

No Un-Tea for Tech Trek this Year

Helena Whyte of our Branch, who presently serves as President of the Tech Trek Board, tells us Tech Trek for 2020 is well funded. Helena suggests that this year our branch forgo the “Un-Tea for Tech-Trek” that has in recent years provided substantial and much appreciated money for Tech Trek operating costs. Helena suggests that in lieu of doing the “Un-Tea for Tech Trek” this year, branch members, who wish to support the goals of AAUW, contribute instead to the National AAUW unrestricted funds to help with our national AAUW organization’s operating costs. This can be done easily by going to aauw.org and clicking on the “DONATE” tab [it is rust colored]. If one doesn’t wish to make an online donation our branch treasurer, Margaret Gibson, can accept such a donation and forward it to the national AAUW office.

The many wonderful programs, grants, and research, in support of women would not be possible without funds to keep the lights on in the national offices. It takes money to develop, produce and disseminate these resources. Go to aauw.org and click on “WHAT WE DO” to be impressed by multitude of women’s issues address by AAUW.

Branch News

The fruit project is complete. The branch supplied bananas, apples, pears, grapes and clementines to LA Cares for the February food distribution. A check for the remaining funds, \$150, was sent to LA Cares to be used to satisfy their most pressing needs. The generosity of our members is truly appreciated.

If you missed our excellent program featuring the Margo Batha’s LAHS Speech and Debate team, you have another opportunity to be amazed, March 14, 2-4 at Fuller Lodge.

Book Group

The March book is Love in Ruin by Paula McLain. Nina Thayer will lead both discussions. The March 3, 7:00 meeting will be at Chris Sierk’s, 4640 Ridgeway; let her know if you are coming (662-3894 or acsierk@hotmail.com).

Karin Roberts, 415 Cheryl will host the February 4, 1:30 meeting; let her know if you are coming (672-9625 or karinroberts875@icloud.com).



Nina and Helena at the Roundhouse

Great Decisions

Visitors are welcome at both groups.

The evening group is led by Helena Whyte (672-9153 or mozden08@aol.com).

Remaining schedule:

3/5 Red Sea Security Judy Prono, 670 Totavi
3/19 Philippines Marilyn Minshall, 536 Brighton

4/2

4/23

5/7 AI Bev Cooper, 521 Ridgecrest

5/21

6/4 or 6/11

Remaining topics: Human Trafficking, Northern Triangle, China

The daytime group meets at alternate libraries at 1:30, twice a month on the second and fourth Thursday.

This group is self-organized, but Denise George will answer questions (denisegeorge@icloud.com, 672-9688).

The remaining 2020 schedule for this group is:

3/12 WR	China	Karin
3/26 LA	India and Pakistan	Julie
4/09 WR	Philippines	Carroll
4/23 LA	Red Sea	Nancy
4/14 WR	Human Trafficking	?

Nonfiction Book Group

The next meeting is March 16. The book is Woman of No Importance by Sonia Purnell. We will meet at Betsy Comly's, 235 Kimberly. Carol Neal will lead the discussion. Let Betsy know if you are coming (672-15784 or jack_comly@msn.com)

Still I Rise

[Maya Angelou](#) -
1928-2014



You may write me down in history
With your bitter, twisted lies,
You may trod me in the very dirt
But still, like dust, I'll rise.

Does my sassiness upset you?
Why are you beset with gloom?
'Cause I walk like I've got oil wells
Pumping in my living room.
Just like moons and like suns,
With the certainty of tides,
Just like hopes springing high,
Still I'll rise.

Did you want to see me broken?
Bowed head and lowered eyes?
Shoulders falling down like teardrops,
Weakened by my soulful cries?

Does my haughtiness offend you?
Don't you take it awful hard
'Cause I laugh like I've got gold mines
Diggin' in my own backyard.

You may shoot me with your words,
You may cut me with your eyes,
You may kill me with your hatefulness,
But still, like air, I'll rise.

Does my sexiness upset you?
Does it come as a surprise
That I dance like I've got diamonds
At the meeting of my thighs?

Out of the huts of history's shame
I rise
Up from a past that's rooted in pain
I rise
I'm a black ocean, leaping and wide,
Welling and swelling I bear in the tide.

Leaving behind nights of terror and fear
I rise
Into a daybreak that's wondrously clear
I rise
Bringing the gifts that my ancestors gave,
I am the dream and the hope of the slave.
I rise
I rise
I rise.

Branch Calendar

Mar	3,4	Book Group
Mar	5	Evening Great Decisions
Mar	16	Nonfiction Book Group
Mar	19	Evening Great Decisions
Mar	26	Great Decisions

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