

**THE SPOKESWOMAN**  
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**JUNE 2 INSTALLATION**

All members are invited to our annual Installation and Welcome to our New Tech Trekkers luncheon. This year, it will once again be at Seasons, 102 F St., on Sunday, June 2, starting at 11:30 am. Those attending will have their choice of an entrée, dessert, and iced tea for \$30 which includes tax and tip.

It is always delightful to meet our four new Tech Trek attendees, as well as celebrating another year together. This year, our new campers are: Sarah Boyd from Da Vinci, Sami Tully-Smith from Emerson, Mariana Ramirez from HolmesandHarmonyTunfromHarper. We will also hear from Sahiba Kaur and Annie Chen about their Washington, DC leadership workshop. Thank you, Gail, for arranging this.

**WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE WITH TECH TREK by Rhonda**

Our Davis Branch has been very supportive of Tech trek. It's a great program for girls, but the following letter shows how it's not just the camp that makes the difference; our members make a difference too! Read on:

From: Sithmi Jayasundara to Gail

Subject: College

" Hi Gail,

Hope you are doing well. I thought you might be wondering where I'm going to college next year. I will be attending John Hopkins University, majoring in Biomedical Engineering. I'm excited for the opportunities ahead and I am so grateful to tech trek for inspiring me and encouraging me to pursue this path.

It was at the Tech trek luncheon five years ago that one of the AAUW branch members saw that I was interested in both medicine and engineering and suggested that I look into Biomedical Engineering. I kept that in mind and was excited to find that two of the workshop presenters at camp were biomedical engineers. I listened carefully to their advice and researched the field extensively over the next few years. When I found out that I was accepted to Hopkins, I was thrilled – it has an amazing biomedical engineering program and endless research opportunities.

Just wanted to update you on my plans and thank you again for selecting me as a camper. Tech Trek has had an immeasurable impact on my life and I'm looking forward to meeting this year's group. See you next Sunday at the luncheon!

Best, Sithmi"

All Davis Branch members are encouraged to take advantage of opportunities to support girls in our community through tech Trek. These include:  
>attend the June 2 Installation Luncheon and talk with the 2019 campers and Sithmi;

- >volunteer at Registration on Sunday July 21
- >volunteer at the Reality Fair evening July 23
- >volunteer to help interview applicants in March 2020.

Contact Estelle if you want to volunteer. Help make a difference in girls' lives!  
Please RSVP to Gail by Wed. May 29 at [gejohnson08@comcast.net](mailto:gejohnson08@comcast.net) or 530 756-1207.  
You may bring your renewal form and dues with you.

## **SPEAKER DELAINE EASTIN AT STUDENT EVENT**

On May 21, Delaine Eastin, first woman Superintendent of Education in California and candidate for Governor, spoke with students and AAUW members at Robbins Hall on campus. Sahiba (Chapter President) introduced Ms. Eastin as the first and only woman to be State Superintendent of Education and as such, she helped pave the way for women in politics. Sahiba asked her to speak about some of the challenges she had to overcome.

Delaine described her background and emphasized the efforts her parents made to ensure that she had a good education despite their cash poor circumstances. Learning was always her focus. She is passionate about education, and went into politics because she wanted to make a difference.

In her early education, she was inspired by a librarian who steered her to read biographies of women, helped by a nurse who saw that she needed glasses, encouraged by a counselor to take college prep classes in high school, and supported by people she met throughout her career.

Delaine's talk was entertaining, with many stories as examples to back up points she wanted to emphasize.

1. Women have not been allowed to fully participate, but are beginning to have confidence in themselves and with others to make changes. (women could not borrow money for student loans until age 21, whereas men only had to be age 18)
2. It matters that women are "in the room". Their perspective and creativity are important.  
(a woman's restroom had to be added to the Senate floor once a female was elected)
3. Each person can make a difference. Be active in local government.
4. Be engaged, get connected, and be open to new experiences.

5. Education lets you make choices. Be warriors for Education. This country runs on other parents' kids.
6. Do not work in a place where your heart hurts.
7. Budgets are statements of values. We are #1 in prison spending and #43 in education money per pupil.

After questions and thanks, Davis AAUW presented Delaine with a framed certificate noting her being an EF Named Gift Honoree. The students then presented her with a flower bouquet and many words of appreciation.

Thank you for pictures, Rhonda.



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

## **CALENDAR**

**Will be updated in a supplement.**

June 2- Installation of officers, Meet Tech Trek luncheon at Seasons 11:30

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