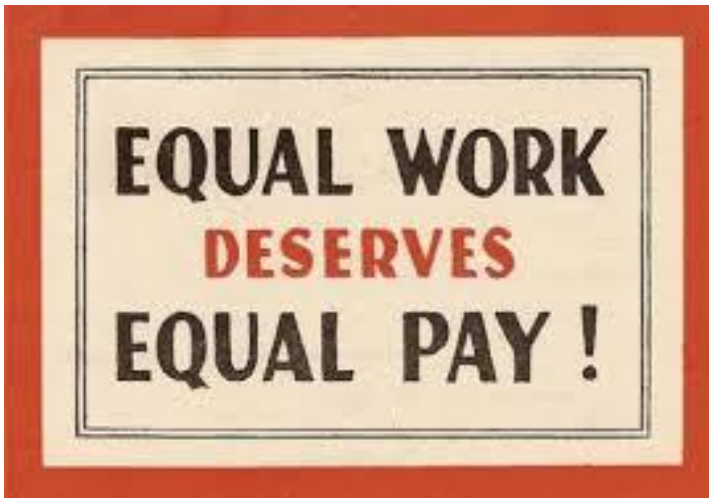


“Equal Pay Day”

Tuesday, April 8th, 2014

Janet Leigh Theatre, Pacific Campus - 3601 Pacific Ave.



This month's branch meeting is a "celebration" of Equal Pay Day, which marks the day that women's pay catches up with the men's pay from last year. We partner with the University of the Pacific's Women's Resource Center to host an event titled "The Fight for Fair Pay" at the Janet Leigh Theater on the university campus. Pacific students who are AAUW e-student affiliates will take part by presenting information from the report, "Graduating to a Pay Gap." AAUW Stockton branch members will present "Quick Facts" from AAUW on the gender pay gap. We will view a You Tube video interview with Lilly Ledbetter as well as a video of President Obama signing the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Restoration Act. Attendees will leave with information on how to take action on the pay gap issue. AAUW members, Pacific students and the Stockton community may attend free of charge. There will be a dessert reception following the program. We plan to serve a cake with 23% missing to represent the average wage gap between men and women in the USA.

Schedule:

6:30pm - check in
7:00pm - meeting
7:15pm - program
8:00pm - reception

Reservations Deadline: Sunday, March 30th

Questions?? Call Patricia Voss at 957-1010.



President's Message



Spring is here! (Did we even have winter?) All over Stockton I am enjoying the vision of new growth on the trees and the emergence of beautiful flowers everywhere. Do you know what else is blooming? Our AAUW partnerships with San Joaquin Delta College and the University of the Pacific. Thanks to Helen Holt for getting both schools to join AAUW as institutional partners. Thanks to Liz Blanchard for serving as our College and University Chair. Thanks to those of you who have attended meetings with our college and university representatives and to all of the AAUW Stockton branch members who have helped to enroll over 200 students as AAUW student affiliates so far. A special thanks goes to our college and university representatives, Corrie Martin and Kelli Page at Pacific and Dr. Kathy Hart at Delta, for welcoming AAUW to their campuses.

This spring, our college and university partnerships "bloom" with two special events. The first is our April 8th branch meeting, held at Pacific's Janet Leigh Theater, which calls attention to Equal Pay Day and Lilly Ledbetter, the "face of pay equity." New this spring is our "Take a Study Break with AAUW" day in May at Delta. Thanks go to director-at-large Monica Frischkorn for leading this effort. More information will be coming. If you participate in this project, I guarantee that you will find connecting with the students invigorating!

Just as a blooming spring garden is the reward for the hardworking gardener, so the blooming relationships between AAUW and our college and university partners is the reward for the efforts of a growing number of Stockton branch members. Join in the fun. It'll make you feel like a spring chicken. Ask me what you can do. Trust me. You'll be happy that you did.

Ronda Sanders
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What: Junior College Softball

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When: Saturday, April 12th, 12:00 noon

Where: Delta College softball field

A future e-mail will tell directions.

