



Ripples

CITRUS HEIGHTS-AMERICAN RIVER

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Holiday Luncheon—Saturday, Dec. 3rd



It's not too late to make your reservation!

See Page 4 of your November Ripples for details.

Holiday luncheon at the Marriott Hotel

11:00 AM to 2:30 PM

11211 Point East Drive off Folsom Blvd., Rancho Cordova
(At Sunrise & Folsom)

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

Deadline for reservation: Wednesday, November 23rd

Did we mention Chocolate mousse supreme for dessert?

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.



SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14, 2012

10:00 a.m., Women's Thursday Club of Fair Oaks

Annual CHAR author program

This year's author is Sherie Holbrook Labedis, author of You Came Here to Die Didn't You - a memoir about the civil rights movement in the 60's.

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

I want to thank Barbara Parker for arranging the guest speaker, Carolyn Martin, who presented "Centennial Celebration of Women's Suffrage" at the October general meeting. Thanks to Carol Hayes for securing the facility and coordinating with the AAUW Sacramento branch. We have not had a co-event with them in many years. Everyone who attended agreed that it was an informative and well-done presentation. In addition, I would like to thank our treasurer Judy Hoefling for her time and service. Judy resigned for personal reasons. I hope that by the time you read this someone has stepped forward to fill this crucial position.

By now, many of you have read some of the excellent articles in the latest edition of "Outlook, The Magazine of AAUW." Although many of us are already retired, there are two good articles on that topic. The Women's History Museum has been mentioned before in previous "Ripples", so check out the latest news. Did you know "that a college education will make a woman infertile, unmarriageable, sickly or paralyzed with anxiety?" That was the thinking in our great grandmothers' time when AAUW began research projects in 1885. *Crossing the Line: Sexual Harassment at School*, AAUW's new research report on sexual harassment in middle and high schools, is available on the national AAUW website <http://www.aauw.org/>.

AAUW CA is putting out a call for candidates for 2012. Visit the California AAUW website <http://capwiz.com/aauw/ca/home/>. While there, be sure to check the Public Policy page for up to date legislative news and activities and/or get involved in Action Items.

December is a good time to reflect on the good people and good times that have happened in your lives during this past year. Keep encouraging friends to join our Citrus Heights/American River Branch.

2011 was another great year of advancement and education of women and girls!

Charlene Eberwine, President CHAR/AAUW

Remember the 19th! 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 if you have any suggestions.

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REMINDER OF BOARD MEETING

Dec. 5th— 9:30 AM

RALEY'S MEETING ROOM

SAN JUAN @ SUNSET

DEADLINE FOR JAN. RIPPLES is

December 10th.

Esther Leal: emleal@comcast.net



SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

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

Bird Watchers—see page 4

3rd Thursday Book Group

Meeting will be held at the Zinfandel Grill in Gold River on 12/15/11.

Call Alice Ainsworth for reservations and time.

Book to be read: [The Art of Racing in the Rain](#) by Garth Stein.

More Than Books

No meeting in December.

Meet again in January.

Open Book Group

No meeting in December

Thurs. Jan. 12th

Mary Pavan

Phone if attending.

Read any book by Gail Tsukiyama

Whodunits

Tues. Dec. 13 at 11:30 AM

Danielle's Creperie in Arden Town on Fair Oaks Blvd.

After lunch we'll adjourn to the home of Carol Hayes, 3625 Miami St. Sacramento, CA 95821 for our mystery book discussion and exchange.

Please call Carol for the lunch reservation by Dec. 10th.

Book credit is available to all CHAR members at the Book Bag, 4949 Marconi Ave. (corner of Walnut Ave. Carmichael).

Great Decisions

Our meetings begin on Feb. 7th of 2012.

First meeting will be at 1:00 pm at the Raley's Event Center—San Juan at Sunset in Fair Oaks.

For more information, visit www.fpa.org or contact Berry Melson.

Gadabouts—see page 6

Lunch Bunch

Will not meet in December. Our next lunch will be in January. More in the Jan. issue.

