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

Report for CELEBRATE THE 19TH

Nan Yates hosted the lunch that was enjoyed by a small, but happy group. Rhonda, Estelle, Barbara Bower, Juliana and Char joined Nan for some delicious food and some travel talking. She served Lox and bagels, 2 salads, and pizza. R and E brought lemon squares and an apricot tart. It was very pleasant. Thank you, Nan.

****Volunteer to be an officer or board member!****

UNA DAVIS FILM SERIES CONTINUES (from Verena)

March 26 **International Women's Day** celebration with UCD Hubert Humphrey Fellows from Iran (Samaneh Seifollahi-Aghmiuni), and Mexico (Itzel Morales) speaking on their impressions of and feelings about the U.S.: "Then (upon arrival last summer) and Now" (after the first weeks of the Trump Administration). Hoping to add testimony by local resident who lived through Japanese internment caused by 1942 FDR Executive Order 9066. Co-sponsored by AAUW and I-House. No flyer yet.

International Film Series *(NOW COMPLETING OUR 20TH YEAR!)*

- **Shown at International House, 10 College Park, on first and third Friday nights, Sept. - May**
- **Sponsored by the UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION OF DAVIS and I-HOUSE**

- ***There is no charge, but donations are welcomed and gratefully accepted to help raise funds for UNA's Adopt-a-Future campaign in cooperation with UNHCR to build classrooms in refugee camps in Kenya.***
- **All costs of DVD rental or purchase, facilities use, cups, plates etc. and the refreshments that are served at 7:30 p.m. are donated. Programs begin promptly at 8.**

March 3 - March 17, 2017 Schedule

March 3, 2017 ***Race*** (2016, Canada/Germany, directed by Stephen Hopkins, 134 min.)

The son of an Alabama sharecropper, Jesse Owens (Stephan James) got his schooling in Ohio starting at age 9 and early on stood out as an exceptional athlete. His name was James Cleveland Owens, called JC by his family – but a teacher misunderstood it as Jesse and the name stuck. With Larry Snyder (Jason Sudeikis) as a supportive coach, he excelled in track and field at The Ohio State University and despite controversy decided to participate in the 1936 Berlin Olympics. Besides elite competition, he also had to face the brutal racial climate in Nazi Germany. He won four gold medals, thus becoming an Olympic legend that countered Hitler's belief in Aryan supremacy yet did not win recognition from President Roosevelt. This is a film about courage, determination, trust, tolerance and intolerance, and friendship. Jeremy Irons stars as Avery Brundage, William Hurt as Jeremiah Mahoney, Shanice Banton as Jesse's wife Ruth, Barnaby Metschurat as Joseph Goebbels and Clarice van Houten as Leni Riefenstahl who filmed the Olympics. The Owens family had input into the making of the film.

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March 17, 2017 ***Our Little Sister*** (2015, Japan, directed by Hirokazu Koreeda, 128 min.)

This is a film that captures the everyday pleasures and anguishes of family life. Three adult sisters, Sachi (Haruka Ayase), Yoshino (Masami Nagasawa) and Chika (Kaho) live in their grandmother's seaside house in Kamakura, each with a job and hoping for romance. Their relatives are aunts and uncles; their parents left the family and do not figure prominently. At the funeral for their estranged father they meet teenage stepsister Suzu (Suzu Hirose), about whose existence they did not know.

Seeing that Suzu's circumstances are unhappy, they invite her to join their household. The older sisters enjoy showing Suzu favorite places, looking for shells on the beach, sharing special foods that remind them of past experiences, telling her about selective family history (while Suzu clues them in on their father's infidelity) and helping her get on a soccer team. There are train rides and many long walks. The film is a series of vignettes rather than a plot-driven story, with happy moments as well as anger and sadness. "It is the kind of movie that encourages viewers to slow down and take stock of their lives' defining little moments." (#412)

THIS COMPLETES 20 YEARS OF THE INTERNATIONAL FILM SERIES
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EXECUTIVE OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS NEEDED

It is time for you to assess your time and abilities to help grow the Davis AAUW branch. We have 38 members with a great potential for more. Our Tech Trek is well organized (thanks, Gail), and has been generously supported by members and quilter extraordinaire, Marti Abbott. (She has donated another quilt for a fundraiser!)

This year's Executive Officers and board members have been active in keeping the branch in the community eye, as well as providing stimulating programs for members (STEM panel, Leadership Presentations).

Come to the board meeting on the 9th (at the library at 7:00pm) and see for yourself, the friendliness, efficiency, and fun we have. Then sign up to join us on the board. Alternatively, you can email a board member to volunteer. What new ideas will *you* have?

A NCCWSL REMINDER

The National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) unites college women from across the country to address important leadership issues of the day. Attendees have transformative experiences that inspire them to improve their campuses and their communities. Visit www.nccwsl.org to learn more about NCCWSL and the effect it had on past attendees. The conference is May 31–June 3, 2017, at the University of Maryland, College Park. Please consider having

your branch sponsor a student from a local campus to have this wonderful experience.

