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EDITORIAL

Nancy Mellor, Newsletter Editor

The national mood in the United States is unsettled. Americans are uneasy about the election, civic unrest, getting through the upcoming cold and dark months without usual seasonal cheer, and the unending alteration to our lives caused by the corona virus.

Our experience at AAUW is also unsettled and may reflect the national mood. Most of our interest groups have stopped meeting, our general meetings are held virtually, our holiday gatherings have been canceled, our philanthropic work has been put on hold, and fund raising--even fundraising, has been put in doubt for this season. We miss our association and work with one another!

The *Cordon*, our Lodi Branch Newsletter, now reflects the changes we are going through. The photographs that make the newsletter come alive have dwindled down to none for this issue. There is no news of interest groups. The calendar takes up just a few lines this month. We are running out of news.

We have rebounded after difficult years, both nationally and in AAUW. We shall do so again. Our group challenge, as I see it, is for AAUW to maintain the importance that it had in our lives before March 2020.

Lodi Branch AAUW General Meeting

Tuesday, November 17, 2020. A Zoom Meeting

Then What Happened? Women and the Vote after 1920

Speaker: Lynn Hawley, Professor of Women's History and Distance Education Committee Chair, San Joaquin Delta College

Social Hour: 6:30

General Business Meeting: 7:00

Speaker: 7:20

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 2020 GENERAL MEETING **Julie Thompson, Acting Secretary**

President Ginny Pelton called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. Julie Thompson gave the treasurer's report: General Fund \$15, 472.54 and AAUW Funds \$1,538.72. September minutes were approved as written in the October newsletter.

Ginny welcomed our new member, Stacey Ardelean.

Mary Ann Cox-Martin gave an update on Tech Trek. The committee is holding off until January or February whether to take on a new group of girls depending on Covid. They are re-connecting with the past Tech Trek girls. They are giving shirts and presents to the new girls of 2020. Marne Simpson will continue as the Tech Trek chair. On November 9, there will be an AAUW seminar on Zoom with all the girls. Mary Ann gave a brief explanation of what Tech Trek is for our new member Stacey.

Ginny introduced Elena Wong, our co-president, as tonight's program coordinator. The topic was Breaking the Glass Ceiling of Public Education for Women Educators. The panel members were Nanette Green, Nancy Mellor and Mary Ann Cox-Martin. All three gave a summary of their pathways in breaking the glass ceiling in public education. Elena presented charts with statistics regarding the growth in the number of women advancing to higher positions in education.

Carolyn Ross, program chair, stated that the November speaker will be Professor Lynn Hawley. She will speak about after women got the vote in 1920.

The Zoom meeting ended at 8:05.

TECH TREK

Becky Greider

The Tech Trek Committee met on 10/20/2020 through a Zoom meeting. Since Tech Trek camps were cancelled due to COVID-19 this past summer, the committee discussed ways to meet and stay connected with our selected attendees. Each 2020 girl will receive a visit from her mentor, a Tech Trek T-shirt, and a goodie bag by end of October. The committee would also like each 2020 Tech Trek girl to be briefly introduced to general membership at the November AAUW general meeting.

A Zoom event with the new girls, all former Tech Trek participants, and committee members is scheduled for 12/4/2020. A possible in-person event was discussed for later in the Spring.

At this time, the committee will hold off on plans for the 2021 Tech Trek until there are further directions from the state about future camps and the opening of LUSD middle schools.

BIOGRAPHY OF THE NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING SPEAKER, PROFESSOR LYNN HAWLEY

Professor Lynn Hawley, graduate of UCSB, Boston University, and University of Michigan, has been teaching at San Joaquin Delta College for over 20 years, specializing in teaching the history of women in the United States. She has completed two sabbatical research projects on the fight for woman's suffrage, focusing particularly on the participation of the Central Valley in that struggle. She lives in Stockton with her husband of 30 years and has two sons who have recently graduated from Humboldt State.

The presentation is entitled, "Then What Happened? Women and the Vote after 1920." Discussion about the struggle for woman suffrage generally ends in August of 1920 with the ratification of the 19th Amendment. Little is said about that happens after women get the right to vote in the US—do women run for office in large number? How many eligible women voters actually cast a ballot? How do the political parties and politicians treat these new voters? This presentation will attempt to address all of these questions and give an overview of women's political participation through much of the 20th century.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Nancy Martinez

Whenever possible a woman active in the women's suffrage movement is honored in this column. These female movers and shakers were seldom known for only one cause. They were orators, lecturers, organizers, writers, editors, and publishers, promoting the rights of women, indigenous people, children, workers, slaves and immigrants. When one cause was "solved," they moved on to take up the fight for another. Amazingly, this sense of purpose may have contributed to their longevity, for a majority of these women lived into their eighties and nineties—a few over 100.

LINDA HAMMONS *November 1* Theresa Elmendorf (1855-1932) In 1911 Elmendorf became the first female president of the American Library Association.

SHEILA DUNN *November 3* Gyo Fujikawa (1908-1998) Author and illustrator of over 50 children's books, Fujikawa was the earliest mainstream illustrator of picture books to include children of many races in her work.

KATHY ANDRADE *November 8* Nettie Rogers Shuler (1862-1939) An active suffragist and member of the National American Woman Suffrage Association, Shuler collaborated with Carrie Catt Chapman to write the history *Woman Suffrage and Politics: the Inner Story of the Suffrage Movement* published in 1923.

BETTY CARLSON *November 12* Elizabeth Cady Stanton (1815-1902) An abolitionist and human rights activist, Stanton is one of the founding members of the American women's suffrage movement, organizer of the 1848 Seneca Falls (Women's Rights) Convention and author of the Declaration of Sentiments.

PAMELA COONEY *November 14* Condoleeza Rice (1954-) An American diplomat, political scientist, and professor, Rice served as Secretary of State and National Security Advisor under the George W. Bush administration.

NANCY MARTINEZ *November 18* Frances Marion (1888-1973) An actor, director, and screenwriter, Marion was the first to win two Academy Awards for screenwriting. Also a suffragist, she marched in the 1915 NYC parade for women's rights.

LORRAINE RAMSEY-BOWERS *November 29* Louisa May Alcott (1832-1888) A feminist and an abolitionist, Alcott is best known for her semi-autobiographical work, *Little Women*. She also wrote spy and revenge novels for young adults under the pen name A. M. Barnard.

KRISTINA SWANSON *November 30* Virginia Avenel Henderson (1897-1996) The most famous nurse of the 20th century, Henderson edited the profession's standard text and developed a patient-centered nursing theory that became standardized worldwide.

NOVEMBER 2020 AAUW CALENDAR

Toutes Les Choses Françaises Monday, November 9, 1:30 to 3:00 pm on Zoom. Contact Sylvia Mayorga.

AAUW Board Meeting Wednesday, November 11 at 3:30 pm, on Zoom. Information will be sent to board members.

On the Move Walkers Thursday, November 12, at 10:00 am. Lodi Lake Walk. All are welcome! Contact Nancy Mellor

Book Group Monday, November 16, at 10:00 am in person, socially distanced, in Leigh Ramsey's back yard.

General Meeting Tuesday, November 17, on Zoom. Social time is at 6:30 pm, meeting is at 7:00, and program is scheduled to begin at 7:20. Zoom invitations will be sent to each member's email address before the meeting.

Toutes Les Choses Françaises Monday, November 23, 1:30 to 3:00 pm on Zoom. Contact Sylvia Mayorga.

