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REPORTS

Business Meeting

This took place at the Village Pizza and Grill on April 13th at 5:30 pm. Co-Executive Officer Estelle had put the word out to give Sharon a surprise baby shower. After eating the pizza and salad provided by the Projects Fund, we asked Sharon to share her baby gifts: several indestructible books, coupons and gift cards to the Avid Reader and Mother and Baby Source, bibs and socks, a prenatal massage, and a beautiful handmade crib quilt. Sharon shared “Hannah’s” name and due date and seemed very pleased.

Rhonda, CEO, (co-executive officer) called the meeting to order. The current slate of officers was unanimously voted in. Then she made announcements as follows. Our three CEOs will travel to the AAUW Convention in June. Calendar changes include having no Tea is for Teachers this year, the annual July BBQ will be in *September* at Juliana and Char’s, and the scheduled *June* Installation was changed to Seasons on the 7th instead of Tucos on the 6th. The Mariko Yamada talk will be on the 21st and the STEM panel will be in May, hopefully the 18th.

Celebrate the 19th

This gathering took place on a Sunday in Winters for lunch at the Putah Creek Café. Eight of us (Marti, Char, Nan, Gail, Juliana, Estelle, Rhonda, and Shahla) enjoyed the good food and table talk. Then we visited a fabric shop, knit shop, saw the Palms Playhouse and Buckhorn Restaurant, and then a wine shop with French accoutrements (mats, plates, runners, aprons, plates, etc. with a French motif). Shahla lives in Winters and was able to suggest some places of interest. It was an enjoyable time (editor's note).





Yamada talk

Mariko Yamada, the former 4th District Assemblywoman was gracious in accepting Chithra's invitation to speak about her support of legislation beneficial to women and girls. She talked at our AAUW program on April 21st at the Blanchard Room.

The attendance was small, but Mariko spoke enthusiastically about care for the aged, where women make up the majority of those receiving care and those giving it. She tried to make the inspection of nursing homes more frequent. She said that complaints needed to be investigated more frequently and vigorously. But the Nursing Home owners are a big business and difficult to legislate against. Ms. Yamada also spoke a bit about the size and redrawing lines of Districts 3 and 4, and using a map, she showed where she hopes to be working next year (District 3).

Members attending were Verena and Ray, Estelle and Richard, Rhonda, Shahla, new member Laleh, Chithra, Nan, Gail, Juliana, and several former members. At the conclusion of her talk, the CEOs and Chithra presented Mariko with a

certificate selecting her as Special Honoree for EOF (AAUW Educational Opportunity Funds). We donated money in her name. Three members of the public were also there for Mariko's presentation.



Yard Sale

Under threat of rain, the yard sale at Rhonda's, 320 I Street, took place on the 25th. Many people brought donations on Thursday and Friday. These included a newish bicycle from Parto, and a beautiful dish set from Marty W. Ken, Rhonda and Juliana started placing items on tables and the lawn at 7:30 am, and someone came to buy at 7:45. Marti A., Estelle, and Shahla finished placing items and moved around the buyers encouraging sales. Barbara D., Gail, Elaine, and Nan took their voluntary shifts until we closed at 2. Items left were packed up to donate to the SPCA, Right and Relevant, and for some foster exiters (those foster children reaching 18 years of age).

It was not easy work, but the help was appreciated, and we earned over \$600 for our Projects Fund. Thank you all who participated.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

In May, you will be receiving a renewal form by mail for the fiscal year 2015-2016. Please take the time to fill out the form and send it back to Gail before June 15. Thank you.

CALENDAR EVENTS

The **STEM CAREER WOMEN PANEL** needs to have a good audience. Ramona Swenson arranges this always informative and interesting event. We need to get the word out to students 6th grade and up. Members are also welcome. May 18th may be the date. Be on the lookout for more info.

Celebrate the 19th for May is to be suggested by someone. The June Installation will be at Seasons Restaurant on the 7th from 11:30-1:30. The price for food is \$22 per person. This is our time to meet our four new Tech Trekers for 2015.

Reservations are due to Gail by Monday, June 1. 756-1207
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Congratulations to Citrus Circuits, champions!!

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

Calendar

May 18: STEM Panel to be announced.

May 19: who, where, and when?

June 1: Reservations due to Gail for Installation luncheon.

June 7: Installation luncheon at Seasons. Menu and program to be announced. 11:30-1:30.

June 14: Celebrate the 19th early at Marti Abbott's home in Vacaville. Afternoon at 1:00pm. More details later.



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