- March 1, 2017: Regular Registration Opens Includes non-refundable \$100 deposit, per registrant. Early-bird registrants who have not paid in full are removed from registration and returned their deposit.
- April 30, 2017: Final Day to Register. Payments are due in full. Registrants who have not paid in full forfeit their \$100 deposit and are removed from registration.

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EQUAL PAY DAY HIGHLIGHTS THE PAY GAP (from State)

AAUW is committed to supporting “fairness in compensation, equitable access and advancement in employment, and vigorous enforcement of employment antidiscrimination statutes.”

Equal Pay Day will be observed this year on April 4, 2017. The date symbolizes how far into 2017 women must work to earn what men earned in 2016. According to national Census statistics released in 2013, women working full-time, year round, make, on average, 78 cents for every dollar a male earns doing the same job. In California, women do slightly better, 85 cents on the dollar. Another year, another wage gap for women and their families. The pay gap is even worse for women of color – for African American women the gap is 64% compared to white men, and Hispanic women 54%. And with our inactive Congress and still-troubling economy, women continue to feel the pinch of the wage gap. AAUW members and our partners can work to help close the gap.

Other equal pay dates have been established for specific groups of women:

- March 7 – Asian American women
- July 31 – African American women
- September 25 – Native American women
- November 2 – Latina women

Action on Equal Pay Day has the objective of raising the awareness of the issue in our communities, with our members, and especially with young women who are under the false impression that pay inequity has been “taken care of”. While SB358 was enacted by the California Legislature in 2015, there is still much work to be done before it becomes a reality for all women.

Make Equal Pay Day a Day of Action in Your Community!

Draw Attention to Equal Pay Day! Here are some ideas:

- Collaborate with other like-minded organizations and organize a program open to the public. Invite local community leaders; local politicians, issue a press release; use AAUW research, e.g. Behind the Pay Gap; and The Simple Truth about the Gender Pay Gap. The research allows us to say: “There is a wage gap and here are the numbers to prove it.”
 - Resources:
 - **Quick Facts on the Gender Pay Gap**
 - **Gender Pay Gap by State and Congressional District**
- Submit a resolution for your county or city to declare – “Equal Pay Day.”
 - Contact local jurisdictions and prepare resolution (**sample** at aauw.org) declaring April 4, 2017, “Equal Pay Day”; issue press release at same time. Branch members attend the meeting where resolution is read into the record.
- Submit an Op Ed, Letter to the Editor and use Social Media

to get the word out.

- Leveraging traditional media to deliver the message on a specific issue is a good vehicle for AAUW members, e.g. op-eds, letters to the editor and blogs. Contact local newspapers stating facts from AAUW research about pay equity. Offer to prepare an article (op-ed) and/or a letter to the editor. Along with traditional media, ask members who are using social media to create the same message about the wage gap as a blog, a more updated form of communication among younger women.
- Use a Facebook and/or Twitter message directing others to AAUW press releases and blogs about equal pay.
- Do some clever giveaways. Cut the corner of a cookie off and place the $\frac{3}{4}$ cookie in a baggie with information about Equal Pay Day, then distribute. Another “give away” can be a Pay Day candy bar.



- Contact high school sociology, civics, political science classes and provide material developed by the Coalition for Equal Pay along with the “ $\frac{3}{4}$ cookie” distribution. A downloadable brochure and an **Equal Pay Day Resource Kit** available from Coalition for Equal Pay, Office of Women’s Policy, 70 W. Hedding Street, San

Jose, CA 95110.

- C/U Partnerships – Contact women’s studies, sociology, and political science departments and ask for an opportunity to speak to a class about Pay Equity or ask for permission to conduct voter registration on campus on Equal Pay Day. Be aware of the rules and regulations concerning registering anyone to vote (online).

NATIONAL CONVENTION IN D.C.

Rhonda and Estelle are planning on attending June 14-17. To join them, or for more information, please go to the AAUW website or ask one of them.

****Volunteer to be a branch officer or a board member!****

TECH TREK

Gail has given information and applications to the junior highs. Their applications are due March 13th. We will be interviewing on March 20 and 21, and will have our four selected shortly thereafter. If you know of possible support from a business, please contact Gail or Rhonda.

CALENDAR:

March 7: author at Tsakopoulos Library Galleria 6:00pm
828 I Street, Sacramento

March 9: luncheon- Women’s History Month 11:30,
Woodland Senior Center

March 9: Board meeting in small conference room at
Yolo County Library (14th St.) 7:00 pm
Any member is welcome

March 19: Celebrate the 19th TBD

March 20-21: Tech Trek interviews

March 26: International Women’s Day

April 6: STEM Panel TBD

April 10: Annual Business Meeting at Village Pizza, 5:30 pm

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



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