



# THE SPOKESWOMAN

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## WOMEN'S HISTORY LUNCHEON SOLD OUT!!!!

Tickets for the annual luncheon will be held on Thursday, March 8, at the Woodland Community and Senior Center on [2001 East Street](#) from 11-1 are sold out, but we will have a report to share about the event in next month's Spokeswoman.

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### Baby Shower for Leslie

Leslie and Eugene are expecting their baby on April 3. We are holding a baby shower for Leslie on March 11 at Estelle's home, 747 Plum Lane, from 11:00am-2:00pm, after which we can travel to I House for International Women's Day at 3:00 pm. (See following article).

There will be refreshments and easy lunch items to eat as we shower Leslie with good wishes (and hopefully no rain). She has a registry at Target and [Amazon](#). Please contact Estelle, RSVP, and ask if there is any way you can help. (530) 758-8603 or [Estelle.shiroma@gmail.com](mailto:Estelle.shiroma@gmail.com)

### International Women's Day Speakers

Please join us at I House for an AAUW co-sponsoring with UNA Davis at 3:00pm. You will be informed and inspired by the presentations Verena has arranged. The official flyer is included with this Spokeswoman.

### UNA/I House Film

On March 16, Friday, the film, "The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks" will be shown at 8:00pm. This is the last film of the series of 21 years.

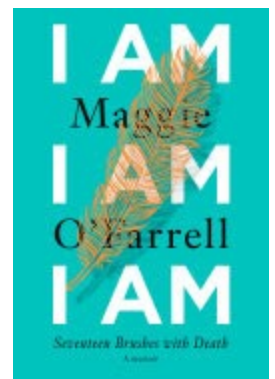
(2017, US film for TV, directed by George Wolfe, 93 min.) In the 1950s Henrietta Lacks, an African-American woman (Renée Elise Goldsberry) developed cervical cancer and unbeknownst to herself or her family became a pioneer for medical breakthroughs. Her cells were used to create the first immortal human cell line, now spread all over the world aiding research. After Henrietta's death, her children were raised by different family members. Rebecca Skloot (Rose Byrne) was intrigued when she heard in science class about HeLa cells and decided to research the background story. She helped write the script for this film. It was not easy for her to get the Lacks family to talk as there was much bitterness about the fact that the cells were taken without permission and that they never benefited from the breakthrough that has helped people all over the world. Eventually Rebecca gained the confidence of Deborah Lacks (Oprah Winfrey) and together they search for any information about the mother Deborah can't remember. She also is able to get some insights from Deborah's brothers Sonny (Rocky Carroll), Lawrence (John Thompson) and Day (Roger Robinson). (#429)

## Celebrate the 19th

We will meet at Ketmoree restaurant in downtown Davis at 5:30 pm on Monday, March 19 for a celebration of the 19th Amendment.

## Book Club

Several members met on February 19th at Crepeville at 5:30 pm to finally discuss *Lilac Girls* by Martha Hall Kelly and to celebrate the 19th (amendment). The group talked very little about the book and focused on choosing a future book and enjoying each others company. Several great options were discussed from suggestions that were received from various members. The group agreed to read *I Am I Am I Am* by Maggie O'Farrell by mid April instead of mid March to give all readers plenty of time to finish the book. A date for the April Book Club gathering will be provided in the April Spokeswoman.



Celida is working with Leslie and Stephany to create an online platform through which members can electronically “discuss” book selections when attending a book club meeting is not possible. More information will be provided as soon as something is made available.

For more information about the book club or suggestions for future book selections, please contact Celida Johnson via email at [cgjohnson@ucdavis.edu](mailto:cgjohnson@ucdavis.edu).

## Board Meeting

The board will meet on March 27 from 7:00 pm-8:30 in the small conference room of the library on 14<sup>th</sup> St. That room is at the back of the children's section. We will discuss the agenda for the business meeting in April and filling board positions. *All members are welcome to attend.*

# Save the Date!

We will have our annual business meeting at Village pizza and Grill at 6:00 pm on April 6. The board will provide salad and pizza (meat and vegetarian) as supper and an enticement to participate. If you have not already been asked to become a member of the board, please be ready to volunteer. The budget will be published in the April Spokeswoman or a supplement so we can discuss it at the business meeting.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark your calendars!

- March 11: Leslie's Baby Shower 11-2
- March 11: International Women's Day Speakers 3-4:30, at I House
- March 16: 7:30 eats, 8:00pm Film at I House
- March 19: Celebrate the 19<sup>th</sup> at Ketmoree at 5:30
- March 27: Board meeting at library 7:00-8:30 pm
- April 6: Business meeting at 6:00pm at Village Pizza and Grill

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

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