

What's UP @ Downtown

Saturday, April 11th, 2015

French 25 Restaurant - 100 N. El Dorado Street

This unique location is on the roof terrace of the historic Hotel Stockton. If you have not been there, the view alone should draw you to this event. It is easy to envision early settlers arriving by boat on the channel. You will see why this venue has become a popular wedding location today. You are invited to wear your sun bonnet (or hat) in keeping with the ambience.

Carpool recommended and park for free one block south of French 25 in the Stewart Eberhardt Parking Garage at Weber and El Dorado. If walking is an issue, have the driver drop you off right in front of the restaurant on El Dorado Street before parking.

Kathy Miller, new SJ Supervisor of District 2 and our featured speaker, is a long time downtown advocate and will share some rocky past as well as vision for a robust future. Other special guests to mingle with include Mr. Downtown, Mel Corren, and his wife Harriet, and Megan Petersen of Celebrate Stockton. What other surprises?

There have been many changes in Downtown over the last decade and they are exciting to see. There has been much restoration and re-purposing of beautiful old buildings as well as new construction, such as the rising of the new County Courthouse. Manuel Laguna, the ultimate Certified Tourism Ambassador, will take us on an optional one hour tour following our speaker. Wear comfy shoes.

Come for the view, enjoy the meal, the company and the UP of Downtown Stockton!

Program Co-Chairs
Pat Hague and Peggy Guttieri

Free parking in Eberhardt Garage

Schedule:

- 11:00 Registration, coffee, mingling
- 11:20 Brief Monthly Branch Meeting
- 11:45 Lunch \$25
- 12:45 Guest Speaker: Kathy Miller, Supervisor
- 1:45 Manuel Laguna, Certified Tourism Ambassador

Optional Walking Tour Downtown Area

Menu:

- Mixed Green salad
- Champagne Chicken: baked chicken breast topped with mushroom, onion and champagne sauce
- Herb roasted red potatoes
- Seasonal sautéed vegetables
- Dessert Selection
- Coffee, iced tea and water

Reservation Deadline: Sat., April 4th

Checks Payable to AAUW

Questions?? Call Pat Fluetsch at 951-6822

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President's Message



"Get it?" This is the question that often follows one of my grandchildren's attempts to explain something. Often, when I try to explain the problem of the pay gap between men and women, I have the urge to follow up with that question. On April 14th, we will acknowledge Equal Pay Day, 2015. This is this year's day that marks how many more days it takes on average for women in the US to earn what men earned the previous year.

On that day, AAUW Stockton Branch will staff an information table at the DeRosa University Center at University of the Pacific from 11am to 2pm. We will be handing out information, along with cookies that have 23% broken off to symbolize the average 23% less pay that women in the US make compared to men. Students from Pacific's Women's Resource Center will be joining us. If you would like to help, please contact me at ronsan3628@sbcglobal.net or (209) 662-3999. We are coordinating our efforts with AAUW Lodi Branch, which will be doing the same at San Joaquin Delta College.

"Get it?" In the United States, 40% of households have a woman as the primary bread winner. Equal Pay is everyone's issue. If the man of the house loses his job, as happened too often in the recent recession, many families become dependent on the woman's earnings. Enlightened men want equal pay for the women in their lives. In March we welcomed six such enlightened men who have become members of AAUW! I can confidently say that these men "Get it"!

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STEM Trek

Our girls are in the home stretch of their academic year. They are gearing up for testing and making plans for summer. Our senior is applying for scholarships and negotiating the college entrance maze. Our girls are all bright, pleasant and cooperative. If any members have jobs they would like done around the house, or know of part time summer jobs, please let us know.

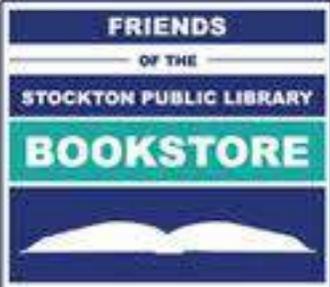
Cara Davis organized a terrific skin care workshop in February with a local esthetician, Jamie Sanchez. Every age has its skin care challenges (don't we know it!) and Jamie addressed them all, complete with free samples of products. Many AAUW members are clamoring to make appointments with her now.

Our March field trip, organized by Paula Almaas, took us to Emeryville to visit Paula LeDuc Fine Catering. The STEM girls learned what kinds of skills are needed to work in the hospitality industry, while touring a company that was preparing for a 2,000 person event the next day.

From there we drove to San Jose where we lunched and visited the Technology Museum. The girls were amazed to see that the first computers were the size of a room. Mentors were reminded that our girls have never lived in a world without computers and other technology.

