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## REPORT: CELEBRATE THE 19<sup>TH</sup>

The Celebrate the 19<sup>th</sup> and Book Club meeting at Celida's was enjoyable and successful on several levels. The potential new members present were: Cheri, a teacher co-worker with Celida; Norma, a neighbor; and Jennifer, a former AAUW grant recipient. The members also participating were Shahla, Gail, Leslie, Rhonda, Marti, Estelle, Celida, and Juliana.

Celida prepared delicious selections of appetizers (cheeses, veggies, fruits), and unusual juice drinks. While eating and introducing each other, we talked about current activities and the food selections.

Estelle and Leslie explained that Tech Trek was starting the 22<sup>nd</sup>, and went into detail about what the program entailed. They asked for volunteers to help with registration on Sunday and for the simulation budget exercise on Tuesday evening.

We complimented Celida on her new home and met her husband, Jason, son Eric, and dog Sophie. Then the talking was free range (mothers exchanged tips, opinions, and experiences of child rearing) preceding the discussion of the book, *Educated*, which led into further discussion of politics and education. Regarding the main character, Tara, her gumption and resilience to survive despite the rigidity of the Mormon church and family rules was admired. The group explored 'the need to belong' in all walks of life.

Thank you, Celida, for providing such a good venue. The next books chosen were Trevor North *Born of Crime*, and Linda Park's *A Long Walk to Water*. Feminist Essays will follow those.

## **TECH TREK: 2018**

We have already received a grateful thank you from a parent of one of the participants. We are sure there will be more. It should be exciting and heart-warming to hear the Trekkers' reports at the September BBQ on the 29<sup>th</sup>.

## **REPORT: PLANNING RETREAT JULY 29<sup>TH</sup>**

Estelle hosted members Verena, Gail, Rhonda, Laleh, and Juliana for planning the branch's calendar after setting priorities for the year. Membership maintenance and recruiting were important, as was finding ways to increase attendance and participation. We talked about improving the format of Celebrate the 19<sup>th</sup> by having informal topics and speakers. The group analyzed program topics for community outreach, and decided on an October yard sale on the 6<sup>th</sup> and a quilt and weaving raffle for fundraising later in the year. A possible winery event is also in the developmental stage.

## **CALENDAR**

A schedule will be sent out separately soon, but here are a few general highlights.

August 19, Sunday: Jan & Adam Bridge will share pictures of their trip to China. 3:00 pm at their home.

September 13, Thursday: Board Meeting 6:30 Library

September 29, Saturday: Autumn BBQ at Juliana & Char's to hear Trekker reports. 4:00pm-7:00...

October 6, Saturday: Yard Sale fundraiser 320 I Street

October 7, Sunday: International House Festival

October 7, Sunday: evening Woodland Fundraiser at winery

October 11, Thursday: Board Meeting 6:30 Library

October 21, Sunday: United Nations Day Program

October 23, Tuesday: Jan Bridge will present information about the renaming of North Davis School in honor of Mary Ellen Dolcini, Blanchard Room 7 PM. Public will be invited.

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