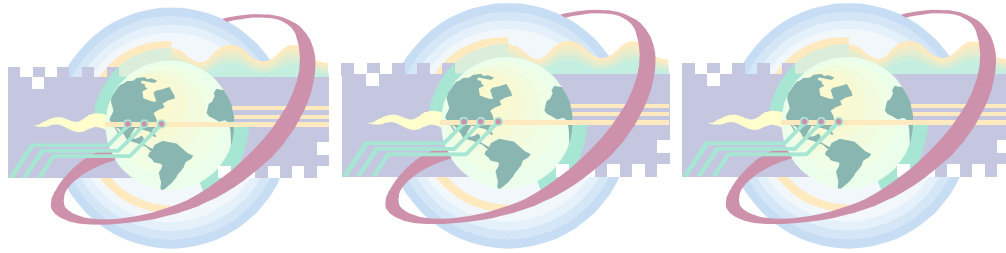


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MARCH 27 PROGRAM

We will be meeting at Seasons on Saturday, the 27th of March at noon to hear Marvin Goldman talk about Global Climate Change: Facts and Fiction. The cost is \$20 payable at the door, but reservations are to be called in to Marjorie by the 24th.

Mr. Goldman is a Professor Emeritus of Biophysics at UCD. He has specialized in radiation and environmental science. He has traveled, consulted, and lectured for NASA and the US Department of Energy. He has spent over fifty years studying, publishing, lecturing on and enjoying his immersion in Biophysics and Environmental Effects of human activity.

You'll have a choice of entrée (sandwich or salad) plus a dessert. Parking is across the street, by the Hallmark Inn, on the street, and in the parking garage over the theater. Carpooling will be available. Tell Marj you need or can give a ride. There will be more details later, but please write it on your calendar.

MARCH- Women's History Month

The luncheon will be held at the Woodland Community and Senior Center, 2001 East St., Woodland on **Thursday, March 11**. The theme is "Writing Women Back Into History". Tickets are \$20 and reservations and payment must be received by March 5. Checks are payable to Yolo Arts/WHM and sent to P.O. Box 711, Woodland, CA 95776. Contact Dotty at (530) 666-8230 or Louisa at lvessell@sbcglobal.net.

Welfare Concerns

Eleanor reported that Onida fell, breaking her femur. She is at Kaiser Hospital in Vacaville.

Shirley lost her husband February 12 after a long illness. Our condolences go out to you.

GROUPS- Meetings

Irene's movie night will **not** be held in March or in April. She is running a bridge tournament.

Marj's **Mexican Dominoes** is postponed until April due to Women's History luncheon.

Celebrate the 19th will be held at Elaine's. RSVP by the 17th. Starting at 5:00, she will be serving an Irish flavored potluck dinner (corned beef and cabbage). Call to see what you can bring (bread, salad, dessert, or beverage).

Come to a **board meeting** at Barbara's home, on Monday, March 22 at 7:15 pm. See how the business of AAUW is carried out. RSVP.

The **Book Group** will meet on the last Tuesday of the month, March 30, at noon at URC. Please read a book by Willa Cather. Call Dorothy to RSVP and for further information.

Picnic Day is April 17th, and we are setting up a **table with information** about AAUW. If you can help for an hour or two, please contact Nan.

WE NEED YOU! Annual Business Meeting

We'll be meeting on April 12 to discuss new bylaws and to elect a new slate for running the Davis Branch. We need people to volunteer to serve on the board with a major OR a minor role. The Board communicates and coordinates programs, events, and information so that you know about groups like Movie night, Celebrate the 19th, EF luncheons, LAF litigants, special projects such as Speech Trek, and any programs we present. This important annual meeting will take place April 12 at 5:30 pm at the Village Bakery & Grill, 4th and G Street. We will have pizza and salad. RSVP to Gail.

Ask any current board member for information on volunteering. We will match your skills and energy to a fulfilling position.

WHAT DO WE DO?

In 2008, Rhonda, as President, presented information that this editor is printing again.

AAUW plays a significant role in getting bills passed. "On the national and state level, the Board of Directors have spent thousands of hours reviewing and revamping their organizational structures to make them more effective and efficient to make the best use of the funding they receive while furthering the AAUW mission."

Our mission statement is: *to promote equity for women, education and self-development over the life span, and positive societal change.*

There are many opportunities and groups providing book clubs, hiking, bridge, and general outings. "The difference is that when these groups get together, they are not coming together because they believe in equity for women and girls." AAUW,

through the Educational Opportunity Fund (EF), provides “scholarships for women that reduce the most significant barrier to completing their doctoral degree: funding to allow them to finish their dissertation without additional burdens of self-funding.”

WHAT ELSE?

Through LAF (Legal Action Fund), AAUW provides support for legal cases when equity is an issue in pay scales and tenure decisions. Recent information about EF is the following, reprinted from the LAF Express.

Carolann Ford, AAUW CA Funds Committee found some interesting statistics for the **Educational Opportunities Fund**. “For the 2009-10 funding year, AAUW gave \$3,061,000 in fellowships and grants. Of 1,175 eligible applicants for American Fellowships, 66 were funded totaling \$1,235,000, 20% of which are women of color. There were 1,194 eligible International Fellowship applicants of which 36 were funded for a total of \$715,000. Career Development Grants received 759 applicants of which 48 were funded for a total of \$500,000. Of the 210 applications for Community Action Grants, 33 were funded totaling \$260,000. This sum includes money from the Mooneen Lecce Giving Circle. And lastly Selected Professions received 70 applicants and 32 were funded for a total of \$350,000. Understandably the total funds awarded are less than the previous year due to lower interest rates, lower donations, and the fact that some investments took hits. These statistics represent an overall funding of approximately 16% of all applicants.”