As most members know, we are no longer having our annual rummage sale to fund our program. However, we still need funds! Sally Hall has graciously agreed to handle our fundraising. If you know of any individual, company or corporation that we might approach to make a donation, please contact Sally.

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Title IX Cheerleaders

APRIL GAME OF THE MONTH!

What: Community College Level Women's Softball - Delta Mustangs vs. Cosumnes River Hawks



When: Tuesday, April 7th, 3pm

Where: Delta College Softball Field

Parking: From Pershing, enter the Delta Campus at the West Entrance (W. Burke Bradley Drive), just as we did for the February basketball games. This time, however, keep veering left, where you'll see the stadium and the softball diamond. The first parking lot on your left, next to the diamond, is the Athletic-1 parking lot. Park there and walk southwest toward the ticket booth, where you'll check in. Because school is in session, we'll likely have to pay a \$2 parking fee.

Cost: \$0

RSVP: cindymilf@comcast.net or 477-5984

Spring has sprung, and bats will be crackin' as the women of Delta and Cosumnes "play ball". After losing a March double-header to the Hawks, the Mustangs will be giving their all to even the score. This game promises to be a dandy. Because it's on a weekday, our support will be even more appreciated and needed. (The regular at home April weekend games are on April 4, the day before Easter, and on April 11, at the same time as our Branch meeting; consequently, we've chosen this mid-week game.)

Members of our Branch's 40-person cheer-leading squad will wear our bright blue T-shirts proclaiming "AAUW Supports Title IX!" You do not need to have an "official shirt" to add your voice to the cheers. Simply wear a **sky blue** (sky blue, for print-copy versions of the newsletter) shirt or sweater to the game. Or phone me if you wish to borrow a loaner L or XL shirt, courtesy of Kathy Schick and Pat Davis who have donated their shirts to our squad. As we attend each monthly local athletic event, we'll be supporting female athletes while raising AAUW's profile in the community. **Phone 477-5984 to get on our e-mail/phone list.** You'll receive a reminder the week prior to the event. See you at the field of dreams!

Yard Sale to Benefit 'Books for Babes'

Tau Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma will hold a Yard Sale on Saturday, April 25th, 2015 from 8am to 2pm at 9050 Bainbridge Place, Stockton CA.

Proceeds from the sale will benefit **Books for Babes**, an early literacy program Tau Chapter operates that supplies baby's first book to newborns in the three major hospitals in Stockton: St. Joseph's, Dameron and San Joaquin General Hospital.

If you have any questions, contact Marilyn Wylie.

Boudin's Brunch

Sat., May 2nd from 10-11:30am
5615 Pacific Ave., Stockton

Please RSVP to Bobbiej49@aol.com or call [209.334.5711](tel:209.334.5711) by Friday, May 1st, noon, so adequate seating can be arranged. "Come visit with your AAUW sisters," to paraphrase meaningful words of Paula Almaas

At March 7th Boudin's Brunch, choices for Inspirational Woman for Women's History (Herstory) Month elicited Eleanor Roosevelt from 3 different women. Our own Bette Outlaw was chosen and others nodded in agreement and said "Great Choice." I helped Cindy Milford with RIF after the brunch. I could have chosen her for all the work she does for RIF and more!

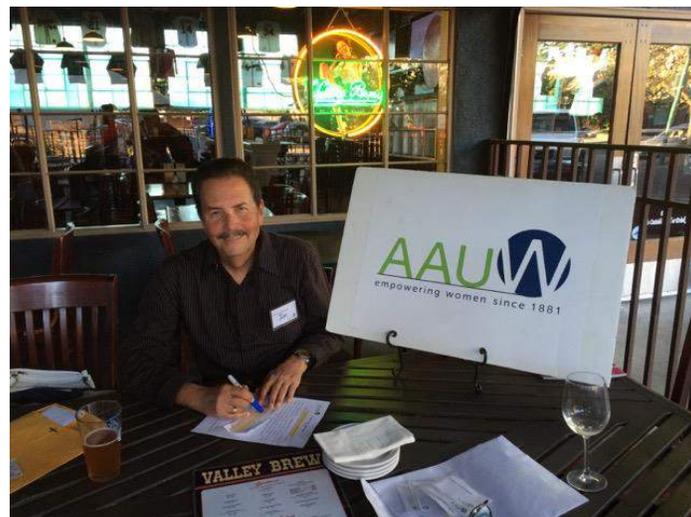
Sat., July 4th, 2015 is Independence Day and 1st Sat. in July. There will be AAUW Stockton Branch lunch at Loving Hut at 8355 Elk Grove Blvd. in Elk Grove. We will meet for lunch at 11:30am and order by 11:45. This is a vegan restaurant with a delicious variety of food. It is peaceful and serene; a welcome change from much of the 4th of July weekend. If you would help with carpool requests – possibly just meeting somewhere in Stockton, please let me know by April 30th.

