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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.

*Join Your AAUW Friends for our
First Meeting of the 2014-15 Year
Sunday, Sept 28th at 1:30*

Community Room of the Simi Valley Public Library



Sign up for Interest groups



*Hear about the activities and programs for the
year*



Pick up your new Directory

Informational topic: Human Trafficking

Our speaker, Joy Prim, is a case officer at the Filipino Migrant Center in Long Beach. She assists workers who are victims of trafficking and wage theft. She has worked in Hong Kong to provide crisis counseling to people who are often overworked and underpaid and victims of abuse and violence.



*Please bring a friend; the meeting is open to the
community.*

Welcome to a new year of exciting and interesting activities for the Simi Valley Branch.

It has been an active and busy summer for the Membership, Projects and Program Steering Committees. We want to give special thanks to Betsy Dulcich, Yolanda Rogers, Lorraine Erickson, and Pat Becker for chairing these committees. Each have had planning meetings with several members participating giving their ideas and suggestions for events throughout the year. These volunteers have agreed to take part in some way to make the year successful. This leadership method provides greater flexibility in our branch structure, so that more members can both contribute to and benefit from AAUW as their time, resources and energies allow. Sharing responsibilities and combining efforts help to make leadership easier for everyone. Each event or activity that has been planned can always use more help, and we are encouraging those that can, and haven't so far, to join in and lend us a hand.

We are looking forward to seeing all of you at the September meeting. Be sure to check out the interest group activities and sign up for one or more. We will also unveil our exciting plans for the year. Our new directory will be available, thanks to Norbert and Diane Rehaut. Let's make this one of the biggest September meetings ever, meeting and greeting old and new friends.

Judy Pfeil

Steering Committee Chair



Superheroes Fight for a Cure!

That's the theme for this year's Simi Valley Relay for Life

When: October 11-12, 2014

Where: Tapo Canyon Veterans Memorial Park

(AKA Lemon Park)

If you would like to join a team, volunteer, or donate contact

Lorraine Erickson leerickson521@gmail.com or

619-729-1330

Or go directly to the website: www.simivalleyrelayforlife.

For team name enter: Kiwanis Simi Valley



Tech Trek Girls Presentations
Saturday, October 25 1:30 ~ 3:30 PM
Simi Town Center Hall

Tech Trek Girls have a special presentation prepared for you.
Come hear them share their experiences at Santa Barbara,
and see their final presentations which they presented to their parents
at the end of their week stay.



Chili Cook-Off
Sunday, October 19, 2014
3 PM—7 PM



At the home of Lorainne Erickson ~3568 Reburta Lane
\$15.00 per person includes salad, cornbread, chili and dessert.
Water and non-alcoholic drinks will be available.



Please bring your own beer or wine.
Bring quarters to cast your vote for your favorite chili
made by our members.

Music will be provided by **Chandler Station.**



Bring your spouse, friends and enjoy a fun afternoon while supporting our Scholarship Fund.

RSVP and Sign up to bring a chili or other dish by contacting:
Lorraine Erickson *or* Maureen Everakes
619-729-1330 805-526-8008
leerickson521@gmail.com Saraaaron@aol.com
(Sign up sheet will be at the Sept meeting)

**SIMI VALLEY BRANCH
AAUW**

Budget pending approval FOR YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2015

**Budget modified
from 6/14**

Beginning General Cash Balance		6,602.01
Receipts:		
Advertising		\$100.00
Bridge-Scholarship		\$350.00
Canasta-Scholarship		\$400.00
Scholarship Donation		\$500.00
Children's Theatre		\$0.00
Chili Cookoff		\$700.00
Election Polls		\$950.00
Membership		\$4,000.00
Other- Net ticket profit		\$0.00
Poinsettias		\$2,800.00
Tech Trek-Administrative Costs		\$200.00
Women in History - Lunch		\$0.00
Total Receipts		\$10,000.00
Disbursements:		
AAUW Convention -State		\$0.00
AAUW Convention - National		\$200.00
Children's Theatre		\$0.00
Chili Cookoff Expenses		\$100.00
Community Outreach/Street Fair		\$50.00
Dues - National/State		\$3,185.00
Dues - Ventura Co. Interbranch		\$30.00
AAUW Assessment		\$35.00
AAUW Funds		\$500.00
Hospitality		\$350.00
Insurance		\$180.00
End Of Year Brunch		\$100.00
Past President's Expense and other Misc		\$10.00
Poinsettias Purchase		\$1,800.00
Big Wind, Directory		\$200.00
Program Activities		\$300.00
Scholarships		\$2,400.00
Tech Trek		\$100.00
Website Design & Development		\$120.00
Women of Achievement		\$0.00
Women in History		\$50.00
Total Disbursements		\$9,710.00
Budgeted Ending Cash Balance 6/15		6,892.01

Membership:

This year it is our goal to add at least 5 new members to our roster. Here are the facts you can use to recruit.

