



Annual Holiday Social

Saturday, December 8th—10:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Christ Community Church

5025 Manzanita Ave., Carmichael, CA

(Park in the back of the church complex.

Stairs or elevator to 2nd floor)

A-L Bring finger foods or hors d'oeuvres to share. M-Z bring sweet treats.

If bringing food is a challenge, a \$10 donation would be most welcome!

Guests are welcome— Bring a friend!



Come enjoy the music and the opportunity to help those in need. And of course, visit with old friends and get to meet new ones!

River City Chorale
Chamber Chorus
will be our holiday
entertainment.



*Sounds
of The
Season*

Our Charity
My Sister's House

My Sister's House serves Asian and Pacific Islander and other underserved women and children impacted by domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking by providing a culturally appropriate and responsive safe haven, job training and community services.

See Page 3 for donation suggestions.

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT



"Every constitution written since the end of WWII includes a provision that men and women are citizens of equal stature, ours does not. We have the equal protection clause, which everyone knows was not meant in 1868 to change anything with regard to women's status.

Women didn't even get to vote until 1920." (Ruth Bader Ginsburg)

Abigail Adams wrote letters to her husband John Adams asking him to remember the ladies and give them Independence too. Benjamin Franklin invited the Iroquois to help draft our constitution. The Iroquois asked, "where are your women."

The Iroquois nation did not exclude women from government. By contrast, Thomas Jefferson said, "Were our State a pure democracy, there would still be excluded from our deliberations women, who, to prevent deprivation of morals and ambiguity of issues, should not mix promiscuously in gatherings of men."

In 2019 we have an opportunity to change the inequality and ignorance fostered by our founding fathers. Arizona could be the 38th state to ratify the ERA. That means we could have a constitution that recognizes women's rights as equal with men. See Charmen's article on the Sacramento County Board Commission on the Status of Women. We could see a commission in Sacramento County designed by the United Nations to educate the community and advice officials on issues relating to economic status, social welfare and overall quality of life for women and girls.

At our December Social we honor *My Sisters House* that was created to serve underserved women and children impacted by domestic violence, sexual assault and human trafficking. My Sisters House could use an ally on the County Board of Supervisors—we all can. And we need a constitution that recognizes equality of the sexes.

Lee Battershell-Baird



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Reminder of Board Meeting
Mon. December 10, 2018

Raley's Community Room
Sunset and San Juan Ave.
Fair Oaks 4:00 PM

Deadline for
Jan. 2019 Ripples
Sun. December 10th

Esther Leal
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CHOICES! CHOICES!

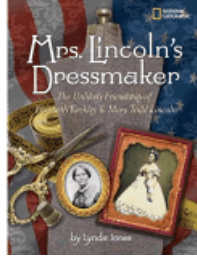
3rd Thursday Book Group

Will not meet in
December

Next meeting:

January 17, 2019

Book: *Mrs. Lincoln's
Dressmaker*
by Jennifer Chiaverini.



Great Decisions

The Great Decisions interest group will begin meeting again on Tuesday, Feb 5, 2019—put it on your calendars! We will meet on the first and third Tuesdays of the month through May at Raley's Event Center at San Juan and Sunset Avenues in Fair Oaks. We meet from 1 to 3 PM each time.

The GD Briefing books have been ordered and will arrive the first part of January.

Contact Virginia Sturdevant with questions or if you would still like to join the group.

For more information, go to
www.GreatDecisions.org.

Books cost \$32 and can still be ordered.

More Than Books

Date: December 19, 2018

Time: 8:15 AM

Place: Travis Latham

Subject: Christmas stories

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Date: Tues., Dec. 11, 2018

Place: Carmichael Library

Time: 1:00 PM

Check with Coby Bonner for further details.



California Issues

No meeting in December.

Remember November meeting on Monday, Nov. 26th

At 10:15 AM. Raley's Meeting Room, San Juan at Sunset, Fair Oaks.

