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CELEBRATE THE 19TH

By Celida

After a lovely Celebrate the 19th gathering at Rhonda Reed's house on July 18th, Estelle, Gail, Rhonda, Leslie, Marti, and Celida transitioned their discussion to *The Distance Between Us* by author Reyna Grande. This memoir provided an opportunity for readers to look at the immigration issue through a different lens. The author recounts her experience living in poverty and insecurity from food, shelter and love in Mexico to her journey to America to reconnect with her long absent father.

Rhonda shared the similarities she found between Reyna Grande's experience and motivation to succeed in life through academics with the experience of *Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis* author J.D. Vance. She found that both authors' found motivation to change their story through education despite their childhood experiences with poverty and great familial instability. Leslie suggested that this would be a helpful book for people to read in order to appreciate a broader view on issues that affect immigration and the children who are the silent and forgotten casualties. Celida mentioned she looked into how to incorporate the book into her classroom, but felt that it would be more appropriate for slightly older students. She is going to recommend the book to the school counselors and teachers at her school site in Fairfield because there are so many students suffering trauma with their own stories of insecurity surrounding their family's status in the U.S. Gail and Celida both were moved by Grande's memoir enough to look up more information about the author and found an interview with her which can be accessed [here](#). Everyone appreciated reading the book and shared that they have recommended the book to other friends. *The Distance Between Us* was also apparently the book selection for the

Avid Reader in Davis this month. They will be gathering on July 24th to discuss it.

The ladies ended the first book club session with a brief preview discussion of the next book *The Handmaid's Tale* by Margaret Atwood which will be discussed on August 21 at 7 p.m. at Tres Hermanas. Anyone interested is encouraged to pick up the book and join the discussion.

UPCOMING CELEBRATE

For August, we will meet at Tres Hermanas on the patio on the 21st at 5:30 pm.

In October, we have a special gathering at the home of Jan and Adam Bridge. They will show slides of their trip to Tanzania. That is scheduled for the 19th, Thursday at 5:30pm. Jan proposed the idea of Celebrate the 19th (amendment) with a gathering of AAUW members many years ago. Thank you, Jan.

TECH TREK

This week our four campers are experiencing the fun, learning, and wonder of Tech Trek Camp at UCD. Hopefully, some of you have volunteered to help with registration, budget night, or will visit with the campers for a morning. For volunteering still or more information, please contact Leslie Rubin leslifayrubin@gmail.com.

Hopefully we will get reports from those who helped.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE FOR YOUR GENEROSITY for the renewals. If you have questions, email or call Gail. Gejohnson08@comcast.net or 756-1207

CALENDAR:

Jul 27- Tech Trek Visitor Day 9:00am-noon. *You may join the Trekkers for lunch if you self-pay

August 21- Tres Hermanas Celebrate at 5:30 followed by Book Club

*RSVP to Leslie leslifayrubin@gmail.com

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



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