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APRIL-MAY 2018



**COME HEAR LILIANE KOZIOL, PhD, SPEAK ON
 "WORK, WOMEN, AND CULTURE: A DOUBLE-EDGE SWORD"**

Saturday, April 21st, 10:00 a.m.

Christ Lutheran Church

780 Ashbury (at Stockton), El Cerrito

Liliane Koziol, Ph.D., is the Coordinator of the Northern California Fulbright Scholar Enrichment Program of the US Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. She is also the First Vice President of the United Nations Association, USA East Bay Chapter, a Deputy Honorary Consul of Madagascar, and a Founding-Funder for Rotary International and Google Virtual Reality Project for Peace. She has over 20 years experience in the design, implementation, management, and evaluation of intercultural, diversity, and leadership trainings, projects, and programs.

Gloria Merrill

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MARY ELLEN BALES AAUW SCHOLARSHIP

Once again we are seeking contributions for our annual branch sponsored **Mary Ellen Bales AAUW Scholarship at Contra Costa College**. Each year the West Contra Costa Branch provides a \$1,500 scholarship to a woman with a STEM major active in the Center for Science Excellence, to help her continue her education at a four-year college or university. This year, because of the generosity of our members last spring, we will be providing two scholarships.

Joyce Muse is our contact with the Contra Costa College Financial Aid Office. She and branch member **Seti Sidharta**, the Director of the Center for Science Excellence, will introduce our 2018 scholarship recipients at the Installation Luncheon on May 19 at La Strada Restaurant.

Your continued support for the **Mary Ellen Bales AAUW Scholarship at Contra Costa College** is much appreciated. Each spring we solicit donations for the next year scholarship. In 2019 we hope to again provide two scholarships. The check for your tax-deductible donation should be made payable to the Contra Costa College Foundation, with Mary Ellen Bales AAUW Scholarship Fund on the memo line. Then mail the check to me (**Roberta Montgomery**, 2343 Alva Ave., El Cerrito, CA 94530) or give it to me at our meeting on April 21. Thank you for your support!

Roberta Montgomery, President



JOIN US FOR OUR INSTALLATION LUNCHEON AND MEET OUR CONTRA COSTA COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS!

**Saturday, May 19th, 2018, 11:30 a.m.
La Strada Italian Restaurant
2215 Church Lane (at San Pablo Avenue), San Pablo**

Be sure to attend our final meeting of the year and the installation of officers. **Joyce Muse** and **Seti Sidharta** will also introduce the two recipients of our **Contra Costa College Mary Ellen Bales AAUW Scholarship**. There are three menu choices: **Pollo Marsala** (chicken breast sautéed with Marsala wine and mushrooms), **Red Snapper** (fish sautéed with white wine, lemon, butter, capers, fresh tomatoes, and spring onions), and **Eggplant Parmigiana**. All entrees are served with polenta and vegetables. The \$30 cost includes bread, green salad, dessert, soft drinks, coffee, tea, tax, and tip. Please complete the reservation form below, indicating the number in your party (bring your friends!) and your entrée choice. Send the form with your check for **\$30** per person (payable to **AAUW WCC**) to AAUW WCC, P. O. Box 501, El Cerrito, CA 94530. Our reservation deadline is **Tuesday, May 15**. The reservation can also be turned in at our April 21 meeting.

NAME _____ No. in party _____

Luncheon choice(s):

Pollo Marsala _____ Red Snapper _____ Eggplant Parmigiana _____

*****Reservation deadline is Tuesday, May 15**

mail FORM and \$30 per person CHECK, payable to **AAUW WCC**, to: AAUW WCC Branch
P.O. Box 501
El Cerrito, CA 94530



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Tuesday, April 10, is **Equal Pay Day** – the date that symbolizes how far into the year 2018 women must work until their 2017 pay equals the amount men earned in the year 2017. An **AAUW** key goal is to promote awareness and to close the gap. Some progress is being made. Last year California passed a bill to prohibit employers from using a job applicant's salary history during the hiring process. Also, **Start Smart** and **Work Smart** salary negotiation workshops increase awareness. The CCC IBC provides Start Smart workshops (for new jobs) free to the students of the Contra Costa Community College District. Work Smart workshops (for new jobs as well as earned raises and promotions) were offered in SF last fall.