Hungry Ladies Eating Out

Date: Thurs. Dec. 6, 2018

Time: 6:00 PM

Place: Fabian's Italian Bistro
11755 Fair Oaks Blvd., Fair Oaks

Hostess: Charlene Eberwine

RSVP to either Charlene or
Corrine Laing



My Sister's House Donation Suggestions

Useful household/kitchen items are especially appreciated.

Suggested items are: paper towels, toilet paper, Ziploc bags (all sizes), small paper cups, napkins, liquid laundry detergent, dish soap, AA/AAA batteries, pop-top canned food items such as tuna, soups, pasta.

In other words, practical items for everyday use are particularly needed.

EXPANDING OUR HORIZONS

Bird Watchers

Date: Tuesday Dec. 4, 2018

Time: 8:00 AM

Place: Isenberg Sandhill Crane Reserve off I-5 and Woodbridge Road (about 1 hour each way)

Meet: Calico Corners in QuailPointe Shopping Center at Sunrise and Madison.

Plan to return around noon. Pouring rain cancels the event. Dress in layers. Please RSVP to Charlene if you plan to attend. Let me know if you are willing to drive. Call Charlene's cell Tuesday morning if you need to cancel.



Gadabouts

Date: Thursday, December 13, 2018

Tour time: 11:00 AM

Event: Crocker Art Museum, 216 O Street, Sacramento

RSVP: Linda Marren or Carolynn Michaels. Call Linda if you need a ride.

Price: \$8.00 must be paid to Linda before the start of the tour.

Lunch: Crocker Museum Café after the tour



World Country Study Group

Our group will not be meeting in December because of the incredibly busy holiday season. We will resume in January on the 4th Wed. of the month, meeting at the Fair Oaks Library from 12:30pm to 2:pm. New members and visitors are always welcome. Do RSVP to Janice Chung or Mary Toutonghi.



REGARDING OUR NOVEMBER 28th MEETING! Because of a potential projector difficulty at the Carmichael Library, we have been fortunate to secure an alternate meeting location if it should become necessary. Joyce Ferruggia has volunteered her home from 10:15 to 12 Noon. When you RSVP to either Janice or Mary, we will let you know the location settled upon. Fran Clarke has a wonderful film to show us on the Danube Delta as well as discussing the Carpathians and we don't want to miss that. If you need a ride we are arranging a car pool also. We don't want anyone going to the wrong location, so be sure to contact us!

Days for Girls

Date: Wednesday, December 12, 2018

Time: 1:30 PM

Place: Shirley Chang,

RSVP: Shirley Chang

Mah Jong

Date: Thurs., December 13, 2018

Place: Shirley Chang,

Time: 1:30 PM

AAUW fundraiser:

\$5.00 to play





Coffee Social

New or newish to our branch, you are cordially invited to come together to meet with other new members. If you have joined within the past year or so, we would love to get to know you better.

Learn more about our branch and what it has to offer.

Monday, December 3, 2018 - 10:00 AM

PJ Missman's home

RSVP or questions:
Darlene Houston, Membership



DECEMBER



January IBC Luncheon

Save the date: January 26, 2019

Plates Café

14 Business Park Drive, Sacramento

Menu and reservations will be in the January Ripples



Games Day

SAVE THE DATE – Feb. 9, 2019

**Eskaton Village, 3939 Walnut Ave.
Carmichael, CA**

(Also, Mah Jong, and whatever else you'd like to play!)

**We'll have games in the morning,
lunch at noon,
more games in the afternoon.
Come and enjoy the day!**

Welcome to our Newest Members!

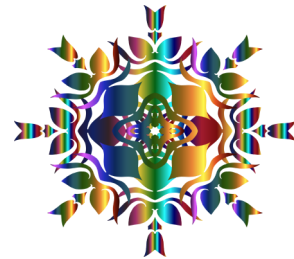
Vern Chang



Linda Johnson



Dyanne Marte



Public Policy

Looking towards a Sacramento County Commission on the Status of Women

A dynamic local group of women, including members of AAUW CHAR and AAUW Sacramento, are working to establish a Commission on the Status of Women in Sacramento County.

