



February Branch Meeting

February 9, 2017

5:30 PM – Shasta County Library Community Room

Homelessness in the Redding Area: What's Happening to Alleviate the Situation?

Come and join us to hear our panel of distinguished community leaders discuss the latest measures involved in helping to deal with this serious problem. Members of the panel include Kristen Schreder – City Council; Terry Zanni – Community Educator, CSUChico; Rene Espinosa – DRC (Day Reporting Center, Probation); Ann Corrin – Minister, Pilgrim Congregational Church; and Shasta County Sheriff Tom Bosenko. Don't miss this opportunity for an up-close-and-personal experience with these dynamic individuals.

In addition to this exciting program, our EF Honoree will be announced at the meeting.

Menu: Turkey & Swiss or Cheddar Cheese on Sour Dough or Whole Wheat Bun and Vegetarian Minestrone Soup from the Best Little Sandwich Shop, chips, cookies, nuts, lemonade, hot tea, decaf coffee and red or white wine.

**For information on becoming a member and joining us at
program meetings, email: aauwredding@sbcglobal.net**

Presidents' Message

We have two messages this month. First, we must announce that Judy, our president elect, has resigned. Due to unforeseen circumstances Judy has chosen not to continue as president elect. We need someone to step forward as soon as possible to take her place. The president elect has two important jobs. The first is to chair the bylaws committee. The committee has already been formed and has already met so it is just a matter of continuing the work. The other important job is to appoint a home tour chair. Actually it is more a matter of finding someone to do it. Both Home Tour and President have recently been held by co-chairs and co-presidents and we can all tell you that it makes the job so much easier. Please email Debbie and Sharon if you are interested in either position, know someone who might be interested, would like to team with someone else to do either job or would like to do it but need someone else to team with you. If that sounds a little desperate, it should. These are very important jobs that cannot go unfilled.

Second, we would like to tell everyone to take heart. For many these are potentially the times that try women's souls. AAUW prides itself on being somewhat apolitical except when it comes to one thing, women's rights. From as early as 1907 when a study was done on equal pay for equal work, we have been in the forefront of the Women's Rights Movement. Let your friends and people of like mind know that the Redding Branch of AAUW will continue to stand up and advocate for the dignity and the rights of women along with all the branches, chapters, and the state and national AAUW organizations.

Debbie and Sharon



NEW MEMBERS

Katy
Sonoma State University
Teaching Credentials

Past Presidents

Date: February 21, 2017
Location: Lulu's Restaurant
2230 Pine Street 243-6251
Time: 11:30 am
RSVP: Darlene and Bea

Hello Everybody!
AAUW Women in STEM
Conference: Expanding Your Horizons
Saturday, March 18, 2017
Simpson University

Wow! This week was a flurry of activity as Pris and I made, and fielded, calls, e-mails and texts to and fro between us and what might turn out to be, at least 30 (!) presenters for this year's conference. Today we met **with** Judy and Chasity at Shasta County Office of Education (SCOE), to discuss all the information that needs to be entered into the

Expanding Your Horizons (EYH) registration website in preparation for the launch of the registration period hopefully on January 20th.

Pris and I also met with representatives at Simpson to tour the campus, discuss the logistics, and book rooms for the sessions.

Another generous donation of \$750 arrived, this time from REU! Let's keep 'em coming!

We do have a head-scratcher of a dilemma. We have the opportunity to provide a very cool interactive activity, namely, a flight simulator! The problem stems from the fact that its dimensions, including the trailer, are 9' X 7' X 25' and it must be sheltered from the rain. But, where to put it? The auditorium lacks the big doors necessary to allow it to be pulled in for the girls to experience. Any ideas?

We still need your help!

- To provide more resources for the girls, we are looking for **grants, donations and business sponsorships.** Any financial, or in-kind, donations will enable us to provide these 400 girls with the same \$20 registration fee, scholarships to those in need, supplies for the interactive, hands-on activities (The girls always ask for more!), technological resources, and will help defray the increasing facility and food costs.
- **Donations could be either monetary, or in-kind,** such as, printing and signage, supplies for the interactive stations, fun and useful items for goodie bags given to the girls upon their arrival, just to name a few.
- **If any of you have connections with businesses or organizations,** such as, the Record Searchlight, KRRCR, PG&E, Shasta Regional Medical Center, Dignity Health (Mercy Hospital), CH2M Hill, Frontier, Sierra Pacific, and others, and have a name for us to contact, please inform Pris or Hillary.