Thanks, Bobbie Landau (209) 334-5711
Bobbiej49@aol.com

We Love Men!

Several members attended a fun recruitment mixer at the Valley Brew on Wednesday, March 18th. The spring evening on the patio was fabulous, as were the appetizers and cold beverages. The best part of the evening was that we had six men join our branch! We welcome these men, who all say they joined because they believe in the mission. Stockton Branch is again breaking new ground in the state!

We welcome Ed Almaas, Jon Deak, Tom Jones, Hugh Lilly, John McCarthy and Russ Wylie - all men who support the empowerment of women.



Jon Deak completes his AAUW membership application.



AAUW members had fun welcoming the new men of AAUW at Valley Brewing Company.

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TIME TO RENEW YOUR AAUW MEMBERSHIP DUES

I am the new membership treasurer taking over for Paula Almaas.

AAUW membership renewal forms will be mailed to you the first week of April. Please update the contact information on the renewal form and mail it with your \$89 check to Monica Frischkorn by June 15th. The renewal check covers your membership from July 1st, 2015, through June 30th, 2016. Yearly dues have been increased to \$89, which includes \$49 for national dues, \$20 for state, and the remaining \$20 for branch dues. Remember: The \$46 out of the \$49 that goes to national is tax-deductible!

When your renewal form arrives in your mailbox soon, please take a few moments right then to mail your check. Thank you.

Monica Frischkorn
Membership Treasurer
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A LOOK AT THE GENDER PAY GAP

Imagine you work at an entry level job alongside someone who has less experience than you but still makes more money. Maybe you become a supervisor, yet still take home less pay than the employees that you manage. Years go by and you look back at a lifetime of work and realize you lost hundreds of thousands of dollars in earnings. This is real life for women working in the United States, where women are the primary source of income for 40 percent of families.

In its report, The Simple Truth About the Gender Pay Gap, the American Association of University Women, using the most current statistics from the Bureau of Labor Statistics and the Census Bureau, concluded that:

- *The pay gap has barely budged in a decade.
- *Women in every state experience the gap, but some states are worse than others.
- *The pay gap is worse for women of color.
- *Women face a pay gap in nearly every occupation.
- *The pay gap grows with age.
- *While more education is an effective tool for increasing earnings, it is not an effective tool against the gender pay gap.
- *The pay gap also exists for women without children.

For more details about the Gender Pay Gap go to: <http://www.aauw.org/2014/09/18/gender-pay-gap>

To take action, go to: <http://www.aauw.org/fairpay>

Submitted by Ronda Sanders

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2015 Nominations Committee Results

The nominations for the elected offices for the Stockton Branch are as follows:

President – Ronda Sanders
Membership VP – Mary Hickman
Board Secretary – Kathy White
Branch Secretary – Alice Malde
Director at Large – Kathy Casenave

These will be voted on by the general membership at the branch meeting on Wednesday, May 20th, 2015.

Many thanks to the other members of the nominations committee: Marilyn Wylie, Cindy Milford, Liz Blanchard, and Bette Outlaw

Paula Almaas, Nominations Committee Chair

Directory updates

Corrections:

Address Change for **Maxine Jacobsen:**
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For any additional directory changes, please notify Membership Treasurer Monica Frischkorn (phone: 478-9507 or email: mofrischkorn@gmail.com)

LEGAL ADVOCACY FUND NEWS

*Branch Fundraiser Update

We're a gnat's eyelash away from our goal of 60 Branch members participating in our LAF Fundraiser! By March 20th, **57 Stockton Branch sisters had contributed \$2,070 to help Stamp Out Inequity in amounts of \$5 to \$150. We need just three more contributions!** Look for the white legal-size envelope from AAUW-Stockton that arrived the first week of February. Inside is a stamp which you are encouraged to place on the included small envelope addressed to me, Cindy Milford. Slip

in a check for any manageable amount payable to AAUW-Stockton with "LAF" on the memo line. **The new deadline is April 11th rather than June 1st.** If you've misplaced the envelope, you may hand me your contribution (check or cash) at our next meeting which is April 11th at the downtown eatery French 25. Winner of the \$30 Mimi's gift card in the Early Bird Drawing at our March 14 meeting at the Philomathean Club was **Sandy Mazzuola!** Congratulations, Sandy, for donating and for winning the drawing!

*How Has Your LAF Contribution Supported Equity?

