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Installation Luncheon

On Saturday, June 19th, we will have a luncheon at Sudwerk, 2001 Second Street, to thank this year's volunteers. The "new" officers will be introduced and ready to take their positions for next year, starting in July. Plan to meet between 11:30 and 11:45, so that we can give our orders and get started eating at a reasonable time. You may choose among three entrees: vegetarian pasta, BBQ Tri-tip sandwich, and Cobb salad, and two desserts: Champagne peach sorbet and white chocolate gelato. Paid for with the meal and dessert are coffee, tea, soda, and water. All that for \$20.

Please RSVP to Barbara or Juliana by the 14th. You may pay at the door. Feel free to bring a paying guest. We would also be happy to take your renewal or new dues payment at this meeting. We thank Bett, Juliana, Gail, Barbara, and others for their early renewals (there will be a drawing for a prize), and Mary and Barbara for their new membership.

Please do join us for this annual event to acknowledge the new slate. This is a good opportunity to express some of your wishes for programs, meetings, etc. next year.

Winery Tour

The trip to Wooden Valley Winery on May 22 was a success. Patricia, Barbara, and Gail enjoyed the tour given by the owner, Mr. Lance. Ken and Rhonda were happy with the technical part of the tour led by the winemaker. All enjoyed the delicious Chinese Chicken Salad prepared by group efforts from Juliana, Gail, Barbara, and Rhonda. Be ready to sign up for a good experience if the tour is offered again.

Sad News

We have learned that Ann Mason passed away this Memorial weekend. Ann was a past president of AAUW many years ago. Check for a service announcement in the *Enterprise* or email from us.

Group meetings

Since Dorothy and Irene have been out of town, we have nothing to report regarding book group, travel group, or movie night at this time.

Davis Bridge Program Presentation

The Davis Bridge Education Foundation is a local non-profit started seven years ago. It was established to mentor/tutor low income students (free and reduced lunch) who were performing below grade level. One hundred children are being served at Montgomery Elementary. There is tutoring after school, including access to computers, help with homework, and snacks.

Patwin and Korematsu are sites also. Holmes, Emerson, and the high school need and have requested the program. Students are clustered at particular schools due to low income housing.

The mentoring tutors are minority UCD students. They quickly identify with the youngsters and vice versa. The mentors work-study participants. Critical funding comes from that program. Unfortunately, UCD will no longer fund it. DJUSD is now working with Janet Boulware and Celina Rodriguez for funding, but it is very expensive and "iffy". The seven years of steady improvement in children's outlooks and grades is now in jeopardy for the next year.

Davis Bridge has helped not only the children, but their families, and the UCD students. Several have changed majors to teaching. The whole family was helped culturally with clinics, library access, workshops, and feeling more accepted into the community. The required home visits were very positive for the students, tutors, and families.

AAUW has donated a small sum to help. Individuals may also help. For more info, call (530) 574-2804 or email davisbridge.org. Rhonda suggested that AAUW projects such as Tech Trek, STEM or ISIS workshops and Expanding Your Horizons could benefit from the connections of Davis Bridge to families, and the fact that they have means of transportation and access to translators. Ms. Boulware gave an excellent presentation and we thank her.

Good News

Gail will be retiring from teaching this year. She will be able to give herself time for health care and will still help us as Financial Officer. Her students and parents and colleagues will miss her.

Calendar

June 7- board meeting

June 19- Installation Luncheon at Sudwerk (see above)

July 19- Annual BBQ at Juliana's with Celebrate the 19th

Announcements as needed