We invite you to join us for our meetings. We will continue to publish our agendas and meeting minutes. We welcome all ideas and support. Our next meeting

is at noon on Tuesday, February 7th, at Round Table in the mall.

Please, plan on visiting the day of the conference. The girls' excited talk about the STEM sessions, and their enthusiasm about what they learned, and their plans for their futures are energizing and heart-warming. We promise you will leave with a smile on your face.

See you next year!

Pris & Hillary
Chairpersons of the AAUW Women in STEM Conference

Call for Stem Volunteers

On March 18th, at Simpson College, the Redding Branch of AAUW will host the STEM conference for middle school girls. This event not only introduces girls in grades 6-8 to a variety of STEM careers with presentations by women it is also a means for our Branch to raise funds to send two seventh grade girls to Tech Trek summer camp. Tech Trek is an AAUW sponsored STEM summer camp and the girls from our region attend at the University of California at Davis. Just like Home Tour, this event relies on our members to volunteer their help on this day. We are needing volunteers to help with registration, proctoring the session offerings, logistics and facilitating interactive stations. Please consider helping with this most important event. If you are willing, please contact Pat. Thanking you in advance for your help. Pat

NEED FOR SUPPLIES

The STEM Conference committee needs supplies for the Interactive Stations. These Stations will allow the girls to participate in hands on activities that are STEM (science, technology, engineering, math) related. These are no cost or low cost items: toilet paper rolls, individual fruit or applesauce containers, coffee filters, berry baskets, tongue depressors, small plastic drinking cups (4-8 oz), scotch tape, duct tape, masking tape, blue paint tape, straws, small foam bowls, twisty ties, zip lock snack size baggies (2 boxes). Any items can be brought to the January or February meetings for collection or call Pat for pick up. Thank you for your help.

Contributions to One Safe Place

On December 16, 2016 I delivered AAUW's annual holiday contribution to One Safe Place. Our contribution consisted of 41 women and children's pajamas and robes, 14 pairs of slippers and socks, various toiletry items, and 2 miscellaneous "mixed bag" items. OSP was profusely appreciative of this warm and cozy donation!

Thank you for your generosity, AAUW members!

Terri
Community Chair

AAUW Scheduled Branch Meeting Programs

February 9, 2017 – 5:30 PM – Shasta County Library

EF Honoree

A Panel Discussion with Community Leaders on
Homelessness in Redding

March 18, 2017- STEM Conference – Simpson University

April 27, 2017 – 5:30 PM – Shasta County Library

Women of Achievement

Election of Officers

Debra Lucero, Shasta County Arts Council Director
Californians for the Arts Board Member

May 11, 2017 – 5:30 PM – Shasta County Library

Tech Trek Girls

Scholarships

Installation of Officers

Guest Artist

June 21, 2017 – 75th Anniversary Celebration

Dinner at Behrens-Eaton House – 6:00 PM

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International Interests Section (IIS)

The next meeting of the International Interests Section will be at Gironde's again on January 25, 2017, at 5:30 PM when Debbie and Penny will share their experiences traveling in five southern African countries. This will be another great presentation not to be missed! Again, we may order off the main menu. Friends and family are welcome. Let's fill that entire back room! Call or e-mail Adrienne by Monday, January 23, 2017 for reservations.

We will start collecting donations for the STEM baskets.

February 22, 2017 – Judy – Viking Riverboat Cruise
From Amsterdam to Budapest

April 26, 2017 – Penny – Bhutan and India.

Locations of the 2017 meetings will be announced as the date approaches.

Come join the fun!

Adrienne, IIS Chairperson



The Wine Tasting Group enjoyed conversation and camaraderie at Armando's Gallery in January

WINE TASTING AND ART

February 2

4:00 p.m.

Makin Glass

2908 Douglas Street, Anderson

This wine tasting will experience a little art. Kim Makin will give an overview in her studio about stained glass, fused glass, mosaics and pottery. This is a good opportunity to learn about these art forms while sampling some great wines.

Members are asked to bring a bottle of wine and a small appetizer.

Come join us for a delightful experience and good company. Please reserve a spot with Marietta



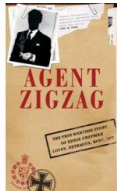
IT'S SCRABBLE TIME

Put on your thinking caps. Challenge your mind. And don't fret, because we have cheat sheets!! Once again all levels are welcome, including beginners. Have lunch, or a coffee, and enjoy some fun company.

