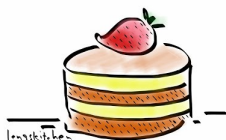


CITRUS HEIGHTS-AMERICAN RIVER

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Valentine's Day Tea with Kathleen
Saturday, February 13th, 11:00 AM
Christ Community Church
5025 Manzanita Ave.
Carmichael, CA
(Parking in the rear of the complex
elevator or stairs to 2nd floor)



Speaker Kathleen Cha comes with an amazing list of credentials. A Past President of AAUW California and an NGO delegate to the UN Commission on the Status of Women for the past 5 years, Kathleen has over 30 years of service in the public, private and nonprofit sectors. In 2015 she was a coordinator of the Women's Intercultural Network Conference, WIN -Beijing +20 Call to Action and Women's Film Festival in San Francisco, focusing on sustainability and CEDAW. She is a founding member of POWER, (Progressive Oakland Women for Education and Reform). These are only a few of her accomplishments.

\$5 donation for venue expenses. (no charge if you are bringing a food item or for guest)
RSVP by Feb. 8 to Judy Hoefling
with no. of people and volunteering offers.

Reservation Form on Page 4

Volunteers needed

Table hostesses: pour tea, refresh food trays

Cooks/Bakers: What's your specialty? Little heart shaped cookies? Quiches? Mini scones? Angel biscuits? Put on your apron and create something delicious!

If you wish to make a donation to AAUW Funds, make check payable to AAUW and bring to the tea.



Save the Date: Saturday, March 12th, 11:30 AM

Fiesta of Flavors—International Potluck

A PARTY JUST FOR US!

Monday, February 29th (Leap Year Day)

1:00-3:00 PM



**"Bubbles and Bits" at The Couch
7430 Madison (at San Juan), Citrus Heights**

When you attend our branch meeting this month you'll learn a lot about the wonderful things AAUW National does with our Funds contributions. And you'll be able to contribute to those funds by attending this PARTY – just for our own fun (and AAUW FUNds).

Please dress up to the nines – any way you want to – as beautifully or as outrageously as you like. Bring one BIG cushion for your back (the "couch" sits more like a pew) – and you and your cushion will be our decorations and our entertainment.

Things will be largely unplanned; but please

THINK OF 5 THINGS ABOUT YOURSELF that you want to tell one of our members – and then write each on a separate 3x5 card.

Maybe think of something you want to ASK one of our members.

We'll see what turns up.

Our agreement with The Couch (a neighborhood bar and grill which gets very good reviews on the internet) is to pay them \$10 per person attending. We are asking you to add your donation on top of that – hopefully at least \$15 or \$20 – or plenty more if you wish. Everything above the \$10 goes to AAUW Funds and is fully deductible. Please note: to receive tax considerations you need to write two checks: \$10 to CHAR-AAUW, the separate donation check to AAUW FUNDS. If you are not concerned about the deduction, just make the whole check to AAUW-CHAR.

The Couch will serve us a couple of mimosas or champagne, along with an assortment of tidbits to eat (recipes not on their usual menu). If you'd prefer to order from their menu or have regular cocktails, you would pay separately for that yourself. (Questions? Phone MaryGene.

Please let me know if you plan to attend by Friday, Feb. 19th, so that The Couch has time to order special items for us.



I'm planning to join you on Feb. 29th at The Couch.

Enclosed is/are my check/s;

(1) payable to AAUW Funds for the amount of _____

I understand the donation is fully deductible;

(2) payable to AAUW/CHAR in the amount of \$10 to go to The Couch.

SIGNED _____

Mail to Lee Battershell-Baird

BOOK CORNER



3rd Thursday Book Group

Date: Thurs., Feb. 18, 2016

Time: 1:00 PM

Hostess: Jean Applegate

RSVP: jeanapplegate

Maximum of 12 persons allowed.

