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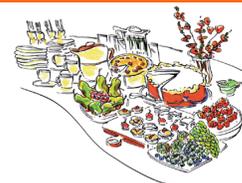
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IBC LUNCHEON

Saturday - January 25th, 2013

12:00 noon - \$25 ea

Los Robles Greens Golf Course

Thousand Oaks

495-6421

Speaker: Kiera Murphy

Topic: VOICE 4 Girls

Kiera is currently a Senior at Cal Lutheran University and is a Political Science major with a ambition to help others through her leadership skills. She will graduate in the spring of 2014, but will continue her education at CLU as a Gallegly Fellow, and receive her Masters Degree in Public Policy and Administration with an emphasis on Women and Public Policy.

Having studied in Hyderabad, India she played a fundamental role in the NGO VOICE 4 Girls program, and continues to hold that position in the United States. Their mission is to enable marginalized adolescent girls in Indian to take charge of their futures by imparting critical knowledge, spoken English, and life skills through activity-based camps. She will speak to us about the VOICE 4 Girls program and its vision, and about the importance of inspiring others to follow their passions by making changes through ethical leadership skills.

The Lunch

Hole in One Lunch Buffet I

Includes coffee, tea, rolls & butter

Choice of Two Salads: Greek and Seasonal Green

Entrees: Grilled Chicken and Salmon with Red Pepper Sauce (not hot & spicy)

One Starch: Parmesan Potato Gratin

Grilled Vegetables

Dessert: Assorted Cakes

To attend the luncheon, please send your check made payable to AAUW IBC, for \$25 to Diana Dingler at 938 Fairchild Avenue, Camarillo, CA 93010. If you need a special vegetarian dish, please let her know in advance - 987-8013. Deadline is Jan. 21st.



Here's hoping your holidays were filled with lots of joy and family gatherings. Our new year of 2014 is upon us and here's hoping for a year full of good things for women and girls throughout the world. It helps to look at where we have been and where we are going when facing a new year.

In celebrating the Past, we honor all those women who worked so hard to gain the rights of women today. Several college educated women who wanted women to be able to pursue their professional interests, came together 133 years ago to create the beginnings of AAUW to promote equity for all women and girls. The right to have a college education, the right to vote, which California women gained 100+ years ago, and the right to have equity in all endeavors, including our paychecks, stems back to the diligence of those women before us. History is herstory.

In celebrating the Present, we continue to work to touch the lives and futures of all women and girls. This year we have been celebrating our reinvention in how we are working together in our branch. Our actions throughout the year reaffirm our meaningfulness and great value, which creates a heritage for generations that follow. This is a time of great change; a time which demands of each of us new skills, new flexibilities and new ways of adapting. Our mission is even more important and stronger than ever before, and we must work to better our organization through strong commitment.

In celebrating the Future, our task is not to foresee it, but to enable it. We must lay the groundwork for those women and girls that will carry on our mission. Eleanor Roosevelt said, "The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams." The future is not some place we are going to, but one we are creating. To ensure a successful future, our organization and branch must stay on the cutting edge of technology, and advocacy, promoting our mission and creating betterment for women and girls.

Congratulations again to all those who helped with the sale of our poinsettias, and to the success once again enjoyed by this fund raiser. AAUW Funds and scholarships benefited greatly. Be sure to check out some of our upcoming events and projects listed in this Big Wind. We encourage all to attend the IBC luncheon, a great networking event with the other Ventura County branches. The young speaker will be very inspirational. Wine and Chocolate in February is shaping up to be a fun and educational event.

Happy New Year



Wine and chocolate

*Sunday, February 23rd
at 2 p.m.*

*The Rogers Home
5358 Seneca Place, Simi Valley*

COME ONE, COME ALL AND TREAT YOURSELF TO SOME DELICIOUS WINE AND CHOCOLATE. WE WILL BE HONORED WITH AN EXPERT OF CHOCOLATE, MATTHEW ROGERS, TO EDUCATE US ABOUT CHOCOLATE.

“All of our chocolates are made with the purest ingredients, including raw cacao, which is full of anti-oxidants, minerals, vitamins, and those "happy brain" chemicals that we so love. It is our mission to provide you with deliciously decadent and nutrient rich options to common junk food chocolates. We hope you enjoy!”

Guests are welcome. Please RSVP to Yolanda by February 18.

Membership Matters

This past few months has been a bear for America, with a government shutdown and debt ceiling debate. Did you know that the U.S. government has shut down 17 times — and that four of the 17 (three in 1977, one in 1979) were over a disagreement about women's health care? The more we learn about the persistent threat to women's rights, the more grounded we are in AAUW's work. Our membership is our reassurance that every woman and girl has a voice; decisions made today will certainly impact all of us sooner or later, and we must speak out together to demand what we need.

