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

REPORT- Celebrate the 19th

We gathered at Kathmandu Restaurant in Davis at 6:00 pm for a shared dinner. Chithra had arranged the reservation for the nine of us, and explained some of the choices. We enjoyed having tasty bites of various food along with our conversation. Laleh (guest), Rhonda, Parto, Shahla, Chithra, Gail, Juliana, Marj, and Estelle had a nice evening together.



REPORT- Interbranch Luncheon on the 24th

Plates Restaurant was the venue for a good meal, renewing acquaintances, and hearing from two AAUW

Fellows and their research. The workers at Plates are all from St. John's Shelter and given special training for the eating business. Except for the room being cold, it was a rewarding experience.

The Davis branch had a high turnout, and thanked Sharon for her selection of two very good speakers. Those attending were Sharon, Barbara (dual), Juliana (dual), Nan, Parto and daughter Bianca, Gail, Rhonda, Shahla, Estelle, Marti, Rose Mary, Maureen (new student member), Laleh, and Banafshek.

Shirley Zeff welcomed us and introduced various state personnel including former president, Alicia Hetman. She then invited each branch to announce their upcoming events. Rhonda spoke of our Tea is for Teachers in May.

The event's person in charge from the Plates Restaurant spoke briefly about her past history and the help she received from St. John's Shelter in gaining self-esteem and training toward a self-supporting career. Plates is open from 11-2 pm Monday through Friday. She thanked us for using their service for our event.

Shirley then introduced Sharon Furtak, our IBC representative and branch Secretary. Sharon secured our two speakers and introduced both.

Dr. Casey Knifsend is an Assistant Professor of Psychology at Cal State University Sacramento. She was a past AAUW Fellow and studied how extra-curricular activities affected self-esteem as well as how those activities were chosen by middle schoolers from low socio-economic schools. She interviewed students about what motivated them to opt in and stay with after school groups (music, drama, debate, art, sports).

For boys, it did not matter much if a friend also participated in the activity. But for girls, it did matter if their

friend(s) joined. Casey will do further research to explore the sense of community and social/racial tolerance and respect these activities promote.

Teamwork (soccer vs tennis) have different attributes regarding cooperation vs individual scoring. Teamwork may be very important in alleviating prejudice and working within a community.

She thanked AAUW for her Fellowship grant and for supporting her research.

Dr. Jennifer Randles is an Assistant Professor of Sociology at Cal State University Fresno. She is a current Fellow recipient, and will soon publish her book, *Legislating Love* (not the full title). Some political legislation has set up a Marriage Education Program, some classes of which Dr. Randles is teaching. She was at first surprised that many couples liked the classes and found them very helpful. One major reason was that the participants felt less alone or estranged, hearing that others had many of the same problems and arguments.

One other aspect of marriage education was Responsible Fatherhood. 96% of welfare recipients in her study area were female. When the dads were able to work or earn a stipend from being interviewed, they had more contact with their children, and used the interviews as “therapy” sessions.

Jennifer also thanked AAUW, and explained how not having to earn money and hold down a job enabled her to finish her book.

The audience enjoyed both presentations and left in good spirits.



OF INTEREST: UNA NorCal Meeting

AAUW Davis has several members interested in the United Nations Association events.

On Saturday, February 7, the Davis Chapter is hosting the winter meeting of UNA's Northern CA Division at I House, 10 College Park, from 9:30am to 4:00pm. This is a chance to hear reports from various chapters and learn of plans for a climate/environmental "summit" in Berkeley in April. Also to be discussed are plans for the 70th UN anniversary events and the "Cities for CEDAW" movement (Convention for the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Women).

Davis UNA will provide a welcoming continental breakfast and arrange for box lunches at +\$10 each. If you plan to attend, please email Verena Borton at rvborton@comcast.net as soon as possible before Feb. 4.

REPORT: ESTEME FILM

A seminar series, Equity in STEM and Entrepreneurship started January 22 with the film- MAKERS: Women in Business. This film and the discussion highlighted women in leadership roles in top Fortune 500 companies.

On January 29, they showed the second film- MAKERS: Women in Politics. These films were part of Women Who Make America that PBS showcased.

Several AAUW members attended and found the films informative and worth seeing. Many students also attended. For more input, please see Parto or Rhonda.

CELEBRATE THE 19TH WITH NAN

Come and share a bowl of soup and a salad for a warm evening with your fellow AAUW members and guests. We will congregate at Nan's home (82 Broken Circle) starting at

5:00pm Thursday. Don't worry if you cannot get there that early- there should be plenty of food.

Please RSVP to Nan at nsy1003@comcast.net or 231-5815 and tell her what you would like to bring, so that she can make sure we have a good balance of soups, salads, and desserts.

Directions: enter Rancho Yolo at 620 Pole Line Road (just north of 5th St.). Proceed to the second intersection and turn left onto Broken Circle. Watch the house numbers on the right and keep going past 82 to the visitor parking just ahead on the left, and more just past the yellow house. There will be room for one car to park in the driveway, and if you have a tiny car, you can park on our tiny forecourt.

Please plan ahead and RSVP early.

Be as active as you choose, but do stay a member.

Calendar

Feb 2, Monday: Board meeting at Chithra's 6:15 pm

Feb 7, Saturday: United Nations event 9:30 am- 4:00

Feb 14, Saturday: Valentine's Day

Feb 19, Thursday: Celebrate the 19th at Nan's 5:00pm



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