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**MARCH 31 UNA DAVIS/AAUW EVENT REPORT**

We co-sponsored International Women's Day with UNA Davis, I House, UC Davis Global Affairs, and the Humphrey Fellowship Program. President of UNA Davis, Verena Borton, welcomed the audience, which included AAUW Student Chapter and members Gail, Estelle, Marlene, Trish, Laleh, Annie, Mia, and Juliana.

She explained how UNA makes information available about the UN 17 goals, how the UN is dedicated to values set in the annual meeting with the Declaration of Human Rights. She asked all to look at each goal and urge Congress to support the UN fully, to be an advocate for the UN and its Global Goals.

Goal 4: Education. By donating to Adopt-A-Future, one will be supporting education in refugee camps. I House is a venue for different cultures and is a place for students to make connections. The Humphrey Program hosts professionals and fellows. Global Affairs has been involved with ten thousand students in scholarships and academic programs.

Estelle spoke about how AAUW works to empower women and girls through advocacy, philanthropy, education, and research. We support Goal #5 of self-determination, equality, and the status of women through the International Fair, Sahaya House support, Tech Trek, STEM, and UCD students.

Verena then introduced guest speaker, Angelina Davydova, an environmental journalist from Russia. She is a Humphrey fellow, and graduated from the State University in St. Petersburg. She teaches there and works with a non-profit developing international cooperation in environmental and climate areas.

Ms. Davydova has been studying how the UN goals are affected by Climate Change. The International Panel on Climate Change has checked all countries, but suggested analysis and possible solutions are not easy to come by. It is extremely slow, and each country (192 of them) wants to pay \$0 for greenhouse gases. Each country has its own reasons for what it is doing.

In the developing world, how does one get growth, yet keep pollution down? Regarding the Paris Agreement, any decision to withdraw takes four years, so we are still in the Agreement. Each country decides its own target for lessening gases to get temperature lowered by 2 degrees by 2030. If there were no Panel pushing, the temperature would rise 5 degrees. States in the US are setting their own goals, and cities are working in their own ways to lessen gases.

Women and children are affected the most by the climate change, and many women are taking the initiative to make energy-saving decisions for their own households.

Ms. Davydova concluded by answering the question: What should students do? First, be aware of what is going on economically. We need all kinds of professions. Answer, what are you good at? What are you passionate about? How do your answers intersect?

After heartfelt applause and thank-yous, several people asked questions one-on-one while the rest went for refreshments and further discussions among themselves.

## **I HOUSE FILM SCHEDULE**

May 3, *The Promise* (2016, USA, directed by Terry George, 132 min.)

A carefully researched (but nonetheless controversial) epic story set in the last days of the Ottoman Empire and around the 1914 outbreak of World War I. Rural apothecary Mikael Boghosian (Oscar Isaac) yearns to study medicine in Constantinople to become a real doctor. The dowry he receives when promising to marry Maral (Angela Sarafyan) finances his studies. Once in medical school, he meets Paris-educated Ana Khesarian (Charlotte Le Bon) who is from his region of turkey, and falls in love with her despite Ana's liaison with Associate Press journalist Chris Meyers (Christian Bale). The love triangle continues throughout the film, but is overshadowed by the historical reality of the horrors of the Armenian genocide (that is still denied a century later) in which they become embroiled. The parallels to World War II are stark.

Viewersexperienceatrocitiesprimarilyasreflectedinthefacesof the actors. To do justice to the lasting effects of the genocide is difficult, but it is an important story that must be told. (#447)

May 17, *Das Wunder von Bern/The Miracle of Bern*, (2003, Germany, directed by Sonke Wortmann, 137 min.)

In 1954 the Soviet Union was shipping the last groups of prisoners of war home to Germany. Among them is Richard Lubanski (Peter Lohmeyer), the father of a young soccer-enthusiast, Matthias (Louis Klamroth) who lives with his mother Christ (Johanna Gastdorf), brother Bruno (Mirko Lang) and sister Ingrid (Birthe Wolter) in a mining town and has never met his father (nor does his father know of his existence). Matthias' idol is soccer star Helmut Rahn (Sascha Gopel). The father, obviously suffering PTSD and confused by the "new" Germany, takes out his frustration on the family and created angry reactions. The miracle of the title that changes everything is the unexpected but true fact that West Germany won the World Cup in Bern, Switzerland on July 4, 1954- and to this day that date is considered a turning point in post-war Germany. The winning goal was scored by Helmut Rahn in the 84<sup>th</sup> minute with a bit of miracle help by Matthias. (#448).