This month's issue of *Membership Matters* focuses on recruitment across the country using one of our most valuable resources, human inspiration. When potential members are introduced to AAUW, they're impressed by our work on Capitol Hill; our research in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM); and the hundreds of local programs AAUW members are conducting across the country. As member recruiters, find what piques their interest and share what AAUW is doing today.

Imagine a Campus Filled with AAUW Student Leaders

In 2008, AAUW started free e-student affiliation for our college/university partner members to empower young women on campus. Today, with more than 800 partner member schools and 5,000 e-student affiliates, that averages to 1,000 new e-student affiliates per year and 6.25 new students per school per year. Now, imagine a whole campus filled with AAUW student leaders. AAUW would love to reach 7,500 e-student affiliates by the end of the fiscal year, June 30, 2014. To help, read 3 Ways You Can Recruit E-Students, and share 6 Reasons Why You Should Become an E-Student Affiliate with student contacts. These can be found on the AAUW website. If you know a college student, ask them to become an e-student. They are our future!

Judy Pfiel, Membership Chair

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Public Policy

We're Mad about Unfair Pay, and We're Not Taking It Anymore!

Recently, America learned that women are [still paid 23 cents less](#) than men are — the same pay gap we were facing a decade ago. Check out [your state's rank](#) in the 2012 census data. Use this information as a springboard to engage in conversation with friends, colleagues, and potential AAUW members. You can also use your social media outlets to share AAUW messaging on the issue of unequal pay. Making connections through critical issues is a great recruitment and retention tool, helping us all build a community that empowers women and girls. Be a membership ambassador: Engage new and potential members so that we create a lasting AAUW legacy.

Membership Brunch (formerly June Brunch)

Our annual Brunch will be here before you know it. Be thinking of something yummy to bring. Maybe that favorite dish that everyone raves about, or that new recipe you have been wanting to try. There will be a sign up sheet in the March Big Wind. Be sure to mark the date on your calendar—Saturday, May 31.

Please call or email me if you have any questions or would like to help
Jeanette Martin 579-7863 jeanette,martin@att.net



INTEREST GROUPS CORNER

RECIPE EXCHANGE

A delicious Mexican dinner was prepared and shared by eight members in December. Our next gathering will be a Brunch at Ruth Dempsey's on Thursday, Jan 30 at 10:30 am. To join us please email me at cookinkgf@aol.com or call me at 520-6094.

Bon appétit!
Kathy Fried



BREAKFAST GROUP

COME JOIN US FOR FOOD,
FUN AND FRIVOLITY!!

2ND SATURDAY OF THE MONTH,
9AM

JAN 11
SANTA SUSANA CAFE
HOST: MARY MARTIN

FEB 8
CORNER BAKERY
HOST: JEAN BENNETT

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

Maria Harvey, 522-8804



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.



DAY BRIDGE - 1st, 3rd, 4th Wed from 10am to 2pm
Chair: Penny Neugroschl, 526-1570

Sunrise Assisted Living
190 Tierra Rejada Rd
SV 93065

COUPLES BRIDGE - 4th Friday at 7pm
Chair: Jean Schlosser, 526-4073

OWLS 10:00 A.M



The named member reviews the book and hosts the group.

Jan.21: And the Mountains Echoed by Khaled Hosseini; Marietta

Feb.18: The Burgess Boys by Elizabeth Strout; Kathy

New faces are welcome. Paula Lightfoot 522-4040 or
pmbrownL@yahoo.com

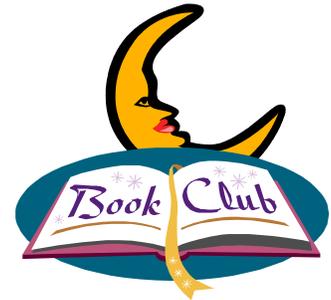
EVENING BOOK GROUP

Jan 28 Kashmir Shawl by Rosie Thomas
Hostess– Kathy Morelock, Reviewer-Judy Galvin

Feb 25 The Light Between Oceans by M. L. Stedman
Hostess– Judy Galvin, Reviewer-Kathy Morelock

March 25 Rules of Civility by Amor Towles

April 22 The Keeper of Secrets: A Novel by Julie Thomas



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

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

CHINESE AND AN INDY (NEW INTEREST GROUP!!)

Have you ever read the reviews for a super movie, told yourself "For sure I want to see **that one!**" then waited and waited for it to come to Simi, only it never did?

If so, miss no more (or at least less) fine, first-run, independent movies. Join us for an approximately once/month INDY matinee followed by a Chinese dinner.

The Movie House: Regency Westlake Village Twin

A lovingly-restored, two-screen movie house with new, comfortable seats with actual leg room. Regular rate is \$10; Senior rate is \$7.50. The popcorn has real butter!

The Restaurant: Lakeview Garden Chinese Restaurant

Right next door to the movie house. No MSG, a separate special diets/ healthy eating menu, and they're obliging on special requests. Yelp review 4.0.

Both the restaurant and the movie house are handicapped and wheelchair accessible.

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