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

## **HOLIDAY PARTY**

The holiday gathering scheduled for December 10 at Leslie Rubin's home, went well, although students and others were busy or out of town. We still collected a goodly number of diapers for the Yolo Crisis Nursery and Leslie drove them over. They were quite grateful.

## **TOUR OF THE CAPITOL**

On December 14<sup>th</sup>, Rhonda took advantage of the tour sponsored by Lobbying and Advocacy Subcommittee. Thank you, Rhonda, for representing us and making that commitment.

## **FUNDS LUNCHEON**

The luncheon at Plates takes place in January, the 28<sup>th</sup>, from 11:30-1 pm. Reservations need to be sent in by January 18, but if you could send them early, by the 10<sup>th</sup>, it would help the committee better prepare. The form is on page 5.

AAUW Funds luncheon will be held at Plates Cafe, 14 Business Park Way in Sacramento. The Davis Branch will be selecting the featured speakers who have received fellowships and grants. Those who have attended in the past can attest to the inspirational messages these young women convey about their work and opportunities made possible through AAUW funding. Invite your friends and daughters.

## **ENCOURAGEMENT AND IDEAS FROM STATE**

### **REFLECTIONS FROM DONNA...**

What is your AAUW passion? There are so many facets of AAUW that can appeal to women. Many of us are really interested in the STEM activities. We have Tech Trek for girls entering eighth grade in the fall. They attend a weeklong camp on a California university campus. There are many ways to become involved in the process, either by reaching out to the schools or by serving on an interview committee and meeting the girls personally. If you want to be more involved, you can volunteer to work at the camps by contacting Linda Stinebaugh at [techtrek@aauw-ca.org](mailto:techtrek@aauw-ca.org). Another STEM activity that AAUW has developed is Tech Savvy, a one day STEM conference for sixth through ninth grade girls. If you are interested in finding out about this program, check out [Tech Savvy](#).

Your passion may be oriented toward young women. Many branches raise money and fund local scholarships for young women in their communities. This gives you a connection to local women and an opportunity to really get to know how your money makes a difference. Another opportunity we all have is to send young women to the [National Conference for College Women Student Leaders](#). Some branches identify young women from local colleges to attend the four- day event in Washington DC. Check out NCCWSL to learn more about this program.

### **MEMBERSHIP MATTERS - RETENTION**

As the new year begins, membership in AAUW becomes an even more important avenue to promote equity for women and girls. Building rapport with new members and keeping veteran members involved is important for retention and increasing AAUW visibility. One way branches have welcomed members and engaged the more established members has been through meet-and-greet dinners or gatherings, wherein new members get to interact with members who have been with the branch for quite some time.

Sharing information about the interest groups and advocacy efforts of your branch will help in recruitment. Utilize the resources and networks you have at your disposal and spread awareness of AAUW by promoting what the organization has to offer, such as scholarships and Tech Trek.

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### **A NCCWSL REMINDER**

The National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) unites college women from across the country to address important leadership issues of the day. Attendees have transformative experiences that inspire them to improve their campuses and their communities. Visit [www.nccwsl.org](http://www.nccwsl.org) to learn more about NCCWSL and the effect it had on past attendees. The conference is May 31–June 3, 2017, at the University of Maryland, College Park. Please consider having your branch sponsor a student from a local campus to have this wonderful experience.

- December 5, 2016: Early-Bird Registration Opened Call for national scholarship applications opened. Full payment due by February 28, 2017, 11:59 p.m. ET.
- February 28, 2017: Early-Bird Registration Ends Last day to register with fully refundable registration. Call for national scholarship applications ends.
- March 1, 2017: Regular Registration Opens Includes non-refundable \$100 deposit, per registrant. Early-bird registrants who have not paid in full are removed from registration and returned their deposit.
- April 30, 2017: Final Day to Register Payments are due in full. Registrants who have not paid in full forfeit their \$100 deposit and are removed from registration.

**Tina Byrne**, Chair C/U Committee,  
[tina.byrne@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tina.byrne@sbcglobal.net) Women Changing Our World: Paths to Leadership

## **A Leadership event**

The Santa Clara County Interbranch Council (IBC) of AAUW presents five outstanding leaders in the fields of business, law, government, STEM and sports in a panel discussion entitled “Women Changing Our World: Paths To Leadership.”

- When: Sunday, January 29, 2017, 2-4 p.m.
- Where: San Jose City College Theater, 2100 Moorpark Ave, San Jose, CA 95128
- Who: Panelists include Danielle Feinberg, Director of Photography-Lighting for Pixar Animation Studios; Marlene Bjornsrud, Executive Director of the Alliance of Women Coaches; Caryn Beck-Dudley, Dean of the Leavey School of Business, Santa Clara University; and Superior Court Judge Julianne Sylva. Moderator is Cathy Foxhoven of AAUW-California.
- What: Panelists will discuss the special challenges they have faced and overcome as women in male-dominated fields. They will describe what led them to their current life’s work, how they have reached their current positions, and how women can create and pursue paths to leadership.

The event is free and open to the public and no registration is needed. Q and A will follow the panel discussion.

Contact: Claire Noonan [c.noonan@yahoo.com](mailto:c.noonan@yahoo.com)



## IBC AAUW Funds Luncheon

JANUARY 28, 2017 - 11:30 am

PLATES CAFÉ, 14 Business Park Way Bldg 149,  
Sacramento

Please join us for the Capital Counties IBC AAUW Funds luncheon. We have invited speakers to provide information on their scholarship or research assisted by AAUW scholarships or grants. More information on the speakers to follow.

