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INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL



For the International Festival at Central Park on October 1, Laleh had organized the set-up and tabling for AAUW Davis and Woodland. All volunteers (Kathleen, Shahla, Estelle, Ramona, Sue Gray, Barbara Durst, Marlene) spoke highly of their experience that day.

Laleh really felt a sense of community and enjoyed conversations with the UNA table and Verena. Laleh was excited about meeting new people and getting a new member.

Barbara enjoyed working the Festival. It was rewarding to see all the interest from the younger crowd in particular. Visiting with other Davis members was also pleasant. She

hopes that any of the contacts that were recorded for interest in the campus organization are solid. The atmosphere for doing something is "more charged" than it has been in the past.

Estelle thinks the tabling experience at the Festival has been a great opportunity to meet people who share our values. We hope to grow our branch and UCD membership. Laleh did a great job organizing the volunteers. Two years ago, we met Jenny Anderson, the first UCD AAUW student organization president, and Annie Chen, one of the founding members, at the Festival. We have also met women from other organizations like the Association of Women Scientists (AWIS), and Thriving Pink, a Davis based breast cancer support and educational organization. They have expressed interest in collaborating with us.

Ramona liked talking with the granddaughter of a longtime member, and encouraging her with information about our group and giving her practical advice on finding a job. The cross-generational relationship of AAUW is her favorite aspect.

Marlene really liked volunteering and seeing our members talking and enjoying the Festival. Upon her arrival, Marlene heard good news from Shahla that students were becoming interested in the campus organization and signing up. Marlene vowed to be at the table earlier next year in order to meet more students personally. She enjoyed meeting a young college student who told her that her grandmother had been in AAUW, at the forefront of change, and paving the way for some of the privileges we have today. Later, her mother also came over to the table to learn more. Ramona did an excellent job explaining the mission and connecting with her so well that she joined. It was nice that Parto, Verena, Celida, and Sheila stopped by to check in and wish us well. Marlene was glad too that she created new bonds with people of all ages. There were even girls interested in Beyond Tech Trek (our middle school girls mentorship program).

We thank Laleh and the volunteers for bringing AAUW to the community's attention.



Welcome to new members!

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An AAUW Sacramento Invitation

Did you know women hold nearly two thirds of the outstanding student debt in the United States?

Nearly 800 billion!!!

AAUW Sacramento and Sacramento State AAUW Student Chapter invite you to attend a special event on Thursday evening November 9th at 7 p.m. at the Carmichael Library as we promote AAUW's mission – equality for women and girls.

Celebrate the 19th

We (Shahla, Estelle, Rhonda, Ray and Verena, Laleh, Juliana and Char, Elaine, Gail) truly enjoyed the professional photos of Adam and Jan Bridge with behavioral descriptions and stories of some animals of Tanzania. They showed a video combining movement and stills of giraffes, elephants, cheetahs, lions, flamingos, water buffaloes, and hippos. The background music was by Ladysmith Black Mambazo. This was shown on a large television while Jan and Adam narrated. There was also a hard-to-capture image of the night sky...beautiful! We were fortunate to see some of Adam's framed photo art pieces and portraits in his house as well.

Thank you to the Bridges for sharing delicious eats and an inspiring travelogue of photography.

The next Celebrate will be hosted by Estelle on November 18 with a speaker and the quilt raffle drawing.

International House Film Series

On November 3, the film "The Other Son" will be shown at I House, 10 College Park. It is about two babies being born at the same time in an Israeli hospital. One is Israeli, one is Palestinian. They are accidentally switched and raised by each other's families for the next 18 years. The film deals with what happens when they find out about the birth switch. Refreshments are at 7:30 pm. The film starts promptly at 8:00 pm.

On November 17, the film will be "The Salesman", a film about amateur actors in Tehran caught up in a psychological-moral drama after a crime in their apartment.

Book Club

After a stunning viewing of Adam and Jan Bridge's photos of their trip to Tanzania, some members then gathered at Village Pizza & Grill for the October Book Club meeting. Members present were Gail, Juliana, Char, Estelle, Laleh, Rhonda, and Celida. They enjoyed a delicious culinary experience outdoors with several Persian dishes guided by Laleh while they discussed author Donia Bijan's touching book, *The Last Days of Cafe Leila*. Everyone appreciated the insight on Persian customs Laleh shared with the group and enjoyed listening to the soft rain come down as they wrapped up the evening.



The group is currently reading *Lilac Girls* by Martha Hall Kelly, however due to the upcoming and busy holiday season our next book discussion will be postponed until early in the new year to allow everyone time to enjoy family and friends. We encourage members to also take time to snuggle up with the book and look forward to getting together again for our stimulating literary journey in January. For more information or suggestions for future book selections, please contact Celida Johnson via email at cgjohnson@ucdavis.edu.

Solar Cooking Information

On October 28, AAUW member Marti Abbott (quilter), gave a presentation on the many benefits of solar cooking to Delta Kappa Gamma members (an educators' organization). She stressed the need for this technology in third world countries, and explained how this meets all 17 of the UN goals. If you wish to learn more about this, please let Marti or Juliana know.

Fellows Luncheon

On October 29, Estelle and Juliana attended the AAUW luncheon in Danville, where we heard Grant and Fellowship recipients. Estelle will request speakers for the IBC Plates luncheon in January based on the talks we heard at this event.



UCD Student Organization

Two former leaders of the student UCD organization are now interns for nonprofits in Washington, DC. Funke and Annie seem to be having a wonderful experience.

United Nations Day

Verena Borton, President of UNA Davis, invited us to co-sponsor the October 22 event to celebrate UN Day. Mike Beard was the keynote speaker. He is the Executive Director of the UN Foundation Advocacy and Global Health. Verena explained the "Adopt-the-Future" Program (acquiring school supplies and teachers for refugee children with matching funds).



Mike spoke about "Nothing But Nets" (to help stop Malaria), "Shots for Life" (immunizations), and "Girls Up" (to promote gender equity), and the need for global programs to help move people out of extreme poverty. He urged us to become involved and spread the word locally about achieving the UN goals.

Susie Bresney is a staff scientist at the Stockholm Environment Institute, Davis office. She spoke about water resource management and energy, and gave several examples where locating water or electricity made a huge difference to women's ideas and needs versus those of men. It is important to consider gender in projects.

SEI is working to provide tools for gathering data and not just using men's views. Women need to be part of the planning process, as they talk more and think more in social terms and family needs.

Verena then gave awards honoring three organizations for community service: Sahaya International for educating women and helping HIV infected children; Davis UNICEF Campaign for educating children and their parents while raising money at Halloween; and AAUW Davis for contributions in STEM and programs promoting equity.

Rhonda, Estelle, and Shahla received a donation, as other AAUW members (Laleh, Marlene, Stephany, Ramona, Sheila Allen, Juliana, and Gail) clapped.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

The memorial service for long time AAUW member, Marjorie Sorenson, will be held on November 11 at the University Covenant Church at 11:30 am. The church is located at 315 Mace Blvd, Davis. Memorial gifts should be directed to AAUW or the charity of your choice.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark your calendars!

November 3: I House Film-"The Other Son"

November 9: Student Debt Discussion at the Carmichael Library, 5605 Marconi Ave, Carmichael at 7 pm ([See Student Debt Discussion Flyer](#))

November 17: I House Film-"The Salesman"

November 18: Celebrate the 19th a day early, with Quilt raffle drawing and speaker at Estelle's home located at 747 Plum in Davis - time and speaker Tbd

November 23: enjoy Thanksgiving

November 28: board meeting 6:30 pm

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

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