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INSTALLATION LUNCHEON

On June 10th we held our Installation of Officers Program at Season's Restaurant. In attendance were Shahla, Verena, Elaine, Marti, Leslie, Estelle, Gail, Marlene, Stephany, Rhonda, our 4 Tech Trekkers and their family members. We were welcomed by Estelle, then went around the room and did introductions. Rhonda then followed with an introduction to AAUW Davis and our mission. She discussed how we were active on a national, state and local level. She focused on AAUW fellowships and the disparity/gender gap in women finishing their PhD's, and how the national fellowships help PhD candidates finish their dissertation here at UC Davis.

Next we heard a video message from Sithmi, a former trekker and soon to be junior counselor. She was unable to attend the meeting because she was with Davis High School Orchestra in NY playing at Carnegie Hall. She congratulated and welcomed the trekkers and recounted some of her experiences and how it sparked her interest in biomedical engineering. She also gave the girls an idea of what to expect at camp. She is looking forward to meeting them at camp this July.

Gail welcomed and congratulated all of them with a certificate and Tech Trek Bear. The 4 trekkers introduced themselves a bit more.

-Amy Vaughn (Da Vinci) became excited about TT after learning about it at our STEM Panel at Da Vinci this past Winter. She's interested in structural engineering

-Melody Ho (Holmes) - is originally from Wisconsin, was recommended by her math teacher, and is interested in the life sciences

-Melody Tun - from Burma originally, recommended by her science teacher. This will be her first summer camp and she's interested in Marine Biology

-Astraea Bluecoat (Emerson) - recommended by science teacher and

is interested in Marine Biology

Next, Shahla spoke about her thoughts on women in leadership. She encouraged the girls to "be bossy!". She was told to be bossy as a girl, and it means you have leadership skills. She referenced a Public Policy Institute of CA (PPIC) video that celebrated 100 years since the first woman was elected to the CA State Assembly. She emphasized how women are still under represented in Congress, with women comprising 53% of the state's eligible voters, yet only make up 23% of the assembly. Shahla hopes that Tech Trek inspires these young women to be future leaders.

Rhonda then thanked the outgoing and welcomed the incoming board (they're all the same people!). All of the board members were presented with an Andean Cross she picked up in Peru. The three board members not present were Celida, Ramona and Laleh, and present board members were Verena, Leslie and Gail. She also recognized Marlene (our student liaison) and Stephany (student intern) and Juliana (not present, Spokeswoman extraordinaire), and finally her two fellow co-executive officers Shahla and Estelle. Gail honored the co-executives with Past Presidents pins (Rhonda inherited hers from her mother). They are extremely beautiful silver pins, that can be worn to any AAUW event to identify her as a past president.

Lastly, we said our farewell to Stephany, who's graduating from UCD with degrees in communications and economics. She received our branch bicycle pin, a "Give a Grad a Gift" membership to AAUW and a thank you note and gift card. Marlene presented her with an AAUW Cord to wear at graduation.

Thank you to Gail for organizing such an excellent event, as always. Thank you to Leslie for this write-up.

TECH TREK

The Tech Trek camp for UCD is July 22-8. Leslie will be hosting the junior counselors at her home on Saturday, the 21st. Help with registration on the 22nd would be greatly appreciated. Two other chances to help and see

the action will be on Visitor's Day and Math Night. To volunteer, please contact Gail: gejohnson08@comcast.et.

Susan and Martha contacted Estelle about helping to recruit volunteers for the following dates preceding and during Tech Trek. Here are the dates and times when volunteers are needed.

Tech Trek instructor materials preparation: Saturday, July 21st from 1:00 pm to 3 pm

Tech Trek Registration: Sunday, July 22nd from 1:30 to 4:30 pm

SAFE Credit Union Reality Fair: Tuesday, July 24th from 6:00 - 9:15pm. Volunteers play the role of a sales person encouraging campers to buy things they may/may not need. Volunteers will get some brief training.

If you can volunteer, please indicate the dates and time slots you are available on July 21st and July 22nd For the SAFE Credit Union Reality Fair, volunteers should plan to stay for the entire 3.25 hour time slot.

Volunteers may e-mail Estelle directly at estelle.shiroma@gmail.com

ANNUAL PLANNING RETREAT

Sunday, July 29th is the date when most could make the rescheduled retreat. Please note the date on your calendars. We'll be meeting at Estelle's house from 9 am to 3:30 pm.

Every member is welcome.

CALENDAR

July 19- Thursday: Tentative- Book Club discussion

July 21- Saturday: Volunteer to help with TT materials preparation

July 22- Sunday: Registration for Tech Trek camp at UCD

July 24- Tuesday: Credit Union Reality Fair Volunteer help

July 29- Sunday: Annual Planning Retreat at Estelle's