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TECH TREK PRESENTATIONS

On Saturday, the 21st, our four 2019 Trekkers presented a small “picture” of their studies at Tech Trek camp on the UCD campus in July. The audience of parents, siblings, and AAUW members was attentive at their sharing.

Side dishes of salads and fruit and desserts from parents and members complemented the wonderful donation of food from Zin and Sithu Tun, the sustainable chefs from Mermaid Sushi located in the Davis Food Co-Op. We ate sushi raw fish, shellfish, vegan, Korean Yakisoba, and chicken teriyaki. Everyone had the pleasure of eating well. Thank you, Zin and Sithu, for your generosity and expertise!

We were happy to have three of our new members attend: Julie Alvarez, Karen Lemcke, and Solmaz Marzooghi. Estelle Shiroma set up an information table and had sign-up sheets for the upcoming International Festival Tabling volunteers on the 6th and helpers for the yard sale on the 12th. She also sold raffle tickets for the quilt donated by Marti Abbott and the scarf woven and donated by Verena Borton.

Shahla Farahnak, President of the Davis AAUW branch, welcomed all, and explained our mission and the appropriate fulfillment with Tech Trek. She mentioned the upcoming events and encouraged people to volunteer for those events as well as to be ready to help at next year’s Tech Trek session. She then introduced Gail Johnson, Coordinator extraordinaire for the TT program, and she introduced each girl and invited them to speak about their personal memories and learning.

Sami Tully-Smith spoke about her 3-D Math class, in which she built a bridge that could withstand a small person's weight. Harmony Tun showed us and explained her chart relating to Genetics, which she is now very interested in pursuing. India Manansala tried to explain coding, which fascinated her, and have us understand. Mariana Ramirez showed us her solar car that she made in her engineering class.

All the young ladies thanked us and were grateful for their fun learning time and gains in self-confidence. They enjoyed being with all girls, and especially appreciated their parents, after going through the budget balancing simulation. The parents also expressed their gratitude for AAUW in offering such a rewarding, science revitalizing experience.

Attendees helped themselves to leftovers and some flower bouquets brought by Mr. Tun. Parents, members, families, and friends enjoyed the afternoon and all helped to put furniture and food away.

Attending: Shahla, Estelle and Rich, Gail, Verena and Ray, Ramona, Marlene and Ryan, Laleh, Sadie, Karen and Ross, Julie, Solmaz, and parents.

BOOK CLUB

TENTATIVE: The next meeting for Books will be October 19, Saturday, at 9:00am at Mishka's. The book, *Beloved* by Toni Morrison will be discussed.

In November, tentatively, on Saturday the 2nd at 9:00am at Mishka's, the book *The Island of Sea Women* by Lisa See is the tentative choice. Please remember that you are welcome to come whether or not you read the book.

A NOTICE WILL BE SENT CONFIRMING OR CANCELLING.

UPCOMING EVENTS

AAUW Davis has several activities planned with many opportunities for you to attend or assist.

1. On October 6, from 12-5, is the International House Festival in Central Park. We will have a table where we will give out information and rulers advertising our organization. We need people to work 1 hour or more shifts at the table to answer questions and hand out materials. If you cannot take a shift, then you may help set up at 11am or take the tabling down at 5pm. Contact Stephanie DeGraff-Hunt 530-902-8394 desdhunt@comcast.net.
2. On October 12, from 8am-3pm, we are having a yard sale fundraiser. Please bring **priced** items you are donating to Rhonda Reed's home at 320 I St. Thursday or Friday after 3 pm or with other arrangements. Help set up 7am-8am and/or take an hour or more shift from 8-3 and/or help disperse goods left over from 3-4pm and/or bring some baked goods to sell.
Please contact Rhonda for questions and signups to help. 530-297-0460 salmonlady@sbcglobal.net
3. We are sharing the limelight and some responsibility (attending and refreshments) when we cosponsor UN DAY at I House. The theme is "Our Planet, Our Future". The speaker will be Troy Wolfe from Washington, D.C. He is Senior Director of Education Program and Learning at the UN Foundation.

If you wish to participate in the Sahaya Walk, Please contact I House for information. That is on October 13.

Any member is welcome to the Board Meetings. Our next one is October 8th, 7-9pm in the small conference room at Yolo County Library on 14th St.

Pictures of the Tech Trek presentations will be found on our website.

AAUW DAVIS WEBSITE

Please visit our website www.aauwdavis.org

You may email us davis-ca@aauw.net

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

CALENDAR

Oct 6 – International Festival noon-5 in Central Park

Oct 12 – YARD SALE

Oct 13 – SAHAYA WALK

Tentative--Oct 19 – Celebrate the 19th and Book Club 9:00am

Mishka's

Oct 27 – UN Day- Speaker 3-5 pm Our Planet, Our Future

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