



**Sally Ride 1st Female USA Astronaut in Space - RRR Meeting with Karen "Bear" Ride
An Evening to celebrate the 40th anniversary of female exploration of space in the
United States**

Wednesday February 7th

Residents for Responsible Representation

6:30 pm sign in & socialization/snacks

7:00 pm Welcome

8:30 to 8:45 we will say goodnight

Riverside Police Station – Magnolia Branch

Sally Ride's sister, **Karen "Bear" Ride**, will share her knowledge of the first Female Astronaut's class in the USA 40 years ago, as well as personal photos taken in space by her sister Sally.

Sally Ride became the first American woman to go into space when she flew on the space shuttle Challenger on June 18, 1983. She made two shuttle flights, and later became a champion for science education and a role model for generations. If you have children (or grandchildren) with an interest in space or may have an interest in non-traditional gender roles in education and future career and/or who enjoy the STEM program, **PLEASE BRING THEM TO THIS MEETING...**they will leave feeling that they have touched the stars.

Bear Ride spoke at RRR 4 years ago and has been invited back by "popular" demand; she is a captivating speaker (does being a minister help) and, in addition to her interesting stories, she will share "out of this world" photos of space, rarely seen outside of Sally's own family. The "Ride girls" are role models for many; Mama Ride, Joyce, was an activist in her time, Sally an Astronaut and Bear a Minister...these ladies are amazing and we are lucky to have one of them come to our community and spend an evening at RRR.

There will be a memorabilia table at the front of the room with some of Sally's personal belongings...please visit it before the meeting. Also, we will have 10 packages of

ASTRONAUT FOOD for our drawing...don't forget to pick up a raffle ticket (free) when you are signing in.

Virginia Blumenthal, who is a Trustee for RCCD, is also on the agenda to provide an update on our RCCD (Riverside Community College District) activities.

Ms. Blumenthal is, along with our female space program, celebrating 40+ years practicing Criminal Defense Law in Riverside.

RCCD

How many programs do they have

Where are their campuses

What is the racial mix of students

Do you know about their aquatics program

Do you know that they have a "virtual hospital" in their nursing program

What's "cook'n" with their culinary arts school

Art Float: Donations are coming in but we have a way to go to reaching our \$350 goal to sponsor one of the magnificent balls to be released on Lake Evens at Fairmont Park. Come hear about this event and help us get our name on the lake (errr, map!) :)

<http://www.riversideartmuseum.org/events/specialevents/art-float-riverside/>

One AUSD school is participating in the program; RRR will have the option of keep the sphere or donating it to a school of our choice, the community center or to a library. All donors will be able to vote on the "home" for this sphere. We are also planning a special event at Lake Evens for our donors, or one local, depending on what the group would like. Please **DONATE** and **PARTICIPATE**...we **NEED** your support!



Ward 6 Updates: Did you attend the Ward 6 Update? I did and will bring the information I gleaned!

Lt. Mike Barney has been invited to give an area update on Crime, or the lack of it, in our area; I am awaiting his reply.

Sally Kristen Ride (**May 26, 1951 – July 23, 2012**) was an American physicist and astronaut. Born in Los Angeles, she joined NASA in 1978 and became the first American woman in space in 1983.