The IFS will be taking its customary summer break during June, July, and August, returning for film #449 on September 6.

### **BOOK CLUB**

On Saturday morning, April 20<sup>th</sup>, Rhonda, Trish, Terri, Marti, and Celida met at Mishka's café. The group discussed the book, *A Spark of Joy*, by Jodi Picoult. Members were curious to know each other's feelings about the author's exploration of two difficult topics: abortion and shootings. Group members who were familiar with Jodi Picoult's works suggested that this might not have been one of her better novels. Celida suggested that the story felt contrived and the group agreed that perhaps Hollywood will eventually make a movie.

As the group wrapped up their hot drinks and discussion of the novel, they talked about how much they are looking forward to the upcoming book, *Circe*, by Madeline Miller. It will be discussed at Mishka's on Saturday, June 18, at 9 a.m. For more information, please contact Celida at [cgjohnson@ucdavis.edu](mailto:cgjohnson@ucdavis.edu).

### **JUNE 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. Thank you, Gail, for arranging this.

Please RSVP to Gail by Wed. May 29 at [gejohnson08@comcast.net](mailto:gejohnson08@comcast.net) or 530 756-1207.

### **PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION**

AAUW member, Adam Bridge, will have some of his photography exhibited at I House, 10 College Park. A reception will be held from 6-8 pm on May 10.

### **STUDENT CHAPTER FUNDRAISER**

On May 16, UCD AAUW Student Chapter will be holding a fundraiser at Blaze Pizza, 212 F St. from 5pm- 10pm. Treat your family to supper and support the students at the same time.



**Organization name:** American Association of University Women Student Organization

**Date:** Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019

**Time:** 5P-10P

**Store:** 212 F Street, Davis, CA 95616

Present this flyer to the cashier BEFORE paying and Blaze Pizza will donate 20% of proceeds from your meal back to our organization.

Donation amount excludes proceeds from tax and gift card purchases. Valid for dine-in, take-out only. Not valid for online orders. Alcoholic beverages excluded. Event proceeds void if flyers are distributed in or near the restaurant. Manager, please attach this flyer to the guest check.



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- 2- present the coupon right away
- 3- you must have the coupon with you. None will be available there
- 4- 20% of the pizzas sold with the coupon will go to the UCD

Chapter of AAUW

Eat out- and “cause a scene for a good cause”

Print or photocopy the flyer(s) below.  
Share them with neighbors and friends.

### Information from AAUW national (from e-mail): from Estelle

There are only two weeks left until voting closes for the 2019 AAUW National Election. Every voice matters, so please take a few moments to vote in this important election. Voting will close on Tuesday, May 14 at 6 p.m. ET. Your vote will determine the leaders of AAUW’s Board of Directors who will guide AAUW as we seek to achieve equity for women and girls. This year, you’ll also vote on AAUW’s 2019–21 Public Policy Priorities, providing the framework for the important advocacy work we do at the local, state and national levels.

### Information for AAUW California (from e-mail):

Dear Member,

Our bylaws limit the AAUW California Board of Directors to twelve members, including President, President-Elect, Secretary, Chief Financial Officer (CFO) and Directors (at large). In 2019 we are voting to elect four positions:

- President-Elect (one-year term 2019–2020)
- Chief Financial Officer (two-year term 2019-2021)
- 2 Directors (two-year term 2019-2021)

You also can vote on Public Policy Priorities.

The three-week voting period begins April 22nd and ends on May 13th, 2019.

### **How do you vote?**

We provide every member the opportunity to vote electronically, with phone voting for those who cannot vote online.

Each member with a valid email address on file with National AAUW will receive an email message containing a personal invitation to vote. There will be a link to click that will take you to the ballot.

Members without a valid email address on file will be mailed a postcard with information about how to vote online or by phone.

### **What do I do if I don't get an email or a postcard?**

Call the AAUW California Office at 916-448-7795 to vote by phone. You will need your AAUW Member ID in order to vote.

### **Where do I find candidate information?**

Candidate information was included in the Winter edition of the California Perspective and is also available online. Click [HERE](#).

