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**HEAR FORMER MAYOR RICHARD BARTKE SPEAK ON  
 THE EL CERRITO CENTENNIAL!**

**Saturday, October 21st, 10:00 a.m.  
 Christ Lutheran Church  
 780 Ashbury (at Stockton), El Cerrito**

Come to hear **Richard Bartke**, former **El Cerrito City Councilman** and **Mayor**, **President of the El Cerrito Historical Society**, and husband of AAUW-WCC member **Jane Bartke**. As the **City of El Cerrito** celebrates its **Centennial Anniversary**, **Mr. Bartke** will give us an outline of the city's general history and will describe some of the more interesting people who have lived here and some exciting events that occurred over the course of 100 years.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We're off to a good start!

We were successful with our [Booth at the Solano Stroll, Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>](#): Thanks to **Judy Sam** and **Mimi Fruehan** for the setup and takedown, and to **Marilynn Bracelin, Meigan Dadzie, Sue Duncan, Gloria Merrill, Ellen Mills, and Marsha Weintraub** for staffing the booth.

[October 21st Meeting](#): As always, our first meeting of the year on September 16th was very special, with the middle school girls we sponsored for the **Tech Trek** camp sharing their experiences. This month's program is also very interesting. In celebration of El Cerrito's Centennial, **Richard Bartke, President of the El Cerrito Historical Society**, will tell us about the city's history, including some interesting ladies. Be sure to invite friends and others interested in the **AAUW** to the meeting. Please note that if they join at the meeting, they will get a reduced rate (\$60.50 versus \$85.00). [2017-2018 Membership Directories](#) will be available for pickup at the **October 21st** meeting. Those directories that have not been picked up will be mailed in November. Please review your entry and let us know if you have any corrections.

[October 12th, 6:30 PM, California Women Lead Workshop](#): We, along with the other branches in the **Contra Costa County InterBranch Council (CCC IBC)** are helping to host this event (at Civic Park Community Center, 1375 Civic Drive, Walnut Creek) to encourage women to run for office or to apply for an appointment at the state or local level. **California Women Lead** is the only statewide, nonpartisan women's organization in California committed to providing women the training and support they need to be successful in the political arena. With the number of women in government decreasing, we want to empower women to apply for appointments to reach gender equity on boards and commissions. This training is free and open to the public, but requires a prior RSVP for admittance. To RSVP, visit <http://www.cawomenlead.org/event/WalnutCreekAppointments>. There is a flyer available. We would like to publicize this event in our area. Let me know if you are interested or can help with the publicity.

As always, I thank you for your support. I appreciate all you do for the Branch, considering your busy lives and other commitments. I enjoy working with such special women.

**Roberta Montgomery, President**

## AAUW RESPONDS TO RESCINDING OF DACA PROGRAM

On September 5, 2017, in Washington, **AAUW Chief Executive Officer Kimberly Churches** released the following statement on the Trump Administration's decision to rescind the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program: "AAUW is proud to be a part of a community that fights for the civil rights of all Americans, including immigrants. We stand, and will continue to stand, with the nearly 800,000 Dreamers and DACA recipients. This action by the Trump administration is a firm rejection of one of America's founding principles: that with hard work and education anyone can achieve their own version of the American Dream. At AAUW we understand the impact that education exerts on the lives of students and on the nation's overall prosperity and strength. We remain committed to increasing opportunities in education for all women and girls. One quarter of DACA recipients are enrolled in postsecondary education, and another third of the recipients are high school students weighing options to further their education upon graduation. With the rescinding of DACA, that American dream will be shattered, effectively slamming the door to opportunity for these students. Congress now has the opportunity to emerge as a moral leader on this issue by passing the bipartisan, bicameral Dream Act, which would offer much-needed relief and protection for DACA recipients."

**Marianne Selph**



## **CULTURE CORNER for OCTOBER 2017** **by Barbara Miller**

To celebrate its 100<sup>th</sup> birthday, El Cerrito is sponsoring a wide variety of activities. The city provides a keepsake Centennial Passport (available at City Hall or at any Centennial event) that will be stamped at every eligible event that you attend throughout the year. If you return your passport to City Hall by Dec. 12, 2017, you will be entered in a drawing to win prizes. Participants with the most stamps will also be eligible for the Grand Prize. For details, call 215-4318.

