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

Editor's note: This is a month where sharing food opportunities abound. We hope you can indulge and enjoy the fixings and camaraderie.

SEPTEMBER ANNUAL BARBEQUE

On Sunday, September 17, we will celebrate the month with a get-together with more food and a chance to buy raffle tickets for the beautiful quilt made and donated by Marti Abbot. We will also have short presentations about the experiences of our Tech Trekkers this past summer. (see pictures below).

Please bring family and friends and food to share (salads, appetizers, side dishes). Anderson Family Catering will be providing the main menu of vegetarian pasta, grilled herbed chicken, pulled pork with sauce and buns. Gail and Char will provide desserts. We will also have a pot of vegetarian baked beans and some hot dogs on the grill. If you need a special food, the grill will be available.

Plan to bring yourself and food contribution around 3:00 pm to 1102 Eureka Ave. in Davis. RSVP if you wish, to carwells@thegrid.net.

PLANNING RETREAT

On September 8, member input will be solicited with a potluck dinner at Rhonda's, 320 i(eye) Street. Prospective members are also welcome for the dinner or evening chat.

We will start gathering at 5:30pm, plan to eat around 6:15-6:30 and hope to wrap about 7:30 or so. We want to hear what people liked in the past and brainstorm what we should try/tackle/prioritize for the Branch this year.

Saturday, September 9, starting at 9:30 AM at Estelle's 747 Plum Lane is part two of the planning retreat. The Board and interested

members are welcome. Outcomes wished: calendar of events for the year and setting mission-based branch priorities for the year. Please RSVP for either or both days to: Rhonda 297-0460 or Estelle 758-8603.

SPECIAL ATTENTION , PLEASE

Notice! Your vote is needed!

We have some mandatory and optional changes to the Branch bylaws that need to be ratified by a vote of the members present at the barbecue on September 17th. The essence of those changes that you may want to look at are that we are extending the term limit from two years to four consecutive years in the same office. We are also exempting 50-year members and representatives of College/University Partners from having to pay Branch dues. Please attend the barbecue and we looking forward for your vote.

ALSO! your vote will be needed again. Watch for an email (If you have email) from AAUW-California. They will be needing your vote by September 10th to allow them to change their Incorporated status from a mutual benefit to a public benefit Corporation. This doesn't change how they operate. It just means that they will be in compliance with AAUW National. EVERY MEMBER MUST VOTE YES TO ALLOW AAUW-CA TO BE IN COMPLIANCE. If you have questions please contact Rhonda at salmonlady@sbcglobal.net .

TECH TREK REPORTS

Rhonda:

Each year that I host the junior counselors for Tech Trek I'm more and more impressed with the young women that we have sponsored and supported to participate in this great experience. They were great fun to have at the house and very helpful. Some were a little bit more mature than others but all were delightful and all had their own great personalities. They picked oranges to squeeze for fresh orange juice for breakfast and were very accommodating with my granddaughter Lily and teaching her how to do the squeezing. (please see the

pictures)

I also did registration and the reality fair, and listened in on the professional women's evening. I'm so proud to be a part of Tech Trek and appreciate all the volunteers who make it possible.



Rhonda's home with Lily and counselors.



Squeezing the juice and instructing Lily.
From tree to table.

Trekkers in class.



Marlene

One of the events that I enjoyed volunteering for was the LEGO races that the girls had. I enjoyed helping out with this activity because it reminded me of my robotics days. Building LEGO cars is a stepping stone and prerequisite to building a robot. The concepts that the girls learned in building a car with LEGOs can be easily applied to building a robot and other things.

I was proud to see the girls building and innovating cars while learning introductory classical physics concepts such as torque, acceleration, inertia, friction, and more. It was a fun way to introduce, learn, and apply physics concepts. It was also delightful to talk to the second place winners because they enthusiastically talked about the changes they made to the car while using words like friction, momentum, speed, and acceleration, in order to be the second place winners. Explaining to others what they did certainly helped the girls with memorizing the concepts too.

Overall, I was proud to see the girls work in pairs to make improvements to their cars and learn that they can build and innovate anything they set their minds to do. I thank everyone who volunteered and helped make Tech Trek possible. I firmly believe that Tech Trek makes a positive difference in the lives of these girls, as it did for me years ago. Marlene Amador and Intern Stephany Arroyo





Second Place winners
Our Tech Trek girls 2017, with camp nurse, Leslie Rubin





CELEBRATE THE 19TH

Our book read and discussion is *The Last Days of Café Leila* by Donia Bijan. We are meeting at Vini, 611 Second St., on Tuesday, **September 19th** at 5:30 to 7 pm followed by the book discussion.

Last month, the group enjoyed the food and the discussion at Tres Hermanas. In **October the 19th**, look forward to slides of Jan and Adam Bridge's Tanzania trip.



International Film Series *(NOW IN OUR 21st YEAR!)*

International Films are shown at International House, 10 College Park, on first and third Friday nights, Sept. - May

They are sponsored by the UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION OF DAVIS and I-HOUSE

There is no charge, but **donations are welcomed and gratefully accepted** to help cover the cost of DVD rental or purchase, facilities use, cups, plates etc. and the **refreshments that are served at 7:30 p.m. Programs begin promptly at 8.**

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September 1 – October 20, 2017 Schedule

September 1, 2017 *The Man Who Knew Infinity* (2015, UK/US, directed by Matthew Brown, 108 min.)