January 20 - Friday
Deja Vu Coffee Shop (upstairs)
11:30-1:30

Our next gathering will be Feb. 24th, the fourth Friday of February.

BOOK SECTIONS



**AGENT ZIGZAG:
A TRUE STORY OF NAZI ESPIONAGE,
LOVE AND BETRAYAL**
By Ben MacIntyre


Tuesday, February 14 at 2 pm
Hostesses: Pat & Mary
Leader: Pat

Wednesday, February 15 at 7 pm
Hostess & Leader: Pat

Agent Zigzag: a true story of Nazi espionage, love and betrayal by Ben MacIntyre: Eddie Chapman was a charming criminal, a con man, and a philanderer. He was also one of the most remarkable double agents Britain has ever produced. Inside the traitor was a man of loyalty; inside the villain was a

hero. The problem for Chapman, his spymasters, and his lovers was to know where one persona ended and the other began. Based on recently declassified files, *Agent Zigzag* tells Chapman's full story for the first time. It's a gripping tale of loyalty, love, treachery, espionage, and the thin and shifting line between fidelity and betrayal.

Additional questions: Gail and/or Kris
Please RSVP so hostesses know how to plan.



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Drama, Drama, Drama!

February will find us reading a murder mystery by Agatha Christie. You have two opportunities to join one of our groups, we hope you will join us at one of these meetings. Always fun and everyone gets a chance to read a part of the play aloud. Come and find out who did it!

Evening Drama
Wednesday, February 1, 6 p.m.
Hostess: Pat

Dessert: Pat

Nuts: Tammy
Salty Snack: Linda
White wine: Janel
Red wine: Pat

Daytime Drama

Wednesday, February 8, 11 a.m.
Angelo's Pizza Parlor, California Street
RSVP to Cheryl

The small conference room is the perfect setting for reading the play and lively discussion. If you choose to order lunch, Angelo's has lots of fresh items and a good salad buffet. Rumor has it that Cheryl provides Chocolates!

Drama Details: The Redding Branch has participated in this Round Robin style drama group for 16 years. It is a fundraiser for the AAUW Fullerton Branch. We pay an annual fee to cover the cost of receiving 10 copies of a different play eight times a year, from October to May. We also have to pay postage to mail the box of plays onto the next AAUW Branch. Therefore, we collect \$10 from each drama member once each season to help cover the cost of the plays and mailing. There is usually enough money left over to assemble 3-5 gift baskets for girls to win if they attend the Women in STEM conference.

New members are welcome to join at any time during the year and you can attend one or both of the groups. Questions? Call Tammy. If you are only interested in the daytime drama group please contact Cheryl.

Addressing Education

by Judy (Public Policy/LAF)

When this newsletter comes out, we'll have a new President and many of us will have just gotten back from a march in Sacramento or San Francisco or maybe even Washington DC. As I sit here writing though, Barack Obama is still our President; I just listened to his farewell speech. He used it as a teaching moment about the meaning of democracy and the responsibilities of a CITIZEN. He emphasized the importance of education, and it seemed to me that he was indirectly referring to early childhood education, quality public schools, STEM, and affordable college. His wording on the relationship between education and equality could have been taken right out of AAUW policy statements, but he was also suggesting the necessity of a different type of education. He mentioned, for example, that we all need to understand that when black people peacefully protest that it isn't reverse racism and that we are not living in a post racial world where race-based injustice does not exist. I think he was suggesting that we need to educate ourselves about the actual experience of minorities within our country and within our communities.

I've recently read a few books that I think are very instructive on that subject: Ta-Nehisi Coates' book BETWEEN THE WORLD AND ME provides insights into the experience of being a black father. A LAWYER'S JOURNEY THE MORRIS DEES STORY by Morris Dees and Steve Fiffer discusses the foundation and work of Southern Poverty Law Center and, along with Brian Stevenson's book JUST MERCY A STORY OF JUSTICE AND REDEMPTION, is enlightening on the subject of combatting racial injustice in our legal system. Although

GANG LEADER FOR A DAY takes place in 1989, Sudhir Venkatesh gives a deeply disturbing view of life in the "projects" that is sadly still very timely.

In a time when unkind and racist attacks seem to have become normalized and policies toward education and social programs are changing, I think Obama is right that it is increasingly important for us to educate ourselves, to get involved, and to pay attention to how people around us are being treated. Thoreau wrote, "How much virtue there is in SIMPLY SEEING." I think he'd agree that LISTENING is important too.



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