Since our scheduled speaker for the **March 17th Meeting** was not able to come, we decided to have a program to honor Women's History month. Short presentations were made on the following women: **Clara Barton**, **Josephine Garis Cochrane** (inventor of the dishwasher), **Margaret Knight** (inventor of the modern paper bag), **Hedy Lamarr** (world famous film star and inventor of wireless transmission technology), and **Beatrix Potter**. Let me know if you want a copy of the "*Inventions Created by Women*" handout.

At our **April 21st Meeting**, **Liliane Koziol, PhD**, will speak about "**Work, Women, and Culture: A Double-Edged Sword.**" This presentation should be very interesting. Invite others to attend. Guests are always welcome. Note that if they join **AAUW** at the meeting, they will be members through June 30, 2019, at a reduced rate (\$64.50 vs. \$95.00).

TECH TREK: Our Tech Trek team (**Sue Duncan, Sally Dunham, Karen Euston, Mimi Fruehan, Christine Hills, Jackie Title, Sharon Trott, and Marsha Weintraub**) has selected our nine campers. They will be introduced at a reception at the **El Cerrito Denny's** on **Saturday, June 2**.

CCC Scholarship: We are currently soliciting donations for the 2019 scholarship(s) and hope with the generous support of our members to again provide two scholarships. **Joyce Muse** and **Seti Sidharta** will introduce our **2018 Mary Ellen Bales AAUW Scholarship** recipients at the Installation Luncheon on **May 19** at La Strada Restaurant.

Membership Annual Renewal: This is a reminder that it's time to pay your **AAUW** dues for next year (**July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019**). The National dues has increased by \$10, making the total **now \$95** (\$59 National, \$20 State and \$16 Branch). **NOTE: extra money is needed to supplement our branch dues**, which do not meet our regular expenses. Consider giving an extra contribution to Adopt-a-Fund. Our regular expenses far exceed our dues income. We no longer have carryover from our garage sales and need much more this year to fund our many worthwhile activities. Thanks for all your support. I enjoy working with such special women.

Roberta Montgomery, President



EL CERRITO POET LAUREATE MAW SHEIN WIN

Did you know that El Cerrito has a poet laureate? Her name is **Maw Shein Win**. She will host several events this year, starting with the **Poetry & Place** reading by Rafael Jesus Gonzalez, poet laureate of Berkeley; Indigo Moor, poet laureate of Sacramento; Kim Shuck, poet laureate of San Francisco and herself. There will be music, a raffle, and an open mic opportunity for poet-wannabes. Several publishers and local authors will have tables. Snacks and beverages will be served free. Mark your calendars: **Saturday, May 20, 2018, El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Moeser Lane, El Cerrito, 1:30 -5:00 PM. Free.**



APRIL-MAY ACTIVITIES

Board Meeting: The next Board meeting will be on **Tuesday, April 10, 2018, at 2:00 PM**, at the home of **Judy Sam** (527-1661), 8821 Terrace Drive, El Cerrito. The last Board meeting before the summer break will be a joint meeting of outgoing and incoming officers on **Tuesday, June 5, at 2:00 PM**, at the home of **Jackie Title** (234-9370), 3511 Roosevelt, Richmond. Please call **President Roberta Montgomery** (237-5293) for more information.

Afternoon Books: The group usually meets on the **fourth Monday** of each month at **1:30 PM**. Our next meeting will be on **Monday, April 23**, at the home of **Maria LaForge** (527-4378), 240 Columbia Avenue, Kensington, where we will discuss *The Empress of the East* by *Leslie Peirce*. The last meeting before the summer will be on **Monday, May 28**, at the home of **Winnie Sayre** (524-8954) 739 Bay Tree Lane, El Cerrito, where we will discuss *Pachinko* by Min Jin Lee. Please note that **May 28** is **Memorial Day**. At our April meeting we will discuss whether group members wish to change the date of the May meeting. All are welcome; please join us!