### **Where do I find Public Policy Priority information?**

Public Policy Priority information was included in the Winter edition of the California Perspective and is also available online. Click [HERE](#).

### **Equal Pay Day at the State Capitol: from Estelle**

The picture below is State Senator Hannah-Beth Jackson, who spoke at the luncheon. On April 1<sup>st</sup>, 50 AAUW members from the Sacramento region gathered at the State Capitol to commemorate Equal Pay Day. Davis AAUW members Rhonda, Stephanie, Leslie, and Estelle attended with UC Davis students Sahiba and Annie.

Although we had hoped to hear AAUW's Senate Resolution on Equal Pay Day, it was heard and passed the day prior to the event. Nonetheless, the day was still exciting and started with a press conference on the east steps of the Capitol with First Partner Jennifer Siebel Newsom and Labor Secretary Julie Su unveiling Equal Pay CA, a campaign to raise awareness about the gender pay gap and California's commitment to closing it. Thirteen companies, including Airbnb, Apple, AT&T, Shutterfly and Square, signed onto their pledge to do an annual pay equity audit to ensure they are paying women the same as men for substantially similar work.

Following the press conference, the group met in the Eureka room for lunch. Sue Miller of the AAUW CAPublic Policy Committee arranged for several speakers. Among them were our Legislative Advocate, Shannon Smith-Crowley, and State Senator Hannah-Beth Jackson (19th District, Santa Barbara and most of Ventura County), who authored the updated Fair Pay Act (SB358).

Senator Jackson reminded us that Equal Pay Day is the day that coincides with the additional time (three months) it takes for women to reach parity with what a man made the previous year.



The group was then invited to tour the Capitol Assembly and Senate chambers where visitors learned about how bills become law, California history, and heard interesting stories about the furnishings and artwork in the building. We also heard a performance of De Colores in the Assembly chambers by Mariachi Chavez from Cesar Chavez High School in Stockton. They were guests of Assemblywoman Susan Talamantes Eggman and performed in celebration of Cesar Chavez's birthday on March 31st. While it was rumored that U.S. Senator Kamala Harris was scheduled to make a special presentation in the Senate, we never saw her as she was apparently making her rounds at other venues in Sacramento. Thank you to Sue Ellen Miller and the Sacramento region Interbranch Council for organizing a successful Equal Pay Day program!

### **THE BOARD MEETING**

Board meetings are open to any member. At the business meeting on April 8th, the slate of officers for 2019-2020 was determined and was voted upon at the April 8 meeting at Village Grill. The next board meeting is May 7<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in the small conference room at the library.

### **THE BUSINESS MEETING**

At a short business meeting at Village Grill at 5:30 pm on Monday, April 8, complimentary pizza and salad were available. We voted on the proposed officers. The following were elected: Shahla for Executive Officer, Gail for Financial Officer, Leslie for Secretary, and the Board consisting of Estelle, Rhonda, Verena, and new addition, Stephanie DeGraff-Hunt.

Last minute raffle tickets were sold, and winning tickets were drawn for the scarf by Verena Borton, and two quilts by Marti Abbott. Money raised will go to Tech Trek for the girls' scholarships of \$900 each. Thanks again, Marti and Verena for your donations.

## EQUAL PAY DAY

April 2 is the actual Equal pay Day, but several students and members enjoyed a special luncheon, visit with lobbyist, and tour of the capital on April 1.

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

## CALENDAR

May 3- Film: The Promise

May 7- Board meeting library conference room, 7:00 pm

May 10- Adam Bridge Photography at I House 6-8 pm

May 16- Student Chapter fundraiser at BLAZE PIZZA, 212 F St. 5-10 May 17- Film at I House: The Miracle Of Bern

May 18- Book Club at Mishka's 9 am, discussing Circe

May 19- Celebrate the 19<sup>th</sup>- notice will be sent TBD

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

## Officers for 2018-2019 until June Installation

### Co-executive Officers:

Estelle: 758-8603

Shahla: 304-2844

Rhonda: 297-0460

### Membership- Treasurer:

Gail-756-1207

### Board Members:

Ramona: 297-5673

Celida: 707-540-4663

Leslie: 707-217-7166

Verena: 756-0632

Laleh: 400-8633

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