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The Big Wind is a bimonthly newsletter. Articles should be sent to Judy Galvin by the 15th of the month prior to publication.

Progressive Fund Raiser Dinner

Saturday, February 28

A delightful moving feast will begin at the Fried's home at 6 PM with appetizers and drinks. We will then travel down Seneca Place to the Rogers and Dulcich homes for a dinner of salad, rolls and Jambalaya. Water and wine will be provided, please bring any other drinks you would like to have.

Dessert and coffee will be at the Everakes' home.

Spouses are welcome .

Cost: \$15/person to cover cost of main dish and wines. Make your check out to Yolanda Rogers and send it by *February 18th*. When your reservation is received you will be assigned a menu item or paper goods.

There is limited seating so please get your reservations in ASAP.

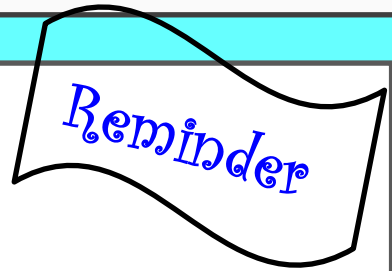
Yolanda Rogers 5358 Seneca Pl SV 93063



Inter-branch Luncheon

Jan 24, 11:30 Los Robles Golf Course

For carpooling— **meet at 10:45** at the Southeast corner of Madeira Target parking lot near the corner gas station.



Protecting Kids from On-Line Predators Thursday, March 19 6-7 PM At The Boys and Girls Club ~ Lemon and Alamo

KEEP YOUR KIDS
SAFE Online



The Simi Valley AAUW and the Simi Valley Boys and Girls Club is sponsoring an evening to inform parents, grandparents and anyone supervising young children on how to protect kids from on-line dangers.

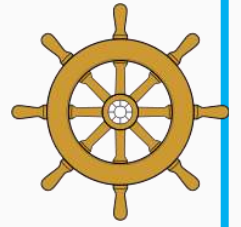
Greg Listster of SAFEChecks will present this very informative and important topic.

The Boys and Girls Club will provide supervised activities for children so that parents can attend.

This is open to the community so please invite your friends and neighbors.

Mark
Your
Calendar

Next Steering Committee Meeting
Monday, March 2 10 AM
At Pat Becker's home
2999 Yucca, Santa Rosa Valley
805 491-3484



We Need to Update!

Help Needed from Wine Lovers and/or AAUW History Buffs

We have many AAUW Simi Valley Branch scrapbooks that need to be sorted through, consolidated, trashed, etc. Maureen Everakes has offered to host an evening "work party" at her house to get this job done. Maureen will serve wine (or coffee) and dessert to all the volunteers. Please email Maureen (saraaaron@aol.com) and let her know if you can help. She's planning on either a Monday or Wednesday evening so let her know what would be the best night for you.

May 16 Spring Brunch At the home of Mary Martin



Meet the scholarship recipients,
Tech Trek girls and honor the members who have
contributed to our branch.

Sign up information for the brunch will be coming in the
next Big Wind and at the your interest group meetings.

BIRTHDAYS TO CELEBRATE

January

6 Kathleen Murvin



February

13 Virginia Seaton
14 Paula Lightfoot
14 Diane Rehaut
23 Hazel Hird

In principle and practice AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, or disability.

AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research.

Stay current with the AAUW CA websites:

www.aauw-ca.org

www.simivalley-ca.aauw.net

Have You Heard?



Congratulations to Marilyn Cameron! She just became a first-time Grandma. Lucas Henry Cameron was born on January 7, healthy 8 lb 2 oz baby boy. The family lives in Simi Valley so Marilyn will be able to spoil him often.

Marilyn Burnham is recovering at home after breaking her hip.

Lorraine Erickson is off her walker and is getting around quite well after a second knee surgery in late December.



INTEREST GROUPS CORNER

GREAT DECISIONS

Meet and discuss world topics and foreign policy.