Movie Mavens

Wednesday, Dec. 7th

Charlene Eberwine will pick a movie for us to see. Call her after Friday, Dec. 2. An email notice will be sent. We have had a poor showing of people for Oct. and Nov. If we don't get more interest in this group, it will be disbanded in the spring.

Opera Lovers

Thurs. Dec. 1, 1:30 PM

Raley's Community Room, Sunset & San Juan.

Ellie Engh will discuss Gounod's *Faust*.

We need a presenter for Handel's *Rodelinda* (new production.)

Theater Schedule:

Handel's *Rodelinda* Dec. 3 @ 9:30 am. Encore Jan. 4 @ 6:30 PM.

Gounod's *Faust* Dec. 10 @ 9:55 am. Encore Jan. 11 @ 6:30 PM.

Marilyn Burnam, marilynfo@sbcglobal.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.

We will meet at the home of Sharon Boyd.

Tuesday, December 6th - Bird Watchers

Bird Watching

We will visit the Isenberg Sandhill Crane Reserve off Interstate 5 and Woodbridge Road and the Cosumnes River Preserve on Tuesday, December 6th.

This trip is about an hour drive one way. Meet at 8:00 AM at Calico Corners in Quail Pointe Shopping Center at Sunrise and Madison. Plan to return around noon. Pouring rain cancels the event. Dress in layers.

Please RSVP to Charlene if you plan to attend. Let me know if you are willing to drive. Call Charlene Tuesday morning if you need to cancel.

BIRD WATCHERS AT MATHER REGIONAL PARK

The Bird Watchers Group at Mather Regional Park.

Early risers! The group saw about 23 different birds on Friday, Nov. 6th.



From left to right: front row—Eras Cochran, Dixie Robinson, Louise Lockhart, and Charlene Eberwine.

Back row: Kathleen Krause and Helen Albright. Not pictured: photographer for group: Lois Wren.

The Sacramento Fine Arts Center will hold its 16th annual "Ars Gratia 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 or sacfinearts.org

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE CHAR/AAUW

BOARD MEETING November 7, 2011

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

Treasurer's report: Treasurer Judy Hoefling submitted a financial report showing checking account balance in the amount of \$8,703.09 and savings of \$6,057.58 as of October 31. The securities account for local scholarship is valued at \$2,657.46. The check for \$1,135 honoring Lonnie Clegg will be sent to VGIF this week. It was announced that Judy is resigning as treasurer and a replacement must be found to fill this very important position. Several members have been contacted but as yet with no success.

Program: Carol Hayes reported that the piano recital will be held on Nov. 19th at Eskaton and that the deadline for reservations is Nov. 12th. Deadline for reservations for the Christmas luncheon is Nov 23. Carol is hoping for a large attendance at this event. She also announced that the January author's talk will be held at Fair Oaks Thursday Club's facility on Fair Oaks Blvd. in Fair Oaks.

Membership: Mary Duval reported that, evidently, due to a glitch in their computer system National had, in error, sent out a notice to many members that their dues had lapsed. This caused some confusion but has been taken care of.

Public Policy: The bill authorizing the purchase of property on the Mall in Washington to construct a women's History Museum has been introduced again in both houses of Congress. Mary had reported on this earlier in the year. This project is strongly supported by AAUW and many other women's organizations.

Tech Trek: Elaine Bemis's group has met and members have chosen a school to work with through the selection process. They will be able to send six girls in 2012.

By-laws: Mary Pavan provided Charlene with copy of previous by-laws which included the President-Elect's position which she has passed on to Louise Lockhart. National is issuing some By-Law changes which we will be receiving.

Ripples: President Charlene reported that she had received an e-mail from Sue Miller, a AAUW State officer, complimenting our branch on our newsletter, and the article "It's My Vote" which was submitted by Mary Toutonghi. She also reported that the bill authorizing the purchase of property on the Mall in Washington D.C. to construct a Women's History Museum has finally been passed.

Next Board Meeting : December 5, 2011 *Ellie Engh, Secretary*

Corrections to the Directory

- 1) Janice Sweat
- 2) Margaret (Peggy) Warne

Gadabouts in January—Friday, January 6th

Carpool: 11:30 AM Raley's @ Hazel & Madison

Lunch: 12:30 PM at Awful Annies, 490 G St, Lincoln

Tour: 2:00-4:00 PM Rogers Family Company, 1731 Aviation Blvd., Lincoln

Gadabouts will tour the Rogers Family Company coffee roasting factory in Lincoln.

