

The Holidays are Here!



Saturday, December 7th, 2013
Papapavlo's Bistro and Bar – Lincoln Center North



It is that special time of the year again, time for celebrations with family and friends! Join us at Papapavlo's on December 7th to kick off the season. We have an excellent luncheon and great entertainment planned. The "Forget Me Notes," Pam Mallett-Jones' Sweet Adelines Quartet, will ensure that we are in the spirit. Make sure you do not miss out on making merry with your AAUW friends!

Schedule:

11:30 Registration
12:00 Lunch
1:00 Business Meeting
1:15 Program

Luncheon Menu:

- * Shrimp and Avocado Salad
- * Mediterranean Chicken Pasta
- * Vegetable Brochette

Including luncheon salad, coffee/tea, pita bread, and dessert.

Reservations Deadline: Monday, Dec. 2nd

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President's Message



Let's celebrate! I think that our 62nd annual home tour was the best ever. It was challenging, yet exhilarating, to try new things. Our wonderful members stepped up and sold most of the tickets sent to them. Thanks to Jeanne Gaia for handling the member tickets. For the first time, we offered our tour-going guests an opportunity to purchase raffle tickets for beautifully-arranged gift baskets and to bid on great silent auction items. Pat Davis and Liz Englebrick did a fantastic job with the baskets and silent auction. Tour-goers enjoyed shopping the vendors at the Brookside Recreation Center. Thanks to Bette Outlaw for organizing this.

When I took on the title of Home Tour Chair, I was assured that I would be supported by a committee of dedicated women who knew what to do to make a home tour a success. I was not misled. In addition to those mentioned above, I would like to thank all who made this year's home tour an outstanding success. I'm looking forward to next year.

I can't end this message without sharing an exciting development. Our partnership with the University of the Pacific is really taking off. Our Stockton Branch National Conference of College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL), Danielle Procope, is working on establishing a students' branch of AAUW. She is working on an event to launch this new student organization after the first of next year. There are only 15 college/university AAUW student branches in the United States. It's hard to believe, but a student branch at Pacific would be the first one in California!

Remember, you are part of an organization that makes a difference. During this holiday season, let's all be thankful and, once again, "Let's celebrate!"

Ronda Sanders
President

Correction:

Nicole Felkins is the author of the article "Women at the Top? Why Not?" that appeared in the November Delta Steamer. Maurelle Bagus took the photo of Dr. Kathy Hart. We apologize for the error, and thank both Nicole and Maurelle for their coverage of the event.

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Title IX Cheerleaders

DECEMBER GAME OF THE MONTH!

What: Bear Creek Invitational Wrestling
Tournament Girls' Matches

When: Saturday, December 14th
(2nd day of event) tentatively 10am-12noon

Where: Bear Creek High School's
smaller gym (follow signs) 10555 Thornton
Road, a mile north of Hammer Lane

Cost: Free

RSVP: cindymilf@comcast.net or 477-5984

For the third consecutive year, we'll be cheering for female wrestlers at this local tournament. Previously, we depended on any available chairs and were often far from wrestling mats featuring girls. This time we'll BRING OUR OWN FOLDING CHAIRS and be in a space that is reserved for matches featuring the 45 female wrestlers. Thanks, AAUW Title IX Cheerleader and former Bear Creek teacher Pat Davis, for arranging our visit.

As advocates of equity for women and girls, we should be especially motivated to attend this event. Bear Creek wrestling coach Harold Bacich's daughter McKenzie, only a sophomore, will be competing. She won her weight division at the state level and begins training this spring in Europe for the 2016 Olympics!

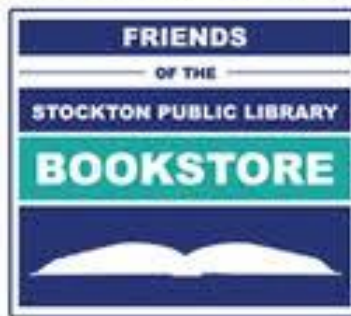
While cheering the throws and pins of Jennifer and all the girls, members of our Branch's 40-person cheerleading squad will wear our bright blue T-shirts proclaiming "AAUW Supports Title IX!" You do not need to have an official shirt to add your voice to the cheers. Simply wear a blue shirt or sweater 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'll receive a reminder the week prior to the event with details (confirmed cost—usually \$0, directions, parking). See you at the match!

62nd Home Tour 2013

WOW! Thank you members, friends, vendors, underwriters. What a wonderful job all of you did to make the Home Tour a HUGE success. A full report will be included in the January Steamer. Would you like to make a guesstimate as to how we did, based on your observations? ANSWER appears in the bottom right hand corner of page 5. *

Bette Outlaw, Financial V.P. mentee.

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Speech Trek


Did you know that only 14% of private and governmental organizations are led by women? Is there an ambition or opportunity gap?

