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EVENT October 6

The International Festival was a tabling success. Stephanie DeGraff-Hunt organized the volunteers (UCD students, Woodland and Davis AAUW members), and kept interactions flowing smoothly. We have new people we can inform of our activities.

The International Festival on Sunday, October 6th in Central Park was a great success. The AAUW table, sandwiched between two great neighbors, the United Nations Association (UNA Davis) and the Friendship Force of Sacramento, welcomed many visitors. The lively presence of our many volunteers was a key drawing card. The student organization represented by Mia Santos, Eva Wynn, Marlene Amador, and Denise Garcia engaged easily in conversations with current UCD students about the goals, purpose, and advantages of being involved with AAUW. The Woodland AAUW represented by Barbara Durst, Gloria Broccolini, and Valerie Olsen enjoyed sharing information and encouraged interested visitors to leave their names and emails so we can follow up with more information about our local groups. It was great to have new members Julie Alvarez and Trish Wright work the table at the beginning and end of the day. Former board member Ramona Swenson pulled in early to help with the set up and selling raffle tickets, which were flying fast and furious, especially at the beginning of the Festival when the sun shone directly on Marti Abbott's stunning quilt with its bright blue, green, and yellow colors. Verena Borton's woven shawl in multicolored blues was displayed at the front of our table and people could hardly believe that it had also been donated for the raffle.

In quieter moments Ramona, Julie, and Trish shared excellent information with our student volunteers about the importance of joining and participating in professional organizations related to their field of interest, as well as seeking out internships as undergraduates that might very well lead to future career opportunities. Their enthusiasm and guidance for learning and professional growth was inspiring and very much appreciated by the students. The afternoon saw a table thronged by visitors who kept Shahla Farahnak and Estelle Shiroma as well as Denise and Eva busy. Our new member Solmaz Marzooghi and former board member Laleh Rastegarzadeh came by to add to the festive air. Lots of kids liked receiving passport stickers, rulers, and bookmarks, while their parents learned about AAUW.

Interest in working with AAUW was expressed by a number of different people. Christina Siracusa who works with Global Learning on campus is very excited that for the first time they are going to host a Global Learning Conference at UCD on February 29, 2020 and invited us to attend. Global Affairs also invited AAUW members to participate in their upcoming workshops, seminars, and events that are held on campus. Global Affairs has a wide variety of campus oriented mini-grants related to Science and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, which again is a wonderful way to explore interests and develop professional relationships. A parent whose daughter attends Davis High School was wondering how AAUW might connect with a new group that girls have recently organized. She took information on AAUW so may be in touch with us in the near future. Thank you to everyone for sharing such a lively day.



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Estelle Shiroma and Juliana Wells traveled to the AAUW Fellow luncheon in Danville to hear about the projects of Fellowship and Grant recipients. Marty McKnew of Sacramento rode with us. Davis has the task of selecting 2 speakers from this luncheon to present their research plans to the INTERBRANCH COUNCIL (IBC) at a luncheon at PLATES in Sacramento on January 25.

Report by Estelle

EVENT October 8

The student AAUW group spent several hours tabling on the Quad at UCD. Students set up the Pay Gap cookie demonstration, had trivia questions about women's issues, and gave out bumper stickers depicting various issues (Protect Voting Rights, End the Pay Gap, etc). They answered questions about the organization and urged students to sign up to be contacted by email.

Rhonda Reed and Juliana Wells helped with tabling from noon to one after which President Sahiba Kaur and Vice President Eva Wynn took over. We were pleased to make new sheets for sign-ups as we met many interested young women. Mia Santos, Marlene Amador, and Jamila Alani also did tabling work.



EVENT October 12

The yard sale at 320 I Street (Rhonda's) yielded quilt raffle sales and money for Tech Trek and Special Projects. Gail Johnson reported a sum of over \$408 was collected as a result of the donations and hard-working efforts of volunteers.

Thanks to everyone who made the yard sale a success! From donations of items to donations of precious time, every bit helped to make the day a success. The weather was very pleasant, although a little cooler in the early hours. Warmer temperatures brought out more shoppers mid-morning. It was fun to spend time chatting with members, and Margo, when times were slow.



We made over \$400 from the sale which goes to our Branch Projects fund. This fund allows the Branch to support our Mission in a variety of ways, including providing support for our UCD Student Organization members to participate in AAUW leadership opportunities, offering stipends to help members attend National or State conventions, local projects like Sahaya Walks. The Board can also direct those funds to fill out a Tech Trek scholarship or an AAUW

Funds donation. We also sold more Raffle tickets at the yard sale! Buy your tickets soon!

EVENT October 13

On Sunday the 13th, several members attended the Sahaya Walk and Program at I House. AAUW Davis has supported this organization with a monetary donation and participation in the event for several years.

EVENT October 19

Celebrate the 19th was a Mishka's at 9:30 am. Nan Yates, Verena Borton, Shahla Farhanak, Grace Sheehy, and Juliana Wells had coffee/tea and talked about what each of us wished to share re: our past few weeks, volunteering, and looking ahead. The only negative of the enjoyable conversation was the noise level inside the café. A tentative future meeting is not yet scheduled.

EVENT October 27

Amidst high winds, dodging fallen branches and trees, and the threat of power outages, the UN Day program was supported by 60 plus people. Guest speaker, Troy Wolfe, spoke on *Our Planet, Our Future*. The program was co-sponsored by AAUW, I House, Cool Davis, and UCD Global Affairs.

Wolfe is the Senior Director of Education Programs and Learning at the UN Foundation. Speakers from Cool Davis and Global Affairs presented some goals for implementing Climate Action locally. A question and answer period followed, with a reception afterward. AAUW participants included Shahla, Stephanie, Estelle, Laleh, Juliana, and UCD student intern, Denise Garcia, who also took pictures of the event.



Jolynn Shoemaker Troy Wolfe Chris Granger Lynn Nittler Megan Phelps
UCD Global Affairs UN Foundation Ex.Dir.Cool Davis. Cool Davis/Climate Act. UCD student climate activist

EVENT October 28

The first general meeting of the UCD Student AAUW organization took place at UCD's Cruess Hall on Monday evening from 6-7 pm. The board showed a short video from AAUW National. President Sahiba Kaur introduced herself and each of the board members, who told a bit about themselves: Vice President Eva Wynn, Treasurer Jamila Alani, Communications Mia Santos, and liaison Marlene Amador. Shahla, Estelle, and Juliana were also present to represent Branch members.

Shahla was asked to speak about her work. She offered to be a resource, as would other Branch members, for networking, mentoring, and training and sponsoring opportunities. She reminded the students that many different careers are represented by Branch members.

The student board then spoke of the activities they would be offering, such as a presentation on job hunting and internships by Brunswick; a study jam near finals; a members-only social; workshops on salary negotiation and more. By joining, students will have access to a support system and going to Branch activities such as the Leadership Training on November 2, and the Plates IBC Fellows luncheon on January 25.

The only requirements for joining the student group are to pay \$10, attend 1 general meeting or event per quarter, and spend 1 hour tabling at the Silo. Before the students ended the meeting, Shahla asked each attendee to introduce themselves and state their year and major.

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

CALENDAR

November 2: Leadership Training...Sacramento...IBC

14: Board meeting- Library- 6:30pm- small conf.

21: Tentative- Inclusivity training

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