Books have been ordered.

*The next meeting is on Thursday, Feb 19
At Betsy Dulcich's home, 5366 Seneca Place.*

Contact Karen Cunningham

805-527-3987 (home) 805 443-6251 (cell)

CANASTA

**Every Wednesday, 1-3:30 P.M.
Member's Homes**

Canasta has been great fun playing at different member's homes. If you want to play or wish to learn how to play, please contact:

Ruth Dempsey, 501-5874.



BRIDGE

**1st through 4th Wed of the month
9:30—1:30**

**Sunrise Assisted Living
190 Tierra Rejada SV**

Penny Neugroschl, 526-1570

BREAKFAST GROUP

**COME JOIN US FOR FOOD,
FUN AND FRIVOLITY!!**

**2ND SATURDAY OF THE MONTH,
9AM**

**JANUARY 10
MARIA'S -NEXT TO BIG LOTS AT SYCA-
MORE AND COCHRAN
HOSTESS: DIANE REHAUT**

**FEBRUARY 14
HOSTESS
JEAN BENNETT**

If you plan to attend, please
RSVP to Marie so the restaurant
can be warned.

Maria Harvey, 522-8804



By Request



Yolanda's Prize Winning Chili Recipe

2 tablespoons olive oil
2 lb. beef stew meat (I used Green Acres), cut into 1/2-inch pieces
2 cups chopped onions
3-4 garlic cloves, minced
1 (28-oz) canned cut up tomatoes, undrained
1 (15.5-oz) dark red kidney beans, rinsed and drained
1 (15.5-oz) red beans, rinsed and drained
1 (6-oz) can tomato paste
2 cups water
3/4 cup dry red wine (I used Chianti)
3-4 tablespoons chili
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper
2 bay leaves
(I sampled chili after an hour and made adjustments-added another tbsp. of chili powder, 1/2 tsp of cayenne and 2 tsp of cumin.)

Directions

Heat oil in stockpot or 5 quart Dutch oven over medium heat. Add onions and cook til translucent. Add garlic towards end (can burn easily), and remove from pot. Add beef and cook 5--8 minutes til beef is slightly browned. I divided beef in half and browned each half separately. Stir in remaining chili ingredients. Cover and cook 3 to 3 1/2 hours, or until beef is tender, stirring frequently. Remove bay leaves and serve, with choice of toppings: grated 4 Mexican lite cheeses, chopped green onions, chopped avocado and lite sour cream.

OWLS
10:00 A.M

The named member reviews the book and hosts the group.

Jan 20 *The Last Camellia* by Sara Jio
Kathy Morelock

Feb 17 *The Aviator's Wife* by Melanie Benjamin
Brook Hubbell

New faces are welcome. Paula Lightfoot 522-4040 or pmbrownL@yahoo.com
Or Roberta Leap 527-0670 robertaleap@sbcglobal.net



EVENING BOOK GROUP

Jan 27 *The Invention of Wings* by Sue Monk Kidd
Reviewer and Hostess: Maureen Everakes

Feb 24 **Guest Speaker:** author and Simi Valley resident, KD Anderson, will discuss his book, *The Intrepid Golfer*
Hostess: Betsy Dulcich

Non-group members are welcome to join us for an interesting evening with the author at Betsy's on Feb 24.

March 24 *All Girls Filling Station Last Reunion* by Fannie Flagg

New members are always welcome. We meet the 4th Tuesday at 7:30 pm

Contact Judy Galvin 527-6349, ammom4299@aol.com



Directory Corrections:

Yolanda Rogers email should read: yolierogers@hotmail.com

Pat Becker has moved! Her new address and phone Number are:
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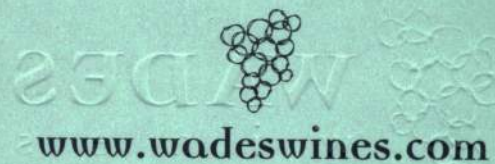
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