The topic, "Women at the Top...Why Not?" will be presented at the 2013/14 annual Eleanor Stem Allen Memorial Speech Contest, sponsored by AAUW. The Stockton branch contest will be held on Thursday, December 19th, 5-8pm. In the Wendall Phillips Center at the University of the Pacific. The contest is open to all local high school students, who may earn \$150 for first place, and \$100 and \$75 for second and third at the branch level, and up to \$1,500 at the state level.

We hope at all branch members will come out to hear what the eight high school finalists think about this subject in their 5-6 minute speeches. There is no need for a parking pass for visitors to the UOP campus after 5pm.

Note: Save the date for our January Title IX
Game of the Month event—

Tuesday, January 14th, 2014; 4:00, 5:30, 7:00
games (Our game choice will be announced in an e-
mail.) High School Basketball at Stagg (vs.
Edison)



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STEM Trek

November was a whirlwind of activities! Thanks goes to our girls who worked on the day of the Home Tour at the Freeman Home directing traffic and adding color commentary. This was a great experience for them as they gained valuable experience and saw firsthand another reason to go to college!

The “Trekies” had Dinner with a Scientist(s) at the San Joaquin Office of Education event on November 14th where they learned that science and math are a necessary part of many occupations. The girls had three dinner courses, each with a different scientist, and peppered them (the scientists!) with questions.

The 6am pick up for our November 26th activity was quite difficult for the teenagers – and mentors too! It was necessary to leave Stockton that early in order to get to CSU, San Jose for our morning campus tour. While the girls enjoyed learning what it is like to be in college, it was eating in the campus dining hall that really impressed them! Then, it was on to Mountain View for a tour of Google. Companies such as Google have an unconventional working environment that particularly appeals to young people. One of our girls wondered what they had done to all the old people since she hadn’t seen any while touring!

Next up is a holiday luncheon followed by a trip to Modesto to see the Posada Navidena at the Gallo Theater. The mentors will also be meeting early in the new year to map out the activities for the rest of the year. If you enjoy teenaged girls and might like to be a mentor, you may call Pam Mallett-Jones, 463-3067, for more information.

Susan B. Anthony Award

The annual Susan B. Anthony awards dinner will be held on February 15th at the Stockton Golf and Country Club. AAUW Committee is seeking applicants for this prestigious award.

Are you or someone you know interested in being considered for this honor? There are so many qualified members in AAUW Stockton Branch. Please come forward and be willing to represent AAUW. To submit a name or request an application, contact Bette Outlaw at 477-3709.

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Seeking Storage Space

Do you have some empty space in a garage, basement or backyard shed? Our STEM Trek program relies on our annual Spring Rummage Sale to fund our mentoring program. Many members wishing to support the good our program does for our girls have called us to donate items for the sale. However, because we have no place to store the items we have sometimes been forced to decline their generosity. If you have or know of any space that we might use until our sale in May, please call Pam Mallett-Jones at 463-3067.



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AAUW California Fellow and Grant Recipient Luncheon

On Sunday October 13th, 2013, a group from the Stockton Branch attended the luncheon at the North Ridge Country Club in Fair Oaks. The luncheon provided an opportunity to mingle with members from branches throughout the northern region. Several California State officers were present including past Presidents Noora Perry and Carolyn Garfein, current President Alicia Hetman, and the State President elect.

There are currently 37 AAUW Funds Fellowship and Grant recipients studying in California colleges and universities or doing projects in their communities during 2013-2014. We had the pleasure of sharing the afternoon with five of these inspiring women.

The program included:

- Opening remarks from Sharon Westafer, Chair of the AAUW California funds Committee and member of the Stockton and Long Beach branches.
- Announcement of the State Named Gift Awardee
- Presentations from the fellows for the following funds:

- American Fellowship – Isabel Porras PhD candidate at UC Davis in cultural studies described her research into the methods tourism is marketed in Columbia and the manner in which Latinas and femininity are depicted.

- Career Development Grant Recipients

- Precious Chindime is a student at George Washington University majoring in Non-profit performance management. She wants to return to her native Zambia to promote women's rights.

- Carine Kayinamura studies accounting at CSU Sacramento. She escaped a war zone in Rwanda. Her goal is to become a CPA.

- Wendy Stoltz is majoring in business at Mills College. Her studies focus on developing expertise in fundraising and philanthropy.

- International Fellowship

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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 aauwstockton.org Web Page	kational@comcast.net
Mon	2	All Day	Branch Meeting Reservation Deadline	Pat Fluetsch, 951-6822
Mon	2	6:00pm	Board Meeting	Home of Ronda Sanders 3628 Mill Springs Dr., Stockton
Sat	7	11:00am	"Holiday Lunch & Program"	Papapavlos – Lincoln Center
Sat	14	10:00am	Game of the Month – Bear Creek Wrestling Invitational	Bear Creek High Gym
Tue	17	6:30pm	AAUW Book Group at O'Connor Woods	Hostesses: Kay Owen and Carolyn Mallett
Wed	18	6:30pm	Needlework Meets – New Members Welcome	Home of Coralita Rathhaus
Thu	19	5-8pm	Speech Trek "Women At The Top-Why Not?"	Wendall Phillips Center - UOP