



# Ripples

CITRUS HEIGHTS-AMERICAN RIVER BRANCH

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## INSTALLATION LUNCHEON

### Incoming CHAR President, Lee Battershell-Baird

She was the first female Program Manager for Air Force Audit. Two honors that she is especially proud of receiving are the Federal Woman of the Year Award and the Outstanding Civilian Service to the Air Force.

Her husband, Red, passed away after 49 years of marriage. In 2011 she married Art Baird and between them they have six children, 14 grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. Art is a wonderful supportive husband and they enjoy playing Bridge and traveling together.

Lee is proud to have served AAUW CHAR as Secretary and Treasurer and is looking forward to serving as CHAR President.

### NEW CHAR OFFICERS 2018-2019

President: Lee Battershell-Baird

VP Program—PJ Missman

VP Membership—Finance—Karen Campbell

VP Membership—Hospitality—Darlene Houston

VP AAUW Funds—Elaine Bemis and Shirley Chang

Secretary—Denise McGrath

Treasurer—Roberta Schmalz

See Page 6 for bios of CHAR Officers.  
(More in the September Ripples.)

Save the Date: September Membership Luncheon—Saturday, September 8 , 2018

Carmichael Presbyterian Church, McMillan Hall, Carmichael

## MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

**This is my last message to you** as your President, but I'm looking forward to seeing you all at the wonderful general meetings we have planned for you next year. They will include some chances to learn about the upcoming elections, our local Sacramento refugee programs, and a program on learning how to pick our battles and not fall victim to political overload. I will be trying to boost our involvement with AAUW California public policy priorities and how to help advocate for AAUW causes, both in Washington and right here in our Capitol. We are so fortunate to be so close to the action!

**The AAUW California Convention** was so inspiring. I made lots of contacts with other branches and renewed many friendships. Working together with other branches makes us all more powerful. Sharing the work load with others makes everything easier and more fun. Both Lee and I learned so much! I hope you can all get the chance to attend a Convention in the future. It was a very valuable experience.

**Tech Trek celebrated its 20th anniversary** and we met some of the young women, including a rocket scientist at JPL, who went through the program and are now helping as camp directors and dorm moms. The cycle is complete! We do such incredibly important work - we truly change the lives of women and girls.

**I thoroughly enjoyed working as President** for you these last two years. We had such a great group of women at the board meetings every month that I wanted to continue working with them, so I volunteered to be Program Chair. I would have missed them all so much if I wasn't part of it any longer.

**I am anticipating another year** of working together with some new board members and getting to know them better. I think next year will be one of our best. Thank you to our new board members! And thank you to all of you for helping to improve the lives of women and girls!

*PJ Missman*, President



### OFFICERS 2017-2018

#### PRESIDENT

**PJ Missman**

#### PROGRAM COMMITTEE

**Mary Duval**

#### CO-V.P. MEMBERSHIP

**Finance—Esther Leal**

**Hospitality—Therese Favro**

#### CO-V.P. AAUW FUNDS

**Elaine Bemis**

**MaryGene Page**

#### SECRETARY

**Lee Battershell-Baird**

#### TREASURER

**Roberta Schmalz**

#### RIPPLES STAFF

##### Editor

**Esther Leal**

##### Circulation

**Evelyn Fedler**

### BOARD MEETING

**June 4th 10:00 AM**

**Raley's Meeting Room**

**San Juan at Sunset**

**Fair Oaks**

### DEADLINE FOR SEPT. RIPPLES

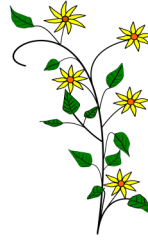
**August 12th**

**Esther Leal: [emleal@comcast.net](mailto:emleal@comcast.net)**

## Welcome New Members!

Darothy Derrenger

Fatuma Yusuf



## BOOK CORNER

### 3rd Thursday Book Group

**Date:** Thurs., June 21, 2018

**Time** 1:00 PM

**Place:** Lemon Grass Restaurant,  
601 Munroe Street

**RSVP:** by Monday, June 18th to Fran Clarke

**Book:** *The Summer Place*, by Tove Jansson  
And 2018-2019 book selections  
Discussion Leader: Fran Clarke

### More Than Books

**Date:** June 20, 2018

**Hostess:** Linda Marren

**Topic:** summer reading

### Whodunits

**Date:** Tues., June 12th

**Time:** 1:00—2:30 PM

**Place:** Carmichael Library

New members welcome. We meet all  
summer—same schedule.



## LET'S EAT!

### Hungry Ladies Eating Out

**Date:** Thursday, June 7, 2018

**Time:** 6:00 PM

**Place:** Old Spaghetti Factory

**Address:** 1625 Watt Ave., Sacramento

**Hostess:** Linda Marren

# EXPANDING OUR HORIZONS



Visit Day on Thursday, July 26th, for you and AAUW branch representatives, teachers, sponsors, and others invested in the girls and interested in getting a first-hand peek at their experience at Tech Trek.

Check with Elaine Bemis or Mary Duval for more information.

Saturday, June 2nd, campers, their parents and CHAR Tech Trek committee members will be meeting at the Raley's Meeting Room for orientation before camp begins.

