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

50th Celebration!!

We will be celebrating our Davis AAUW Branch 50 year milestone! We started in 1966, and 50 years later, here we are, still active. Please join us Saturday, November 19 from 5-7 pm at 747 Plum Lane as we honor past and current presidents and charter members.

We will have a guest speaker, Madhavi Sunder, school board President of the Davis JUSD. She will speak to "Supporting the Whole Child and Every Child in our Davis Schools".

The drawing for the raffie of the quilt made and donated by Marti Abbott will also take place at this meeting.

Bring an appetizer to share. Wine, etc. will be provided by your board. Please RSVP to Estelle at (530) 758-8603 or aauwdavis.ex.estelle@gmail.com . Please bring spouses or significant others.

REPORT: FUNDS LUNCHEON

Estelle attended the Northern Region Fellows Luncheon and heard presentations from several excellent young speakers. Davis branch has the task of securing a speaker for the Capital Interbranch Council (IBC) luncheon on January 28. The fall

luncheon was held at the Crow Canyon Country Club in Danville. AAUW members from northern California branches met to honor the recipients of AAUW fellowships and grants, who spoke about their work and expressed gratitude for the opportunities that the funding provided. Featured speakers included:

American Fellowships:

Dena Al Adeeb - New York University, Middle Eastern and Islamic Art, Politics

Cloe-Mai Le Gall-Scoville - UC Davis, Language and Literature

Connie Wun - Mills College, Education

Career Development Grants:

Maria Tourtchaninova - UC Berkeley, Social Work

Selected Professional Fellowships:

Abisola Kusimo - Stanford, Mechanical Engineering

National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL):

Jennifer Pierre-Louis, Chabot College



REPORT: DEBATE WATCH

Presidential Debate Watch Party, October 19th - The October "Celebrate the 19th" event was a debate watch party and potluck. Gail and her friend, Carole; Laleh, Marti, Nan, Leslie, Shahla, and Estelle were in attendance. We jeered and cheered together and ate our way through the evening.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Board meeting - Monday, November 7th - Davis Public Library, Small Conference Room, 6-8 pm

Capital Counties Interbranch Council (IBC) AAUW Funds

Luncheon - Saturday, January 28, 2017: The annual regional IBC 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. Reservations and payment are due by January 18, 2017. Please see the attached flyer for additional information.

Davis Branch 50th Anniversary Celebration - Saturday, November 19th, 5-7 pm: The November "Celebrate the 19th" will also commemorate the 50th anniversary of the AAUW Davis branch,

started in 1966. Join us for an afternoon of remembrance and celebration of our accomplishments in advancing equity for women and girls. Madhavi Sunder, President of the Davis Joint Unified School District Board, is the guest speaker and will be talking about "Supporting the Whole Child and Every Child in our Davis Schools." Also, the quilt made and donated by Marti Abbott to support Tech Trek scholarships will be raffled, culminating months of raffle ticket sales. Please bring an appetizer to share; beverages will be provided by the Board. RSVP to Estelle at aauwdavis.ex.estelle@gmail.com or (530) 758-8603. Spouses and significant others are welcome.

STATE MESSAGE

We have just six days left to make sure women's voices are heard this Election Day — Tuesday, November 8. As the saying goes, "If you're not at the table, you're on the menu." And if you're not at the voting booth? Well, elections are decided by the people who show up at the polls. Women have the opportunity to influence the outcome of this election and the policy priorities of our nation. It's time for us to show our strength by casting our ballots. We know you know this — but in these waning days of Election 2016 we need your help to spread the word.

Research shows voters are more likely to participate if you make it easy. They're also more likely to vote if someone personally asks them to do so. **Here's everything voters need to turn out on Election Day. Just forward this email forward this email to friends, family, neighbors, and contacts to encourage them to speak their minds at the polls!**

- **Logistics.** From where to go to what to bring, here's [everything you need to know about Election Day](#). Voting laws have changed across the country — don't let your friends and family be caught flatfooted, and worse, disenfranchised. If you need a ride to the polls or want to offer one, visit [CarpoolVote](#).
- **Candidates.** Who's on your ballot and where do they stand on the issues affecting women and their families? The AAUW Action Fund's [2016 Voter Guides](#) offer head-to-head candidate comparisons on a wide range of issues for many Gubernatorial, Senate, and House races, while our [Congressional Voting Record](#) documents incumbents' records on priority issues.

- **Issues.** Ballot measures can advance or undermine policies that help working families. We've put together this [handy guide to ballot initiatives](#) in select states.
- **Help.** Have questions about the voting process and your rights? Experience or see problems at the polls? The Election Protection [website](#) and hotline (866.OUR.VOTE) are available to assist voters across the country. Use it!

There's too much at stake for women to let others make decisions for us — and when we don't vote, that's exactly what we do. Help make sure our voices are heard November 8 and beyond — it's time to GET OUT THE VOTE!

Yours in AAUW,

Lisa M. Maatz Vice President of Government Relations and Advocacy

FILM INFORMATION

The following film is one Verena selected for its appropriateness to AAUW members' viewing. It starts at 8:00pm at I House, with refreshments at 7:30 pm.

December 16, 2016 ***Mustang*** (2015, France/Germany/Turkey/Qatar, directed by Deniz Gamze Ergüven, 94 min.)

