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

Report for CELEBRATE THE 19TH

This April 19 we met at Vini's wine bar on 2nd Street. Estelle, Leslie, Elizabeth and Rhonda enjoyed conversation and libation. Among the casual topics of conversation were everyone's busy-ness, classes, and the upcoming yard sale. Then there was some serious discussion about sexual assault in grad school. The next Celebrate the 19th will be scheduled with details TBD for May.

BUSINESS MEETING Report

On April 10, we met at Village Pizza for our annual business meeting where we vote for the nominated officers and board. It was fun and productive, and the pizzas were delicious. We welcomed new member, Sheila Allen. Also present were many of the previous board members. Students Funke and Marlene were congratulated for receiving scholarships (see NCCWSL below). The board nominees and officers were voted in unanimously: Co-Executives Rhonda, Estelle and Shahla; financial officer Gail; board members Verena, Leslie (Secretary), Laleh, Ramona, and Chithra (Honorary). Besides all of the above present, we heard from Parto, Juliana, Nan, Elaine, and Elizabeth. We approved required and new changes in the by-laws, and a proposal to make electronic or absentee voting possible. We gave

Education Fund Honoree to Verena in recognition of her work and good efforts for AAUW.



Report on YARD SALE

We held the yard sale on April 26 from 8:00am to 1:00pm. While in the process of setting up tables and items arranged, we had to “fight off” early buyers. Jewelry was very popular. Hard workers were Rhonda, Ken, Juliana, Verena, Estelle, Nan, Shahla, and Gail. Sheila helped haul away unsold items with her truck.

The quilt* was displayed and Estelle had raffle tickets ready. The quilt is a queen size, and has been donated by Marti Abbott for branch projects money-raising. If you can sell right away because of a special event, please contact Estelle. The drawing will be held November 19. The push for ticket sales will begin in earnest in September. We made a bit over \$500 on the yard sale. That is a little more than half of sponsoring one Tech Trek girl (\$900).

Do you know of a business that might be interested in sponsoring a Trekker?



May 13 HEALTH

Women's Wellness Bazaar-

Please stop by and visit us for the Women's Wellness Bazaar event to be held on May 13th, 11-5. Rotary Park, Winters.

Davis Branch will be tabling at this event and our goal is to engage and expand our membership to the women in the Winters community. This should be a fun event with more than twenty vendors and non-profit organizations present. A fun pre-mothers day event to attend for moms and daughters!

We hope to see you there in support of our branch.

If you are interested to help with attending our table let Shahla Farahnak know at farahnak@sbcglobal.net.

UNA DAVIS FILM SERIES CONTINUES (from Verena)

International Film Series (*NOW IN OUR 21ST 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 currently welcomed and gratefully accepted to help raise funds for UNA's Adopt-a-Future***

campaign in cooperation with UNHCR to build classrooms in the Dadaab refugee camp in Kenya. Thank you for joining with us to provide the promise of an education to children who are our future.

- **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.**

May 5, 2017 ***Conversations with Mother*** (2004, Argentina/Spain, directed by Santiago Carlos Oves, 90 min.)

This Argentine drama/comedy gem is presented as an early Mother's Day offering, exploring the relationship between a mother in her eighties (portrayed by veteran actress China Zorrilla) and her fifty-year old son Jaime (Eduardo Blanco) when the latter unexpectedly loses his job and faces a crisis in his heretofore comfortable middle class life. Pressured by his wife Dorita (Silvina Bosco) and his mother-in-law, Jaime visits his mother to tell her that she will have to give up her apartment, owned by Jaime and Dorita, so it can be sold to support the family. Mom refuses and eventually discloses her reason for the refusal, but not until mother and son spend countless hours in conversation. They reminisce about the past but also discuss the future and gradually Jaime comes to enjoy these conversations, becomes less depressed and realizes how the pressures of modern life have taken a toll on his family life and prevented him from really knowing his mother. Ulises Dumont as Gregorio, "anarchist-retired," adds the surprising element to the situation. This poignant story is told with humor and thoughtful dialog. The director is able to treat subjects like death, loneliness and personal crisis with a sense of optimism and hope, illustrating that love, tenderness and individualism far outweigh the material trappings of modern life. (#414)

May 19, 2017 ***The Artist*** (2011, France, U.S./Belgium, directed by Michel Hazanavicius, 100 min.)

This melodrama that won five Oscars is silent (except for accompanying music) and black and white. In the late twenties, actor George Valentin (Jean Dujardin) is a Hollywood superstar of silent movies. After the premiere of his latest film, he poses for pictures and a fan, Peppy Miller (Bérénice Bejo) accidentally bumps into him. A photograph of the

twosome appears on the front page with the question “Who’s That Girl?” When Peppy auditions as a dancer, Valentin spots her and gets her a part in his next movie. The advent of “talkies” sidelines Valentin and makes Peppy a major Hollywood star. While she becomes successful and famous, Valentin almost goes off the deep end, convinced he cannot handle a speaking role. Ultimately Peppy comes to his rescue and convinces studio boss John Goodman (Al Zimmer) to let them make a musical together, tap dancing instead of speaking. Important roles are played by James Cromwell as Clifton, the butler, and Uggie as Valentin’s talented dog Jack. The French film was shot entirely in Los Angeles and Hollywood and had a multilingual cast. (#415)

The International Film Series will take its customary summer break during June, July and August, resuming on September 1.

A NCCWSL NOTE

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. Two of our students will be attending on June 1 and 2. Marlene Amador and Funke Aderonmu have received scholarships to attend. We look forward to their reports upon their return.

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.

CALENDAR:

May 3: Student Chapter event (contact Funke)

May 10: Board meeting at Leslie’s: 6:30 at 3014 Catalina Dr.

Any member is welcome.

May 13: Women’s Health in Winters

June 11: Installation luncheon at Seasons 11:30 AM \$30

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



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