Cost: Free

RSVP: cindymilf@comcast.net or
477-5984



Spring has sprung, and bats will be crackin' as the community college women of Delta and Modesto "Play Ball!" Further information about game and parking location will be e-mailed to people responding with "Yes, I'll attend" at the RSVP contact numbers.



While cheering on both teams, members of our Branch's 40-person cheerleading 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 blue shirt or sweater to the game, or borrow a loaner shirt from me (M and XL). 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, like our Cheerleaders, will receive a reminder the week prior to the event, with details (confirmed cost—usually \$0, directions, parking). See you at the game!

STEM Trek

This is such a busy time for our STEM Trek girls. Our senior, Rosa, has been accepted to several colleges, has applied for several scholarships and is waiting to see what financial aid is offered before making her final decision. Our junior, Rosalia, who is interested in fashion design and merchandising, has been networking with community members to gain experience in this area. She will attend a fashion show sponsored by the Haute Couture Societe soon to see what opportunities there are in the business of fashion. Our newest members, who are currently in the 8th grade, are exploring possibilities for high school next year. None of this would be possible for these girls without the support of their AAUW mentors. All are looking forward to upcoming events together as they really have become a family.

Don't forget to set aside items for our annual Rummage Sale on May 17th. This is the fundraiser that supports the whole STEM Trek program. You can help by donating items, helping before and during the sale or dropping by on May 17th to meet the girls and take home that found treasure!

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Speech Trek

We are so proud to announce that the first place winner of our branch Speech Trek contest held in December has been named as one of the top three speakers in the state. Anneka Sonstroem from Lincoln High School will go on to compete in the state competition at the convention in Los Angeles on April 12th. The first place winner will be awarded \$1,500, second place \$1,000 and third \$500. AAUW, CA will pay all expenses for Anneka and her chaperone to attend the competition which will be held on Saturday, April 12th at 3:30. Congratulations to AAUW Stockton and good luck to Anneka!



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SPRING CLEANING

Here is a great reason to get busy now gathering up all those items around your house and garage that you haven't used for ages: Our annual rummage sale to support our branch's STEM Trek Mentor Program is just six weeks away! **The 5th Annual Rummage Sale will be on Saturday, May 17th, from 7:30am to 1pm at 1030 Oxford Way.** (Yes, it is a month later than our usual April date.)

We will take any and all clean items except electronics with e-waste (TV's, computers, etc.). Here is just a sampling of the clean items we could use: collectables, toys/games, sewing/crafts, jewelry, furniture, kitchen items, dishes/glassware, books, small appliances, and also gently-used clean baby items, clothes of all sizes and linens/bedding (**please tie sheet sets together with string or masking tape and label the size**). We also could use clothes hangers and some plastic grocery bags.

Due to very limited space, we have had to revise the collection times.

Please bring your clean items to 1030 Oxford Way on the following dates:
Saturday, May 10th, from 9-6pm;
Monday, May 12th, from 4-6pm; or
Tuesday, May 13th, from 4-6pm.
Friday, May 16th, from 4-6pm (Large furniture items only on this day!!)

PLEASE NO DONATIONS AFTER TUESDAY, MAY 13, EXCEPT FURNITURE ITEMS THAT WE WOULD LIKE YOU TO DELIVER ONLY ON FRIDAY, MAY 16.

If you need someone to pick up your items, please call Paula at (209) 464-0983 or Pam at (209) 463-3067 to arrange for pick up.

And, of course, you will all want to attend the rummage sale on May 17 to find just the perfect items to fill all those now empty spaces in your house from your spring cleaning! Thank you.

Paula Almaas, STEM Trek Mentor

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*Calling for
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--Both Visible and Ghost--

It's almost Asparagus Festival time, and like so many other community organizations, Stockton Branch AAUW views this event as a great opportunity to bring in additional funds for our operating expenses. The Asparagus Festival will be held this year on April 25th, 26th, and 27th.

