

CITRUS HEIGHTS-AMERICAN RIVER BRANCH

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March Monthly Meeting

Virginia Gildersleeve International Fund fundraiser

Saturday, March 10th, 11:30 AM

International Potluck

Speaker: Betsy Rich Gilon

"Threading Peace"

The Embroidered Costumes of Palestine

Learn about her beautiful, unique and extensive collection
which will be on display

Advent Lutheran Church—5901 San Juan Ave., Fair Oaks

(located on the west side of San Juan Avenue,
between Greenback Lane and Madison Ave.)



Please bring your favorite international dish to serve 6-8.

Guests are welcome.



Appetizers T-Z

Salads – N-S

Main dishes H-M

Desserts A-G

Coffee, tea, lemonade and wine will be available.

A \$10 donation is suggested
if bringing food is not convenient.

RSVP by March 7th to Fran Clarke

VGIF (Virginia Gildersleeve International Fund) was established in 1969 by a group of members from the International Federation of University Women. It has expanded its grantmaking interests to include women's rights and empowerment in economic development, education, environment, food and security, health and wellness, human rights and legal status.

VGIF currently funds grassroots projects in South and East Asia, sub-Saharan Africa, Europe, and the Middle East. The fund has also supported HIV/AIDS prevention education in South America and West Africa.

Save the Date: Saturday, April 14th

Author's Luncheon—North Ridge Country Club

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's almost Spring already! How time flies when we're having so much fun! The IBC Luncheon at Plates a few weeks ago was a huge success. Nearly 100 of our Inter-Branch members enjoyed each other's company. We bid on wonderful items in the Silent Auction, enjoyed a delicious lunch, and listened to inspiring messages from Charlene Goehring, our AAUW CA Public Policy Chair, and Kara Leong, our Grant Recipient from U.C. Davis.

On February 10th we played games for AAUW Funds. Most of us were playing Bridge, but a few of us played Mah Jong. We had fun raffling off some beautiful baskets benefitting the Margaret Radcliff scholarship endowment fund.

You probably know this already, but AAUW CA's vote to change our status from a Mutual Benefit Corporation back to a Public Benefit Corporation failed due to four "no" votes. AAUW CA will now move into a complex and costly appeal process with the State of California. It is unfortunate, and we will need to watch to see what happens.

The Voter's Choice Act was passed in 2016, and goes into effect this year with the Primary Election in June. Sacramento has chosen to be one of 5 pilot counties in the state to use new voting procedures. You should have received a postcard in the mail from Voter Registration and Elections giving you information about the details.



Not only will everyone get a ballot in the mail without needing to request one, we will have multiple days to vote; AAUW CA has asked us to help in getting the word out.

Our Public Policy group will be working on ideas to help educate our membership and the public about these changes. If you would like to be involved, please let me or Mary Toutonghi know.

This is why I love AAUW so much. We have fun, enjoy friends, and work on improving the future for women and girls all at the same time!

PJ Missman, President

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Next Board Meeting
Monday, March 5, 2018
10:00 AM Raley's
Community Room
San Juan at Sunset,

Ripples Deadline:

Monday, March 12, 2018
Email to Esther Leal
emleal@comcast.net





BOOK CORNER

3rd Thursday Book Group

Date: Thurs., Mar. 15, 2018

Time: 1:00 PM

Hostess: Leontine Oberg

RSVP: by Mon., March 12th

Book: *How I Became a North Korean*,
by Krys Lee

Discussion Leader: Jan Bessette

More Than Books

Date: March 21, 2018

Hostess: Mary Groesbeck

Topic: James Michener

Whodunits

Date: Tues., Mar. 13, 2018

Time: 1:00—2:30 PM

Place: Carmichael Library

Be prepared to briefly highlight any mystery books read recently and share with the group. New members welcome. Call Coby Bonner with questions.

LET'S EAT!

Lunch Bunch

Date: Wed., March 7, 2018

Time: 12:00 noon

Place: O Café Bakery Bistro
Fair Oaks Village

Located next to Thistle Dew Fabric Shop

RSVP: Virginia Dunstan at
by Friday, March 2nd.

This is the former Dianda's Italian Bakery Café and is now under new ownership.

Features home made buckwheat crepes, pastries, specials of the day, etc.