More information at: <http://www.el-cerrito.org/1002/Events>

- Fri. thru Sun., Oct. 6-8: El Cerrito Art Association's Art Show. A special edition of an annual event, featuring a centennial theme. El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Moeser Lane, at Ashbury.
  - Reception: Fri., Oct. 6: 7:00-9:00 pm
  - Show: Sat. & Sun. Oct. 7 & 8: 10:00 am-5:00 pm
- Thurs., Oct. 12: Talk by Board of Ed. Member Tom Panas: "Remembering Our Local Japanese Heritage." 7:00 pm at Arlington Clubhouse, 1120 Arlington Blvd. Hosted by El Cerrito Historical Society.
- Sat., Oct. 14: Historical Tour of El Cerrito High School, 540 Ashbury Ave. 1:00 pm-3:00 pm. Hosted by the ECHS Archiving Project.
- Sat., Oct. 21: Walk & Talk: History of Hillside Natural Area, led by Dave Weinstein, Mark Miner and Ralph Boniello. Hosted by El Cerrito Trail Trekkers and the El Cerrito Historical Society. Meet at the Hillside Natural Area, 7451 Schmidt Lane at 10:00 am.

Centennial events continue through December, with the closing event on Dec. 19.

Other events of interest:

**Albany Bulb.** Sun., Oct. 22: ***The Artworks of Albany Bulb.*** Dave Weinstein and Susan Moffat will lead a walking tour of Albany Bulb to see the artworks created over the years by many different artists. Learn how this longtime open air art gallery, which is now part of Eastshore State Park, may be threatened. Meet at the western end of Buchanan Street, past the bulb parking lot, at 1:00 pm.

**Contra Costa Civic Theatre,** 951 Pomona (at Moeser), El Cerrito 524-9012. [www.ccct.org](http://www.ccct.org)

- Through Oct. 22, ***Cabaret.*** Fri. & Sat., 8:00 pm; Sun., 2:00 pm.

**Richmond Art Center,** 2540 Barrett, Richmond. 620-6772. <http://www.richmondartcenter.org>

- Sun., Oct. 8: 1:00-5:00 pm. ***Bay Area Mural Festival 2017.*** Closing ceremony. 10 master muralists and 2 East Bay youth groups will work together to produce 10 environmentally-themed murals in Richmond. Artists will paint for one week and end the festival with this closing ceremony featuring musicians, dancers, speakers, and painting.
- Sat., Oct. 14: 2:00-4:00 pm. ***Picturing the Environment.*** A panel of artists—Kim Anno, Chester Arnold and Jenny Odell—will display and discuss their environmentally-themed work. <http://richmondartcenter.org/event/panel-discussion-picturing-environment/>
- Sat., Oct. 21: 2:00-4:00 pm. ***Printing Joan Brown.*** Don Farnsworth of Magnolia Editions will discuss the working process of Joan Brown, an influential local artist who was part of the Bay Area Figurative movement. Brown's art is a featured exhibition at the art center this fall.
- Sat., Nov. 4: 2:00-4:00 pm. ***Del Sol String Quartet in Concert with Joan Brown.*** Connecting music with art, the Quartet will play selected pieces to correspond with the works of Joan Brown.

**NIAD Art Center** — 551 23rd Avenue, Richmond, 620-0290. [Niadart.org/exhibits/october2017](http://Niadart.org/exhibits/october2017)

- **Oct. 6-27: *The Language of Line***, organized by Susan Alexander. All art mediums start with a line and result in a finished creation. The eight artists in “Language of Line” place an emphasis on line as a starting point and then continue with a poetic narrative in each of their different mediums.
- **Oct. 6-27:** Two solo exhibitions at the Center: Michael Macfeat at the Annex and Carlos Fernandez at the Storefront.
- **Sat., Oct. 14:** Opening reception for the above exhibitions.

**San Pablo Art Gallery** — 13831 San Pablo Ave., Maple Hall, Building #4, in the beautiful San Pablo Civic Center, San Pablo, at Alvarado Square. 882-8673. [www.sanpabloca.gov/1237/Art-Gallery](http://www.sanpabloca.gov/1237/Art-Gallery)

- **Sept. 30-Nov. 26: *Confabulations in Color and Form***. Paintings by Katie Hawkenson and sculptures by Joseph Slusky.

**Cerrito Theater** (Rialto Cinemas), 10070 San Pablo Ave., El Cerrito. 273-9102.

[www.rialtocinemas.com/cerrito](http://www.rialtocinemas.com/cerrito)

- **Now playing: *Battle of the Sexes***, a film about the 1973 tennis match between the top-seeded woman tennis player Billie Jean King and former men’s tennis champion Bobby Riggs. This match was one of the most watched televised sports events of all time.
- ***National Theatre Live*** (from London). Both season and individual tickets are on sale now. This season’s 3 plays, all shown at 7:00 pm are:
  - ***Yerma***, written and directed by Simon Stone. Starring Billie Piper and Brendan Cowell. Oct. 2, 4, 11, 16.
  - ***Follies*** by James Goldman and Stephen Sondheim. Directed by Dominic Cooke. Starring Tracie Bennett, Janie Dee and Imelda Staunton. Nov. 20 and 29; Dec. 4 and 13.
  - ***Young Marx*** by Richard Bean and Clive Colman. Directed by Nicholas Hytner. Starring Rory Kinnear as Marx and Oliver Chris as Engels. Dec. 18 and 20; Jan. 8 and 17.