Daytime Bridge: We are trying to get the Bridge Group going again. In the past, this group, which included all levels of players, usually met at **1:00 p.m.** on the **third Friday** of the month. Please contact **Roberta Montgomery** (237-5293) if you are interested in playing bridge as part of our Bridge Group. Let her know when you would like to play, how frequently you would like to play, and if you are willing to host the group.

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, April 9, from 1:30 to 3:00 PM**. Our April meeting will feature a presentation by **Barbara Miller** (526-4874). She will speak on the subject, "As the US withdraws from international leadership, China moves in." Our following meeting will be on **Monday, May 14**, at the same time and place. It will feature a presentation by our coordinator, **Marty Sorbey de Souto** (925-304-2022), on the subject of Brazil. She hopes there will be time to discuss a few of the many points of interest in that country, which she has visited repeatedly in her many past trips as a tour leader throughout South America. After our summer recess, we will meet on **Monday, September 10**, to hear a presentation by **Sue Walenta** (526-4383) on the subject of Ethiopia, and on **Monday, October 8**, where **Maria LaForge** will speak about bitcoin. (October 8 is the Columbus Day holiday; the meeting date could later be changed.) Members who wish to join the group are very welcome and should call **Ellen** or **Marty** to let them know that you are coming. All those attending should come with a four- or five-minute presentation on some recent global event to share with other attendees during the first part of the meeting. For 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.

Get Together for Lunch Group: The next meeting of this group will be on **Monday, April 16, at 12:00 Noon**, at **Salute e Vita Ristorante**, 1900 Esplanade Drive, Richmond. If you are able to join us, please contact **Maria LaForge** (527-4378) or email her at d.laforge@sbcglobal.net so we can get an appropriate count for our lunch reservation.



VOTE FOR OUR BRANCH'S 2018-2019 OFFICERS AT THE APRIL MEETING

Nominees for the Branch's **Elected Officers** for next year (2018-2019), who will be voted on at the April 21st meeting, and installed at the May 19th Luncheon, are:

<u>President:</u>	Roberta Montgomery;
<u>Program Co-Vice Presidents:</u>	Gloria Merrill, Maria LaForge, and Sue Walenta;
<u>Membership Co-Vice Presidents:</u>	Jackie Title, Mimi Fruehan, Judy Sam, and Susan Duncan;
<u>AAUW Fund Vice Presidents:</u>	Barbara Vaughan and Gloria Merrill;
<u>Treasurer:</u>	Christine Hills (back-up, Roberta Montgomery);
<u>Secretary:</u>	Marilynn Bracelin (back-up, Barbara Vaughan and Ida Michael).

Roberta Montgomery, President



The **AAUW National Board of Directors** has voted to put three proposals for bylaws amendments before the membership for a vote this spring. The board strongly supports the proposed amendments that we believe will help keep **AAUW** vital as an organization and enable us to increase our impact in advancing equity for women and girls. The proposed amendments address creating three-year staggered board terms, opening board service to those outside of the **AAUW** membership, and eliminating the degree requirement for membership. While rationale and details for each proposed amendment can be found on the [AAUW website](#), the overarching motivation for these changes at this time is to uphold and advance **AAUW's** mission and ensure optimal execution at the national board level. The first two proposals would bring **AAUW's** board governance structure more in line with nationally accepted nonprofit best practices and the needs of the organization. The third proposal — to eliminate the degree requirement for membership — has come before the membership for vote a number of times. The board feels strongly that while the degree requirement made perfect sense at **AAUW's** inception, this requirement is now perceived by many as counter to our mission and limits our ability to build the capacity needed to increase our impact as an organization. The board recognizes that we have not traditionally put proposals up for vote outside our **AAUW** National Election, but these proposed changes have been under consideration for several years by both the Governance Committee and the board, and we believe it is important to move forward without delay to position the organization for greater growth. Voting will open on April 25, 2018, and close June 9, 2018, at 9 p.m. ET. We encourage you all to exercise your vote. You can direct any questions or concerns to connect@aauw.org.

