



*IT'S ALL ABOUT ...*



## *HOLIDAY ALA MEXICO!*

**Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup>**

**El Toro Loco – 5646 N. Pershing Avenue**

Our December Holiday program and lunch ala Mexico promises to be a feast for the eyes, ears and palate as we gather at “El Toro Loco,” decorated for the Holidays. We look forward to hearing our own AAUW member Patty Fluetsch tell us about her actually LIVING in Guadalajara Mexico for three months while her daughter and family settled in for their two year stay. How does a non-Spanish speaking lady manage everyday life in Mexico? She will share pictures and stories which highlight her adventures. Pat Hague has visited there often and describes some Mexican Christmas traditions. A special musical happening is planned for a sing along before we adjourn for buffet lunch. Feel welcome to wear something you might have in keeping with the theme.

The Owner/Chef Jose Vega, originally from the Guadalajara area, is excited about preparing some of his favorite dishes for our buffet lunch, which includes choices for most dietary requirements. The door prize basket includes an item especially purchased in Guadalajara by Pat Fluetsch just for this meeting, along with a donated Dinner for Two by “El Toro Loco” for a lucky attendee!

It's all about our wonderful and diverse communities!

Peggy Guttieri/Pat Hague  
Co-Chairs Program

### Schedule:

- 10:00 Registration
- 10:15 Business Meeting and Program
- 10:50 Break
- 11:00 Musical Happening and Lunch

### Menu:

- Coffee, Tea, Water
- Chips and Salsa on the Table
- Salad
- Chicken Chicana, (w/Bell Peppers,  
Onion, Tomatoes And Special  
Sauce)
- Chile Rellano
- Beans, Rice, Tortillas
- Cookies

Cost: \$22

Reservation Deadline: Sun., Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>

**Checks Payable to AAUW**

Reservations: Call Joan Erreca,  
Reservations Chair 478-1457

**Reservations MADE Must Be PAID.**

# President's Message



The theme this year for AAUW Stockton is "It's All About Community," so the following quote really resonates with me:

*"We can never get a re-creation of community and heal our society without giving our citizens a sense of community belonging."*

*Patch Adams*

AAUW is making a positive difference in our community. This November the AAUW Stockton Branch has once again put on a successful Home Tour. With the funds raised we will be able to continue to support our outstanding community projects such as RIF, Tech Trek, Speech Trek, High School Essay Contest, and scholarships for San Joaquin Delta College students.

I would like to thank everyone who made this year's Home Tour one of our best. I received many compliments on the variety of homes that we presented this year. Our annual Home Tour is something that brings people in our community together.

With your generous contributions and your willingness to perform all of the tasks that make our community projects possible, AAUW members will continue to be an instrument of healing in our Stockton, California community.

Ronda Sanders  
President



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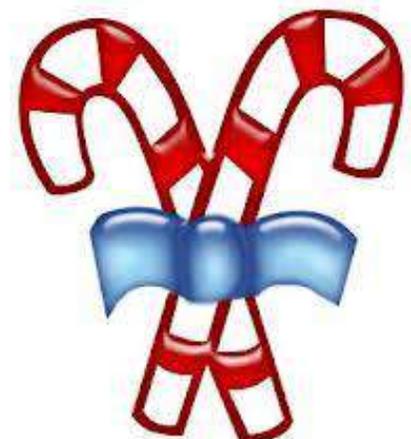
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worth and dignity of every person and  
are a welcoming congregation.



# STEM Trek

What a busy November our STEM girls had! Still reeling from their experience of seeing Associate Justice Sotomayor they had the opportunity to get up close and personal with real scientists at the annual "Dinner with a Scientist" event on November 6<sup>th</sup>. The girls and mentors had the opportunity to rotate to tables for the various dinner courses where scientists from many areas were waiting to answer questions and discuss to route to joining the scientific community.

Just two days later they assisted with our Home Tour at both the Haines home in O'Connor Woods and the Passadore home in Brookside. They enjoyed meeting so many of you, their benefactors, and can now add "tour director" to their resumes.

All are looking forward to our holiday celebration which is still in the planning stages at this writing.

The mentors are meeting this month to plan the activities for the remainder of the 2015/16 academic year. Thanks to Sally Hall, our fundraiser for the program, the girls will have some wonderful opportunities. We want to also thank those of you who have made donations to our program. You are helping to make strong, confident future women.

# Speech Trek

Six schools have filed their intent to participate in the 2015/16 speech contest sponsored by our branch. Student speakers will examine gender roles in their 5-6 minute speeches on January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016, 5:30 at the Wendall Phillips Center on the UOP campus. Members should add this to their calendars now in order to not miss this entertaining evening! The winner from our branch will go on to compete at the regional level, and hopefully the state level for an ultimate prize of \$1,500.

The monetary prizes of \$250, \$200 and \$150 are endowed by the late AAUW member and officer, Ginger DeBow. I'm sure Ginger will be in our audience in spirit on that evening!

# Flesh-Free Gourmet



The vegetarian gourmet group met on Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup> for our Flesh Free Thanksgiving. The menu consisted of several appetizers, including a spinach artichoke roll and spiced cranberry cheese balls, butternut squash soup, fall salad with fuyu persimmons and a sherry vinaigrette, stuffed, roasted acorn squash, mashed potatoes with caramelized onion gravy, orange cranberry sauce and olive oil cake with roasted pears. This dinner proves that turkey is so overrated!

