



Ripples

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Saturday, November 19th CHAR/AAUW Monthly Meeting

2:00 PM to 4:00 PM—Eskaton North Auditorium

3939 Walnut Ave., Carmichael, CA 95608

Featuring pianist Tanya Plescia



Tanya Plescia is a member of the Music Teachers Association of California and the Pi Kappa Lambda National Association. She taught piano for sixteen years at the Pease Conservatory of Music, piano and piano pedagogy at CSU Sacramento, and she currently has a thriving private studio where her students learn the discipline of piano technique, music theory, and composition.

Tanya's students have participated and placed highly in competition and recital. As a member of the MTAC her students enjoy the privilege and honor of participation in California's highest level of music workshops, recitals, adjudicated events and competitions.



Tanya will be featured from 2:30 to 3:30 PM talking about her life and performing some musical selections.

Cost is \$5.00 payable at the door. Reservations are required by November 12th. Call Jean Bayless for reservations, or email her at bayless6@comcast.net. Coffee and cookies will be served at the meeting. If you need a ride to the event, please call Louise Lockhart.

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

As I mentioned last month, October was the celebration of the California Women Suffrage Centennial. In 1911 California became only the 6th state in the United States where women could vote -- nine years before passage of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution. I was privileged to have been invited to a tea on Sunday October 9th at the Leland Stanford Mansion. Representatives from many organizations other than AAUW attended the event. We enjoyed the songs of the "California Suffragist Singers" and even joined in on a few. Secretary of State Debra Bowen made an appearance wearing a "Vote for Women" banner and spoke to us.



November is Thanksgiving month. Let us be thankful to be a woman living in the United States with all the rights and privileges granted to us. Let us also celebrate Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, Leymah Gbowee and Tawakkul Karman, the joint winners of the Nobel Peace Prize 2011 *"for their non-violent struggle for the safety of women and for women's rights to full participation in peace-building work"*.

Visit the California AAUW website Public Policy page <http://capwiz.com/aauw/ca/home/> for up to date legislative news and activities and/or get involved in Action Items. National AAUW <http://www.aauw.org/> keeps you informed on the various programs such as fellowships and grants, leadership programs, and special events. Keep encouraging friends to join our Citrus Heights/American River Branch.

Looking forward to a great year of advancement and education of women and girls!



*Charlene Eberwine, President
CHAR/AAUW*

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REMINDER OF BOARD MEETING
Nov. 7th— 9:30 AM
RALEY'S MEETING ROOM
SAN JUAN @ SUNSET

DEADLINE FOR DEC. RIPPLES is
November 15th.
Esther Leal: emleal@comcast.net

See page 4 for CHAR/AAUW Holiday Luncheon on Sat. Dec. 3rd. Reservations due by Nov. 23rd due to early Dec. date of event.



SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS (MORE ON PAGE 7)

More information and photos can be seen on our website: <http://www.aauwcitrusheights.org>

Bird Watching

Tuesday, November 1st, 8:00 AM
Mather Regional Park. Meet in front of Calico Corner's (Madison & Sunrise) at 8:00 AM to carpool to the park. Rain cancels the trip. Contact Charlene Eberwine or by email at Char3@surewest.net if you plan to attend.

3rd Thursday Book Group

Thursday, Nov. 17th, 1:00 PM
Gwen Houk
Book: The Optimist's Daughter
by Eudora Welty.
Please call if you plan to attend.

More Than Books

Wednesday, November 16
8:15 Walk in a park
9:00 Breakfast at a restaurant
10:00 Book review: South America, fiction or non-fiction.
Hostess: Mary Groesbeck

Open Book

Thursday, November 10th
1:00 PM
Sue Charles, Please call if attending.
Read any book by Lisa See.

Whodunits

We meet at 1:00 PM on the 2nd Tuesday of each month.
Tues. Nov. 8 at 1:00 PM at the home of Nan Hendrickson.

Come and bring mystery books you've read to discuss and exchange. No need to call and no assigned reading.

Gadabouts

Friday, Nov. 11 (See RSVP info below)
RSVP Deadline: Nov. 8th
Corrine Laing
Joan Worrall
Place: the family-operated Otow Orchard in Granite Bay
Time: 10:30 AM at the orchard
Lunch: 12:30 PM at Crush in Roseville

This orchard grows many unusual varieties of persimmons (i.e. chocolate persimmons) and specializes in "Hoshigaki", a Japanese method of peeling, hanging and massaging by hand the persimmons, resulting in a delicious sugary treat. We will have a talk and tour by a Otow family member. Otow also grows other produce-- apples, Asian pears, pumpkins, etc., which you can purchase. The orchard has been featured in the PBS Huell Howser California's Gold program. For more information visit Otoworchard.com.

We will need to carpool to the orchard and lunch.

RSVP: both Corrine and Joan will be out of town from October 17-30. To RSVP during this time please e-mail Corrine at MWLaing@aol.com or call her on her cell phone. After these dates, call at the home phones listed above.

