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Respect:

A Musical Journey of Women

AAUW's block of tickets for the Visalia Community Players' January 26 matinee production of *Respect: A Musical Journey of Women* has been sold out! Our own Susan Mathews and Karen Simpson have been rehearsing this delightful, high-energy show depicting the evolution of woman's empowerment from the early 1900's to the present day through popular music. The playwright, Dorothy Marcic, researched women's history as seen in Top 40 songs for her doctoral dissertation then morphed her book into an engaging musical celebration of women.

February General Meeting

Speech Trek

Date: February 8 10: a.m.

Where: Lamp Liter Inn

Cost: \$22

Please send your check to AAUW c/o Jan Johnson, 2045 S. Tommy Court, Visalia, CA 93277

RESERVATION DUE FEBRUARY 1st

Following quickly on the heels of our January meeting is our annual Speech Trek competition on Saturday, February 8, 10 am at the Lamp Lighter Inn. This year's topic--"Women at the Top – Why Not?"--is sure to generate some interesting dialog amongst our contestants and ourselves. Lunch will follow the speeches and will be a delicious buffet of cold cuts, salads, and desserts as only the Lamp Liter Inn can provide. Don't miss out on this chance to hear some of our county's finest students.

AAUW Member Sarah Ragle Weddington, is an American attorney, law professor, and former Texas state legislator best known for representing "Jane Roe" in the landmark Roe v. Wade case before the United States Supreme Court.

From Our President

Dear Members:

AAUW Visalia-Sequoia Branch wishes you a "Happy Mid-Year," as we look forward to the last half of our AAUW year. It will be fun to see many of you at the Ice House production of "Respect" on January 26. Two of our members, Karen Simpson and Susan Mathews, have been in rehearsals for weeks getting ready.

It seems long ago that I visited with so many of you at our Holiday Tea. Thanks again to Carol Finney for hosting this annual event.

Speech Trek is just around the corner. If you have not heard these high school participants give their speeches, I urge you to attend this year's event on February 8 at the Lamp Liter.



Interesting and intriguing things are happening. Please check our calendar to see where you would like to be involved.

Carol



2013 SPEECH TREK CONTESTANTS

DID YOU KNOW?

TEXAS AAUW MEMBER
SARAH RAGLE WEDDINGTON
IS AN AMERICAN ATTORNEY, LAW
PROFESSOR AND FORMER TEXAS STATE
LEGISLATOR BEST KNOWN FOR
REPRESENTING "JANE ROE" IN THE
LANDMARK ROE V. WADE CASE
BEFORE THE UNITED STATES SUPREME
COURT.

WOW!

Thanks to your generosity, we
raised just over \$400 at our Holiday
Tea (including \$45 for our History
Project). Thanks to all!!

Dona Meinhardt,

AAUW Funds



March 8 Speaker

Erin Garner-Ford, Executive Director

ACT for Women and Girls

The mission of ACT is: To engage women of all ages in leadership opportunities that will promote social and personal change.

ACT's work will be accomplished by:

- Building a bridge for rural women to link up to larger movements
- Playing a role as a conduit for women to take these issues to the next level and affect social change (provide local leadership training opportunities)
- Keeping the focus at the grassroots level

DATES TO REMEMBER

Meetings and Focus Groups

DATE	EVENT	INFORMATION
Mondays	Book Sorting	8:30 7525 W Sunnyview
Tuesdays	Knit Wits	10:00 Panera
Thursdays	Walkers	8:00 Call Dona M 732-8421 for place
Jan 26	<i>RESPECT</i>	2:00 Ice House Theater
Jan 27	Board Meeting	4:00 Home of Cathy Lovell
Jan 28	Great Decisions	7:00 COS John Muir Room 101
Jan 31	Garden Gals	1:00 Home of Margo Tressler
Feb 3	Coffee & California Concerns	10:15 Sue Sa's Clubhouse
Feb 5	Traveling Troopers	9:30 Valhalla
Feb 7	Bookworms	1:00 Home of Barbara Maraist
Feb 8	General Meeting	10:00 Lamp Liter Inn
Feb 10	Volunteer Visalia	10:00 Cafe 210
Feb 11	Great Decisions	7:00 COS John Muir Room 101
Feb 12	Refresher Bridge	Home of Joan Morse
Feb 19	Unabridged Book Group	Home of Nancy Scott
Feb 24	Board Meeting	4:00 Home of Donna Denham

Bridge Groups forming. Call Margo Tressler for further information. 734-7105

January-February 2014


**Remember that mentoring in its simplest
form is just a conversation.**

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