### **BETSY DE VOS REWRITES RULES ON CAMPUS SEXUAL ASSAULT**

Education Secretary Betsy DeVos on Friday scrapped a key part of government policy on campus sexual assault, saying she was giving colleges more freedom to balance the rights of accused students with the need to crack down on serious misconduct. The move, which involved rescinding two sets of guidelines several years old, was part of one of the fiercest battles in higher education today, over whether the Obama administration, in trying to get colleges to take sexual assault more seriously, had gone too far and created a system that treated the accused unfairly. The most controversial portion of the Obama-era guidelines had demanded colleges use the lowest standard of proof, “preponderance of the evidence,” in deciding whether a student is responsible for sexual assault, a verdict that can lead to discipline and even expulsion. On Friday, the Education Department said colleges were free to abandon that standard and raise it to a higher standard known as “clear and convincing evidence.” The move had been long sought by advocates for accused students, most of whom are men, who had complained that campus judicial processes had become heavily biased in favor of female accusers. The new rules will be in place temporarily while the Education Department gathers comments from interest groups and the public.

**Marianne Selph**, (from news reports in the NY Times and the SF Chronicle)



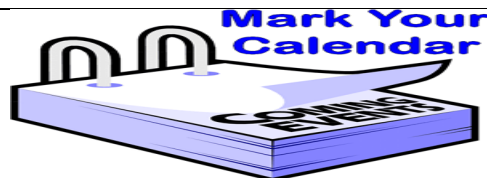
## OCTOBER ACTIVITIES

**Board Meeting:** The next Board meeting will be on **Tuesday, October 3, 2017**, at 2:00 PM, at the home of **Judy Sam** (527-1661), 8821 Terrace Drive, El Cerrito. Please contact **President Roberta Montgomery** (237-5293) for more information and to let her know whether you will attend.

**Afternoon Books:** The group usually meets on the **fourth Monday** of each month at **1:30 PM**. We will meet on **Monday, October 23**, at the home of **Winnie Sayre** (524-8954), 739 Bay Tree Lane, El Cerrito. At that meeting, we will discuss Christina Baker Kline's ***A Piece of the World***. We will also choose the book to read for our November meeting and the location of that meeting. All are welcome — even if you have not read the novel, please join us!

**Lunch Group:** The group's first meeting will be on **Monday, October 16**, at **12 Noon**, at **Renee's Place**, 1477 Solano Avenue, Albany. Please call **Maria LaForge** (527-4378) if you have any questions. All are welcome!

**Global Interests Group:** The group meets on the **second Monday of each month from 1:30 to 3:00 PM** at the home of **Ellen Mills** (526-5815), 1648 Oak View Avenue, Kensington. The group's next meeting will be on **Monday, October 9**, from **1:30 to 3:00 PM**. Member **Maria LaForge** will present her research on Syria so that we may better understand what has been happening there of late and what portends for the future. The following meeting will be on **Monday, November 13**, from **1:30 to 3:00 PM**, at the same location. Member **Sue Walenta** will make a report on Indonesia. Branch members who did not attend this **Global Interests Group** last year are invited to join us. If you are interested in coming, if you want further information, if you have any questions, or if you wish to bring a guest, please contact the group's coordinator, **Marty Sarbey de Souto**, at 925-304-2022 or [josemarty@yahoo.com](mailto:josemarty@yahoo.com). **Marty** looks forward to seeing you there.



**October 8, 10 AM-4 PM, Book Passage Bookstore**, Corte Madera: Mystery Writer David Corbett presents a class on "*How to Polish Your Manuscript*." (Registration \$150.)

**October 10, 10 AM-12 PM, Richmond Community Foundation**, Sara Matlin, Bilingual Counsel for Bolder Advocacy Initiative & Alliance for Justice will present a free workshop on "*Standing Up and Speaking Out – Your 501(c)(3) Advocacy Rights*."

**October 14, 1-4 PM, NIAD Art Center**, 551 23rd Street, Richmond: Opening Reception for "*The Language of Line*" organized by Susan Alexander and "*Painting and How It Got That Way*" by Michael Macfeat, Peter Harris & Eddie Braught.

**October 19, 6-9 PM, Impact Hub**, 2323 Broadway, Oakland: **Breakthrough Communities** celebrates the release of Carl Anthony's book, "*The Earth, the City, and the Hidden Narrative of Race*."

**November 18, 7 PM, The Curran Theatre**, San Francisco: Actor Alec Baldwin & co-author Kurt Anderson present "*You Can't Spell America Without Me*." Tickets \$45-\$65, \$125 with signed book.

**April 27-29, 2018, Irvine, California: AAUW-CA Convention.**

**The Editor**