KATHLEEN M. SOLARI, CPA

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# DRAW IT OUT

Draw It Out, a Stockton non-profit group that creates art events to raise awareness of the effects of violence in our community is reaching out to local AAUW members to seek artists for the March 2016 exhibit "Not One More - Art Against Violence." Artists of all ages, working in all media, are invited to create pieces that explore how violence impacts their family, neighborhood, school or community, and ways to change a culture of violence to one of communication and tolerance.

The show will exhibit two and three-dimensional art including painting, drawing, sculpture, photography, video, garden art, banners, quilts, needlepoint and wearable art. Music, dance and spoken word entries are also invited. The Call for Artists for the show is available online at the Draw It Out tab at [clevelandschoolremembers.org](http://clevelandschoolremembers.org) or on the Facebook page for Draw It Out. For further information, phone (209) 910-3461.

The "Not One More" exhibit will run for the entire month of March in the Plants and Flowers Building at the San Joaquin County Fairgrounds. Admission is free, and guided tours are available for groups, such as local schools and colleges, religious organizations, retirement communities, veterans' posts and service organizations.

The exhibit will feature four special events: an Artists' Reception on March 6<sup>th</sup>, a Spoken Word Event on March 11<sup>th</sup>, an Afternoon of Music and Dance on March 20<sup>th</sup>, and a Panel on Art Activism on March 31<sup>st</sup>.

The art show is sponsored by Draw It Out. DIO is affiliated with Cleveland School Remembers, an organization primarily composed of teachers and others who

experienced the 1989 Stockton elementary school yard shooting, which left five young children dead and 30 injured. CSR works toward a reduction of gun violence. Both DIO and CSR have members who also belong to the AAUW.

For further news information please contact Sharon Jarvis 916.284.9871

## Directory updates

Please make the following changes to your Directory:

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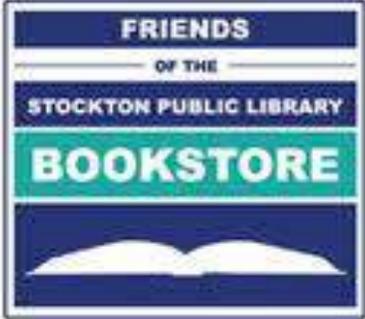
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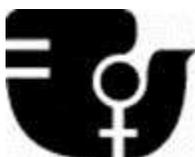
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of age. Only one award is given annually, if suitable candidates have been nominated.

Electronic file packets may be obtained via email at [linley17@comcast.net](mailto:linley17@comcast.net) or by calling Beverly Fitch McCarthy at 463-6957. Printed packets are also available from McCarthy, who founded the commission in 1974, at 215 W. Stadium Drive, Stockton, CA 95204-3136. Nominations must be received by 5pm Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>. The selection committee will meet the weekend of Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The gala awards dinner celebrating both the honorees will be held Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm at the Stockton Golf and Country Club. Tickets are \$50 per person.



**San Joaquin County  
Commission on the  
Status of Women**

## **Susan B. Anthony Women of Achievement Awards**

Nomination packets are now available for those wishing to nominate San Joaquin County women for the prestigious Susan B. Anthony Women of Achievement Award.

Women who have excelled in their fields and raised the status of humankind may be nominated by an individual, organization, or business. The sponsoring organization, the San Joaquin County Commission on the Status of Women, will present no more than 10 women the coveted honor at the 41<sup>st</sup> annual banquet in February. An additional Young Feminist Award may be granted.

Only those whose volunteer efforts, in addition to professional work and volunteer efforts, are judged to have raised the status of humankind in the county will be considered. Categories include business, community service, creative arts, education, government and politics, homemaking, law and legal services, labor and employment, health care, media, peace, religion, research, science, sports, women's rights, and women's services. Award candidates must be current county residents or employed full-time in the county.

The Young Feminist of Achievement honor was established to honor women less than 30 years



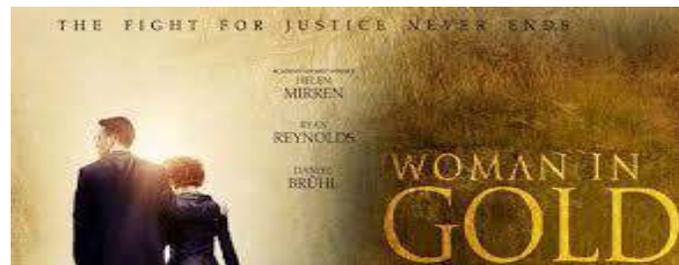
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## **AAUW Book Group Tuesday, Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> – 6pm**

Our December Book Club meeting will be held at my home on Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. We will watch a movie instead of a book: **"The Woman in Gold."**



**Jeanne Gaia – 451-5317**

*Next Boudin Brunch:*

Saturday, Jan. 9<sup>th</sup> at 10am  
RSVP to [Bobbiej49@aol.com](mailto:Bobbiej49@aol.com) by Thurs., Jan. 7<sup>th</sup>

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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.

## *December Calendar*

Day	Date	Time	Event	Location/Contact
		Online Anytime	Submission of Articles/Pictures for <a href="http://stockton-ca.aauw.net">stockton-ca.aauw.net</a> Web Page	<a href="mailto:ronsan3628@sbcglobal.net">ronsan3628@sbcglobal.net</a>
Sun	6	All Day	Reservation Deadline	Joan Erreca - 478-1457
Mon	7	6:00pm	Board Meeting	Home of Cindy Milford 3664 Five Mile Drive
Sat	12	10:00am	Holiday ala Mexico	El Toro Loco
Tue	15	6:00pm	AAUW Book Group – “The Woman in Gold” Movie	Home of Jeanne Gaia – 451-5317