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UPCOMING EVENTS

Holiday Gathering

On December 8, from 5:00-8:00 pm, we will meet at Estelle's home, 747 Plum Lane to share food and drink and hear Delaine Eastin, special honored guest, speak about The State of the Republic and the Role of Women in Politics. Please bring appetizers or drinks to share for this potluck. We are collecting diapers and gift cards for the Yolo Crisis Nursery.

Universal Declaration of Human Rights Day

On December 10, from 7-9 pm, volunteers will read each of the human rights. This takes place at I House, where volunteers are given one of the rights to read aloud in English or in their native foreign language. It is an impressive program, especially in these times. VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR THE READINGS. Please contact Verena Borton at 530-756-0632 or rvborton@comcast.net.

Book Club and Celebrate the 19th

The book *A Long Walk to Water* by Linda Sue Park was discussed on Saturday morning, November 17 over coffee and tea at Mishka's in downtown Davis. Celida, Rhonda, Estelle, Gail, Juliana, and Marti enjoyed catching up and discussing the book. Marti also brought a new member, Terry Jacobsen, to the gathering. Celida had read the book to her 6th grade class, and was pleased at their questions and discussion about the characters, Nya and Salva. Her students appreciated the fact that they did not have to walk miles to get water and are trying to incorporate the main character's message to just "keep walking" when faced with a challenging situation. Discussion about the amount of time that is devoted by women and girls to acquiring water and wood or other materials for fire in certain areas of the world led to an idea that perhaps Marti can be a guest speaker in Celida's classroom to teach about solar cooking in the spring.

Our next book *The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas will be discussed on Dec 29 at 9:00 a.m. at Mishka's.

Many great book suggestions were made for future selections including *Becoming* by Michelle Obama, *A Spark of Light* by Jodi Picoult, *Bel Canto* by Ann Patchett and *Lost City Radio* by Daniel Alarcon. All are invited to join the group, help select the next book, and engage in interesting conversation.

International Film Series

Verena has attempted to choose topics relevant to women and the AAUW's mission. You can support this effort by attending when possible.

The last two films of the year will be Dec 7, *Paradise Road* (1997 Australia, 122 min).

This film is about an international group of women POWs who were captured by the Japanese in 1942 and interned as enemy aliens on Sumatra. 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

On Dec 21, *Loving Vincent* (2017 Poland 94 min) about Van Gogh showing his art, having painted characters come to life and trying to explain his death. 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Renaming North Davis Elementary

After a short board meeting potluck at Rhonda's on Thursday, November 15, several members of the group went to the school board meeting to support the renaming of North Davis Elementary to honor Mary Ellen Dolcini, well-loved Davis Educator.

REPORTS:

STEM PANEL

The committee that has been formed to plan and execute a STEM Panel Program in January, similar to that offered so successfully last year at Da Vinci Charter Academy has met and reports that all is going smoothly. This is yet another way AAUW works to fulfill its mission of Equity and Education for women and girls.

Roster Information

Welcome to new members Pamela Hernandez pahernandez@ucdavis.edu and Jennifer Wienecke-Friedman jenwfman@gmail.com, and returning member Stephanie Degraff-Hunt desdhunt@comcast.net.*

Also, we have new member, Terry Jacobsen Terry.jacobsen@gmail.com and Kaitlin Murray kamurray@ucdavis.edu.

As you add these members' information to your roster, please remember that this list is to be used for AAUW business only.

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Sad news

We send our sincere sympathy to Nan Yates, who just recently lost her husband, John.

AAUW Paradise

Several members brought gift cards for AAUW members in Paradise who were affected by the Camp Fire last month. Gail delivered them. Those gift cards were gratefully acknowledged.

Calendar:

December 7, Friday: *Paradise Road* film at I House

December 8, Saturday: Holiday Gathering

December 10, Monday: Human Rights Declaration Readings at I House

December 13, Thursday: Board Meeting 6:30 Library

December 16, Sunday: Donations Letter and money due

December 21, Friday: *Loving Vincent* film at I House

December 29, Saturday: Book Club/Celebrate the 19th at Mishka's

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

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