Hungry Ladies Eating Out

Date: Thurs., March 8, 2018

Time: 6:00 PM

Place: Sammy's Restaurant at Stones
Address: 6510 Antelope Rd, Citrus Heights, CA 95621

Hostess: Charlene Eberwine

Contact Corrine Laing for more information or to be put on her group email list for all the details regarding dinner.

In Remembrance

Judi Walgenbach passed away on December 27th. A past president of CHAR, Judi was active in the branch, participating in Great Decisions and book sections, among others. She was a history teacher at Arden Middle School for 25 years before retiring. Judi loved to travel and chaperoned students on their trips to Japan, Washington D.C. and Ashland. She is survived by two children and eight grandchildren. We will all miss her.



EXPANDING OUR HORIZONS

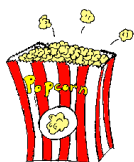


Bird Watching

Date: March 6, 2018

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.



Movie Mavens

Date: Wed. March 7, 2018

Call or Email:

Coby Bonner after March 2nd for the movie and where we will have lunch.

Mah Jong

Date: Thurs., March 8, 2018

Time: 1:00 PM

Place: Darlene Houston's Clubhouse



This is a fund-raiser for AAUW, so please bring \$5.00

RSVP: Elaine Bemis

Gadabouts

Gadabouts will not meet in March.

They will meet again in April to tour Old Sacramento Underground.

World Country Study Group

Note change of location for February meeting -

Date: Wed., Feb. 28, 2018 Time: 10:00 a.m. – Noon

Place: Fair Oaks Branch Library meeting room (off to the left of the main entrance from the parking lot at 11601 Fair Oaks Blvd, Fair Oaks)

The theme will be Music, Dance and Instruments of Kenya and Africa presented at 10am by Mary Toutonghi.

11:00 AM The Fenix Drum and Dance Company will give an exciting interactive hour long program for us! They will bring instruments including different kinds of drums, shakers and rattles, share narratives, stories, and dances and teach us a great many things about African culture. There is no charge, though donations would be accepted for the drum and dance company specially reduced fee. Bring friends!!

RSVP to Mary Toutonghi: or Janice Chung (and leave a message), it would be appreciated. Guests are always welcome at the library meetings, which are open to the public.

March Meeting

Date: March 28, 2018

Place: Abyssinia Ethiopian Restaurant, 1346 Fulton Ave., Sacramento

Time: 11:30 to 1 PM approximately. The restaurant has a 4.5 out of 5 stars yelp review and the Grand Sampler mentioned in 35 reviews) or vegetarian sampler (in 3 reviews) are on the menu.

Janice Chung will need RSVPs - email (preferred) between March 3 and 24.

Issues Affecting Us All!

California Issues

Date: March 26, 2018

Place: Raley's
Event Center San
Juan and Sunset, F.O.

Time: 10:15 AM

Contact Mary Duval
for information:



Great Decisions (1st & 3rd Tues.)

Date: March 6, 2018

(China & US: the new geopolitical
equation)

Date: March 20, 2018

(Media and Foreign Policy)

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. or
Virginia Sturdevant

Public Policy

The Public Policy Committee met at P.J. Missman's home to view the important ERA 90 minute film ***Equal Means Equal***. We agreed that it is a powerful film, both factually and emotionally, that should be seen by as many members and students as possible. Our branch owns the film and it may be purchased reasonably online at Amazon.

Several ideas for actions were discussed. We would like to become involved in a voluntary aspect of voter registration. Mary will call the Secretary of State, whom she has worked with previously during the High School Mock Elections program, and see what is available.

It was agreed that one or more members should attend the meeting to be held to plan the re-establishment of the California Commission of the Status of Women and Girls. P.J. will keep us informed on the dates. The objectives held by the Commission and AAUW are similar and we have supported it in the past when it did exist.



A list has been started that will contain names of successful women to be invited to the September Membership Luncheon. They will serve as roll models for young girls and also be candidates for AAUW membership. Two of our group at least will be needed to work on decorating and implementing this plan with Charlene, who is in charge of the luncheon and very excited about the idea. Jennifer Long, M.D., Mary's ophthalmologist and eye surgeon from Kaiser Permanente has been invited and stated that she would be HONORED to come!