Your AAUW National Board of Directors

PLEASE CORRECT YOUR DIRECTORIES

Twenty-year member and AAUW Fund Officer **Virginia Summerer** has moved to Piedmont Gardens. Her updated directory information is below. We thank her for her many years of service to the Branch and wish her the best.

Address: 110 – 41st Street, Apt. 508, Oakland, CA 94611

Phones: 510-250-9508 (Home); 510-813-6010 (Cell)

Roberta Montgomery, President



CULTURE CORNER for APRIL-MAY 2018

By Barbara Miller

City of El Cerrito. Council Chamber, City Hall, 10890 San Pablo Ave. 510-215-4300.

<https://www.el-cerrito.org/Calendar.aspx>

- Wednesday, April 4, 4:00pm-6:00pm: **First Wednesday Celebration.** The El Cerrito Library at 6510 Stockton Ave. is throwing a party for all ages to celebrate its expanded hours. This is the first time it has been open 7 days a week since the passage of Proposition 13. There will be free frozen custard, cookies, and music with games, magic, and balloon animals.
- Tuesday, April 10, 6:00pm. **PoetryMusic Performs.** At the El Cerrito Library. "Celebrate National Poetry Month with the music and poetry of the jazz duo, PoetryMusic." Colleen O'Brien and Chris Lee "combine poetry, music & visual images for a unique multi-media experience."
- Saturday, April 21, 9:00am-1:00pm: **Earth Day Celebration.** Celebrate Earth Day through a morning of volunteerism and work parties, followed by socializing with music at a Volunteer Appreciation Lunch. Gather at the Community Center, 7007 Moeser La. See details at: www.el-cerrito.org/645/Earth-Day-Celebration
- Saturday, April 28: **Introductory Vegetable Gardening Workshop.** 30-minute presentation at El Cerrito Library followed by a hands-on project at the nearby Community Demonstration Garden in Fairmont Park. There are seed libraries at the El Cerrito Library and at the Recycling Center's Administration Building. Registration required.
- Friday, May 4 through Sunday May 6: **El Cerrito Hillside Festival, 2018.** Hikes, talks, and other activities will celebrate the Hillside Natural Area. Events include: Young persons nature hike; Geology walk; Wildflower and tree hike, Metal detecting, Meditation in nature, History talk by historian Richard Schwartz on Early California Indian life in the El Cerrito area, and a wildlife bingo game to introduce children to plants and animals. Also invasive plant removal with the Boy Scouts. The complete schedule will be posted on the Trail Trekkers website, ectrailtrekkers.org
- Sunday, May 6: **Bringing Back the Natives Garden Tour.** A self-guided tour of local gardens. For more information go to: www.bringingbackthenatives.net.

El Cerrito Art Association. Exhibits of local artists' work around El Cerrito. <https://elcerritoart.org/>

- Monday, April 9, 7:00pm: Garden Room, El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Moeser Lane. The monthly meeting, second Monday of every month, is open to the public. In April, Margaret Fago, watercolor teacher at the Frank Bette Center of the Arts in Alameda, will demonstrate how to capture the movement of water and its surroundings.
- Through April 13, El Cerrito Library, 6510 Stockton Ave.: Portraits by Hortensia Chang.
- Through April 13, El Cerrito City Hall, 10890 San Pablo Ave.: **Cut Paper Paint.** 10 mixed media paintings on paper by Erin McCluskey.
- Saturday, March 31: Artist's reception for the above exhibit, at City Hall.
- Through April 30, El Cerrito Community Center: **The Bay, Bridges and Boats.** Photographs by Kevin Berndt.
- Through July 11, El Cerrito DMV, 6400 Manila Ave.: **Spring Into Summer.** Art by Silvie Lu, Tina Nelson, Rick Nelson, and Erin McClusky Wheeler. Various media.