This biographical drama recounts the life of self-taught Indian mathematician Srinivasa Ramanujan, portrayed by Dev Patel. Young

Ramanujan (1887-1920) was recognized by his employers as unusually gifted and encouraged to write to leading mathematicians abroad. In 1913 he arrived at Trinity College in Cambridge where he rose to prominence under the tutelage of renowned math professor G.H. Hardy, played by Jeremy Irons. Mathematics plays a key role in the story, but in an accessible way that illustrates why Ramanujan's legacy remains important close to a century after his death. Nevertheless, British society and the university structure were not particularly welcoming to a foreign visitor from a very different background, especially during WWI. Also with Devika Bhise as Ramanujan's young wife, Toby Jones, Stephen Fry and Jeremy Northam as Bertrand Russell. (#416)

September 15, 2017 ***A Hijacking (Kapringen)*** (2012, Denmark, directed by Tobias Lindholm, 103 min.)

The film starts by introducing us to the 7-man crew of a Danish cargo ship on the way home just before being hijacked by Somali pirates. Next we meet the CEO of the fleet, Peter Ludvigsen (Søren Malling) who has just smoothly negotiated a deal with Japanese businessmen. The pirates demand \$15 million for the crew whose main spokesman is the cook, Mikkel Hartmann (Pilou Asbæk). Through a translator, Omar (Abdihakim Asgar), the negotiations between the pirates and the Copenhagen office drag on for months at a glacial pace, showing the agony caused by life or death decisions on both sides, with questions about a system that places so little value on human life. Based on a true incident, the realism of the hot, cramped, conditions on board was achieved by filming on a ship in the Indian Ocean with technical advice from former hostages. Gary Skjoldmose Porter, who plays the British negotiator Connor, is an actual hostage negotiator. (#417)

October 6, 2017 ***A Late Quartet*** (2012, US, directed by Yaron Zilberman, 105 min.)

After 25 years of hugely successful performances, the (fictional) Fugue String Quartet is facing a major challenge when its cellist, Peter Mitchell (Christopher Walken) is diagnosed with Parkinson's. His decision to retire after one final concert forces the members of the quartet to reevaluate their relationships, creating personal and interpersonal crises between second violinist Robert (Philip Seymour Hoffman), his wife violist Juliette (Catherine Keener) and first violinist Daniel (Mark Ivanir), complicated further by involvement of the couple's daughter Alex (Imogene Poots). Bound together by their years of collaboration they have to demonstrate unity and give a passionate performance of the difficult Beethoven String

Quartet No 14, Opus 131. The film is insightful regarding the intricacies of chamber music, but one does not have to be a music expert to appreciate it. (#418)

October 20, 2017 ***Das Blaue vom Himmel*** (2011, Germany, directed by Hans Steinbichler, 99 min.)

Action in this film takes place in 1991 in both Germany and Latvia, with frequent flashbacks to events in the thirties and forties in Jūrmala and Riga (Latvia). Sofia Schleier (Juliane Köhler), while covering actual events in Latvia, gets a call that her mother Marga Baumanis (Hannelore Elsner), suffering from dementia, has been committed to a psychiatric hospital. In an attempt to unravel multiple historical family mysteries, Sofia takes Marga back to Latvia where she gradually uncovers previously unknown elements of her parents' past and her own origins, with the help of Osvald Kalnins (Rüdiger Vogler), a former colleague of her father, Juris Baumanis (Niklas Kohrt). Young Marga is portrayed by Karoline Herfurth while Dace Eversa depicts Ieva Lepere, the significant other woman in the Baumanis family history. (#419)

WOODLAND AAUW TECH TREK* FUND-RAISING BBQ

Woodland is holding a chicken BBQ event on September 23rd at the Matchbook Winery in Zamora, 12300 County Road 92B. Tickets are \$40 each and will get you the dinner, two glasses of wine, and a tax-deduction for your ticket costs. For tickets and more information, please call Barbara Durst 666-3104 or Vicki Giguere at 666-3063.

*Woodland Trekkers attend camp at Sonoma State University.

IGMUN VII

IGMUN is an intergenerational model UN conference which will take place on Saturday, October 7 in Berkeley. Please contact Verena Borton for more information. 756-0632. Or Juliana can send you a flyer.

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to Tina Gallier gallierhome@hotmail.com in Davis, and Sharon Marcacci from Vacaville sharons_mail@yahoo.com. We hope to meet you in person soon.

SAD NEWS

Long time member Marjorie Sorenson died in July. A memorial service will be held at a later date, which we will announce. Marj was an extraordinary person who loved learning, and was one of the best quilt raffle ticket saleswomen we have ever had. More later.

CALENDAR:

Sept. 1: I House Film 8:00pm

Sept. 8: Pot luck planning and chat at Rhonda's 320 I (eye) St. 5:30 pm

Sept. 9: Board and other members work on priorities and calendar at Estelle's 747 Plum Lane at 9:30 am.

Sept. 10: Check your email and vote.

Sept. 15: I House film *A Hijacking*

Sept. 17: annual BBQ at Juliana and Char's 1102 Eureka 3:00 pm.

Sept. 19: Celebrate the 19th at Vini 5:30. Book talk after.

Sept. 23: Woodland BBQ Fund-raiser at Matchbook Winery in Zamora

Oct. 7: IGMUN conference

Oct. 19: Celebrate the 19th at Jan and Adam Bridge's

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



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