Public Policy Group Meeting

Date: Tues, March 13, 2018

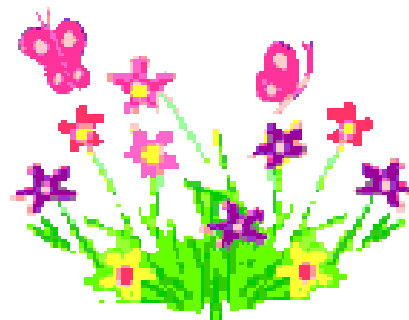
Place: Roberta Schmalz home

Our meetings are open and welcome to all AAUW members and guests.

Contact Lee Battershell, Secretary, for a copy of the minutes of the CHAR board meeting held on Monday, February 5th.

Welcome—New Member!

Wendy Wilson



Thank you to all!

Thank you all for making the Margaret Radsloff AAUW CHAR (MRAC Endowment a success! And, thank you all for remembering our members with Memorial Scholarships. This year we also honor Louise Lockhart and Nan Hendrickson by funding a \$1,000 Memorial Scholarship each in their name. These ladies were both very supportive of AAUW and its goals. In addition, the February Bridge Party has many people to thank! The gift baskets and items added greatly to the festive atmosphere at the Games Day Party. Because of your generosity CHAR is able to continue awarding scholarships. Thank you so much to:

Hungry Ladies Dine Out

Jeanette Finn
Marchetta Schneider
Susan Wheeler
More Than Books
Bird Watchers
Janice Chung (Mahjong)
Carol Stieger
Lee Battershell-Baird
Mary Duval
Eileen Palumbo
Jan Bessette
Starbucks Coffee Shop
(Dewey/Madison)

* The Bridge Party would not have happened without *
* the tireless work of **Jean Bayless** who arranged the *
* Eskaton location, and worked with the chef to pro- *
* vide our delicious luncheon. *
* **Mary Duval** made the many donated baskets and *
* gift items magically appear on the tables. Another *
* unsung hero! *
* Finally, **Elaine Bemis**, VP for AAUW Funds who has *
* graciously held this position for two years now would *
* like to hand the baton over to someone who also *
* feels strongly that our AAUW Fund raising is an im- *
* portant part of who we are! *

Finally, thank you to everyone who supported the January Scholarship fundraiser at the Rocklin Studio Movie Grill. We raised \$640 for our MRAC Endowment Funds. A special thank you to Susan Wheeler who brought her Soroptimist friends and to Al Arrington (Lee Battershell's brother) who bought everyone's lunch! We had a fun time.



Nan Hendrickson's and Louise Lockhart's families were looking for a meaningful way to remember two very special ladies. Funding a scholarship in Nan's and Louise's name was the way that felt right.

We created a Memorial Scholarship Form for others who many want to remember their loved ones in the same special way, and for members who want to leave the legacy of education. This form will help initiate the process.

If you have additional questions, please feel free to ask Mary Duval or Lee Battershell.

MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FORM							
SCHOLARSHIP NAME (INCLUDE HONOREE'S NAME): _____							
Name and address of individual/organization establishing scholarship:							
Contact Name: _____					Title: _____		
Organization/Business: _____							
Address: _____							
Phone Number: _____							
E-mail: _____							
Scholarship to be awarded: <input type="checkbox"/> Annually <input type="checkbox"/> One-Time Only							
AAUW CHAR accepts this gift and agrees that the funds shall be used to award scholarships to a deserving student or students in honor of _____.							

Save the Date! Saturday, April 14, 2018

Author's Luncheon 11:00 AM
North Ridge Country Club

Speaker: Cheryl Anne Stapp

Topic: Favorite engaging histories
of Sacramento Women.

Cheryl will have books for sale also.



Deadline for Apr. 2018 Ripples
 March 12th
 See page 2 for address
 Our CHAR website:
citrusheights-ca.aauw.net
 Facebook:
<http://www.facebook.com/aauwchar>

AAUW California's biennial convention will be April 27-29, 2018 at the Irvine Marriott (18000 Von Karman Avenue in Irvine). The convention theme is "Educated. Reasoned. Active.", a counterpoint to today's social media driven hysteria. There has never been a time in which we have been more challenged to advance our mission, nor has there ever been a greater opportunity.

Contact the AAUW CA website for more information on registering to attend.



March 2018



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AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN MISSION STATEMENT:

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