

**THE SPOKESWOMAN**  
**AAUW DAVIS NEWSLETTER**  
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**CALENDAR**

June 3- Installation of officers on ZOOM at 5 pm. Rhonda has sent you 2 emails concerning the passwords, etc. For questions, please email her at salmonlady@sbcglobal.net

June 6- Book Club: Barbara Durst will lead the discussion through Ursula Le Guin's No Time To Spare ni(thoughts about what matters, collected from her blog). ZOOM at 9 am.

June 11- Board meeting at 7 pm. Any member is welcome. ZOOM

June 13- ZOOM talk presentation hosted by CHAR AAUW (Citrus Heights, American River branch). New State President Diane Owens: "Be the best you can be". 11am. Call Rhonda.

June 19- Ritual ZOOM graduation of Student Chapter AAUW UCD. Celebrate the 19th with graduates Sahiba Kaur, Mia Santos, and Denise Garcia. Contact Estelle for details estelle.shiroma@gmail.com 5pm.

June 22- membership renewals due to PO Box 4165 Davis 95617. NOT ZOOM.

Looking ahead: Book Club July TBD ZOOM (the 11th?)

Board Meeting July 9 ZOOM 7pm

Celebrate the 19th July 19 th ZOOM- discussion Of Tech Trek

August 29 Board Retreat- hopefully in person

**MESSAGE FROM THE BRANCH PRESIDENT- Shahla**

" It was a beautiful sunny day in downtown Sacramento. It was March 3, 2020 and I was having lunch with a colleague who had taken me out to a French Restaurant for an early Birthday lunch. We had a lovely meal and a very nice conversation. Even though we were enjoying our conversation and the lovely salmon dish followed by Crème Brulee, we started looking at our watches and were concerned that it took them too long to serve us and we are running late to our 1:00 pm meeting. I believe that is the last time I ate out at a restaurant and it seems so far away as if it has been years! Another reminder of how important it is to take our time to enjoy the moment, our surroundings, conversations, and joys of life.

I'd like to take this opportunity to remind us all that someday this will all be behind us and hope that we all come out of it healthy, and stronger with precious life lessons of kindness and sacrifice. It is too bad that we had to cancel many in person events, but on the bright side we have discovered a whole new cyberspace that has made it even more possible for some of our members to get engaged and participate at our Celebrate the 19th events, book clubs, and other special events. We still do miss seeing our members in person but will really encourage you to stay connected and encourage those that are looking for a network to join us. It is even more important than ever. On behalf of our Board Members I wish you and your families a healthy and safe transition back to post COVID19 life."

**AAUW DAVIS Installation of Officers**

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Please join us in thanking our 2019/2020 slate of officers and to welcome the 2020/2021 Board Members. We love to see you at this virtual meeting. As you know this year due to COVID19 we

had to cancel our annual April Business meeting and resort to an electronic ballot to confirm our 2020/2021 Board Members. Thank you to our members for helping us with this new process. We are happy that our existing Board Members have decided to carry the torch for another year and are excited about having two new Board Members that will bring new energy and new ideas for our Davis Branch. This is an opportunity to hear more about Board Members, who they are and why they believe in AAUW's Mission, their vision for 2020/2021, and most of all to share your suggestions and ideas with the Board. Time: Wednesday June 3, 2020 05:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada) This is a "Zoom" meeting. You do not need to have a Zoom account to participate. Please join us by using the link below. If you have problems getting in call/text Rhonda at (530) 902-4946. You will need to enter the password below. click on the link or paste in your browser, and enter the password. Feel free to join us by phone if you prefer that option.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85287759310?pwd=R1JEK3JndnRuakk4YklhTGZMd1ZFdz09>

Meeting ID: 852 8775 9310 Password: 342489

OR call in:

Dial by your location

+1 669 900 9128 US (San Jose)

Meeting ID: 852 8775 9310

**Password: 342489**

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85287759310?pwd=R1JEK3JndnRuakk4YklhTGZMd1ZFdz09>

#### **REPORT: MAY 14 BOARD MEETING**

Action: membership applications and renewals mailed Discussion: calendar (see above)

Action: Juliana needed help with the Spokeswoman since Denise has graduated, although still offering to help. Solmaz has volunteered to be Editor.