Book: *Madame de Pompadour* by Christine Pevitt Algrant

Discussion leader: Fran Clarke

Whodunits

Date: Tues., Feb. 9, 2016

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. 17, 2016

Hostess: Charlene Eberwine

Topic: Inventors

Great Decisions

Date: Feb.2 and 16, 2015 (1st & 3rd Tues. through May 17th—8 meetings.

Time: 1:00-3:00 PM

Place: Raley's Event Center—San Juan at Sunset in Fair Oaks.

For more information, visit www.fpa.org.

Using the Foreign Policy Association's "Great Decisions" publications, the group reads, watches a video and discusses a thought-provoking topic pertaining to world affairs each meeting. The first discussion topic for February 2nd is "Middle East Alliances".

If you are interested in joining the group and have not ordered a Great Decisions book, please contact Virginia Sturdevant for information how to obtain one.

LET'S EAT!

Lunch Bunch

Date: Wed., Feb. 10, 2016

Time: 12 Noon

Place: Lido Café

7907 Fair Oaks Blvd., Carmichael
Located in Boulevard Coffee Center next to California Family Fitness. Everyone enjoyed the food and the conversation at Lido Cafe and are looking forward to returning. Lido offers delicious bakery items in addition to their salads and sandwiches.

RSVP: Clydene Leslie

by Friday, February 5th. Or Esther Leal

Hungry Ladies Eating Out

Date: Thurs., Feb. 4, 2016

Time: 5:30 PM

Place: Sammy's Restaurant & Bar, 6510 Antelope Road, Citrus Heights.

RSVP: Hostess: Charlene Eberwine.
for specific directions to the restaurant.

All CHAR members are welcome. If you have any questions about our group, please call Corrine Laing

EXPANDING OUR HORIZONS

Bird Watching

Date: Tues., Feb. 2, 2016

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 if you plan to attend, need binoculars, have questions.

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. 24 2016

Time: 11:15 AM—12-15 Noon

Place: Café Morocco, 1221 Alhambra Blvd.,
(NE corner of Alhambra and Capitol)
Middle Eastern Cuisine.

RSVP: Janice Chung,

Carpool: Crestview Shopping Center at 10:30 AM. Check with Janice for exact driving directions.

Gadabouts

Date: Thurs., Feb. 25, 2016

Time: 10:00 AM

Place: Serbian Orthodox Church, 7777
Sunset Avenue, Fair Oaks, Ca

Event: Guided tour of the beautiful frescoes and icons and architectural features of the building. The church sign will read "Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church."

Lunch: 11:30 AM at **Love at First Bite**, 7405 Winding Way, Fair Oaks (about a 5 minute drive from the church). Reservations are required for lunch, but not for the tour.

RSVP lunch: to Jeanette Finn. Lunch reservations are needed by Feb. 17, 2016.

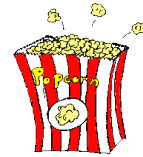
Movie Mavens

Date: Wed. Feb. 3, 2016

View a film and have lunch together.

Call Lois Wren for the name of the movie and place.

RSVP: after Jan. 29 for the name and location of the movie.



THANK YOU FROM SHRINERS

Shriners Hospital for Children would like to sincerely thank CHAR members for the toys, games and gift cards donated at the holiday event in December. The items will provide comfort and support to the children and their parents during their stay at Shriners.

Alan Anderson, Director of Development

Valentine's Day Tea with Kathleen— Reservation Form—Due by February 8th.

I will be there _____

I'm bringing a guest _____

I'm bringing food _____ I am volunteering to help _____

Mail to Judy Hoefling



Enclose \$5 check payable to AAUW CHAR if reserving by mail.

Bylaws Changes

The following proposed bylaws amendments were passed unanimously at the 8/21/15 board meeting. They will be voted on by membership at the General Meeting on March 12, 2016.

underlined italics mean deletion

() means new language

ARTICLE IV. MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

Section 5. Dues

a. Amount

1. Changes in branch dues shall be determined at the annual meeting by two-thirds vote of those present and voting, provided notice has been given to the members 30 (15) days prior to the meeting.