Since our branch no longer works in the Deep Fry Asparagus booth (due to the strenuous and long schedule), we have been invited this year by Stockton Women's Network to help fill 11 positions, each requiring volunteers to work approximately 4 hours each. On **April 24th**, the day before the Festival opens, we are being asked to supply 5 branch members to help chop asparagus from **10AM - 2PM**. On **Sunday, April 27th**, 3 volunteers are needed to work in the Hospitality booth from **11 AM - 3PM** and 3 more are needed from **3PM - 7PM**. Most of those positions were filled by branch members at the March 15th branch meeting, but several more volunteers are needed.

Our branch anticipates raising approximately \$35 for each member who works a shift. We

understand that for many of us, being there "in the flesh" is not possible. If that is your situation, you could greatly help by becoming a "ghost" worker and being there in "spirit". Simply donate \$35 (or whatever amount you can afford) to Stockton Branch and you will have done your part in Asparagus Festival fundraising to help balance our budget. We will have sign-up sheets for Festival shifts and also will be accepting "ghost" checks at our April 8th branch meeting. In the meantime, you can send your "ghost" checks to **AAUW, Stockton Branch, Inc., P.O. Box 69033, Stockton, CA 952109-0663**.

If you have any questions or can help by volunteering for a shift, please contact Gladys Finucane at 473-4321 or gwfinucane@yahoo.com (Please note there are no split shifts and that signing up to work at the Festival is a commitment that must be honored, unless you have important extenuating circumstances that come up at the last minute.)



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Inspirational Woman Writing Competition

At the March 15th branch meeting, three high school students were honored for their essays for the Inspirational Woman Writing Competition. First place winner Mytae Townsend is a junior at Franklin. Her essay, entitled "You are a Princess—a Beautiful Princess," was about her aunt, LaWanda Ware, and Ware's efforts to help young women recognize their self-worth. In her untitled essay, Lindsay Bruns, second place winner and Lincoln junior, wrote about her twelve-year-old niece, Kailani Stewart, whose struggles with thyroid and genetic disorders inspire everyone around her. Adela Celine Lopez, third place winner and Stagg sophomore, wrote about her grandmother Adela Lopez's perseverance and wisdom in her essay "Given More than Just a Name."

Since 1993, AAUW has invited San Joaquin County students in grades 9-12 to write women into history by telling the stories of everyday heroes. Students who place first-third in the contest earn plaques and monetary prizes (\$150, \$100, and \$50). In this, the 21st year of the competition, the essay committee received an unprecedented 80 entries from students of all different skill levels from Stockton, Lincoln, and Manteca Unified schools.

Thank you to AAUW members who help support this contest financially and distribute information in the community. Thank you, too, to judges Ronda Sanders, Sandy Mazzoula, Michelle Zachlod and Russ Wylie (husband of our AAUW member Marilyn Wylie) for evaluating students' work. Most of all, thank you to our head judge, Cindy Milford, who spent many hours organizing the essays and establishing a reading protocol.

May this contest continue to strengthen students' writing skills and appreciation for history for many years to come!

Erica Dei Rossi
Writing Competition Chair



Calling All Chefs!

Do you make a killer guacamole? Do your guests savor that fabulous spinach dip, delight to your bruschetta or salivate over your special cheese nibbles? The New Members group is looking for a few current members who would like to demonstrate the preparation of their favorite hors d'ouvres and share samples with others at the May meeting planned for Wednesday, May 21st at 5:30. If you can lend a hand please call Pam Mallett-Jones at 463-3067.



Our newest interest group "Write-On" has been meeting for several months now and has produced some wonderful poetry, songs, prose and chapters for future memoirs. At our April 17th meeting, we will be pleased to have a guest speaker attend. Nadine Pedron from Groveland is the author of a delightful memoir entitled "Lily's Own: Stories of a Childhood," which she has published and also put on Amazon. She is currently trying to do an audio book. She will speak to our group on how to write a memoir, getting support from writing groups such as ours and how she got published. Anyone in AAUW who would like to attend to hear her special presentation is invited to join us at the home of Pat Davis on April 17th at 6:30pm. Please let co-chairs Pat Davis or Erica DeiRossi know if you'd like to come so we have enough chairs on hand.

