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**SUCCESS !!! 50<sup>th</sup> Celebration!!**

On November 19, we celebrated our Davis AAUW Branch 50 year milestone! We started in 1966, and 50 years later, here we are, still active. Twenty-one members and friends gathered at Estelle Shiroma's home to toast the branch, exchange greetings, and hear an informational talk by Madhavi Sunder, DJUSD School Board President.

We honored Doris Hass as she was a charter member. All looked forward to continued growth and new possibilities.

The organizer for this major happy event was Gail Johnson. She sent out invitations, wrote newspaper articles, and invited Ms. Sunder to be our speaker. Thank you very much, Gail. Also let us thank Estelle and our speaker.

The quilt raffle took place toward the end of the gathering, after everyone had a final opportunity to enter. After much mixing, Marti, the member who donated the handmade quilt as a Tech Trek fundraiser, drew the winning ticket: Ray Borton of Davis. Congratulations, and thanks to all who donated to this worthy program.

More details will be forthcoming in a *Spokeswoman* supplement.









## **HOLIDAY PARTY**

More fun and food is scheduled for December 10 at Leslie Rubin's home, 3014 Catalina Drive in Davis. We encourage all to bring a friend to introduce them to AAUW. This is a potluck event, and those attending are asked to bring a sweet or savory snack to share. Tea and coffee will be provided; other beverages are welcome.

In the spirit of the season, we would like to support the Yolo Crisis Nursery with donations of disposable diapers (All sizes) and will collect them at this event.

An RSVP is appreciated, but not required to 707 217-7166 or [LeslieFayRubin@gmail.com](mailto:LeslieFayRubin@gmail.com).

## **TOUR OF THE CAPITOL**

I am forwarding an update regarding the pilot program for the Lobbying and Advocacy Subcommittee. The Davis branch is among the ten branches included because of the student interest and positive feedback from the board (although many said they had

limited time to participate). Charmen is very excited that the UCD students are interesting in this opportunity.

There will be a tour of the Capitol on Wednesday, December 14th from 10 am to 12 pm. Unfortunately, the tour is scheduled during the week following finals and I suspect that many of the students will have left campus for the holidays.

We have not yet announced our participation to the general membership and can do so in the December Spokeswoman or by separate e-mail. I am hoping that members will want to participate. Charmen has requested a headcount for the tour by December 7th. If you are interested and are able to attend the tour, please reply to me

Welcome to the Pilot Group for the new Lobbying and Advocacy Subcommittee!!!

We are so pleased you have chosen to join us in this venture. If you are like me, you likely are still stunned by the election and realize how timely and important this group is going to be for AAUW CA. Our desired end goal is to have the vast majority of branches in CA active in public policy, lobbying and advocacy but we know we need to start small. This is where the pilot group, and all of you, come in.

First of all, who are we? We have the following branches/YWTF chapters as part of this pilot- Sacramento, San Diego, Alameda, Thousand Oaks, Stockton AAUW, Benicia-Vallejo, Citrus Heights-American River (CHAR), Danville-Alamo-Walnut Creek, Davis (and the UCD student group) and Stockton YWTF. Sue Cochran (former State President of AAUW CA), Shannon Smith-Crowley (AAUW CA lobbyist) and her colleagues, Krystal Moreno and Addie Meyers, and myself round out the group.

We have lots planned for the year, although because of the



nature of the state legislature, some actions might come last minute. Please bear with us and participate as you are able. If you don't already have a public policy committee established in your branch, this might be the perfect time. This smaller group of members will be the ones working with us. Much of the work will be done locally with some actions in Sacramento-again, participate as you are able. A list of resources, including an excellent Powerpoint you could view with your Public Policy committees, is being prepared for you.

First up, we are planning a Capitol tour for Wednesday, December 14 from 10-12pm. Shannon or one of her colleagues, will guide us through the building and we plan to stop in to visit incumbent legislative offices as available. Any new lawmakers will be busy finding their own way around the building so we will visit them in a couple of months. Our goal is to introduce you to the Capitol itself as well as to meet some of our legislators- our efforts will be enhanced by these relationships that we hope to build.

In January and February, we will plan district visits to our legislators and their staff to introduce ourselves and AAUW CA's priority issues. By the end of March, the legislative agenda will be set and our state public policy committee will have chosen which bills we are sponsoring or following. For the months following, we will be visiting offices, writing letters/emails to legislative staff or media, making phone calls or perhaps sitting in on meetings in the Capitol with Shannon to show our support.

What I need from you at this point is 1) the contact person for your branch/chapter-her name and best contact info,

and 2) an RSVP count for the Capitol tour on Dec. 14. Anyone interested from your branch may attend. Please get this information to me asap, no later than Dec. 7 for the tour.

Thank you so much for your passion for AAUW CA and for public policy and for your willingness to be involved with our pilot group!! If have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

See you soon!

Charmen Goehring

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Chair, Subcommittee on Lobbying and Advocacy

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### **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. We have several people attending. Forms will be available at the December 10<sup>th</sup> party.

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.

### **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 deprived

### **CALENDAR:**

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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