The tour consists of a seated 45 minute presentation about coffee production, Rogers' unique "Community Aid" program and a 45 minute walking tour of the factory. The management emphasizes that visitors must be prepared to stand throughout the entire tour of the spacious facility—281,000 feet. Additionally, no food or drinks are allowed in the plant, and only wedding rings can be worn. All other jewelry must be removed. Apparel requirements are close-toed shoes and long pants. Hair nets will be provided by the Rogers Company. Tour limited to 20.

For additional information and reservations, please contact Louise Lockhart.

Deadline for reservations: December 28, 2011.

Gadabouts travel to Otaw's Persimmon Orchard in Granite Bay on November 11th



Pictured from left to right in front of delivery truck: Barbara Parker, Mary Pavan, Janice Chung, Mary Duval, and Alice Ainsworth.



In front of drying persimmons—left to right:

Charlene Eberwine, Mary Duval, orchard owner, Janice Chung, Marilyn Burnam, Clydene Leslie, Donna Mayol, Virginia Dunstan, Noreen Rademacher, Corrine Laing, Fran Clarke and Alice Ainsworth.

Photographer: Berry Melson



Cultural Arts

Chautauqua Playhouse, 5325, Engle Road, at La Sierra Community Center presents an enduring favorite, "Rodger Hoopman's Scrooge", based on Charles Dickens' classic "A Christmas Carol." Optional bus tours of holiday lights in the area are offered after most performances. Show dates are Dec. 9th through Dec. 23rd, Check the website and also call the theatre at (916) 489-7529 for more information.

Website: www.cplayhouse.org <<http://www.cplayhouse.org>>

Sacramento Ballet presents Ron Cunningham's holiday classic, "The Nutcracker", on Dec. 9th through Dec. 23rd at the Community Center Theatre, 13th and L Street. This is a favorite holiday production for the Sacramento area. Performance times and ticket information can be obtained by calling the theatre box office at (916) 909-5181.

Website: www.sacballet.org <<http://www.sacballet.org>>

Join the Sacramento Master Singers for their annual Holiday Concert in the beautiful St. Francis Church at 26th Street and K Street on Sat., Dec. 17 at 8:00 P.M; Sun., Dec. 18th at 2:00 P.M; and Wed., Dec. 21 at 7:00 P.M. Included is a candlelight processional, antiphonal singing and pieces spanning many styles and types. For additional information and tickets call (916) 788-7464. Website: www.mastersingers.org

Bunny Schwantes -Cultural Events

Public Policy

Recently, Mississippi voters rejected a measure that would have effectively banned all abortions and severely limited access to in-vitro fertilization, birth control, and other medical procedures and care. The initiative, also known as the "personhood" amendment, was rejected by more than 58% of voters. AAUW fought against issue 26 down to the wire, placing a last-minute ad in the state to urge voters against adopting the measure.

AAUW supports the right of every woman to safe, accessible, affordable, and comprehensive family planning and reproductive health services. AAUW trusts that every woman has the ability to make her own informed choices regarding her reproductive life within the dictates of her own moral and religious beliefs. Furthermore, AAUW believes that these deeply personal decisions should be made without governmental interference.

Show your support for advocacy for women and girls - and get a tax deduction. Contribute \$100 or more to the AAUW Public Policy Fund and receive the fund's annual pin. You may support this crucial work with a tax-deductible contribution through AAUW's secure website.

Members interested in working for the 2012 election either through an organization of their choice or as part of AAUW's project IT'S MY VOTE: I WILL BE HEARD are invited to communicate this information to Mary Toutonghi.


Mary Toutonghi - Public Policy

CHAR-AAUW Ripples



Deadline for Jan. 2012 Ripples
 Dec. 10th (note early date)
 See page 2 for address
 Our CHAR website:
<http://www.aauwcitrusheights.org>

December 2011

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AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN MISSION STATEMENT:
AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.