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TECH TREK SHOW AND TELL

Sunday, October 28, 2012

1-3pm

UMC, Cochran and Erringer

Come hear our current graduates share their incredible experiences from Tech Trek Math and Science Camp this summer. Bring a friend! Share this delightful afternoon! Call Mary Patch with questions, 522-5681

NUNCRACKERS

THE NUNSENSE CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR

Fun at the Cultural Arts Center

Sunday, December 9, 2012

2 P.M.

\$20 Per Person

This fun musical has the hilarious sisters from Hoboken entertaining us with their own version of the Nutcracker. After the play, please join us for dinner (pay on your own) at Yolanda's Mexican Restaurant.

We have 10 balcony and 20 main floor seats reserved. Money must be sent to Maureen Everakes by November 15th at 2707 Bitternut Circle, SV 93065. Please indicate whether you want balcony or main floor tickets and whether you will be joining us for dinner.

Contact Maureen at 526-8008 or saraaaron@aol.com for any questions.

BW delivery is bi-monthly.
Please note that each Big Wind issue will contain information for two consecutive months.

SIMI VALLEY AAUW WEBSITE !! CHECK IT OUT!!

www.simivalley-ca.aauw.net

LEADERSHIP TEAM MESSAGE NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER

Can we believe it is fall when it's back in the 80's & 90's ? But we did have rain last week! And this is California!

Our Fall Opening Meeting was a great meeting Sept. 9th. Over 33 in attendance and 5-6 visitors/prospective members! And some of those visitors and new members saw our publicity in the local papers...a thank you to our Publicity board member, Kathy Morelock. Our topic for the day, "Getting Out the Vote" was an excellent topic for our speaker Norma Maidel. She spoke about some of the propositions that will be on the November ballot. Norma also explained how AAUW is promoting "Getting Out the Vote" on the college campuses by explaining to new young possible voters how to get registered. Her Camarillo branch is actively doing this at UC

Channel Islands and the Thousand Oaks Branch is doing this at California Lutheran University. Our board tried to do this at Moorpark but were not successful early enough.

I would like to thank the members who invited a friend to our September 9th meeting...(I know a few of you did). And now I want to encourage another 5 or 6 of us to bring a friend to our October 28th meeting. This should not be a difficult thing to do...so let's try hard to increase our membership this year and bringing a friend is that first step!!

Our branch did a great job showing our community there is an active AAUW branch here in town by walking in the Simi Valley Days Parade. A BIG THANK YOU to Judy Galvan, Judy Pfeil, Maureen Everakes, Paula Lightfoot, Kathy Morelock, Hazel Hird, Virginia Seaton & Karen Cunningham and myself. The best part is that we had nine Tech Trek girls **want** to walk with us

Our major fund raiser this year is selling beautiful tall red poinsettia plants. These plants are very healthy and last for months...so this should and could be the reason to find easy buyers. The plants are beautiful and the funds are for a great cause...(to send 8th graders to Tech Trek, for High School Scholarships and for AAUW Fellowships) AND ONLY \$10.00 !! I think each member could/should sell 5 plantsCan you help our branch with this fund raiser? Ask your neighbors, a co-workers, close friends, relatives and of course buy 1 or 2 for yourself.

Read about our Interest Groups in this newsletter. We have 4 new groups that have started...from "deep in thought, to food, cards, and going places."

Hope to see you Sunday, October 28th from 1-3 P.M. at the United Methodist Church!

And don't forget to **VOTE** November 6th ! (Did you know our branch increases our treasury by working a polling place? We will be at Madera Elementary School).

Ruth Dempsey
Leadership Team Leader

This edition of the Big Wind email was prepared by
Leslie Visser-Dumont
Articles for the Big Wind must be received by
the Big Wind editor
by the **15th** of the month.

Board Meetings



7-9 P.M.
First Monday of the Month

Monday, Nov 5, 2012
Monday, Dec 3, 2012

HOLIDAY POINSETTIAS



One last reminder about this year's poinsettia sale....

The order form is included in this issue of the Big Wind on page 4. The order forms and checks are due November 23rd. Our wholesaler, Yamamoto Farms, advises me that December 1 is a little too early for white flowers, and as you may recall last year we didn't get white ones. So I encourage you to sell **red** as they are gorgeous.

Our delivery date remains **December 1 at Jean Schlosser's home in Wood Ranch**. All pertinent information is on the order form, however, call me if you have any further questions.

Happy holidays to you and your families!

Hazel Hird
526-9516

ADOPT-A-POLL November 6th - Election Day

We now have our polling place which will be Madera School, 250 Royal Ave, SV 93065. Currently, these people are signed up:

6 AM - 10 AM: Floyd Martin?, Ruth Dempsey, Don Cameron?

10 AM - 2 PM: Maureen Everakes, Jean Schlosser, Nancy Miller

2 PM - 6 PM: Judy Galvin, Claudia Allen, Leslie Visser-Dumont, Eileen Strayer, Mary Martin

6 PM - 9 PM: Marilyn Burnham, Judy Pfeil

At least 4 people are needed for each shift, so there are still openings. Call or e-mail Karen Cunningham, 527-3987 or 443-6251, acunni1382@aol.com if you are willing to work.