Please indicate your choice of entrée and include your check payable to **AAUW Interbranch Council**. Please include names and entrée choice for any guests.

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Entree choices:

1. Garlic cilantro chicken breast served with wild rice and roasted asparagus, side Mexican Caesar salad with cotija cheese, pepitos and tortilla strips
2. Fettuccini with roasted vegetables in basil cream sauce served with toasted crostinis, side Mexican Caesar salad with cotija cheese, pepitos and tortilla strips
3. Entrée Mexican Caesar Salad with grilled chicken, cotija cheese, pepitos and tortilla strips

Dessert – Apple, cranberry walnut crisp ala mode  
Rolls, coffee, ice tea and lemonade included with meal.

Cost: \$30.00 per person which includes tax and tip.

Reservations including checks required by January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

Mail your \$30 check payable to **AAUW Interbranch Council** to:  
Barbara Durst, 874 Purdue Dr, Woodland, CA 95695

NAME(S): \_\_\_\_\_

BRANCH: \_\_\_\_\_ Entree Choice(s) #: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

For questions: Barbara Durst at [bdurst@mac.com](mailto:bdurst@mac.com) or phone  
530-666-3104

## FILM INFORMATION

### International Film Series *(NOW IN OUR 20TH YEAR!)*

- Shown at International House, 10 College Park, on first and third Friday nights, Sept. - May
- Sponsored by the UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION OF DAVIS and I-HOUSE
- *There is no charge, but donations are welcomed and gratefully accepted to help raise funds for UNA's Adopt-a-Future campaign in cooperation with UNHCR to build classrooms in refugee camps in Kenya.*
- All costs of DVD rental or purchase, facilities use, cups, plates etc. and the refreshments that are served at 7:30 p.m. are donated. Programs begin promptly at 8.

### January 6 – January 20, 2017 Schedule

January 6, 2017 ***Barefoot (Barfuss)*** (2005, Germany, written and directed by Til Schweiger, 113 min.)

This romantic comedy focuses on Nick Keller (portrayed by Til Schweiger), a young man who has difficulty holding down a job, displays contempt for those in positions of authority and who is an outcast in his wealthy family. Newly hired as janitor at a psychiatric clinic, he gets fired the same day, despite having prevented a troubled (barefoot) young woman from committing suicide. The patient, Leila (Johanna Wokalek), dealing with post-traumatic stress disorder, escapes and follows Nick home, refusing to return to the clinic. Having lived in almost complete isolation for nineteen years, Leila doesn't know the basics of everyday life which leads to some amusing situations. The two go on a road trip to attend the wedding of Nick's brother Viktor (Steffen Wink), hoping to convince the family and guests that Leila is Nick's girlfriend, and to try to get a job through stepfather Heinrich (Michael Mendl). A tender love story develops as Leila's first ever attachment to another human being blossoms and Nick ultimately discovers that his concern for her wellbeing is growing into genuine love. Of course the police eventually locate Leila and take her back to the clinic. With Imogen Kogge as Dr. Blöchinger in charge of the clinic, Nadja Tiller as Nick's mother and Janine Kunze as Sarah, the new CEO of the Keller business. (#407)

January 20, 2017 ***Timbuktu*** (2014, France/Mauritania, directed by Abderrahmane Sissako, 96 min.)

This drama portrays the brief occupation of Timbuktu, Mali, although it was filmed in Mauritania. The director was influenced by the report of a 2012 public stoning of an unmarried couple. "Timbuktu" captures the tug of war that people in West Africa and elsewhere feel between the forces of secularism and religious fundamentalism. The film embraces free will and tries to understand what influences and complicates the choices people make with that free will. The basic story line involves Kidane (Ibrahim Ahmed), a herdsman living outside the city, Satima, his wife (Toulou Kiki), their 12-year old daughter Toya (Layla Walet Mohamed) and his cow "GPS." The latter is killed by the fisherman whose nets the cow damaged. Kidane confronts the fisherman and accidentally shoots him. He is arrested by the jihadists and is required to pay 40 cattle to the dead man's family, according to sharia law. Since Kidane only has seven cows left, he is sentenced to death. Difficult scenes of disrespect for women, indiscriminate brutality and destruction of cultural treasures by the jihadist occupiers alternate with beautiful images of desert scenery, touching conversations by Kidane and Toya, humorous depictions of how the population circumvents newly imposed rules and how the jihadists have trouble themselves adhering to some of their rules, and above all, dignity and defiance. One reviewer called it a "formidable statement of resistance." Since Mauritania does not have a film industry, there are no professional actors. Additional cast members: Mehdi Ag Mohamed as Issan, Kettly Noel as Zabou, Abel Jafri as Abdelkarim, Fatoumata Diawara as La Chanteuse, Omar Haidara as Amadou and Damien Ndjie as Abu Jafar. Nominated for Academy Award for Best Foreign Language Film. (#408)

## **GLOBAL WOMEN'S NEWS**

The UN Secretary General, Antonio Gutierres, has announced that Amina Mohammed will be his deputy. He has also appointed Maria Viotti, a Brazilian foreign ministry official as the UN Secretary General's Chief of Staff, with Kyung-Wha Kang of South Korea as a special advisor on policy. He said that he saw the need for women to be appointed as leaders with important responsibilities.

## **CALENDAR:**

January:

12- Board meeting. Contact Co-Exec Officers

18- get IBC luncheon reservation in\*

28- IBC Luncheon at Plates

\*SEE FORM ON PAGE 5 and send in earlier if possible

**Be as active as you wish, but stay a member. You count.**



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