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**The Events of a Busy Season**

December 6-8

The Davis Arts Center will be having their holiday sale.

Tuesday, December 10

UNA Davis presents the reading of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.



DAVIS CHAPTER

CELEBRATING THE 71ST ANNIVERSARY OF THE  
UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS  
DECEMBER 10, 2019, 6-8 p.m.  
International House Davis

Seventy one years ago, on December 10, 1948, the United Nations adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, an international bill of rights developed under the leadership of Eleanor Roosevelt. The Davis chapter of the United Nations Association invites all to join in marking this milestone on Tuesday, December 10 at 6 p.m. in the Community Room at International House, 10 College Park.

Each year since 2004 the declaration has been presented in Davis by different readers on or around December 10, celebrated as Human Rights Day all over the world. For many years, the 30 articles of the document have been read in as many as 30 different languages by native speakers, followed by an English translation. Hearing so many voices from various cultures representing different regions of the world is a remarkable experience that reflects both the diversity of our community and the universality of the individual rights in the declaration.

Participating in the observance as readers, listeners or observers has been a meaningful and occasionally a very moving experience for those present as the whole document is offered as a communal reading, with opportunity to share observations after the reading.

While the declaration is not legally binding, it has been a moral compass for the world over seven decades, resulting in all major human rights conventions created since.

Volunteers are needed to fill all the reading slots, both world languages (30) and English, and we are looking especially for participants who have not previously taken part. Please contact Verena Bortoy at [vrbortoy@gmail.com](mailto:vrbortoy@gmail.com) as soon as possible to volunteer.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend and be a link in our circles when we read, hear and reflect upon the meaning of such basic truths as "Everyone has the right to seek and to enjoy in other countries asylum from persecution" (Article 14) or "Everyone has the right to recognition everywhere as a person before the law" (Article 6).

All who attend will receive a free copy of the UDHR as a gift from the UNA chapter. Refreshments will be served after the ceremony.

*There is no charge, but donations will be accepted with gratitude for the 2019 Davis UNICEF campaign or for the UNA-UNHCR Adopt-a-Future initiative supporting education for children in refugee camps.*

This is a reminder that we will be celebrating the 71st anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, as in previous years, by reading the document in as many languages as possible and English. The following article linked below has appeared in The Davis Enterprise and brought some results, but we are still short on readers - both in English and in other languages.

Please consider volunteering and/or recommending to others that they contact Verena as soon as possible to take part. Regardless of whether you choose to participate or not, please join us for this special gathering and bring some friends.

Thank you. We hope to see you on December 10th!

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<https://www.davisenterprise.com/community/readers-sought-for-human-rights-declaration-celebration/>



Saturday, December 14

## Annual Holiday Gathering

Branch members and UCD AAUW students will be celebrating the holidays on Saturday, December 14th at Estelle's home (747 Plum Lane in Davis) from 5 pm to 8 pm. This is a potluck event and those attending are asked to bring an appetizer to share. Non-alcoholic beverages will be provided; other beverages are welcome. Our featured speaker this year is Jan Judson of Make it Happen, a nonprofit organization that assists Yolo County's transition-age foster youths as they enter independent living. In the spirit of the season, we would like to support Make it Happen with donations of gift cards from Target or Walmart. They can also use gently used small furniture items such as love seats, small kitchen tables and chairs, etc. that are easy to move. Donations will be collected at the event. If you cannot join us on the 14th, we can make arrangements to pick up your gift cards or other items. An RSVP is not required but would be appreciated by Thursday, December 12th; e-mail Estelle at [estelle.shiroma@gmail.com](mailto:estelle.shiroma@gmail.com) or text/call (530) 848 -9361.

## Quilt Raffle

We are in the final weeks of raffle ticket sales to support Tech Trek scholarships and other branch projects! Tickets are \$3 each or 4 for \$10. Members are encouraged to purchase or sell \$20 of raffle tickets to support our cause. The grand prize is a beautiful queen-size reversible quilt, lovingly made and donated by Marti Abbott. The second prize is a stunning jewel-toned mohair/wool shawl, handwoven and donated by weaving instructor Verena Borton. The drawing will take place at the Annual Holiday Gathering on December 14th so get your raffle tickets soon! Tickets will be available for sale on December 14th. If you would like to purchase raffle tickets, contact Shahla at [farahnak@sbcglobal.net](mailto:farahnak@sbcglobal.net) or Estelle at [estelle.shiroma@gmail.com](mailto:estelle.shiroma@gmail.com). You can also text/call Estelle at (530) 848-9361.



**RAFFLE GRAND PRIZE  
REVERSIBLE QUEEN SIZE QUILT**



Sponsored by the AAUW Davis Branch  
In Support of Tech Trek Science and  
Math Camp for Girls and Other Branch Projects  
Drawing to be held on December 14, 2019  
(need not be present to win)  
TICKETS \$3 each or 4 for \$10

Saturday, January 4

The Book Club is currently without leadership, but those of us who wish to come together for conversation and/or discussion of Toni Morrison's *Beloved* will meet at The Three Ladies on 130G Street, Suite A, by Amtrak opposite Paisanos at 9:00 am.

Tuesday, January 7

We will have the Board meeting from 6:30pm-8:30pm in the library small conference room. Any member is welcome.

Saturday, January 18

Celebrate the 19<sup>th</sup>, a social no-host gathering is slated, place and time to be determined.

Saturday, January 25

The IBC (Interbranch Council) annual funds luncheon will take place at PLATES in Sacramento. We will hear from two fellowship recipients who will speak about their research work. The PLATES site has been chosen as it is sponsored/staffed by women from St. John's Shelter. A flyer with more information will be sent later. The payment of \$35 will be due by January 17. There will be a silent auction, so please consider coming up with something to donate.

Please remember to answer the letter request for donations, if possible, by the 15<sup>th</sup>.

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

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