NIAD Art Center. 551 23rd Avenue, Richmond, 620-0290. <http://niadart.org>

- April 7 – April 26:
 - **Woven, Mixed, Tied, and Attached: Fiber as Message.** Organized by the award-winning social-practice artist, Ramekon O'Arwisters. This exhibit explores how objects, primarily fiber and textile, communicate different meanings when juxtaposed in varied and unlikely ways. Numerous artists.
 - **Carl Abruzzese.** The artist uses art to illustrate statistics and re-interpret the world. Themes of the current exhibit: ethnic diversity in the Bay Area and migration patterns around the globe.

- **Looking Inward.** Works by residents of the Bay Area senior care facilities, who use their experiences and emotions to visualize their personal journeys. Originally organized by The Walt Disney Family Museum in San Francisco.
- **Weather Reports: Luis Estrada.** Large and small-scale drawings about weather, local train systems, and professional wrestling.
- April 14, 1:00pm-4:00pm: Opening reception for the above exhibits.
- May 5-24: Three new exhibitions, including selections from the Curtis Turner Collection, and **Reinventing History** in the backroom. Opening reception is on May 12. See website for details.

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

- Through May 19: **Face Forward: Self-Image and Self-Worth.** Numerous artists. "Artists use the self-portrait to reflect contemporary life." In the Main Gallery.
- Through April 21: **53rd Annual WCCUSD Student Art Show**, representing art teachers and students. Over 300 works in various media and subjects. In the West and Community Galleries.
- Tuesday, April 17, 5:00-7:00pm: Reception honoring the students and teachers participating in the Annual WCCUSD Student Art Show.
- Saturday, April 14, 5:30-8:15pm: **Party Richmond.** Awards and Fund-Raising event. "This art-filled evening includes live music, hors d'oeuvres, open studios for an up-close and personal look at ceramics, weaving, jewelry making, painting and drawing, presentation of the 'Guillermo Award' to friends of RAC, a live auction, and dancing." Awards ceremony at 7:00pm; auction at 7:30pm. Dancing after the auction. \$45 members; \$50 non-members.
- Coming Soon: **Selections from the Betty Ann and Raymond Barnett Collection.** Refer to the Art Center website to learn when our chapter's own Betty Ann Barnett's art will be on display.

San Pablo Art Gallery, Maple Hall, 13831 San Pablo Ave., Bldg. 4, San Pablo. 882-8673. Hours: Noon to 4:00 pm on Saturday and Sunday. Closed holiday weekends.

<http://www.ci.san-pablo.ca.us/1237/Art-Gallery>

- Through April 15: **Dear Mother.** Conversations between mothers, daughters, grandmothers and aunties, presented by the Asian American Women Artists Association.
- April 21 – May 2: **Analog v. Digital.** Watercolor and mixed media by Jenifer Peake Kolkhorst; digital Prints by Tony Kay.
- April 21, 1:00pm-3:00pm: Opening reception for **Analog v. Digital.**

Rosie the Riveter National Historical Park. 1414 Harbour Way South, Suite 3000, Richmond. 232-5050. Unless otherwise noted, all events take place at the Visitor Center and are free. <https://www.nps.gov/rori/planyourvisit/calendar.htm>

- Sunday, April 1, 11:30am-12:30pm: Rosie the Riveter Memorial in Marina Bay Park. **Rosie the Riveter Memorial—A Closer Look.** "A docent will be available for one hour to answer questions and introduce the memorial." Rain cancels.
- Thursdays at 2:00pm: **Blossoms and Thorns.** A documentary about Richmond's pre- and post-war community of Japanese flower growers, followed by a docent's personal story of experiences in a WWII incarceration camp.
- Tuesdays at 2:00pm, Thursdays at 11:00am, and Saturdays at 2:00pm: **Of Lost Conversations.** 96-year-old Ranger Betty Soskin shares her experiences as a young African American woman during WWII. Reservations required. NOTE: There will *not* be a show on Tuesday, April 17 or Thursday, April 19.
- Friday, April 6 and Wednesday, May 30, 2:30pm-3:30pm: **What We Wore During the War.** "The war changed everything including fashions which changed to meet new needs: leather, wool, and nylon were needed by our fighting forces, so we made do on the Home Front."
- Fridays, 10:00am-12:00pm; 1:15pm-2:00pm: **Rosie Meet and Greet.** A group of civilian WWII docents share their stories about life and work in the Richmond shipyards.
- Monday, April 9 and Monday May 7 at 2:00pm: **The Port Chicago Disaster and Aftermath.** Questions people were asking after 10 million lbs. of explosives blew up in Concord in 1944.
- Friday, April 13 and Friday May 11, 12:30-1:00pm: **Rationing on the Home Front.** Stories about America's wartime food-rationing program and how it affected families.

