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Annual AAUW Simi Brunch

June 1, 2013 10 a.m.

Join together to spotlight our
Tech Trek girls, Scholarship winners,
and Woman of Achievement.

Betsy Dulcich's home
5366 Seneca Place, Simi Valley

RSVP Judy Galvin by May 29th
527-6349 or email at ammom4299aol.com

Indicate bringing one of the following:
egg dish; fruit or vegetable; bread item.

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www.simivalley-ca.aauw.net

LEADERSHIP TEAM MESSAGE
MAY AND JUNE 2013

Greetings To Our Simi Valley AAUW Members!

What a great meeting we had Saturday, April 13th at Sutter's Mill. Many of you came to hear "Women in History" given by Chatsworth High School senior students. These girls are part of a four year Humanitas Program. In their history class they chose a woman to research. There are three classes involved in the program, therefore 120 women were chosen and no duplication occurred. Their English class assignment was a written essay about the woman and a poem was written describing the woman with the final line "Who Am I". In their Art class the assignment was making a vessel of paper mache. Their "vessel of knowledge" included symbols depicting the woman they studied. Kathy Donner, the Art teacher, started the presentation telling us about the Humanitas Program that she has been a part of for twenty years. I was glad Mrs. Donner and the six young women were able to be our guests.

At our last board meeting, we discussed leadership in our branch. We are considering a new form of branch leadership. This leadership would include coordinating committees made up of as many members as possible on a committee to help get more members involved in the working of the branch. The proposed committees would be:

Administration: a contact person, a secretary, and a treasurer and several others;

Program and Projects: a committee to organize a service project and a committee to plan 3 or 4 programs;

Membership Activities: a committee to plan socials and one to keep our Interest groups going.

Please consider participating in one of these committees as part of our branch. Please talk to one of the board members or call me with your ideas or questions. Let us know at the June Brunch or at the September meeting which committee you would volunteer to be on to help move our branch forward.

See you at the June Brunch !!

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

May 6, 2013

June 3, 2013

Scholarship/AAUW Funds/Century Club

The June 1st Brunch this year, at the lovely home of Betsy Dulcich, promises to be a wonderful event. The Scholarship Committee plans to award 4 scholarships to local high school senior girls. Two of the scholarships will be named The Donna Gladden Scholarships for a longtime member of our branch who passed away this year. Donna served on many committees including the Scholarship Committee. Donna's family donated money for scholarships to honor her memory. As of this writing, recipients have not been chosen.

Our Christmas poinsettia fund raiser was a great success again and the profit sent to AAUW FUNDS. This gift to AAUW FUNDS was named in honor of Maureen Everakes for the many jobs that she stepped forward to undertake. She is our 2012-2013 Named Gift Honoree.

Our Century Club members this year include: Marilyn Cameron, Karen Cunningham, Bakula Maniar, Mary Martin, Judy Pfeil, Virginia Seaton, and Alma Hromjak.

Hazel Hird
AAUW Funds

AAUW National Convention in New Orleans

The upcoming AAUW National Convention in **New Orleans, June 9–12, 2013**, is going to be a convention like no other, and the excitement is mounting. The schedule lineup is terrific, with wonderful speakers, workshops, and the best New Orleans has to offer — fun, music, historic sites, and FOOD! Be inspired by former AAUW fellow Melissa Harris-Perry, host of one of the nation's most highly acclaimed political television shows. Let the sultry voice of famed New Orleans jazz singer Irma Thomas wash over you as you reflect on a day filled with AAUW celebrities like fair pay champion Lilly Ledbetter and the Chapter Leaders List's Cynthia D'Amour. If you have never been to a National convention, you have really missed out on an exciting and inspiring time plus having a great vacation in New Orleans.

Go on aauw.org to check it out!

Membership Matters by Judy Pfeil

•Ways to get involved with AAUW:

Are you an activist? Do you volunteer? There are many ways to get involved and support AAUW's mission – advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

1.Connect with Us

Stay informed and engaged on Facebook, Twitter, Tumblr, and YouTube, Local, State and National websites and your branch newsletter.

2.Take action for equal pay

Get ideas on how you can take action on days such as Equal Pay Day.

3.Use your voice for change

Subscribe to Action Network to learn what's happening in Congress and make your voice heard. You can opt into both State and National Action Networks.

4.Attend an event

Network with AAUW in your own backyard — check out the activities of your branch and learn about local programs, events, and meetings.

5.Give to the NCCWSL Scholarship Fund

Help send a deserving woman to our annual student leadership conference in June.

6.Donate

Support AAUW programs to empower women and girls.

7.Bring a prospective member to an event or meeting.

Help them join a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women have a fair chance.

8.Tell us what you think

Help shape AAUW's programs and activities by completing the 2012 Every Member Survey.