School lets out for the summer. In a village in the north of Turkey, Lale (Günes Sensoy) and her four older sisters (Doga Zeynep Doguslu as Nur, Tugba Sunguroglu as Selma, Ilayda Akdogan as Sonay and Elit Iscan as Ece), all orphans being raised by their grandmother (played by Nihal Koldas), innocently play with male schoolmates on the beach to celebrate vacation. Observed by an elderly neighbor, their supposedly depraved behavior causes a scandal with unintended consequences. The family home slowly turns into a prison, Uncle Erol (Ayberk Pekcan) locks up the grounds and rounds up everything that could corrupt the girls further, classes on domestic skills replace school and marriages begin to be arranged. Despite the extreme patriarchal oppression, the five sisters fight back, each in her own way, pursuing their lost freedom and identities waiting to blossom, finding strength in their sisterly bond. All five are non-professional actors. (#406)

REPORT: NEW INTERNS

Parto and Juliana interviewed intern applicants. We were pleased to find two young ladies who were enthusiastic, willing to expand

their learning experiences, and had skills to help us with computer needs.

We have Elizabeth Ridolfi who will graduate with a B.S. in Environmental Horticulture and Urban Forestry from UCD. She has worked with AAUW in Auburn and Fresno assisting with several events. She has a focus on sustainability and helping people, and has cared for adults with disabilities, and managed restoration projects. Elizabeth is also familiar with Tech Trek as a former counselor and has wedding plans for December.

Stephany Arroyo will graduate in 2018 from UCD with a B.A. in Communications and a minor in Managerial Economics. She speaks Spanish fluently and is a member of F.A.M.ilia, UC Davis; MAR (Mujeres Ayudando la Raza) UCD, ; Marketing and Design Committee of Davis Women in Business; and the Nat'l Society of Leadership and Success at UCD. Stephany has had much success managing and promoting public images in Stockton in the real estate field.

Please look forward to meeting them at some of our events.

REPORT: DAVIS UNA CHAPTER PROGRAM

On Sunday, October 23, UN USA Davis Chapter, I House, AAUW Davis, and Aggies for Humanity sponsored the U.S. UN Youth Observer speaker, Nicol Perez. She has advocated for social and economic equality working in the Netherlands, co-founding the Global Leadership Council, public development in New York City, and speaking on behalf of ***Adopt-A-Future***, an initiative which enables UNA chapters and their communities to raise funds to support schools serving children in designated refugee camps, with matching funds.

President of Davis UNA Chapter Verena Borton was pleased to introduce this program as a great humanitarian effort. Nicol told us about the 65 million people forced to leave their homes, and 51% of these are children. She showed a short video of a 4 year old in America writing to President Obama about taking a young boy from Aleppo into his own household in New York.

Turkey hosts many refugees, but Lebanon has the most-one million Syrian displaced persons. When refugees try to come to the United States, they have a two-year vetting wait as they are processed by the FBI, Homeland Security, and the State Department.

Nicol met with other youth delegates to discuss ideas for resolving the root causes of the displacement plus addressing their current needs. Wars break out, the media leaves, but UNHCR stays to help. Host countries need safe ways to let in refugees. The refugees also need access to visas for working.

Children who are not in school can be radicalized or trafficked. The Adopt-A-Future program seeks to educate and build classrooms. A \$250 partner buys a uniform for 10 kids, \$30,000 builds a new room for 40 kids. Schools are being built in Kenya, and the Queen of Qatar is matching money donated.

Members of the audience were told that they could help by letting members of Congress know that a strong UN-USA partnership is important. We are all part of humanity and must work to help each other.



STUDENT CHAPTER NEWS

On Friday, October 14 the AAUW Student Organization at UC Davis held their first fundraiser of the year at Blaze Pizza in Davis, earning 20% of net sales when customers presented flyers. Student members who helped were: Annie, Funke, Maureen, Michelle, and Marlene. Attending from the Davis Branch were: Maude (and Claudio); Estelle (and Richard), and Rhonda (and Ken, who enjoyed a takeout pizza). Maude also sent her son and his friends to help our cause. We know many more came but we didn't see them and would like to thank all for their support.

On Wednesday October 26, the students held their first ever "Study Jam with the Fam" event. It was an inviting study session

where everyone enjoyed the warm and varied selection of teas and coffee with snacks while they studied.

On Friday, October 28, the students held a Female Movie Empowerment Night featuring the 2015 movie, *Mustang*, the coming of age story of five orphaned Turkish sisters who are destined for arranged marriages. They decide to take action, despite the odds against them, to pursue living the life they deserve. We highly recommend the movie for awareness. Trailer:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ABNB3zw5BAo>



CALENDAR:

November:

- 5- IBC meeting
- 7- Board meeting at library 6-8-pm
- 9- Student Study Jam WRRC 6:30 pm
- 16- Student TBA Devel. Wkshop: studying abroad
- 19- 50th celebration! At Estelle's
- 24- Happy Thanksgiving

December:

- 10- Holiday gathering as Leslie's
- 16- FILM: Mustangs, I House

January:

- 18- get IBC luncheon reservation in*
- 28- IBC Luncheon at Plates

*form will be emailed to members separately

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



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