The vision for promoting equality and well being for women emerged with the establishment of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women in June 1946. Encouraged by the work of JFK's presidential commission, by 1967, all 50 states had established state commissions. In addition to the California State Commission on the Status of Women and Girls, there are 25 women's commissions in cities and counties throughout California. Sacramento County is not without need for raising up women's voices.

A Sacramento County Commission on the Status of Women could serve to educate the community and advise the Board of Supervisors and others on issues relating to the economic status, social welfare and overall quality of life for women and girls in our County. Its mission and activities would serve to ensure that women and girls have equal opportunities and equitable treatment throughout the county, with particular emphasis on the economically disadvantaged.

The planning group meets monthly to further the work of establishing a commission. The plan is to hold five listening sessions, one in each supervisorial district. A cross section of each district will be invited to come and share information on needs in that district, concerns and suggestions for future Commission work. On March 8, 2019, International Day of the Girl, the planning group will host a forum for women from all over the county to come together, share the collected data and ideas and to formally ask the Board of Supervisors to establish a Commission.

For more information or to assist with the planning group, please contact Lee Battershell, PJ Missman or Charmen Goehring.

Charmen Goehring, Public Policy Chair

November CHAR Fundraiser for ARC Scholarships



President Lee Battershell-Baird modeling holiday fashions from Cho-Cho's Boutique.



Mary Duval, co-chair, inspecting the impressive array of gift baskets!

Local Scholarship Raffle

Thanks very much to our branch members for the generous support of our fundraising raffle. Many lovely items were offered for the cause. Some even arrived anonymously on my front porch. I would like to thank Jan Bessette, Mary Groesbeck, Jean Gordon, Terese Favro, Lee Battershell Baird, Berry Melson, Charlene Eberwine, Fran Clarke, Pat Boyd, Janice Chung, Mary Toutonghi, Linda Marren, Gloria Sears and the unnamed benefactors who left items at the door.

I also want to thank our interest groups for their support: More Than Books, Gadabouts, World Country Study. When you are out shopping please thank our local merchants for their support: ChoCho's, Theater in the Heights, B Street Theater, Starbucks (Madison/Sunrise location), Mirabelle's and Trader Joe's (Quail Point location). TJ Manager Earl Coleman donated a bag of groceries from his own pocket because the store had already reached its charitable allowance for the year.

That's what I call community spirit! —*Mary Duval*

Sue Hoffman-Westphal—A Remembrance



An outstanding athlete, Sue was on the state championship basketball team for Benoit High School. Her studies led her to Kings Daughters Hospital Nursing Program and she became a Registered Nurse in 1945. Sue later went on to earn a Bachelor of Arts degree from Stephens College and Master's degree from the University of San Francisco. Her interests included staying abreast of the latest in healthcare, her church, playing bridge, and staying physically active. She is remembered fondly as a gracious bridge host who loved to entertain in her home.



CHAR-AAUW Ripples



Deadline for Jan. 2019 Ripples
Dec. 10th

CHAR website:

<http://citrusheights-ca.aauw.net>

Facebook: AAUW: Citrus
Heights American River-CHAR

Twitter: @aauwchar

EQUAL MEANS EQUAL heads to Arizona



With one more state left to ratify the ERA and finally provide all Americans with guaranteed protection against sex discrimination, EQUAL MEANS EQUAL is focused on Arizona's midterm elections. With a 40% female legislature and a cultural proximity to Nevada, which ratified the ERA in March of 2017, there a strong potential for ERA ratification in Arizona.

Over the past months, Jami Parrish and Bonnie Aaronson in Tucson, Dianne Post in Phoenix and Carmen Linero-Lopez from Feminist Majority Campus have placed six full page ads in the Arizona Republic educating about the ERA and thanking the legislators and candidates who have signed an Equality Pledge and committed to voting "yes" on ERA in the upcoming 2019 legislative session.

Arizona is the 38th and final state required to ratify a Constitutional amendment as per Article V.



December 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.