9.Help shape the future of AAUW

Get informed on the issues and then vote for your candidates in our election. (see below for more information of this)

10. Join us in New Orleans

Register to attend the 2013 AAUW National Convention this June.

AAUW Voting

Voting in this year's AAUW national election opens online April 15. All members may vote on proposed changes to the AAUW Public Policy Program and the AAUW Bylaws and for candidates for the national board. Just visit the website after April 15, and use your member ID and voter PIN, which are listed on the back cover of your Spring/Summer AAUW Outlook magazine. Judy has recommendations for voting if you are puzzled as to which candidates to vote for the Board.

We are happy to welcome new and returning members to our branch!

Amy Rieker: Amy earned a B.S. degree in elementary education from Concordia University in Seward, Nebraska. She taught 4th-6th grade science at various elementary schools in SVUSD from 1999-2009 and has been teaching 6th grade from 2009-present at Vista Fundamental Elementary.

Lorraine Erickson: Lorraine attended UCSB, CSUF, and SDSU. She taught 1st-8th grade in the La Mesa-Spring Valley School District in San Diego County for 32 years. She moved to Simi Valley two years ago. Lorraine was involved in recommending girls for Tech Trek in the San Diego area.

Patricia Craig: Pat Craig works as a private practice career counselor here in Simi (www.craigcareers.com). She has a B.S. in English Literature, an M.S. in Career Counseling, and an M.F.A. in Creative Writing. Patricia was a former member of the Simi Branch and is now rejoining.

Dr. Karla Pelletier: Karla attended Wartburg College, IA, U.N.M., Albuquerque, NM, and then Pepperdine University for her doctorate of Ed.D. in Educational Technology. She is currently the Student Services Director for Engineering and Computer Science at CSUN.

Almarene Cook: Almarene has been a dual member of our branch for the last few years and has relocated to Simi. She was one of the charter members of the Simi Valley AAUW branch. Currently, she and her husband are temporarily residing with her daughter in Simi.

Claudia Allen: Claudia joined our branch in the fall. She attended UCLA and CSUN, obtaining degrees in elementary education. Hopefully, you have had the opportunity to meet her at recent AAUW meetings.



The following page has the names, addresses, and contract information for our new and returning members (with the exception of Almarene Cook). Please cut and add this page to your current 2012-2013 Simi Valley AAUW Directory. Their information will be added to the new 2013-2014 Directory in the fall.

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INTEREST GROUPS CORNER

HAPPY WANDERERS

Planning is underway for next fall. You can look forward to joining us for some very interesting adventures!

Kathy Morelock, 584-8082 or email: mskatsue@aol.com

GREAT DECISIONS

Planning is in progress for this interest group that will involve serious reading, videotapes, and discussion. Information and sign ups will occur in the fall at the September meeting.

Karen Cunningham, 527-3987 or 443-6251

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.

RECIPE EXCHANGE

We are taking the summer off!
Please plan to join us again next fall.

KathyFried, 520-6094 or 807-0489
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BREAKFAST GROUP

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

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

**MAY 11, 2013
SANTA SUSANA CAFÉ**

HOSTESS: MARIE HARVEY

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

Maria Harvey, 522-8804



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

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

May 21, 2013 *Gone Girl* by Gillian Glynn
Reviewer/Hostess Mary Fry

June 18, 2013 Meet at Kathy Morelock's home prior to choosing
books for next year.

New faces are welcome.

Paula Lightfoot, 522-4040
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EVENING BOOK GROUP
Fourth Tuesday of the Month, 7:30 P.M.

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.

May 28, 2013 *The Shoemaker's Wife* by Adrina Trigiani
Hostess Jean Bennett
Reviewer Mary Martin

SATURDAY, June 22, 2013 *The Racketeer* by John Grisham
Hosts Maureen and Howard Everakes
Evening dinner and book discussion. We will have
signups for the meal during the May meeting. Guests
are welcome!

Judy Galvin, 527-6349
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DAY BRIDGE - 1st, 3rd, & 4th Wed from 10am to 2pm Jean Schlosser's home
COUPLES BRIDGE - 4th Friday at 7pm Call Jean for location

Jean Schlosser, 526-4073

BIRTHDAYS TO CELEBRATE

May

1	Kathy Morelock
7	Amy Rieker
19	Jean Morris
25	Diane Annis
27	Penny Neugroschl

June

4	Judith Pfeil
6	Ronnie Alperin
8	Maureen Everakes
12	Phyllis Vey
15	Vinette Slatten
15	Marietta Spotts
17	Sharon Harper
21	Jennifer Woolard

July

8	Kathy Fried
17	Mary Patch
20	Dr. Lenora Smalley
23	Alma Hromjak

August

1	Karen Smith
4	Arlene Zwicker
11	Marie Harvey
26	Jennifer Leonard

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.

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www.simivalley-ca.aauw.net

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