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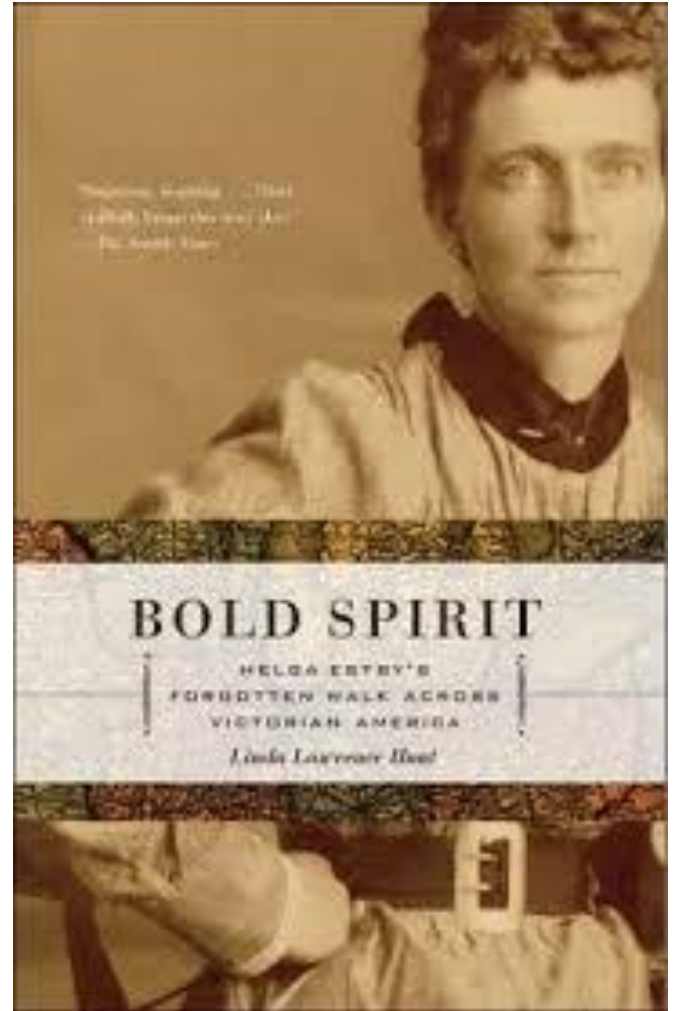
wine pairings. The highlight of the meal was the dessert: "Desperation Chocolate Amaretto Truffles." Ask any one of the members for the recipe for a real treat!

AAUW Book Club – April 15th

Bold Spirit by Linda Lawrence Hunt

Discussion Leader: Carolyn Mallett

Hostess: Betty Parsons



In 1896, a Norwegian immigrant and mother of eight children named Helga Estby was behind on taxes and the mortgage when she learned that a mysterious sponsor would pay \$10,000 to a woman who walked across America. Hoping to win the wager and save her family's farm, Helga and her teenage daughter Clara, armed with little more than a compass, red-pepper spray, a revolver, and Clara's curling iron, set out on foot from Eastern Washington. Their route would pass through 14 states, but they were not allowed to carry more than five dollars each.

Names Names Names Names Names Names

All I need are Names – of friends, associates, people you have spoken with who ask what is AAUW and what do you do with the organization. With those names and mailing addresses, I shall happily send the prospective members our membership packet which they can peruse in the privacy of their domicile where pen and check book are available for completion of the application, and mailing of a check to:

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Patricia Voss,
Membership VP

Flesh-Free Food Fun



You may be aware that the Stockton Branch has an interest group comprised of members who enjoy meat free dining called "Flesh Free Gourmet." The members take turns hosting quarterly

feasts. The most recent one was held at the home of Michelle Zachlod on March 9th. The menu consisted of local, sustainable whole foods. For the appetizer course Julie Pichardo brought the spinach stuffed mushrooms and garden nests. Jeanne Gaia made a lovely salad with citrus and pepitas. Michelle Zachlod provided the main dish of spring vegetable pasta, accompanied by Ronda Sanders' garlic roasted mushrooms, Bev Fitch McCarthy's vegetable melange and stuffed artichokes from Pam Mallett-Jones. All courses were served with appropriate



TIME TO RENEW YOUR AAUW MEMBERSHIP DUES

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 \$85 check to Paula Almaas by June 15th. The renewal check covers your membership from July 1st, 2014, through June 30th, 2015. Yearly dues remain at \$85, which includes \$49 for national dues, \$16 for state, and the remaining \$20 for branch dues. Remember: The \$49 portion that goes to national is tax-deductible!