## CA Water Issues

**Date:** June 25, 2018

**Place:** Fair Oaks Horticultural Center, 11549 Fair Oaks Blvd.  
Fair Oaks,

**Time:** 10:00 AM

**Tour:** guest speaker and garden tour.

**Lunch:** following the tour and speaker.

**RSVP** to Mary Duval

May meeting was cancelled due to Memorial Day weekend.

No Gadabouts in June.

See you in September!

## Bird Watching

**Date:** Tuesday, June 12, 2018

**Note date change.**

**Place:** Alpine County or Sierras.  
Charlene will send out memo end of May to those on her list.

**Contact** Charlene for more information.

## Mah Jong

No June meeting.

See you in September!



## World Country

World Country will not be meeting in June and over the summer, but be sure to be on the email distribution group for any changes. Janice Chung is looking for a new group leader or group co-leaders starting for 2018 – 2019.  
She can assist, if needed.



**AAUW suggests taking action** for Working Moms! Contact your representatives today and tell them we need policies that support working parents!

**Fight for fair workplace policies** the easy way - join the AAUW action network and become a Two Minute Activist. You will reach your representatives in a flash!

The following bills need your support:

**The Pregnant Workers Fairness Act** (S.1101/H.R. 2417) would require employers to provide reasonable accommodations for pregnant employees, allowing expectant mothers to remain healthy while working. This bill strengthens protections for pregnant workers.

**The Family and Medical Insurance Leave (FAMILY) Act** (S. 337/H.R. 947) would create a national paid family and medical leave insurance program, guaranteeing workers paid time off for family care or parental leave. This bill improves parental leave policies.

**The Healthy Families Act** (S. 636/ H.R. 1516) would allow workers to earn seven paid sick days each year, ensuring that they don't have to choose between their family income and caring for a sick child. This bill allows workers to earn paid sick days.

*Mary Toutonghi, Public Policy*

**News Flash!!** Next October, The McGeorge Law School students will once again join us to provide insight and valuable details on the upcoming propositions on the November ballot. **Save the date:** Saturday, October 13, 2018

## **Marathon Bridge Sign Ups**

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.

## **Meet Your New Incoming CHAR Officers! (More in the September Ripples)**

### **Denise McGrath—Secretary**

Denise McGrath was born and raised in California and has lived in the state most of her life. Denise received her BS degree in Business Administration from Sacramento State University and worked most of her career in the Information Technology field as well as in Residential Mortgage Loan processing. Denise also spent 15 years volunteering at Saddle Pals, a therapeutic horse back riding program, working with children and adults. Denise and her husband raised 3 sons and, now retired, keeps very busy with her 6 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild.

### **Roberta Schmalz -Treasurer**

Armed with a BS in accounting from San Jose State University, Roberta has pursued a diversified career in both private and public accounting. She accepted the job of treasurer of AAUW CHAR after retiring from her tax practice in Silicon Valley. Also rewarding was her time on the national lecture circuit providing continuing education on the scintillating tax code to her fellow CPAs across the U.S. When not balancing the books, Roberta enjoys cooking, hiking and traveling with her husband, and spending time with her three children and five grandchildren.



### **Karen Campbell—VP Membership Finance**

Karen is a past president of the AAUW branch in Long Beach, WA. She holds a BA in History from Bradley Univ. and has completed hours towards a Masters in History and Human Resources and Organizational Development. She taught History and Geography and was a UniServ Director for the National Education Association in Indiana, Kansas and Washington. She has three children, twelve grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. Her hobbies are gardening and quilting. Her passions are equality for women and the end to hate and discrimination in our country.

### **Darlene Houston—VP Membership Hospitality**

Darlene attended University of the Pacific, California State University San Jose, CSU San Francisco, and CSU Sacramento. She received her Bachelors and two Masters Degrees, one in Special Education and one in Counseling. In addition to teaching and counseling in California schools, Darlene taught on the island of Guam which sparked a new passion in her life—travel. Joining AAUW gave her the opportunity to indulge her many interests and expand her knowledge of travel, reading, and gardening. Darlene was born in Lodi, CA, the last of six siblings. She has a husband, three sons and three granddaughters.

## Membership Renewal Form for 2018-2019

### 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. The branch is only able to provide this service upon receipt of the \$10.*

**The due date for renewing your membership is June 15th.**

**Make check payable to CHAR/AAUW**

**Send Form and Payment to:**

Esther Leal

### CHAR MEMBERSHIP FEES

**Circle appropriate category:**

**Regular      Dual      Honorary**

**1) Regular Member Category**  
**Breakdown of dues:**

AAUW National Dues \$59  
(\$56 of this is tax deductible)

CA State Dues \$20

CHAR Dues (Branch) \$15

**Regular Member—Total: \$94**

**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.**

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**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 \$94 apply.

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**3) Honorary Life Member Category**

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

**Honorary Life Member- Total: \$15 fee**

**Renew Online!**

Look for the email from AAUW National. Follow the easy steps—no membership # or password required.

Next Ripples Newsletter—September 2018.

Happy Summer!



# June 2018



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24	25 CA Water	26	27	28	29	30 Marathon Bridge Deadline

**AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN MISSION STATEMENT:**

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