- Saturday, April 14, 11:00am-12:00pm: ***She Built Ships***. “Local author Jeane Slone will present stories about the Richmond Home Front, the Port Chicago Explosion and the incarceration of Japanese Americans before, during and after WWII.” Reservations required.
- Wednesday, April 18, 2:00pm-3:00pm: ***Warbling Through the War Years***. During World War II, “music...helped us get through fearful times.” Samples from radio, records, and the movies.
- Saturday, May 12, 11:00am-12:00pm: ***Chinese American Rosie the Riveters***. Presented by Professor Xiaojian Zhao, Dept. of Asian American Studies, UCSB. Reservations required.

Cerrito Theater, 10070 San Pablo Ave., El Cerrito. 273-9102. El Cerrito’s own restored art deco theater. <http://www.rialtocinemas.com/cerrito>

- National Theatre Live. Current series:
 - April 2, 4, 9 & 11, 7:00pm: ***Julius Caesar*** by William Shakespeare. With Ben Whitshaw and Michelle Fairley. Directed by Nicholas Hytner.
 - May 14, 23, 30 & June 4, 7:00pm: ***Macbeth*** by William Shakespeare. With Rory Kinnear and Anne-Marie Duff. Directed by Rufus Norris.
- National Theatre Live. Encore presentation:
 - April 16 & 25, 7:00pm: ***Hamlet*** by William Shakespeare. Starring Benedict Cumberbatch. Directed by Lyndsey Turner.
- Cerrito Classic.
 - Thursday, April 12, 7:00pm: ***Thelma and Louise***. (1991). Stars Geena Davis and Susan Sarandon as two friends whose weekend road trip takes a dangerous turn. Also features Brad Pitt. Directed by Ridley Scott.
- Exhibits on Screen.
 - Thursday, April 19, 2:00pm: ***Cezanne: Portraits of Life***. “The film takes audiences beyond the exhibition to the places Cezanne lived and worked.”
 - Wednesday, April 25, 1:00pm: ***Hitler vs. Picasso and the Others***. The Nazis declared some art “degenerate” and looted other art they considered “classic”. Journey through five amazing exhibitions of masterpieces combined with human and artistic narratives.
 - Thursday, May 24, 2:00pm: ***Vincent Van Gogh A New Way of Seeing***. Directed by David Bickerstaff. Interviews with the curators at the Van Gogh Museum. Encore presentation.

City Lights Booksellers and Publishers. 261 Columbus Avenue at Broadway, San Francisco.

- Tuesday, April 10, 7:00pm. Reading by the Poet Laureate of El Cerrito, **Maw Shein Win**, from her new book, *Invisible Gifts: Poems*. Learn more about the poet at: <http://www.el-cerrito.org/poets>; about this event at: citylights.com/info/?fa=event&event_id=3145; and about her book at: www.citylights.com/book/?GCOI=87286100741880&

Kensington Symphony Orchestra. Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Road, Kensington. www.kensingtonsymphonyorchestra.org/2016-17-programs.

