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American Association of University Women

Ontario-Upland-Rancho Branch

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AAUW PROGRAM SPEAKER: LUIS A. FUERTE, CAMERAMAN FOR TV'S "CALIFORNIA'S GOLD"

STARRING HUELL HOWSER

Mr. Luis Fuerte will be speaking to us about his experiences as a cameraman for the legendary Huell Howser on the popular TV program "California's Gold". Mr. Fuerte has won numerous awards: a five-time Emmy award winning for his work as a cameraman, an International Monitor award for camera work, a Golden Mic award for editing, and a Career Achievements award from the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors and California State Senator Ruben Ayala for speaking to groups, clubs, schools and mentoring. Mr. Fuerte has also been inducted into the Hall of Fame in Colton, Ca. and into the Native American Hispanic Hall of Fame. He was born in San Bernardino, California to Mexican parents and grew up in Colton. After graduating from Colton High School, he served in the U.S. Navy. He has written a book about his experiences with Huell Howser titled: Louie, Take a Look at This!: My Time with Huell Howser. His book will be available for sale at the presentation for \$20.00. Please come and learn all about the "behind the scenes" experiences that Mr. Fuerte had while filming with Huell Howser.

Saturday, February 8, 2020

10:00 - 11:00 AM

Pacific Christian Center
814 Alpine St., Upland, Ca.

**Light refreshments will be served. Please bring guests and men too!



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Based on research, conducted by AAUW, women now hold almost two-thirds of the country's 1.46 trillion dollars of student debt. The student loan gender gap has nearly doubled in a recent four year period. Due to this burden, women take about two years longer than men to repay their loans. This results in women putting off saving for retirement, buying a home or starting a business.

Additional research from AAUW finds that workplace sexual harassment can take a toll on women's physical and mental health and reduce their lifetime earnings. The report is based on an AAUW analysis of Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) data, a review of academic studies on sexual harassment and an exclusive nationwide survey of AAUW members and their networks. It shows that the experience of sexual harassment is not often one that women can quickly put behind them. Rather, its impact continues to reverberate throughout their lives, increasing their risk of depression, post-traumatic stress disorder and other long-term health problems. There are also financial repercussions: In AAUW's survey of 311 women, 38% of women who had been harassed said it contributed to their decision to leave a job early, and 37% said it disrupted their career advancement.

It is not only college graduates and young working women who pay the price for pay inequities. Women who have retired, which are most AAUW members, have also paid the price. AAUW's research shows that women collect about 80% of what men do in Social Security Benefits. Women's pension income is 76% of what men receive and women's overall retirement income is 76% of men's.

This year commemorates the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment. When the amendment was adopted, not all women were granted the right to cast ballots. It wasn't until the Voting Rights Act of 1965 was passed that women of color were granted the right to vote. There are still challenges today with voter access and voter suppression which is exactly why AAUW is focused on ensuring that everyone's vote counts.

These are important AAUW issues: student debt, pay equity, sexual harassment, and voting rights for all women. Being a member of AAUW insures that you are a part of the changes that have happened in past years and that will happen in the future. Your membership and support of AAUW makes a difference.

Joyce Paul, President OUR AAUW

MAY Board Meeting

The next OUR Branch Board Meeting will be
Tuesday, February 4
at Joyce Paul's home

6:30 meeting --- 7:30 social
Please RSVP to 909 463-3804 or
Joycem.paul@yahoo..com

OUR Branch Members Are Gearing Up for Tech Trek

This year's Tech Trek committee met January 15, 2020 to prepare nomination and application packets to be distributed to selected middle schools and junior highs in Ontario and Upland. 7th grade girls who are nominated by their science/math teachers will need to complete an application and write an essay. Committee members will interview the applicants in early March to select the girls who will attend this year's Tech Trek at the University of California Santa Barbara July 12-18.

Nominated 7th grade students must be excited by math or science and be motivated to learn, have active listening skills and a blossoming awareness of self-potential. They have to have at least a B grade, work well in group situations and be willing to help all levels of students. Potential campers should show patience and persistence in task completion.

OUR branch members are encouraged to continue their support of Tech Trek and Chaffey College at our annual STEM Open House/Tech Trek event Saturday, March 7. Bring friends and family members to meet our Tech Trek alumnae and participate in a variety of STEM talks and demonstrations.

Kathy Kinley, Tech Trek Chair

If you know of someone who is ill,
has had a death in the family, or just
needs a friendly "hello,"

please call our Correspondence

Secretary

Diane Webster

at

818-515-3946



Birthday Bash

On **Thursday, February 27** we will be celebrating those born in February at **King's Fish House** 12427 N Mainstreet, Rancho Cucamonga at **6:15 p.m.** Call **Carolann (909) 241-6900** by Wednesday to let her know you are coming.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Julie Zurek — 6
Judy Westbrook — 8
Leticia Fernandez --17
Kathy Kinley — 19
Jennifer Uhalley --19

Let us know if we have missed your birthday.

