Date: April 21st

Time: 1:00 PM

Place: Carmichael Library

Book: *Sting of the Drone*, the Non-Fiction national best seller, by Richard A. Clarke.

Presenter: Corrine Laing

Contact Robin Howlett for information:

Whodunits

Date: Tues., April 14th

Time: 1:00—2:30 PM

Place: Carmichael Library—meeting room
New members welcome. Call Coby Bonner with questions. Briefly share and highlight mystery books read.

More Than Books

Date: Wed., April 15th

Hostess: Mary Duval

Topic: David Baldacci/James Patterson

LET'S EAT!



Lunch Bunch

Date: Wed. April 8th

Time: 12:00 Noon

Place: Mikuni Japanese Restaurant
4323 Hazel Ave., Fair Oaks
(South of Winding Way)

RSVP: Virginia Dunstan or Clydene Leslie.
This is a return visit due to popular demand. The Bento Box was a great hit.

Hungry Ladies Eating Out

Date: Thurs., April 2nd

Time: 6:00 PM

Hostess: Marlene Jackson

Questions: Call Corrine Laing. New members are welcome.



February Lunch Bunch at Machu Picchu Peruvian Restaurant in Carmichael.

Singles Dining Out

Date: Tues., April 28th

Time: 6:00 PM

RSVP: Jean Gordon is our hostess for April. Please contact her directly for all the details. If you would like to be added to the email contact Robin.

EXPANDING OUR HORIZONS



Gadabouts

Think about joining the World Country Study Group and/or the WOW meeting in April as the April tour planned for Gadabouts was unexpectedly cancelled.

WOW

Date: Wed. April 29, 2015

Time: 1:00 to 2:30 pm

Place: Carmichael Library

Speaker: Carmela R. Castellano-Garcia, Esq.

Topic: Latino Coalition for a Healthy CA Ms. Castellano-Garcia is a graduate of Yale Law School and holds a degree in Political Science from UC Berkeley. She'll speak about the Latin America immigrants assimilation into Northern California and housing, education, jobs, health concerns, etc.

Questions: Call Carol Hayes

Great Decisions

1st and 3rd Tues. thru May.

1:00 PM at Raley's San Juan at Sunset.

Movie Mavens

Date: Wed. April 1st

Call: For movie selection, time and more information, email Robin Howlett.

Review of *McFarland* February Movie

This story was very moving and motivational, along with being a realistic look at the town and the students – and the attitudes of the white family moving there. Well cast and well acted throughout, it made a thoroughly enjoyable experience. But best of all – afterward we learned that Robin Howlett had lived in Bakersfield during the time the movie portrays and remembers some of the excitement taking place. Lunch followed at Chili's as the film featured delicious Mexican food and we were all inspired to continue that theme.

Mary-Gene Page

World Country Study Group

Date: March 25—Crocker Art Museum (check your March Ripples for details.)

The March tour of the Crocker could use a few more participants as we need 10 to have a private tour. Otherwise, we'll join a public tour of Southeast Asian art (India) and Buddhist art.

Gadabouts—Consider joining us for this informative and interesting tour at the Crocker. Lunch afterwards at the Crocker Café for those who wish to stay.

Contact Janice Chung for more info.

Date: Wed. April 22nd

Time: 10:00 am

Place: Carmichael Library

Judy Hoefling will be presenting on the Status of Women in India and Virginia Dunstan will be presenting on Southern India from the Bay of Bengal to the West Coast at Chennai, including the backwaters and Kerala.

RSVP: Janice Chung

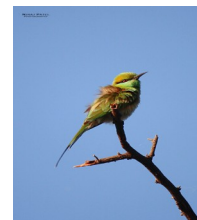
Bird Watching

Date: Tues., April 7th

Time: 8:00 AM

Place: We will be visiting Folsom Lake. There is a \$12.00 fee per car. Please bring \$10 to pay for gas and the entrance fee. Bring walking sticks if you have them. We will stay on the trails, but want to be prepared.

Meet at Walmart Shopping Center at Hazel and Greenback in the parking lot off Hazel, west side of Walmart. Dress in layers. *Bring your binoculars and field guide.* If you need binoculars or have questions, call Charlene Eberwine or Lois Wren. Tuesday morning of the 7th call Charlene's cell if cancelling.





Public Policy

AAUW Participates in White House Launch of International Girls Education Initiative. In recognition of the profound positive impact of education on girls, the White House partnered with the Peace Corps, USAID, and other organizations to launch LET GIRLS LEARN, a new initiative aimed at expanding existing efforts on international girls' education to reach adolescent girls. AAUW Vice President of Fellowship, Grants, and Global Programs Gloria Blackwell attended the White House launch event on Tuesday in place of AAUW Executive Director and CEO Linda Hallman, CAE.

AAUW members also participated in a conference call March 6th with senior white House staff to hear more about the initiative. In advance of International Women's Day on Sunday. Research has consistently shown that additional education for girls is correlated with lower maternal mortality rates, lower rates of HIV/AIDS, and other improvements to a country's and its people's well-being.