INSTRUCTIONS: Let's keep it nice and simple. Sell lots of plants, either red or white. Please collect funds by check and avoid cash. \$10 each. Plants will be delivered Saturday December 1 between 11:00 – 1:00 at Jeanne Schlosser's home, 452 Lake Brezeca Place, Simi Valley.

Order Forms and Checks are due by Friday, November 23

Please return all order forms and checks to Hazel Hird, hirdh@roadrunner.com 526-9516.

Name	Address	Phone	Red	White	Total # of Plants	Amount Due	Date Paid	Check/ Cash
		Total Plants					Total Due	\$

Profits used toward national fellowships and local scholarships. **DELIVERY LOCATION: JEAN SCHLOSSER'S HOME**

INTEREST GROUPS CORNER



MORNING BOOK GROUP

Third Tuesday of the Month, 10:00 A.M

The hostess is also the reviewer of that month's selection.

Nov 20, 2012 *One Thousand White Women* by Jim Fergus
Reviewer/Hostess: Paula Lightfoot

Dec 18, 2012 *Seating Arrangements* by Maggie Shipstead
Reviewer/Hostess Ruth Dempsey

Jan 15, 2013 *Canada* by Richard Ford
Reviewer/Hostess Roberta Leap

New faces are welcome.

Paula Lightfoot, 522-4040

pmbrownL@yahoo.com

BREAKFAST GROUP

COME JOIN US FOR FOOD,
FUN AND FRIVOLITY!!

2ND SATURDAY OF THE
MONTH, 9AM

NOV 10, 2012
OLD SUSANA CAFÉ @
KUEHNER DRIVE
HOSTESS: MARY MARTIN
527-07608804

DEC 8, 2012
CHEF BURGER, TAPO @
TOWNSHIP
HOSTESS: VIRGINIA SEATON
583-2738

If you plan to attend, please
RSVP to the hostess.

Maria Harvey, 522-8804

EVENING BOOK GROUP

Fourth Tuesday of the Month, 7:30 P.M.

Nov 27, 2012 *Lay of the Land* by Richard Ford
Reviewer/Hostess: Roberta Leap

This is the third in a trilogy, but Roberta says it can stand alone. If anyone wants to read the other two first, they are: *The Sportswriter* and *Independence Day*.

Dec 18, 2012 (Third Tuesday)

Read any holiday (or feel good) book!

Hostess: Kathy Fried

Bring a favorite holiday snack to share and a wrapped used paperback to exchange.

Everyone is welcome to join us for good conversation and interesting discussions of our monthly book choice. If you have any questions please call or email me.

Judy Galvin, 527-6349



DAY BRIDGE - 1st, 3rd, & 4th Wed from 10am to 2pm
COUPLES BRIDGE - 4th Friday at 7pm

Jean Schlosser's home
Call Jean for location

Jean Schlosser, 526-4073

BIRTHDAYS TO CELEBRATE

November

1	Mary Martin
10	Pat Armstrong
17	Nancy Miller
21	Leslie Visser-Dumont

December

1	Ruth Dempsey
12	Ruth Jacob
31	Lana Fricke



Directory Update:

Jean Bennett's new email address:
JeanBennett350@gmail.com

RECIPE SHARING

October 25th
6P.M.

Recipe sharing group invites any interested member to join us at the dinner table. Please contact Kathy Fried as soon as possible for more information and for what to bring. All are welcome to come and share delicious food and recipes!
Bon Appetit , **Kathy Fried**
520-6094 or 807-0489
Cookinkgf@aol.com

HAPPY WANDERERS

Reagan Library
Thursday, November 1st, 10:30 A.M.

Admission: \$21 (adult), \$18 (senior)
Meet at 10:10 AM in Target Parking Lot (east end) for carpooling.
Lunch will be at the Library.
Call **Karen Cunningham** if interested: 527-3987, 443-6251, or e-mail acunni1382@aol.com

CANASTA

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

Canasta has been great fun! Currently, our two game tables are filled. However, if you wish to learn how to play and join as a substitute, please contact either **Ruth Dempsey** or **Maureen Everakes**.

GREAT DECISIONS

If interested, please contact **Karen Cunningham**:
527-3987 or 443-6251

Donna Gladden

It is with great sadness that we inform you of Donna's passing on October 16, 2012. No funeral details were available at the time of publication.

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.

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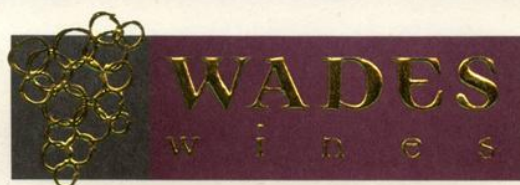
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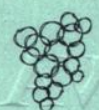
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