Please let us know of any restaurants you would like to explore or return to...always we need new ideas!

Carolann Ford, Birthday Bash Chair

GREAT DECISIONS

Climate change has become one of the defining issues of our time. As much of the world bands together to come up with a plan, the U.S. remains the notable hold-out. What is the rest of the world doing to combat climate change? What impact will the effects of climate change have on global geopolitics?

Our first meeting using the 2020 Great Decisions booklet will be **Monday, February 3, 6 p.m.** at Carolann Ford's home. We will be reading and discussing **Ch. 1, Climate Change and the Global Order**. Please RSVP Carolann, (909) 241-6900 or carolan4re@aol.com for menu and directions.

All members & guests are welcome to attend.
Carolann Ford, Great Decisions Chair

MEMBER NEWS

Pat Kersbergen's husband Gil is now home recuperating from a recent heart attack and knee replacement

We extend our sympathy to **Gloria Hailes and her family** in the recent death of Gloria's mother.

Dolly Israelitt had a bad fall recently in her home.

Evelyn Cloyd returned home last month after several weeks at a convalescent facility.

Membership

Meet Leticia Fernandez

Leticia Fernandez is the Executive Director of the Ontario-Upland-Rancho AAUW Tech Trek Alumni group. After returning to Tech Trek camps as a volunteer several times, she discovered a lack of connection among the Tech Trek Alumni and our AAUW branch. Consequently, the alumni group was founded.

The purpose of the Tech Trek Alumni Group is to continue the mission of Tech Trek after camp and keep the girls connected and engaged in the STEM field through workshops, field trips, college exploration and tours. There are only three such groups in the area. Leticia has a special place in her heart for Tech Trek girls, and enjoys hosting monthly meetings and actively running activities that will continue to promote STEM education in young girls and spark their curiosity in STEM.

Leticia, who attends UC Irvine, is majoring in Mathematics, Spanish and is hoping to minor in statistics. After graduation, she intends to attend graduate school in the Statistics field or go straight into a career in Data Science or Manufacturing.

Leticia is a strong believer in AAUW. She states that AAUW has had a major impact in her life. She not only believes in the goals of AAUW, but actually lives them out as she inspires others to do the same. Her passion is breaking barriers for women, in and out of STEM. Her main goal is to be an influencer and an inspiration to women and young girls to help them believe that they have the potential to do the same thing as others around them.

I think we'll be hearing much about Leticia's achievements as she continues through college and beyond. How fortunate we are to have her as part of our local AAUW membership!

Pat Kersbergen, Membership V.P.



BOOK GROUP

The Book Group met in January at Gloria Romero's home to discuss the book ***It All Comes Back To You*** by Beth Duke. It is a story of people in assisted care and the friendship between them and the workers there. Most of the book is about their earlier lives. We loved the friendship and generosity of the practical nurses. Some of the stories the people told were interesting and led to interesting discussions too. For people without Kindles it was a hard book to find. We'll have to be more careful in the future

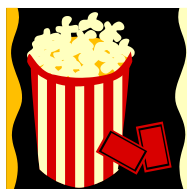
Our next meeting will be **March 12th at 3pm** at the home of **Dolly Church Israelitt** 714-732-0557 Please let her know if you are planning to attend

Our book for the March meeting is **The Nickel Boys** by Colson Whitehead. It's about lives in a reformatory school for boys. Many of you have read this book so we suggest you read **The Underground Railroad**, his Pulitzer Prize book. We can compare his writing style and the way he creates his characters. It might be interesting

Hope to see you March 12th at Dollys at 3pm.

Cathy Reaves, Book Group Chair

THE MOVIE GROUP



The Movie Group met on January 20th for their first movie and lunch. Seven of the group saw "**Little Women**" and three went to see "**JoJo Rabbit**". Everyone enjoyed the movie that she chose to see. The word "delightful" was used frequently. We left the movie theater and walked to the restaurant, Casa Moreno, for an early dinner. There was a very lively discussion regarding the movies we had just seen, other movies that are currently playing and a wide variety of topics. A good time was had by all.

The third Monday of next month falls on President's Day. **For this one month, we are going to move from the third Monday to the fourth Monday.** By doing this we should avoid the parking problems that we had in January. Therefore, the next movie will be **on Monday, February 24th**. The Friday prior to the 24th, you will be emailed the movie selections, the time to meet in the lobby and the restaurant selection.

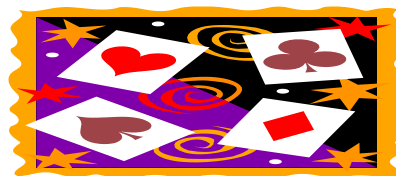
If you would like to join the Movie Group, please email Joyce Paul at joycem.paul@yahoo.com or call at 909-463-3804.

Co-chairs: Dolly Church-Israelitt and Joyce Paul

BRIDGE I

We will be playing **Wednesday, January 15, 1 p.m. at Julie Zurek's home.** Please call **909 899-7870** to let her know you can play.