CHAR will celebrate EQUAL PAY DAY by enjoying "The Cookie Project" presented by the Public Policy Committee. Attendees at the Author's Day Branch Meeting on April 11th will be offered cookies symbolizing the disparity in average wages earned by men and by women. Whole cookies represent average men's wages. Considerable less than whole cookies represent average women's wages. It is suspected that men's wage cookies will prove to be more popular! Cards with details of the project will accompany the refreshments.



Mary Toutonghi, Public Policy



Cultural Arts

This is an invitation from CHAR member, Elaine Bemis, who belongs to PEP (Piano Ensemble Players) a group which will be having their Annual Recital on April 18th at 3:00 PM, at Christ Community Church on Manzanita Ave. Elaine Bemis will play with three other players on two pianos. She asks that you call her at 966-0814 if you have any questions.

El Dorado Musical Theatre (partners of Harris Center) present "The Music Man" an audience favorite since it was first presented onstage in 1957. The setting for the show was River City, Iowa, a small town of years ago. It is a warm, touching and romantic story which includes a fast talking salesman, and young people grappling with their youth. The play will be at Harris Center, Stage 1, on Friday, April 25 through Sunday, May 11. The theater is located at 10 College Parkway in Folsom CA. For more information and tickets visit the Ticket Office at (916) 608-6888. Website: Harris Center-EDMT -The Music Man

Chautauqua Playhouse, 5326 Engle Road, Carmichael celebrates their 37th season with "Proof" a terrific new show about Catherine, a mathematics student whose father, Robert, a brilliant mathematician, is slowly losing his mental state because of aging. Catherine decides to give up school in order to take care of Robert. During this time a former student of her father comes to examine Robert's papers and finds a valuable notebook with an important mathematical discovery. They also develop a romantic interest in each other. For more information and performance times call the theater at (916) 489-7529. Website: www.cplayhouse.org

Bunny Schwantes, Cultural Arts



Welcome—New Member!

Constance Law-Marcom

Tech Trek

The 1st round of Tech Trek interviews took place on March 2nd at Mills Middle School in Rancho Cordova. The Mills interview team: Elaine Bemis, Mary Duval and Charlene Eberwine, approved three students to attend. A special thanks to Elaine for coordinating that team! The 2nd round of interviews takes place at Orangevale Open later in March, for three more students. Special thanks to Cynthia Marx and Janet Besette for working with the schools in SJUSD. Cynthia and Janet will be joined by Cathy Marcinkeavage to interview the Orangevale students. Our branch funded 3.5 scholarships, with 2.5 more raised by the fundraising team of Laura McLean and Giulia Favro-Farruggia. Congratulations to CHAR for sending six girls this summer.

Giulia Favro-Farruggia

Save the Date!

Friday, May 22nd 10:00 AM

Marathon Bridge—End of the Year Luncheon

Eskaton Village, Carmichael, CA

Watch for reservation information in the May Ripples



Needed: a new leader for Marathon Bridge. Interested persons should contact Jan Besette. If no one volunteers we will cancel Marathon Bridge for next year. Deadline to respond is Friday, May 22nd.

February Bridge Party

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU

With several guests there were 55 women at BRIDGE and BOARD GAMES on February 21st. Our profit was \$1,180 which will be directed to AAUW Funds. In addition to the baskets for raffle we had at silent auction many biographies of presidents. Three local businesses donated: Holloway's Travel Store on Fulton, Garcia's Restaurant on Madison and the newly re-opened Buggy Whip Restaurant on Fulton. Be sure to patronize these merchants who made generous donations to our group!

Thank you to all the members who donated items for the baskets and helped to make this event such a success. Among the members assisting were: Noreen Rademacher, Elaine Bemis, Robin Howlett, Barbara Dwyer, Judy Allen, Linda West, Angela Bauerle, Mary Gene Page, and Kay Page.

Jean Bayless—Co-VP AAUW Funds



From the branch, thank you to Jean Bayless and Mary Gene Page, our CO-VPs for AAUW Funds for masterminding such a successful event!

CHAR MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM 2015-2016
Deadline: June 15, 2015

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 15.

Make check payable to CHAR/AAUW

Send Form and Payment to:
 Cynthia Marx

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!

If you prefer, you may renew online and pay by credit card by going to our website:

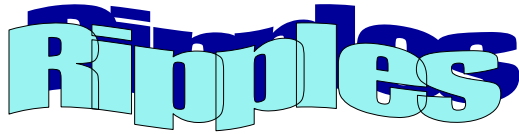


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Look for contribution opportunities in the September 2015 Ripples. There will be a new format for making donations to your favorite groups at that time, so please don't send any with this renewal, except adding \$10 if you're requesting the printed Ripples newsletter.

CHAR-AAUW Ripples



Deadline for May 2015 Ripples
 April 12th
 See page 2 for address
 Our CHAR website:
 Citrusheights-ca.aauw.net

April 2015



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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	Great Decisions					
5	6 Board Meeting	7 Bird Watchers	8 Lunch Bunch	9	10	11 Mo. Meeting
12	13	14 Who Dunits	15 More Than Bks	16 3rd Thurs Bks	17	Author's Talk 1:00 pm Sylvan Oaks Library
19	20	21 New Book Grp	22 World Country	23	24	25
	Great Decisions					
26	27	28 Singles Dining	29 WOW	30		

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN MISSION STATEMENT:

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