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

Paula Almaas
Membership Chair



LAF News



☺ ***Some news makes you smile!*** Our Branch's spring LAF "Stamp Out Inequity!" fundraiser total has reached \$1,770. 44 members have written checks from \$5 to \$150, put stamps on the envelopes which were provided in the mailing, and then addressed the envelopes to Cindy Milford, 3664 Five Mile Dr., Stockton, CA 95219. Let's get just nine more of you to share in this effort by June 1 so we can

brag that 1/3 of our membership contributed to LAF! Your gift will empower women as they strive for equity in the workplace, on campus, and in the courtroom.

☹ ***Some news makes you frown.*** In March of 2012, the *Klay v. Panetta* lawsuit was filed. In this case, survivors of military sexual assault (Klay) alleged that the U.S. military officials tolerated sexual predators in their ranks and antagonized service members who reported rape, sexual assault, and harassment. The plaintiffs argued that this culture of sexual assault violated their constitutional rights. Our AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund supported this lawsuit. In early 2013, the U.S. District Court for D.C. granted the defendants' motion to dismiss the case, contending that the women's injuries were "incident to their military service" and that the court was prevented by legal precedent from ruling on a military matter.

? ***Some news leaves you wondering.*** The women's attorney then appealed to the D.C. Circuit Court which, on February 14, heard arguments. Stay tuned for the appeals court's ruling.

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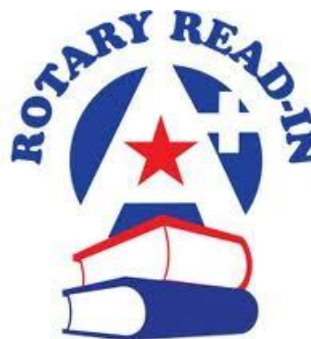
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Thank you AAUW members and friends for reading to our elementary school students. We have received a note of appreciation from Commodore Skills on behalf of principal, teachers and students.

Some of the students have sent Thank you letters, also. Such a fun experience and helping our children, too.

Bette Outlaw

Mr. President: Don't Stop There!

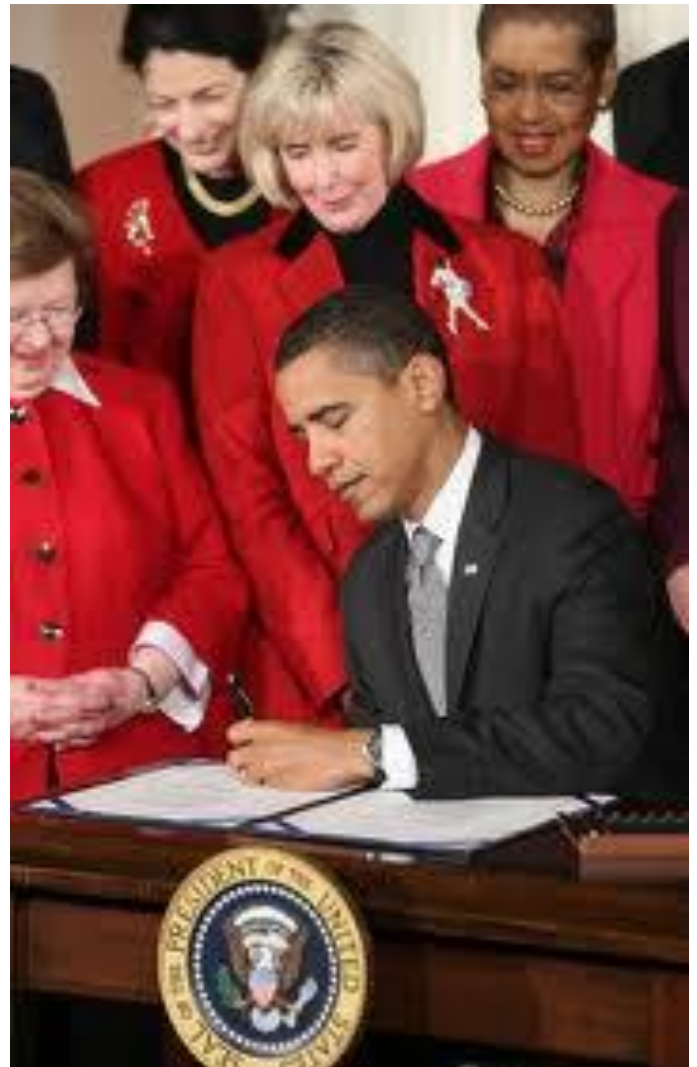
Five years ago President Obama signed his very first bill, the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act, into law, but the work is not done! The Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act was an important first step in our fight for pay equity, but it was just that – a first step. We need the Paycheck Fairness Act to give employees and employers the concrete tools they need to make real progress in closing the gender pay gap.