We are always seeking new players.



BRIDGE II

We will be playing **Thursday, February 20, 1 p.m. at the home of Annie Atiyeh.** Please call her **982-0577** to play.

Please call **Sue Smith 981-9311** for further information about the group. We welcome new players.

Southeast Interbranch Council Will Celebrate 100 Years of Women's Suffrage

Please mark your calendars now for the Southeast Interbranch Council. The meeting will be Saturday, **February 29, at 10 a.m.** at the **Smiley Public Library, 125 W. Vine St., Redlands, CA.** This is an opportunity to share ideas with leaders and members of other AAUW branches. Let's wear white to honor the suffragists! We will also be discussing AAUW public policy issues and the AAUW California convention. Attendees may also have lunch together at a nearby restaurant following the meeting. Contact Kathy Kinley at dr.kathy.kinley@verizon.net for more information and carpooling. Hope to see you there.

Kathy Kinley, Chair SEIBC

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Will the ERA be ratified or will it be Utter Chaos?

Many Americans mistakenly believe that the U.S. Constitution explicitly guarantees equality between men and women. It does not because the Equal Rights Amendment has not yet been ratified.

The ERA would, once and for all, guarantee constitutional equality between men and women. Its ratification would provide the constitutional guarantee that all men and women are truly equal under the law and that these rights cannot easily be abridged. The ERA was first introduced in Congress in 1923, and was ratified by 35 of the necessary 38 states by 1977. However, Congress imposed a deadline to complete ratification by 1982. That deadline was not met, but now Virginia is poised to be the 38th state to vote for ratification. So it's past the deadline; what will happen?

AAUW supports two proposals currently before the 116th Congress. S.J. Res. 6/H.J. Res. 38 would remove the deadline for ratification, allowing states like Nevada and Illinois which have subsequently passed the ERA to count toward ratification, while S.J. Res. 15/H.J. Res. 35 would reintroduce the Equal Rights Amendment and allow the ratification process to start over.

With or without an extension, the measure is sure to face legal challenge. Opponents argue the deadline can't be extended 37 years after it lapsed. Supporters argue the deadline was never valid in the first place because it isn't included in the text of the amendment that was sent to states for ratification.

Another complicating factor: Five states that once ratified the measure have since voted to rescind that ratification. Can they do that? Unclear. When Ohio rescinded its ratification of the 14th Amendment, everyone ignored their decision and attached it to the Constitution anyway.

But on the ERA, a district court judge in Idaho said the state's effort to back out was valid. The Supreme Court was going to hear the case, but dismissed it once the deadline expired, calling it moot.

The U.S. Archives Archivist David Ferriero is tasked with certifying whether an amendment is valid and, if so, publishing that certification in the Federal Register. Experts say it's likely Ferriero will rely on legal advice from the Justice Department, and that whatever his decision, legal challenges from either advocates or opponents will follow.

Saikrishna Prakash, a law professor at the University of Virginia, notes the Constitution is silent as to who

decides whether an amendment has been properly ratified. He says that while he personally supports the ERA, he believes the time frame for ratification has clearly lapsed. But he also argues the 27th Amendment (compensation for U.S. Legislators) was improperly ratified and that made it into the Constitution.

In the most extreme possible outcome, he imagines a future of "utter chaos" where supporters of the amendment refer to copies of the Constitution that contain the ERA and opponents keep their own copies that exclude it.

Kathy Henkins, Public Policy Chair

WALKING GROUP

Our walking group is going to begin this month and I hope many of you will join us! We will be meeting on the last Saturday of the month (this month on February 29th) at 9:00 am. We will be walking on the Pacific Electric Inland Empire Trail in Upland. Please meet us at the Upland Senior Center, 250 N. 3rd Ave., Upland. There is parking in the Senior Center lot or on the street. Instead of walking west on the Pacific Electric trail, we will be walking EAST and when coming back, we can go have breakfast at Molly's Souper. If the weather is rainy that day, Plan B is to meet in Ontario Mills at the Marshalls store and walk around the mall as many times as you want. Please feel free to bring a friend – the more the merrier! Let's start out the New Year right by exercising with friends!! If you have any questions, please contact me: Joyce Lazalde 909-938-3929 or mrlazalde@gmail.com.

Joyce Lazalde, Walking Group Chair

AAUW 2019 Annual Appeal Donations:

Thanks to the generosity of OUR Branch for our donations for the national Annual Appeal contributions for 2019. Below is a brief summary of our accomplishments:

We had 51% of active members who made individual contributions

Each of the five AAUW program fund accounts were designated to receive a contribution

OUR branch made a contribution to the 2019 annual appeal in support of AAUW's Strategic Plan initiative.

Thank you all for your continued support
Gloria Hailes Fund VP



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Mission Statement:

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

California AAUW Image Statement:

AAUW is California's most active and diverse organization for women offering action for equity, personal and professional growth, community leadership and friendship.

Diversity Statement:

In principle and in 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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