- Saturday April 28, 7:30pm: ***Youthful Reminiscence***. Works by Reynaldo Hahn, Dmitri Kabalevsky and Sergei Prokofiev. Featured soloist: John Totske. (\$15,00-20.00)

Science on Solano. The first Wednesday of every month, a UC Berkeley scientist gives a talk at Restaurant Valparaiso, 1403 Solano Ave., Albany. You can find an archive of talk summaries for the last several years at their website, scienceatcal.berkeley.edu/east-bay-science-cafe/

- Wednesday, April 4, 7:00pm: ***Argentine Ants: the supercolony beneath our feet***. Jenna Florio, Research Assistant at the California Academy of Sciences, discusses the “single ant colony from Argentina [that] has filled almost six hundred miles of California’s coastline creating something called a super colony.” scienceatcal.berkeley.edu/april-4-cafe-argentine-ants/

Science @ Cal. Sutardja Dai Hall on the U.C. Campus.

- Tuesday, April 10, 3:30pm-5:00pm: ***Beyond Diversity: Building A Culture of Inclusion in STEM Education***. Tracy L. Johnson, Dept. of Cell and Developmental Biology at UCLA, will discuss the need to expand science education to include underrepresented groups. The lecture will be followed by a panel discussion, “Stasis and Change: Integrative Approaches to Catalyzing an Inclusive STEM Culture” led by Professor Tyrone Hayes (UCB) and featuring Professors Tracy Johnson and Paul Barber (UCLA). A reception with light refreshments will follow.

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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL 2018

Please note INCREASE in national dues – up \$10

***** Please Pay Your 2018-2019 Membership Dues by June 1 *****

Regular members: **\$95** (AAUW National \$59*, State \$20, Branch \$16)

Paid Life members: **\$36** (\$20 State, \$16 Branch)

DUAL members: **\$16** (Branch only)

50-year members pay NO dues

*Note: \$56 of National Dues is tax deductible

THANKS FOR EXTRA DUES!

Thanks to all members who made an extra contribution to supplement our Branch dues for 2017-18. The \$444 helped us meet our regular expenses (including meeting room rental, newsletter and directory printing, insurance, post office box rental, and website support) that keep increasing. Note that we no longer have carryover from our garage sales and need much more this year to fund our many worthwhile activities.

THREE WAYS TO PAY:

1. Make your check payable to **AAUW WCC**, and mail it to: AAUW WCC, PO Box 501, El Cerrito, CA 94530, with the form below. Make note of any changes to your information.
2. Pay directly to the Treasurer during March or April meetings.
3. Pay online – go to aauw.org and click on the MSD tab. “Renew my Membership” option. Branch **donations** cannot be made online.

Name _____

Street/Apt _____

City/State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone/Home _____ /Cell _____

Email _____

Birthday month _____

I wish to receive the newsletter by e-mail

I wish to receive a hard copy of the newsletter by US mail

In addition to my dues, I am enclosing a contribution of \$ _____ to help us meet the expenses our annual dues no longer cover and further the good work of our Branch. Please see the list of “adopt-a-fund” choices to pick your



ADOPT- A-FUND FUNDRAISER

Everyone is “time impoverished” these days. In lieu of holding a garage sale, which is time consuming and produces small rewards, we, the Board, decided to let our members choose their pet fund(s) to receive their donation(s). The good news is that we will not raise the Branch dues. Feel free to donate to an Entire Fund or partial Fund or No Fund at all, as you are able. The funds will go to support Branch operating expenses, and these donations are not tax deductible.

Budget Item	Budget	Your Contribution
Insurance Assessment – Required for all AAUW chapters	\$266	
Start Smart – Salary negotiation workshop for Contra Costa College women	\$165	
Printing, Postage Labels – printing and mailing newsletters and chapter business	\$300	
Directory Printing	\$175	
Hospitality – Coffee, creamer, napkins, etc.	\$ 75	
Hall Rental – Christ Lutheran Church monthly rental @ \$80/month	\$560	
PO Box Rental – 1 year	\$134	
Website fee paid yearly	\$120	
Speakers’ Honorariums – monthly speakers’ fees @ \$100 per speaker.	\$600	
Where Most Needed		

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS!

We are delighted to have two new members in our Branch. We look forward to their joining us in our activities. Please welcome them and add their contact information to your directories:

Names:	Rebecca Said	Kay Shen
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