Women still earn just 77 cents, on average, for every dollar earned by their male counterparts. That number hasn't budged in the last decade, and it's about time our nation's leaders do something about it.

For two years, the U.S. Department of Labor has been saying it will develop a new tool to collect information on salaries, wages, and other benefits earned by employees of federal contractors and subcontractors. This tool is essential to giving employees and employers the information they need to end pay discrimination, and it's essential to giving the Department of Labor the information it needs to make sure employers receiving our tax dollars are following the law.

On February 12th, President Barack Obama signed an executive order raising the minimum wage on new federal contracts to \$10.10 an hour. This is a good step in the right direction, but it is not enough! Even though a small subset of employees of federal contractors are getting a raise, all contractor employees' jobs could be put at risk just by talking about their wages or inquiring about their employers' pay practices. An executive order banning retaliation from President Obama could change the policies of the thousands of businesses that work with our government. It would put in place a part of the stalled Paycheck Fairness Act.

AAUW Stockton Branch requests your participation by contacting your elected officials and pressing them to take action on the Paycheck Fairness Act. Also, please write to President Obama to urge him to issue an anti-retaliation executive order next! Remind the President of his own words in his State of the Union Address: "When Women Succeed, America Succeeds.". Together, we can make 2014 the year for progress on equal pay.



AAUW Stockton Branch 2014- 2015 Nominations

The Nominating Committee, consisting of Della Richardson- Chair, Tot Castleton, Dee Heszlner, and Helen Smith are submitting the following names as candidates for open positions:

Elected Positions

Financial Vice President: Bette Outlaw

Membership Treasurer: Monica Frischkorn

Program Vice Presidents: Peggy Guttieri

Patricia Hague

Director –at –Large: Helen Smith (fill-in the second year of Monica Frischkorn's Term)

This slate of candidates will be voted on at the May Branch Meeting (May 21st, 2014). The committee encourages you to be present and vote on these candidates.

Thank you to these candidates who have stepped forward to accept leadership roles in our branch!

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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
Sun	3/30	All Day	Branch Meeting Reservation Deadline	Patricia Voss
Mon	7	6:00pm	Board Meeting	Home of Ronda Sanders
Tue	8	6:30pm	"Equal Pay Day"	Janet Leigh Theatre - UOP
Sat	12	12:00pm	Title IX Game of the Month – Delta Softball	Delta College Softball Field
Tue	15	7:00pm	AAUW Book Group <u>Bold Spirit</u> By Linda Lawrence Hunt	Discussion Leader: Carolyn Mallett Hostess: Betty Parsons
Thu	17	6:30pm	Write-On Meeting	Home of Pat Davis
Wed	16	6:30pm	Needlework Meets – New Members Welcome	Home of Coralita Rathhaus