AND STILL MORE

The following Davis Bridge article is excerpted from the Davis Enterprise. The Davis Bridge program is a homegrown effort that for six years has been helping close the achievement gap in local schools. The program is running out of money, and could shut down in two months.

Through the program, UC Davis tutors — many from a Latino background — help elementary and junior high students with homework after school, building language, math and computer skills. The older students “serve as positive role models for what can be achieved through academic success,” says school board trustee Susan Lovenburg. “In return, the tutors establish a connection to the community, and some develop interest in the teaching profession.”

Davis Bridge raises about \$120,000 annually. When that figure is paired with some \$171,000 in UCD grant money (which helps pay for student tutors), the total budget is about \$291,000. The program needs to raise another \$40,000 to \$60,000 to continue operating this year, says executive director Janet Boulware.

Davis Bridge serves about 150 students at three local elementary schools — Montgomery, Korematsu and Patwin — and at Harper Junior High. At the elementary

level, the program features a two-hour after-school homework club that meets three times a week. At the junior high level, the homework club meets five times a week, and includes in-school and out-of-school activities.

In other Yolo County communities, the school districts easily qualify for state or federal funds to help set up programs for students like these. But in Davis, the percentage of “at risk” students doesn't quite reach the trigger level for such funding.

So the Davis Bridge Foundation was launched by Janet Boulware and others in 2004. They successfully sought grant money — including a grant from UCD that helps to pay the tutors who are recruited from the university.

“It's a benefit for the kids in the schools, and for the UC Davis students. Tutors are excellent role models for our elementary and junior high students, because our tutors are typically the first-generation college students in their family, who have navigated through being English learners themselves, and being low-income and being a student of color in a K-12 school system. And they've made it to UC”.*

The tutoring work in Davis Bridge helps the UC students “reduce their loan indebtedness. They're earning money that helps them pay for books and meals and things.”

“One college-educated family member can break the cycle of poverty.”

So Boulware is calling for community support. For more information, visit <http://www.davisbridge.org>. Contributions can be sent to the Davis Bridge Educational Foundation, 1400 E. Eighth St., Davis CA 95616.

Excerpted from The Davis Enterprise. *Quotations by Celina Rodriguez, assistant director of Davis Bridge.

Locally, in this community, AAUW Davis is supporting the **Davis Bridge Program** with a project donation of \$200. Ms. Boulware will present a program in May further explaining the program and their need for financial aid.

CELEBRATE the 19th REPORT

This gathering was a “red” success at Nan’s. Dorothy introduced us to new member, Mary. We were able to offer sympathy to Shirley after the loss of her husband. Mariana and Eleanor were delighted with the food, and the cherry recipes follow below. Irene, Jan, Marj, and Juliana had an earnest discussion about recruiting, working locally, and the Davis Bridge Program (see article above). Mary and Barbara enjoyed the food and company.

Thank you, Nan. Join us on March 19th for “Irish food” at Elaine’s.

AAUW CONVENTION

The annual convention is April 30- May 2. This year's gathering is in San Ramon. Stay at the Marriott (\$89), learn from the workshops (recruiting, financial literacy, Title IX, mission-based programs), meet interesting, intelligent women, and enjoy the atmosphere. Register by April 1.

Your *Perspective* informs you about speakers, workshops, and websites. Your membership number is on the mailing label. You may wish to note it in your roster for future reference and access to the AAUW website.

Talk to Barbara or Rhonda for questions and to express your interest in attending.

RECIPES

Cherry Chicken Wraps (4 servings)

1/2 cup nonfat lemon yoghurt
1 tsp honey Dijon mustard
1 tsp worcestershire sauce
3/4 tsp curry powder
1/4 tsp salt
1/4 tsp coarsely ground pepper
1 1/2 cups finely chopped cooked chicken (8 oz)
1 cup dried tart cherries
1/2 cup seeded finely chopped cucumber
1/3 cup shredded carrot
1/4 cup sliced green onion
4 (8-10-inch) whole wheat flour tortillas

Stir together yoghurt, mustard, worcestershire sauce, curry powder, salt and pepper in a medium mixing bowl. Gently stir in chicken, cherries, carrot, cucumber and green onion.

Mound about 3/4 cup chicken mixture just below center of each tortilla. Fold in sides, just covering edges of chicken mixture. Roll up from one side, jelly roll fashion. Serve seam side down on a plate.

Cherry Chicken Pizza

1 12-inch pre-baked pizza crust

1/2 cup (3 oz) dried tart cherries
butter
1 1/2 cups leeks, sliced thin
1 tbsp olive oil
1 1/2 cups skinless, boneless chicken breast, cooked and chopped
3/4 cup walnuts, toasted
3/4 cup grated mozzarella cheese
3/4 cup grated smoked gouda

Saute leeks in butter until wilted.

Brush olive oil evenly over pre-baked crust. Spread leeks over crust. Arrange cherries, chicken and walnuts over leeks. Sprinkle cheese over all.

Bake at 450 degrees in a standard oven 7 to 9 minutes or until cheese is melted.

CALENDAR

March 5- turn in Women's History month luncheon requests
March 7- Chithra returns. Parto has her first ISIS workshop
March 11- Luncheon, Women's History Month
March 13 and 14- Parto has two more ISIS workshops
March 19- Celebrate the 19th in Irish ways at Elaine's 5:00 PM ,RSVP by 17th
March 22- Board meeting at Barbara's 7:15 PM
March 27- Program- speaker Marvin Goldman at Seasons RSVP Marj by the 24th.
March 30- Book Group at noon at URC RSVP by the 28th to Dorothy.
April 12- Annual Business Meeting, Village Bakery & Grill 5 PM.
April 17- Picnic Day info table