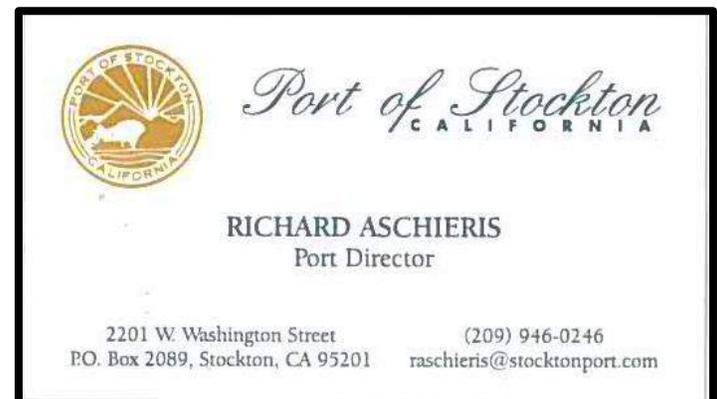
One way is the Case Support Program. In 2014, LAF supported several cases in financial and non-financial ways.

>LAF offered funding for court filing fees; for preparation of briefs; and for plaintiff court travel.
>LAF offered non-financial support by signing amicus briefs; by offering official statements of support; by having AAUW members present in court or at rallies.

A successful example of the Case Support Program backing plaintiffs who challenged gender discrimination is the Feather River Community College Cases (2007-2014). The college faculty had been punished for reporting Title IX violations and sexual harassment. After eight years of suits and appeals, a 2009 decision in the plaintiffs' favor was upheld on November 19th, 2014. This case is important because it demonstrates that civil rights laws are only effective if they are enforced! Without faculty and staff willing to fight for fairness, laws like Title IX will lose their power!

Watch for LAF News, including updates on our fundraiser, in upcoming Steamers.

-Cindy Milford, LAF Chair-



AAUW Book Group

April 21st – 7pm

Discussion Leader: Helen Mar

Hostess: Betty Parsons

Life After Life By Kate Atkinson

On a cold and snowy night in 1910, Ursula Todd is born, the third child of a wealthy English banker and his wife. She dies before she can draw her first breath. On that same cold and snowy night, Ursula Todd is born, lets out a lusty wail, and embarks upon a life that will be, to say the least, unusual. For as she grows, she also dies, repeatedly, in any number of ways. Ursula's world is in turmoil, facing the unspeakable evil of the two greatest wars in history. What power and force can one woman exert over the fate of civilization – if only she has the chance?

**New members welcomed –
Contact Jeanne Gaia – 451-5317**

more people. The program is financed through employee payroll withholdings.

The insurance provides compensation to a family member who takes time off work to care for a seriously ill child, spouse, parent, domestic partner or to bond with a new child or a child in connection with adoption or foster care placement. A family member can also be a grandparent, grandchild, parent-in-law or sibling.

Please tell family and friends about paid family leave provisions of the State Disability Insurance (SD) program. A recent survey revealed that less than a third of Californians are aware of the paid family leave program.

To find out more, contact the State of California Employment Development Department at www.edd.ca.gov/disability or call 877 238 4373. Do not contact your employer who the State does not require to answer your questions.

Paid Family Leave

The State of California paid family leave policy was recently changed to cover more individuals. The program, first enacted in 2002, is part of the State's extended disability insurance (State Disability Insurance/SDI/) for individuals. An amendment in 2013 expanded eligibility to cover

The Trivia Bee

April 24th, 5-9pm at the Stockton Arena

Our AAUW branch will have a table.

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Mission: **AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.**

Value Promise: By joining AAUW, you belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women have a fair chance.

April Calendar

Day	Date	Time	Event	Location/Contact
		Online Anytime	Submission of Articles/Pictures for stockton-ca.aauw.net Web Page	ronsan3628@sbcglobal.net
Sat	4	All Day	Reservation Deadline	Pat Fluetsch at 951-6822
Mon	6	6:00pm	Board Meeting	Home of Alice Malde 2506 Sheridan Way
Tue	7	3:00pm	Game of the Month – Delta vs. Cosumnes River	Delta College Softball Field
Thu	9	6:30pm	"Write On!" Writers Group	Home of Jeannie Gaia 3707 Bonnie Ln.
Sat	11	11:00am	What's Up @ Downtown	French 25 Restaurant
Wed	15	6:30pm	Needlework Meets – New Members Welcome	Home of Coralita Rathhaus
Tue	21	7:00pm	Book Group <u>Life After Life</u> By Kate Atkinson	Discussion Leader: Helen Mar Hostess: Betty Parsons <i>New Members Welcome</i>
Fri	24	5-9pm	Trivia Bee	Stockton Arena
Sat	25	8am-2pm	Delta Kappa Gamma Yard Sale	9050 Bainbridge Place