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

BBQ TIME!!

The upcoming annual AAUW BBQ at Juliana and Char's will be the last in this format. Next year it will be basically pizza and salad. BUT THIS YEAR, on Saturday, September 24, we will provide meats (ribs, hamburger, hot dogs, chicken) and soft drinks as well as several vegetarian dishes.

This gathering is for AAUW members, friends, and families and supporters. Each family should bring a pot luck rice or macaroni dish or salad (egg, potato, green, fruit, tuna) and choice of drinks for themselves other than water or soda which we will provide. Everyone can enjoy the informal dining and conversations. Then we will listen to our Tech Trek girls talk about their happy times learning at UCD this past summer.

The address is 1102 Eureka Ave., between 8th and 14th Street. Please RSVP to Juliana at 530-758-3011 or carwells@thegrid.net (preferred), and let us know the number of persons and which dish you will bring. Also, you may RSVP with the *survey* you will be receiving .

ALSO COMING UP

Woodland Branch AAUW is having their EF and Tech Trek Fundraiser **on Sept. 17th**. There will be wine and hearty hors d'oeuvres at the Matchbook Winery in Zamora at 5:00 pm. The tickets are tax deductible with a suggested donation of \$40.

Go to Matchbook.com for driving directions. For more info or to purchase tickets, please contact Vicki G (530) 666-3063 or kvgiguire@sbcglobal.net.

AAUW BOARD RETREAT

Estelle, Shahla, Verena, and Rhonda got together for a weekend at Sea Ranch to plan the Davis Branch's direction and programs for the coming year. We will be hearing details from their work soon.

The quilt raffle is a priority, as is getting businesses to help fund Tech Trek.





The UN Film series at International House will resume after a summer break.

September 2 – October 21, 2016 Schedule

September 2, 2016 ***Rams*** (2015, Iceland, directed by Grimur Hákonarson, 92 min.)

Featuring life in a wind-swept, secluded valley in rural Iceland, this story about two brothers and their prized sheep herds gives insights into a way of life experienced by the director's family and by himself as a youth.

Devoted to but more stubborn than their sheep, siblings Gummi (Sigurður Sigurjónsson) and Kiddi (Theodór Júlíusson) live on the same land but have not spoken to each other for forty years; when necessary, occasional notes are delivered back and forth by Kiddi's dog. When the veterinarian Katrin (Charlotte Boving) identifies a disease that has broken out among the sheep, authorities order the herds to be destroyed. In their effort to save the breed from extinction, the brothers take unusual steps and eventually come to realize the importance of family relationships. The cast of sheep was carefully selected and it took five years to complete the film. This was Iceland's official selection for the 2016 Academy Awards. (# 400)

September 16, 2016 ***Woman in Gold*** (2015, UK, directed by Simon Curtis, 109 min.)

This film is the remarkable true story of one woman's journey to reclaim her heritage and seek justice for what happened to her family. Sixty years after she fled Vienna during World War II, an elderly Jewish woman, Maria Altmann (Helen Mirren), starts her journey to retrieve family possessions seized by the Nazis. Central to the stolen possessions is Gustav Klimt's famous painting of Maria's aunt, "Portrait of Adele Bloch-Bauer I." Together with her inexperienced but determined young lawyer Randy Schoenberg, son of an old family friend and grandson of the composer (Ryan Reynolds), she embarks on a major legal battle that takes them all the way to the heart of the Austrian establishment and to the U.S. Supreme Court. With Daniel Brühl as Hubertus, Tatiana Maslany as young Maria, Max Irons as Fritz Altmann, Elizabeth McGovern as Judge Cooper and Jonathan Pryce as Chief Justice Rehnquist. (#401)

October 7, 2016 ***Billy Elliott*** (2000, UK/France, directed by Stephen Daldry, 110 min.)

The story takes place during the endless, violent 1984 strike against the Thatcher closure of British coal mines. Widower Jackie Elliott (Gary Lewis) and his eldest son and fellow miner Tony (Jamie Draven) take a dim view of 11-year old son Billy's poor performance in boxing class. Meanwhile Billy (Jamie Bell) discovers his love for dance in a girls' ballet class at the gym. He secretly gets private lessons from teacher Mrs. Wilkinson (Julie Walters) who recognizes his talent to train for trying out for the famous Royal Ballet audition. He gets encouragement from his grandmother (Jean Heywood) and schoolmate Michael (Stuart Wells). The prospect of a fancy dancing career eventually persuades father and brother to give their support as well. (#402)

STATE AND NATIONAL NEWS

From time to time, the board members receive information and requests from the State or National AAUW. You will have the opportunity to read or follow a link that interests you. Your dues not only support the Davis branch, but also work on a larger scale to support our mission.

PUBLIC POLICY

Your AAUW CA Public Policy Committee has developed an ambitious work plan for 2016-17. Our agenda includes supporting key legislation affecting women economically, encouraging branches to Get Out the Vote, updating AAUW CA's Public Policy Priorities, and increasing communication about public policy issues. We look to IBCs and branch leaders to provide information to their members and take action when requested.

The November ballot in California will contain 17 ballot measures, of which the Public Policy Committee reviewed and evaluated those related to AAUW's priorities and mission and took a position on five:

- Proposition 51, support – School Bonds. Funding for K-12 and Community College Facilities
- Proposition 52, support – The Medi-Cal Funding and Accountability Act, hospital fees that help fund Medi-Cal;
- Proposition 53, oppose – voter approval on specified bonds;
- Proposition 55, support – extend taxes for schools voted in Proposition 30;
- Proposition 58, support– The California Multilingual Education Act. allows structured bilingual education programs for English learners. A full report will be in the September edition of Perspective.

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PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Please lead your branch in participating in the statewide project: Leadership: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow. The program

committee envisions the entire AAUW-CA membership uniting this year to study Robin Gerber's book, Leadership the Eleanor Roosevelt Way. From this study we expect to develop new ideas, projects and practices to enrich and revitalize branches. We will be studying a chapter per month which will allow members time to do the reading and give us time to develop promising practices from an in-depth study. On the 4th Tuesday of each month from 7-8:30 pm we will have a conference call to discuss the reading for the month. Our first call to discuss chapter one will be on Tuesday, September 26 at 7 pm. The number to call is 877-885-3221 and your passcode is 7770040. Happy reading!

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CALENDAR

September- welcome back from summer travels

September 13: Board mtg at Library conference room 7-9

September 17: Woodland fundraiser at Matchbook Winery

September 24: BBQ at 1102 Eureka, 4:30....

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



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