

# THE SPOKESWOMAN

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## HUMAN RIGHTS



**Front row (left to right):** Jana reading Slovak, Martin reading Krio, Ayelet Haimpur reading Hebrew, Lee Vo reading Vietnamese, Sibilla Hershey reading Latvian  
**Back row (standing):** Estelle Shiroma reading English

December 10 was the UN Human Rights reading event at I House. As before, the program was led by Verena Borton. It was moving and sobering in the light of today's world situation. It was enlightening and different to hear the human rights that Eleanor Roosevelt worked for the United Nations to adopt. Hearing them read especially in many different languages followed by the English translation was unifying.

Stephany Arroyo (intern), Estelle Shiroma, Juliana Wells, Ramona Swenson, and Rich, Estelle's husband, spoke in English; Marlene in Tagalog, Laleh in Kurdish, and Shahla in

Farsi were the AAUW members represented. Refreshments, discussion, and harp music followed the readings.



**Above:** Juliana translating for Jana (Slovak)  
**Below:** Shahla reading in Farsi



**Above:** Ramona translating Laleh's reading of Article of the UDHR  
**Below:** Komarudin Betu/Bahasa Indonesia



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## Welcome new members!

Welcome to two new members!!!

Theodora Stein (Marj Sorenson's granddaughter) is attending Sacramento City College. :  
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Krista McClain from the Bay Area. She wishes to support women and girls, and be amongst academic women. [kristamcclain@gmail.com](mailto:kristamcclain@gmail.com)

## Memorial Service

The memorial service on December 7<sup>th</sup> commemorating the life of Shirley Rolewicz was held at the Davis Community Church. Her family displayed pictures of Shirley at various stages of her life. Each picture had a candle before it. One of her former neighbors spoke of Shirley's kind tolerance and guidance when they came to her house with their projects and games and joined with her sons.

AAUW attendees were Juliana and Char, Marti Abbott, Nan Yates, Elaine Ginossar, and Gail Johnson. Among others who spoke, Elaine and Juliana noted Shirley's being active in AAUW. She was a founding member and served as President for several years. She continued to participate in activities and to offer her home for meetings because she believed so strongly in women reaching their potential without the hindrance of inequity.

## Celebrate the 19th



This monthly event in honor of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment was celebrated at KetMoRee. We met at the restaurant at 5:30. We took advantage of Happy Hour for food and drinks and sat at one long table that Shahla had reserved for us: Gail, Shahla, Char, Juliana, Parto,

Rhonda, Elaine, Laleh, and Celida. Many of us brought Target gift cards for the Yolo Crisis Nursery. Verena wasn't present, but sent her card. Gail collected them plus diapers from Elaine, and brought them to the Nursery the next day. We spent a pleasant hour and a half conversing and checking in with each other with good wishes for the rest of the holidays.

The next Celebrate the 19<sup>th</sup> will be on January the 19<sup>th</sup>, for dinner at Crepeville at 5:30. The Book Club selection, "Lilac Girls", will be discussed. Then we will go to I House for the film which starts promptly at 8:00pm.

\*Watch for a special announcement of the film titles in January.

## IBC EF Luncheon

January 27<sup>th</sup> will be the Interbranch Council (IBC) Luncheon at the PLATES restaurant in Sacramento. There will be car pools available. We will be able to hear two speakers who were awarded Fellows for their research in Graduate school. We will also take part in a silent auction to raise more money. If you have an item to donate (or have questions) please contact Estelle [530-758-8603](tel:530-758-8603) or [estelle.shiroma@gmail.com](mailto:estelle.shiroma@gmail.com)

Your reservation form needs to be sent in by January 19<sup>th</sup>, so please print it while you are thinking about it, and send it in. Another form follows.

## Success

**\*\*\*\$\$\$** Through your hard work (yard sale, selling raffle tickets for the quilt donated by Marti Abbott and the woven throw given by Verena Borton) and with some donations, we have enough money to sponsor the 4 positions for our Tech Trek girls!! **\*\*\*\$\$\$Thank you.**

## Book Club



The group will meet on January 19<sup>th</sup> at Crepeville at 5:30 pm to discuss *Lilac Girls* by Martha Hall Kelly and to celebrate the 19<sup>th</sup> (amendment). We encourage members to join the book discussion and the celebration. Following our gathering we will move on to I House for a film yet to be announced. For more information about the book club or suggestions for future book selections, please contact Celida Johnson via email at [cjohnson@ucdavis.edu](mailto:cjohnson@ucdavis.edu).

# UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark your calendars!

January 1: The beginning of a good new year!

January 5: International House Film series movie: **First Do No Harm**

Refreshments are served at 7:30 p.m. Programs begin promptly at 8 p.m.

January 16: Board Meeting (all members welcome) place TBD

January 16: Gail's birthday

January 19: Crepeville dinner to Celebrate the 19th at 5:30,

Book discussion (Crepeville)

I House movie at 8:00 pm

Reservations for PLATES Luncheon due

January 27: PLATES Luncheon and Silent Auction

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

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