Lunch Bunch

Wednesday, Nov. 9th, 11:30 AM
Mirabelle's European Bakery Cafe
7318 Winding Way, Fair Oaks, near the S.W. corner of Winding Way and San Juan Ave.
Call Clydene Leslie, or e-mail Virginia Dunstan at vadunstan@aol.com for reservations.

Mirabelle's is a charming cafe owned and operated by a family that came to the United States 16 years ago after running a similar restaurant and bakery in Armenia. They were given rave reviews in the Sacramento Bee.



HOLIDAY LUNCHEON—SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3RD

**11:00 AM to 2:30 PM—Marriott Hotel
11211 Point East Drive**

Rancho Cordova (At Sunrise & Folsom)

Come join us for a delicious lunch with your AAUW friends (guests welcome) followed by the delightful Clint Ritchie 5-piece band playing jazzy Christmas music and other pieces. They're a joy to hear! Our charity giving this year will be to My Sister's House, a safe haven for Asian women and children.

My Sister's House needs the following items and cash is always accepted.

Women's washable bed slippers (small, medium and large)

Children's washable bed slippers (small, medium and large)

Gift Cards from Target, Wal-Mart, Costco, Raley's, Safeway, Save Mart, Barnes & Noble, Staples, Office Depot and Office Max.

Luncheon Entrees include salad, entrée and dessert, served with rolls and butter, freshly brewed coffee, decaffeinated coffee, gourmet teas and tropical iced tea. (\$25.00 Inclusive)

___ Chicken Toscana—chicken breast with white wine, artichoke hearts and mushrooms. Served with white rice pilaf and fresh seasonal vegetables.

___ Brandy Apple Pork Loin—brandy apple demi-glace pork loin served with Yukon gold mashed potatoes and fresh seasonal vegetables.

___ Eggplant Parmesan—breaded eggplant with house made marinara and topped with parmesan and asiago cheese.

Due to the early Dec. 3rd date this year, we need the check and luncheon choice by Nov. 23rd. Please make \$25 check payable to AAUW/CHAR and mail it to Jean Bayless, (Clip form and mail.)

Anyone needing a ride, call Carol Hayes and she will try to arrange one.



Welcome! New Member: Karen Campbell

Email: kscampbell@surewest.net

B.A. History and English, Bradley University

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE CHAR/AAUW

BOARD MEETING OCTOBER 3, 2011

HIGHLIGHTS OF CHAR OCTOBER 3RD BOARD MEETING

President: President Charlene Eberwine called the meeting to order at 9:30am.

Treasurer's report: Treasurer Judy Hoefling presented financial statements for the period thru August 31 showing a checking account balance of \$9,045.13 and savings account of \$6,461.81

Program: Carol Hayes reported only 14 CHAR members have made reservations for the Oct.15 meeting. The deadline is October 12th. An E Blast will be circulated. Charlene Eberwine reported that the brunch in September was a success with 80 in attendance (60 members and 20 guests.) From the evaluation forms that were completed some ideas were presented that will be incorporated in the planning for next year's event which will be held at the same location.

Membership: The new members' coffee will be held on Tuesday November 15th. Since there are only approximately 8 new members to be invited the event will be held at Carol Hayes' home and the attendance will be limited to 18.

AAUW Funds: It was agreed that the price for the fundraiser in February at Northridge Country Club should be kept at \$25.

Tech Trek: Elaine Bemis reported that the dates for next year's camp will be June 24-30. She also reported that donations totaling \$2,975 were collected at the brunch. Marilyn Burnam said that Davis was the only camp that ended up in the black.

VGIF: Judi Walgenbach distributed flyers to the Board explaining more about the fund's mission. It was suggested that this information could be presented at a general meeting again.

Audit Review: Louise Lockhart reported that she and Marilyn Burnham had completed the audit for years 2009/10 and 2010/11 and all was in order.

By-laws: Louise Lockhart said it was time to again review the by-laws. Charlene Eberwine requested that the President-Elect position be included in the by-laws.

Ripples-Mailing Lists: Membership lists need to be coordinated so that names of all members not receiving Ripples by e-mail will be on the list for the telephone tree. Jean Rubin and Mary Duval will work on this. There was also discussion about getting more members to sign up to get Ripples on their computer as less than half of the membership do and it costs about \$10 per member per year for postage and printing. Esther Leal, Ripples Editor, will include an item about this in the next Ripples.

Centennial celebrations: President Charlene shared with the Board the announcements regarding the 100 year California Women's Suffrage Celebrations to be held later in the month. An E-Blast will be sent to members.

Next Board Meeting: November 7, 2011

Ellie Engh, Secretary

REMEMBER THE 19th!

We will not meet in November as the 19th would conflict with our monthly event meeting.

We also will not meet in December. We will resume our get togethers in January. Any ideas for a new location? It would be good to try different places around town. Call Charlene Eberwine or email Char3@surewest.net if you have any suggestions.

NORWAY TRAVEL GROUP



The Norway Travel Group enjoying their first meeting of the new season.

From Left to Right:

Lynn Meyer, Corrine Laing, Carol Steiger, Natalie Taylor, Hedda Smithson, Elaine Bemis, Janice Chung, and Fran Clarke.

