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September Annual BBQ



The weather was pleasant. The people were sociable and happy. The side dishes guests brought were creative and tasty, and Anderson Family Catering made delicious pulled pork, sauce, chicken, and pasta-vegetable salad. Gail introduced the Tech Trek students, who were enthusiastic and grateful for the camp opportunity. Their parents were proud to hear their presentations.

Estelle set up an information area next to the quilt. We sold raffle tickets, and Shahla, Marti, Anna, and Rhonda spoke with parents and neighbors. Gail and Shahla provided a cake which spelled "JOIN AAUW", and we added 4 new members. It was a nice successful event!

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Welcome to new members!

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Planning Retreat

The planning “retreat” took place over the weekend of September 7 and 8. First we had a general discussion of projects, problems, and possibilities with Gail, Leslie, Rhonda, Estelle, Shahla, Juliana, Ramona, Verena, Tina, and Celida over a pot luck at Rhonda’s. These topics were quite fully discussed at the next retreat day, Saturday, at Estelle’s. We worked from 9:30 until noon, took a much break, and began again at 12:30, finishing at 3.

Projects were assigned a point person (responsible leader) and a specific date. It was decided to have board meetings on the 4th Tuesday each month. Celebrate the 19th would continue, with an effort to include new members. The Book Club would continue with assigned titles scheduled in advance so that slower readers could still participate.

Leslie and Stephany will post upcoming events and pictures on Facebook and our website. We decided that partnering with another organization would be an effective way to become more known in the community as well as sharing interests and responsibilities. Three organizations mentioned were Exploit!, Sahara International, and United Nations Association (UNA) of Davis. we left with a good feeling of accomplishment and structure. The times and goals for each project were set with a leader.



Beyond Tech Trek

The BTT committee of Stephany, Laleh, Marlene, and Juliana met on the 21st to discuss goals, procedures, and possibilities. We again expressed our gratitude to Parto for making our first attempt at giving something extra to four girls. Marlene took notes, and came up with survey questions for parents, girls, and AAUW members. We are hoping to find members who are able to share a talent, a job shadow, or ideas for this project. This is in the beginning stages of exploration, and the committee will continue to meet until the next Tech Trek interviews.

Celebrate the 19th

Several of us met at Vini's on the 19th, only to be told that they were booked with a special group. We ask them to send our members across the street to Mishka's, where we ordered coffee or tea and met at outside tables to talk. Rhonda continues to add people to our gatherings. She sent a neighbor student, Monica, to join us. She and Marlene enjoyed talking about the college, the student chapter, and transferring from community colleges. Since her field was conservation/engineering, Laleh and Shahla also had bits of advice. Estelle, Rhonda, Gail, and Juliana listened or talked on our own about other things. Due to no help from Vini's, Celida missed the meeting, and will reschedule the book discussion.

The next October 19th gathering will be held at the home of Jan and Adam Bridge, 869 A Street at 5:30pm. At that time, they will show slides of their trip to Tanzania. The book club will meet after that at a place TBD.

Urgent October 1 Voting Deadline!

You should have received a postcard or an email from State requesting your vote. Rhonda will have contacted those of you who did not vote.

Our bylaws are also needing to be voted on. This will be a separate email.

Book Club

On the evening of October 19th, a group gathered at Village Pizza & Grill to share several of the restaurant's delicious Persian dishes guided by Laleh on pairing certain spices and flavors with different meats or drinks depending on those spices warm or cool properties. The book discussion was lively and everyone enjoyed Laleh's personal perspective of some of the Persian customs contained within author Donia Bijan's touching book *The Last Days of Cafe Leila*.

The group will meet again on November **PUT THE DATE/TIME HERE** to discuss *Lilac Girls* by Martha Hall Kelly. For more information or suggestions for future book selections, please contact Celida Johnson via email at cgjohnson@ucdavis.edu.



Sahaya Walk

The walk is a family-oriented event to celebrate that we can make a difference in the lives of HIV-infected children and orphans in India. The check-in is at 1:00pm at I House, 10 College Park. There will be fun activities until 2:00, the start of the half-mile walk. You can register in advance at www.sahayawalks.org This takes place on Sunday, October 8 from 1:00pm - 4:00.

Fellows Luncheon

Women who received AAUW Funds Fellowships and Grants will be speaking about their research. These will take place at several different venues. (See the back page of your Perspective). Estelle and Juliana will be attending the luncheon in Danville, at [711 Silver Lake Drive](http://711SilverLakeDrive) on **October 29**, from noon to 3:00 pm. Reserve by October 16th. Register online at <https://eastbayfundluncheon.eventbrite.com>. Call Juliana (530-758-3011) if you need a paper flyer. If you need a ride, email Estelle Shiroma soon. estelle.shiroma@gmail.com

Yard Sale

Rhonda has volunteered her house again 320 I Street, for a fundraising yard sale on **Saturday, the 14th of October**. She needs items already marked to sell to be dropped off The 12th or 13th **unless other arrangements are made**. We also need volunteers to help with set-up at 7:15 am, during the actual sales time, and to clean up/tear down after the sale. Jewelry should be priced, and is one of the fastest items to be sold.

If you can bake some items to sell, please wrap them individually and put a high price on them. Please plan to help between 8am and 1pm, the rush hours. otherwise come to help when it is less hectic. For more information contact Rhonda at 530.902.4946.

Film Series at I House

On Friday, October 6, the film, **A Late Quartet**, will be shown at I House starting promptly at 8, with refreshments before.

See the September *Spokeswoman* for details.

UNA Davis Speaker

On October 22, UNA Davis will present a speaker from 3-4:00 pm at I House, 10 College Park. The theme is "How Gender is Affected by Global Growth". From 4:00 to about 5:00pm, another speaker will continue the theme. A few community leaders will be honored and refreshments then served. More details will be sent as an announcement separately.

This event is **co-sponsored by AAUW**, and we should have our members try to attend. The topic is within our mission.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark your calendars!

Sunday, Oct 1: help with tabling at the I House Festival, noon-4:00 (Laleh [530-400-8633](tel:530-400-8633))

Friday, Oct 6: I House film (Verena [530-220-3073](tel:530-220-3073))

Sunday, Oct 8: Sahaya Walk 1:00-4:00, starting at I House, 10 College Park

Saturday, Oct 14: Yard sale at 320 I Street 8:30-3:00 (Rhonda [530-297-0460](tel:530-297-0460))

Thursday, Oct 19: Celebrate the 19th at Jan and Adam's 869 A St. 5:30pm, slides of Tanzania

Thursday, Oct 19: Book Club discussion at Village Pizza and Grill (Celida 707-540-4663)

Friday, Oct 20: I House film *Das Blau vom Himmel*

Sunday, Oct 22: UNA Davis speakers (topic- Gender) 3:00-5:00pm (Verena [530-220-3073](tel:530-220-3073))

Sunday, Oct 29: Fellows luncheon in Danville (Estelle [530-758-8603](tel:530-758-8603))

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

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