Rationale: The number of days notice for election of officers and amending bylaws is 15. The notice timing should be the same...whatever allows the board to conduct business in a reasonable time frame and is fair for members to ask questions.

ARTICLE VI. OFFICERS

Section 1. Officers

a. The elected officers for the branch shall be a president, vice presidents for program, membership (and) AAUW Funds, secretary and treasurer.

b. The appointed officers shall be auditor, bylaws, (C/U Partnership), local scholarship, parliamentarian, public information, public policy, Tech-Trek and international-VGIF.

Rationale: auditor is not necessarily a member of CHAR; parliamentarian and public information will be moved to Administration.

e. All vacancies in office shall be filled for the unexpired term by the board of directors with the exception of president or co-presidents. The vice-presidents in the order listed shall fill a vacancy in the office of president or co-presidents.

Rationale: The way it is written implies that losing one of the co-presidents precipitates a VP stepping in. Section 1-f already explains that any officer position, including president, may be filled by a co-officer, so there's no need to mention the co-president possibility in 1-e.

FYI: 1-f. Each office may be filled by an officer or co-officers.

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Section 2. Duties

d. The treasurer shall be responsible for collecting, distributing and accounting for the funds of the branch (by the specified deadline). Omit the following; place in policies and procedures. The treasurer shall collect dues and properly remit them to AAUW National and State by the specified deadline. The treasurer shall send money for AAUW Funds by the specified deadline. Separate ledgers (accounts) shall be kept for each fund.

Rationale: This makes it more general, in keeping with the duties listed for the other officers. The details of types of funds, accounts etc. belong in the branch policies and procedures, not the bylaws.

ARTICLE VII. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. Composition. The board of directors shall include the elected officers and the following appointed officers: auditor, C/U Partnership, parliamentarian, bylaws, public policy, public information, Tech Trek and international VGIF.

Presidents' Message

CHAR's legacy. The board recently voted to begin building an endowment for local scholarships at American River College. This is an ideal time to establish an endowment which will provide for scholarships in the future. As members of CHAR, we have always been very proud of helping local women continue their educations. That is an important part of who we are. The endowment will assure that our commitment to assisting local women will continue for years to come.

Old friends. Marjo Norton, a longtime member, sent a brief note from her new home in Bend Oregon. She said she misses all her friends in CHAR and sends her best wishes. We miss her too.

See you at the February festivities. YES, we have two very special events in February. Put on your prettiest outfit and come for tea. The Couch event calls for lots of bling and boas. Have fun!

Volunteers needed to serve on our nominating committee. For more information contact Joyce Farruggia or Mary Duval.

Directory/Address Book Review Team

Join other members to review the directory and suggest format changes. This is a one meeting commitment, about 2 hours. Share your views. Contact Mary Duval or Joyce Farruggia.

Mary Duval and Joyce Farruggia, Co-Presidents

Highlights of Board Minutes from January 4, 2016

Call to Order: Co-President, Joyce Farruggia called the meeting to order at 9:31 am.

Minutes: The minutes of the December 7, 2015 meeting were approved as corrected. The correction was to the Local Scholarship section. The first sentence should read "Louise Lockhart reported that \$2,998 has been raised for scholarships between the Mansion Memories fund raiser and donations made by members. The bylaws changes will be in the February issue. There will be a program meeting on Feb 1, 2016 at 9:30 am at Raley's Community Room.

Treasurer's Report: A financial report and list of local scholarship donors was distributed. Donors were sent thank you notes in lieu of listing in the Ripples.

Membership: A meeting will be held to sort out the correct no. of members.

Programs: December - There were \$195.00 in donations which will be distributed among the charities. The greens raised \$305.00 which went to Tech Trek

Local Scholarships: A motion was made by Louise Lockhart that "the CHAR AAUW board approve the concept of establishing an endowment at the ARC Foundation for local scholarships in addition to the current program of receiving donations for on-going scholarships at ARC." It was seconded and approved. A motion was made by Lee Battershell that "CHAR transfer \$5,300 into the ARC Foundation endowment." It was seconded and approved.