With over 12,000 active members, AAUW California is a dynamic organization with a long history of affecting change on the issues women care about: education, civil rights, equity in the workplace and college campus, reproductive rights, and gender discrimination.

Our Mission Statement: AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

Our Value Promise: By joining AAUW, you belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women have a fair chance.

Membership is open to people who hold an associate degree or higher. There are three ways for graduates to get involved with AAUW in California and students working toward a qualifying degree may become student affiliates. College students of any age can become student affiliates, either through a branch or as a student affiliate-at-large. National student affiliate fees are \$17, plus branch and state dues if they decide to join a branch as well. Students at colleges and universities which are AAUW partners may join as e-student affiliates absolutely free and continue their free membership until they graduate. Learn more on the national AAUW website www.aauw.org.

So recruit, recruit, recruit! Bring a prospective member to our September meeting.



Directories will be given out at the September and October Meetings.

If you are unable to attend the meetings please ask someone to pick yours up or pick it up from the membership chairs, Betsy and Yolanda.



BIRTHDAYS TO CELEBRATE



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



Annual Poinsettia Fundraiser

Yes, we will be selling the beautiful poinsettia plants again this year.

The price is still \$10.

Pick up is on December 6 between 11 and 1 at Hazel Hird's home ~ 1300 Carmel Drive.

Order form and more information will be in the next Big Wind.

INTEREST GROUPS CORNER

GREAT DECISIONS

Meet and discuss world topics and foreign policy.

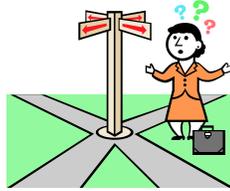
3rd Thursday of each month:

10 am to 12 noon

Place to be announced.

Contact Karen Cunningham

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



BREAKFAST GROUP

COME JOIN US FOR FOOD,
FUN AND FRIVOLITY!!

2ND SATURDAY OF THE MONTH,
9AM

SEPTEMBER 13
FIRST STREET CAFE
HOST: MARIE HARVEY

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

María 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.



BRIDGE

1st through 4th Wed of the month
10am to 2pm
Sunrise Assisted Living
190 Tierra Rejada SV

Penny Neugroschl, 526-1570

OWLS
10:00 A.M

The named member reviews the book and hosts the group.

Sept. 16: *My Antonia* by Willa Cather; Mary Fry

Oct. 21: *The Director* by David Ignatius; Roberta Leap

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



EVENING BOOK GROUP

September 30 *The Goldfinch* by Donna Tartt

Host: Mary Martin

Reviewer: Judy Galvin

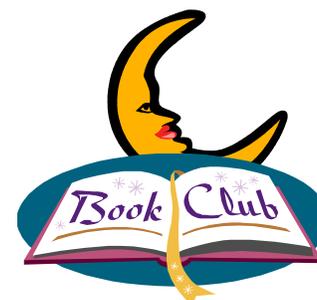
October 28 *The Four Seasons* by Laurel Corona

Host: TBD

Reviewer: Lorraine Erickson

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

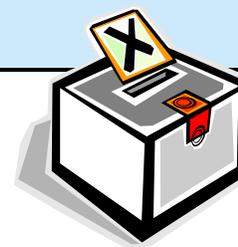
Contact Judy Galvin 527-6349, ammom4299@aol.com



Adopt a Poll
Madera School November 4, 2014

Be politically involved and raise money for the branch.

A sign up sheet will be available at our Kick Off meeting in September.
Shifts can be flexible, as long as we have it covered from 6am - 9pm
If you would like to help, you can also call Karen Cunningham:
805-527-3987 (home)
805-443-6251 (cell)



Have You Heard?



Happy to report that **Marilyn Cameron** had a successful hip replacement surgery this summer and was out and about in her usual busy, cheerful manner in record time.

Veda DeJane is recovering nicely from shoulder surgery, hopefully she will be joining Canasta and her many other activities soon.

Judy Pfeil has been out of service for awhile with bronchitis—it takes a pretty hard blow to keep Judy down.

Arlene Zwicker and her husband have been having many health issues. A card or a phone call would be welcome.

Hazel Hird's husband, Bob, is doing much better after many health complications.

Ginger Miller's son, Paul, has sent a request for his mom. She is going to a retreat in September, friends and family are invited to write a note letting Ginger know that she has made a positive impact on their life. She was such an involved and spirited part of our branch for many years.

Email your note to Nicole Reiff at nichole.reiff@gmail.com

Or send to Nicole Reiff 2580 Himalaya Ct Colorado Springs, CO 80919

If anyone has member news that they would like to share please let me know.
Judy



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