Public Policy

This year, Tennessee followed several other states to pass a voter identification law that will go into effect for the 2012 election. Voting rights advocates and civil rights groups, such as the NAACP and ACLU, oppose voter identification laws because they marginalize the poor, elderly, and minority voters who are less likely to have a government-issued photo ID. One such example has recently occurred: Dorothy Cooper, a 96 year old Chattanooga resident, was denied a voter ID card for failing to produce her marriage license.

AAUW believes it is vital for everyone, especially women, to be able to vote. AAUW is proud to launch a serious investment in getting out the women's vote for the 2012 election. Through the IT'S MY VOTE: I WILL BE HEARD campaign, we will work to educate women across the country about the rights and privileges that are at stake in the upcoming election. We will increase the volume and direction of women's voices and commit ourselves to getting women to the polls in record numbers.

Mary Toutonghi, Public Policy

Cultural Arts

The Falcon Eye Theatre, Stage 2 of Three Stages at Folsom Lake College, 10 College Parkway, presents "The Good Person of Szechwan", a play by German poet and playwright Bertolt Brecht (1898-1956). Performances of the play are on Oct. 28th through Nov.13. For more information and tickets call (916) 608-6888. Website: www.threestages.net

The Music Department at Sacramento State presents the "Festival of New American Music" on Nov. 3rd through Nov. 10th and Nov, 12th--13th. with the best of new American music's composers and performers. The performances are free and located in Capistrano Hall's Music Recital Hall. For more information call (916) 278-4323 and for a complete schedule check the website.

Website: www.csus.edu/music/bravo/worldmusic/htm

Sacramento Opera accompanied by Sacramento Symphony and Sacramento Chorus, presents the opera "Pagliacci" (The Players) on Saturday,, Nov. 19th at 8:00 P.M. and Sunday, Nov. 20th at 2:00 P.M. at the Community Center Theatre, 1301 L Street. For more information and tickets, call the office at (916) 737-1000.

Website: www.sacopera.org *Bunny Schwantes, Cultural Events*

The Sacramento Fine Arts Center will hold its 16th annual "Ars Gracia Artis" sale of works at a raffle. Each ticket holder will choose an Art Work in the order his ticket is selected. Cost for the drawing for one Art Work of your choice is \$60 (tax included). Art works will be displayed Nov 22-Dec 4 at the Sacramento Fine Arts Center, 5330-B Gibbons Drive, Carmichael. Reception and drawing for Art Work will be Dec 4 from 1-3 pm. For additional information, call 971-3713.

MORE SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

Great Decisions

Our meetings begin in February. Checks should be made payable to Berry Melson for your \$22 text. For more information, visit www.fpa.org or contact Berry at berry925@comcast.net

Travel Study

The next meeting of the Travel Study Group will be held on Tues., Dec. 6th, at 11:00 AM, combining the Nov. and Dec. meetings. We will celebrate the festive season with a Norwegian potluck. Bring an appetizer, salad, or dessert.

Sharon Boyd (her home)

RSVP by Nov. 15th. Phone or email: Sharonboyd0522@comcast.net

Bridge Info

Contact Jan Bessette for more info on groups and bridge lessons.

Movie Mavens

1st Wednesday of the month
Wed., Nov. 2nd.
Call Mary Gene Page for the movie and time, after Oct. 30th.

Opera Lovers—Live From the Met

1st Thursday of the month
Thurs., November 3rd, 1:30 P.M.
Raley's Event Center, Sunset and San Juan
Discussion will be Wagner's *Siegfried* and Glass's *Satyagraha*.

Marilyn Burnam marilynfo@sbcglobal.net

Ripples by E-Mail



If you currently receive your Ripples newsletter in the mail and have a computer, you can have your cake and eat it, too! Have your Ripples both e-mailed and sent by regular U.S. postal mail. No need to choose yet. You can have them both for a 3 month trial run.

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If you do decide that the e-mail system is the only way to go, a tree somewhere will thank you (and our AAUW chapter will save about \$10 a year per person.) Just let me know so I can add you to my e-mail list for your "trial run." In the meantime, you will still continue to receive your paper copy.

And, in case you didn't know, the email version is in full color, as opposed to boring black and white in the printed copy. Try it and see!

Esther Leal, Ripples Editor

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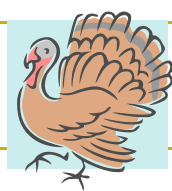
CHAR-AAUW Ripples



Deadline for Dec. Ripples
 Nov. 15th
 See page 2 for address
 Our CHAR website:
<http://www.aauwcitrusheights.org>

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Reservation for Nov. Monthly Meeting Due

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Bird Watching	2 Movie Mavens	3 Opera	4	5
6	7 Board Meeting	8 Who dunnits	9 Lunch Bunch	10 Open Book	11 Gada-bouts	12
13	14	15 Ripples deadline	16 More Than Bks.	17 3rd Thurs. Bks	18	19 Monthly CHAR Mtg.
20	21	22	23 Holiday Luncheon deadline		25	26
27	28	29	30			

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