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Mid-February 2022 Blast

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Message from the Chair

REMINDER: Volunteers Needed!

We need to find the next group of members who will step up and lead our branch for the 2022-23 year!

We are putting together a list of those of you who want to lead our branch as well as a nominating committee to generate a list of names of those willing to serve. Please seriously consider volunteering for this important Committee and/or suggesting names of other Members who should be considered for inclusion on the Committee. I may be contacting you, via phone or e-mail, if I think your participation would enhance the Committee's effectiveness.

If you are interested in being a part of the Leadership Team or the Nominating Committee, please contact me this month at syoung@calarts.edu or 661-478-0138

Other Important Reminders:

You each should have received an email from me with a member interest questionnaire. I have received a few responses but need you all to weigh in! The Leadership Committee is trying to formulate a strategic plan to grow and move our branch forward. **PLEASE** take the time to fill it out! **If you did not receive the email or could not open the attachment, please contact me.**



Report on our February Program- -Author & Chocolate

We had a great turn out for our first post-COVID in-person program. We enjoyed savory scones, delicious tea, and scrumptious chocolate truffles at Baker Street West as Kevan Hunt discussed *Tragedy Spring*, the second book in her murder mystery series set in Amador County. She also read us a teaser from the prologue of the third book, *Black Chasm*, that she is currently working on.

Pictured (L to r): Kevan Hunt, guest author, Terrie Houseman and JoAnn Chevrette, members, and Julie Taylor, prospective member.

Celebrate Black History Month by visiting nearby sights...

Colonel Allensworth State Historic Park

Earlimart, CA

"The town that refused to die." That's how Colonel Allensworth State Historic Park, the only town in California founded, financed and governed by African Americans, is described in various accounts. In 1908, Colonel Allen Allensworth and four others established this small town in central California. Here, residents were determined to provide financial and educational opportunities for their families that were stolen from them due to slavery. In 1974, California State Parks purchased land and it became Colonel Allensworth State Historic Park. Today, visitors can view the restored 20th-century buildings, including Allensworth's house, a library and other buildings that are a testimony to the perseverance of these pioneering people.

Rosie the Riveter National Historical Park

Richmond, CA

For Black History Month (Feb) AND Women's History Month (Mar)

This national historic park pays tribute to the millions of women who joined defense and support industries during World War II. One of the park's most integral members is Betty Reid Soskin. At 99, she is the oldest National Park Ranger in the US, but that's just one of many incredible facts about her life. At the park, Soskin ensures that Black women's history is included in the narrative about World War II. She is also a songwriter, activist and author. Her memoir is titled "[Sign My Name to Freedom: A Memoir of a Pioneering Life.](#)"

... or by checking out this new book:

It has relevance to both Black History Month and Women's History Month!

Pauli Murray - The Life of a Pioneering Feminist & Civil Rights Activist

by Rosita Stevens Hollsey

Rev. Dr. Pauli Murray demanded justice and equal treatment for all. She was a civil rights and women's rights activist before any movement advocated for either--the brilliant mind that, in 1944, conceptualized the arguments that would win *Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka*; and in 1964, the arguments that won women equality in the workplace. If you want to learn about this mostly unknown, but amazing woman who was a poet, writer, lawyer, activist and Episcopal Priest, purchase the latest book about her by visiting your favorite bookstore.

Streaming now on AMAZON Prime is the trailblazing 90-minute documentary

"My Name is Pauli Murray."

For our Working Members:

FROM CORPORATE AMERICA TO ENTREPRENEURSHIP—HOW DO WE TRANSITION?

Our next **Lunch and Learn** continues our exploration of Entrepreneurship. Laura Hall, consultant for WHYZ Partners and former president of Polo Ralph Lauren Accessories, will discuss how to transition from your comfort zone to your own zone when starting your own business.

This session is part of expanding our outreach to potential members who fall into the working-age group. Please share this message with family, friends, and community members.

Date: February 22nd noon - 12:30 pm.

Registration is required. Click [HERE](#) to register.

Updated Monthly Calendar--New Info

Thursday February 17 5:30-6:30

Libations & Conversations--We will meet at Simply Bubbles. The location is 35A Main Street, Sutter Creek. Our tentative speaker is Karen Bartlett McLeod who is Co-Owner of Simply Bubbles. She will be speaking about how her champagne and sparkling wine bar was started and has developed in Sutter Creek. This is a no host event and open to all members, guests and the public. We encourage members to support our monthly Libations and Conversations. It is a nice hour to hear interesting speakers, visit with members and hopefully attract new members.

For those who have not been to Simply Bubbles it is located across the street from the Sutter Creek Auditorium and down a ramp between 2 buildings. Looking up at roof level you will see the sign of the venue above the ramp. (Sorry this is sort of vague. I do not know the names of shops the ramp is between. You can drive down the ramp and there might be some parking) If you are lost please call Jacque 209 606-1157 or Simply Bubbles 209 304-4831.

Updated Monthly Calendar for Other Events--New Info

Saturday, February 19, 2022 10:30am-noon via Zoom

MEET DOROTHY HERZBERG, PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER, COMMUNITY ACTIVIST, AUTHOR AND TEACHER --presented by the West Contra Costa Branch

Between 2001 and 2012, **Dorothy Herzberg** raised over \$300,000 and brought more than 200 students and 22 teachers from Richmond and Kennedy High Schools of the WCCUSD to Washington D.C. While there, these mostly economically challenged minority students participated in the Close-Up Foundation Program for a personal experience of the US Federal Government in action. In 2010, she was recognized as Woman of the Year and received the Jefferson Award. Family and friends are welcome to attend. For them to get the Zoom invitation, they need to send an email to aauw.wcc.94530@gmail.com

February 22nd noon - 12:30 pm via Zoom

Lunch and Learn continues our exploration of Entrepreneurship (see above for details)

Friday, February 25, 2022 at 7:00 PM PST

Movie Night--LFG

Virtual Event hosted by AAUW San Francisco Branch. For your free ticket click [HERE](#) to register.

LFG is a no-holds-barred, inside account of the U.S. Women's National Soccer Team's ongoing fight for equal pay as told by Megan Rapinoe and her teammates. The documentary grants viewers unprecedented access to these game-changers as they meet the physical demands and pressures of being some of the world's top athletes while showcasing their courage, unflinching spirit, and resiliency in an effort to create long-lasting social change.

LOBBY "DAY" IS NOW LOBBY "WEEK!"

Look Ahead and MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR APRIL 11th THRU APRIL 15th

The time is fast approaching to spread the word about our priority bills to our state representatives, and once again we are enlisting the help of our branch members. This year we are introducing "Lobby Week" in place of Lobby Day. We will be arranging meetings for members with their state representatives in their district offices the week of April 11-15, while they are home on spring break. The idea is to get the impact of in-person meetings (where possible) without the cost of travel to Sacramento.

If you are interested in participating in Lobby Week 2022, please complete a short survey [HERE](#). **Please note: you MUST complete the survey by February 28th in order to participate.** In addition, there will once again be a mandatory training webinar; it will be on April 7th and you MUST attend the webinar in order to participate. Please register for the webinar [HERE](#).

FUN FACT: Celebrate TWOSday on 2/22/22!

Invite a friend or your significant other to lunch/dinner on this special day!

A Screen Shot of our January Leadership Committee meeting:

Bonnie Krupp, Stephanie Young, Michele Powell,
Debra Brown, Judy Lerner-Liston, Gretchen Carlson, Sue Harrington

