

# **THE SPOKESWOMAN**

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This month's newsletter contains mostly the calendar of events and welcoming new members. A report on the successful Tech Trek camp will be sent out later in August. Your board met at Leslie's home on July 13th with a serious agenda on setting our goals, how to get more participation, and what leadership activities would tie in with our students and older members. Shahla brought a co-worker, Solmaz, to observe. She later joined as a member.

## **WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS**

Please add these names to your roster:

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## **FRIDAY ART ABOUT**

On Friday, August 9, from 7-9 pm, Verena Borton (board member) will have some of her weaving on display at the Davis Art Center.

## **BOOK CLUB**

We are combining the Book Club discussion with Celebrate the 19th on August 19 at 5:30 pm at Tres Hermanas (by the Amtrak station). We will be discussing *Lies My Teacher Told me*. Don't worry if you have not read the book. The conversation will be interesting and the food tasty.

## **TECH TREK**

The Tech Trek camp for UCD was July 21-7. Rhonda hosted the junior counselors, and several of us helped with registration.

## **CALENDAR**

August 8- Board Meeting at Conference room at Library- all welcome August 9- ART About at the DAC

August 19- Book Club and Celebrate the 19th at Tres Hermanas 5:30 pm

September 21- Tech Trek presentations and food made by Sithu Tun (sushi) at 4:00 pm at Juliana's home

September 29- Woodland EF and projects fundraiser at Matchbox Winery

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

Officers:

President: Shahla Farahnak

Treasurer/Membership: Gail Johnson

Secretary: Leslie Rubin

The Board: Verena Borton

Stephanie Degraff-Hunt

Rhonda Reed

Estelle Shiroma

Spokeswoman: Juliana Wells

Book Club: Celida Johnson

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**CORRECTION ON BOARD MEETING DATE**

The board will meet Tuesday, August 13 from 7-9PM in the small conference room at the library.

**TECH TREK REPORTS**

Subject: 2019 Tech Trek Visit Day Gratitude

Hello AAUW Branch Members!

Just last week, the wildly successful Tech Trek inspired campers in STEM education on the UC Davis campus. It was a hot one, but no one melted down, and the energy was vibrant! Our Visit Day welcomed 33 members from 13 Northern California and Nevada branches and 33 visitors from Community invitations. The morning activity was spent observing and interacting with the girls at their core classes: dissecting sheep lungs (anatomy class), demonstrating solar powered skate boards (engineering class), preparing DNA models (genetics class), coloring mandalas they had drawn (3-D math/architecture class), lighting diodes from a motherboard (coding class.) There were many other projects completed and some of those had photos posted on the internal Facebook account, which members and families were allowed to access during the week. Many branch members stayed for the food court style lunch in the dining commons for \$14 each, and talked with the campers to get the highlights of their week. Their enthusiasm was dynamic!! I marvel at the maturity in thinking and ability to communicate that these girls demonstrated. One junior counselor told me that her experience was even more meaningful and enriching as a returning camper. These girls LOVE it!!

I hope all of you can attend a presentation when the girls thank YOU as sponsors. It is such a pivotal moment for these selected girls to stay on a university campus, have role models in STEM as their mentors/teachers in core classes and workshops, interact with highly intelligent women of integrity and motivation at the Professional Women's Evening, tour campus facilities such as the Vet Med Hospital and State Pathology centers, the Mondavi Performing Arts and Shrem Art gallery. Some of the branch members survived the heat and toured the Mondavi and Shrem (these have a/c) and

made a full day of it. I encourage all of us to go at least once, and go again and again, to see what an amazing camp we have developed. Since its beginning at Stanford campus in 1998, the other multiple sites in California and spreading throughout the U.S. and the first Davis Tech Trek in 2011, thousands of girls have been instructed, encouraged and shown how their dreams can be fulfilled. We AAUW members make it happen with our financial support! THANK YOU for your continued advocacy to promote STEM exploration and give girls a glimpse of what is possible for their lives.

A special thanks to our directors and staff and to all of YOU who attended Visit Day this year! Please send your ideas for improvement for our next Visit Day to be held on the Thursday of the week of Tech Trek!

With Appreciation,

Jan Lynds

Tech Trek Visit Day Team