Leslie will search for new interns through UCD online site since our current ones are graduating.

The Student Chapter is realigning membership and outreach and focus, possibly using START SMART with Estelle's help.

Action: Shahla sent off officer and board info to the State. Report: Rhonda, IBC President, announced that the Funds luncheon at Plates will be January 30, 2021. Davis will find speakers. IBC- The Leadership Training is scheduled for November 7, 2020, and will include inclusivity, Public Policy, and Title IX. Report: jobs for new board members- Solmaz with newsletter with Juliana and Communication with Stephanie; Melissa Kieffer with Tech Trek along with Gail and Leslie.

Action: Davis has purchased ZOOM rights for our meetings @\$15 per month for three months. We are postponing fundraising events until further notice.



## **REPORT: CELEBRATE THE 19TH**

Participants: Stephanie, Barbara D., Nan, Verena, Shahla, Juliana, Dolores, Leslie, Solmaz, Rose Mary, Estelle, Rhonda. Rhonda announced our own ZOOM account and explained how to use it. Leslie reminded us that new members will need access to the Google Drive and that the website needs updating.

Rhonda mentioned a program which could be used for Tech Trek enhancement (due to the cancellation of the camp this year). Skype with a Scientist would have a female scientist give a talk and then answer questions, similar to TT's Professional Women's Night and STEM PANEL at Da Vinci. More later.

Misc. topics were discussed.

Verena recommended the book, I Can Do Anything by Diane Dillon. She gave it to Leslie and she and Margo both loved it, reading it almost every night.

Estelle talked about her chickens, Sophie (age 6), Gracie, and Frankie, and how organically tasty their eggs are even as they behave like dogs coming when called. Shahla brought up a heartwarming story.

On the Bright Side – A Heartwarming Happy Chicken Story

Grass Valley Animal Sanctuary rescues 1,000 chickens! On to a new and better life, a thousand chickens landed in Northern California after being saved from being slaughtered in an Iowa Farm. The hens went from living in a space of one square foot to spreading their wings in their new temporary home, Animal Place, a Grass Valley-based sanctuary. The rescue team flew them on two planes from an Iowa Egg Farm, where the owner could no longer care for them, to save them from being killed. Grass Valley shelter plans to find forever homes for these ladies once they make sure they are healthy.

To read more and for photos check:

<https://gcc01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cnn.com%2F2020%2F05%2F18%2Fus%2Fhen-rescue-egg-farm-trnd%2Findex.html&data=02%7C01%7Cshahla.farahnak%40waterboards.ca.gov%7Cf94a30dc437d4eea41ba08d80508b88b%7Cfe186a257d4941e6994105d22>

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Nan commented on the many pigeons that John kept at their previous home.

Leslie mentioned the Great Bear Winery at the end of F St., where the tasting room is nice and close by. Some wineries can do virtual tasting for friends after they have delivered their wines. A discussion ensued of who was drinking what, with Rhonda describing her virgin mojito (mint, lime, ginger beer ((Bundesberg)), lemon lime and sparkling water.

Dolores suggested trying and sharing recipes for different drinks using root beer as a base.

Ingredients could be posted and could include cultural drinks and various mugs and glassware.

The next Celebrate the 19th will be on the 19th on ZOOM, and will include a virtual graduation celebration for Sahiba, Mia, and Denise.

### **CALIFORNIA AAUW ANNUAL MEETING By Shahla**

California AAUW annual meeting organizers did not let COVID19 stop then! On Saturday, April 18th, more than 300 AAUW California members attended the virtual 2020 annual meeting. Kim Churches, CEO of AAUW gave the State of the Association from her home. Davis Branch Board Members Verena, Shahla, Rhonda, and Estelle attended the virtual Zoom meeting. View the meeting materials, questions and answers, winning Speech Trek video, and download presentation materials at [aauw-ca.org](http://aauw-ca.org) . (search for 2020 Annual Meeting Materials).