VGIF : the March general membership program will be an international potluck fundraiser for VGIF.

Tech Trek: Tech Trek fundraising is complete and the committee has started fund raising for next year.

Next Board Meeting - March 7 at 9:30 am at Raley's Community Room.

Submitted by Judy Bell, Secretary

Public Policy: **Over the holidays** I had the opportunity to visit with a new friend in North Canton, Ohio, who had done considerable research on Human Trafficking last year. Unlike much of the Sacramento research that has taken place the last few years, this focused on Asia. Similar attempts to rescue victims had taken place. They subsequently were placed in a safe home setting in the United States for rehabilitation. They were taught skills such as making jewelry for sale. The jewelry was then sold to receptive markets. From what I understood, the girls were then returned to Asia and released.



Since attending CHAR's Panel on Human Trafficking I have begun to wonder. What have you become aware of lately? I would like to hear from you. I have been encouraged in learning about many other AAUW branches sponsoring programs on Human Trafficking.

Several organizations in our area are actively involved in helping victims. If you are interested in volunteering, WEAVE, My Sister's House, Breaking Free, Courage Worldwide would welcome your interest. Breaking Free has programs they take into the schools that help students learn how not to be vulnerable to attractive young predators.

My Sister's House invites the public to its conference on Human Trafficking

Intersections of Human Trafficking Feb. 24, 9 AM - 2 PM
Sacramento State University.

Register online. Please visit the conference website: humantraffickingMSH.org

Mary Toutonghi, Public Policy

Cultural Arts



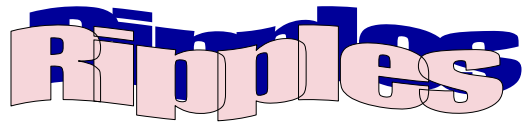
When the weather is clear. the Community Observatory in Placerville is open Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM. Visitors will be able to view stars, planets, galaxies, and other amazing stars through the observatory's 17 inch and 14 inch reflecting telescopes. A live HD video feed from the smaller scope is displayed on a 60 inch flat screen television. Several docents who are very interested in astronomy are available to help you with the instruments and telescopes. Admission to the observatory is free although donations are most welcome. Check the website for more information. communityobservatory.com.

The Band of the Royal Marines and the Pipes, Drums and Highland Dancers of the Scots Guard will perform at Harris Center on Tuesday, Feb, 23 at 7:30 PM and Wed., Feb. 24 at 7:30 PM. Repertoire includes popular classics and entertaining solos along with the color, movement and tradition of the Corp of Drums. The Royal Marines in their distinguishing white helmets are celebrated for the quality of their music, visual grandeur and precision drill. For more information and tickets call (916) 608-6888 or harriscenter.net

"Tilly the Trickster" is a very good comedy created by Molly Shannon, the famous actress who appeared on "Saturday Night Live." Tilly is a mischievous girl who loves nothing more than causing a little trouble for everyone; her mom, dad,, brother. and even her teacher. But when the tables are turned will she change her trickster ways? Performances will be on Sat., Jan. 30, Jan. 31, and Feb. 6 at the Roseville Theater, 241 Vernon Street. The Treehouse Players of the Roseville Theater Arts Academy will perform. Call the theater at 672-2777 for additional information. rosevilletheaterartsacademy.com

Bunny Schwantes, Cultural Arts


CHAR-AAUW Ripples



Deadline for Mar. 2016 Ripples
 Feb. 12th
 See page 2 for address
 Our CHAR website:
<http://www.citrusheights-ca.aauw.net>

February 2016



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	1 Board Meeting	2 Bird Watching	3 Movie Mavens	4 Hungry Ladies	5	6
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14 	15	16 Great Decisions	17 More Than Bks	18 3rd Thurs. Bks	19	20
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28	29 "Bubbles and Bits"					

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN MISSION STATEMENT:

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