

## *A Jolly Holiday Event for AAUW* **Festival of Trees and Tour**



Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2014

San Joaquin Historical Museum, Micke Grove Park, 11793 N. Micke Grove Road, Lodi

Phone: 209-953-3460

Website: [www.SanJoaquinHistory.org](http://www.SanJoaquinHistory.org)

Our December merriment begins in the Cortopassi Building where Santa's Workshop was in full swing the weekend before, though Santa and Mrs. are now too busy to attend. All of the beautiful trees are still up and allow for our leisurely visit. Lodi AAUW has a decorated tree along with about 75 other decorators. It's magical!

Entrance to the Micke Grove Park is \$6 if you are not a member of the Zoo, the Park, or the Historical Society. Hint! See membership information herein (pg. 7), which includes a yearly gate pass. Carpool with other AAUW folk who do have passes or share the \$6 fee. Parking and Museum Entrance are free in front of the Museum with your AAUW name tag. AAUW signs will help you find the way and 49er style Docents (as in 1849) will greet and guide you. Possibly spot a special visitor from Stockton's past - Victorian style!

YOU are part of the festive atmosphere! Wear an Ugly Sweater or your favorite Christmas apron (if you remember what aprons are!) Additionally, we can sing along with the Delta Harmony Xpress. Lodi AAUW members are invited to join with us so we look forward to sharing the morning with them as well. Bring a friend or family member and reserve your spot by December 6<sup>th</sup>. There will be a drawing for a special gift basket for those in attendance. And who knows what might be available in Santa's shop for your own gift giving? See more about our special caterer featured in this "Steamer." We are pleased to provide this "just for fun" event.

### Schedule:

- 10:00am Entrance and Registration  
Coffee/Tea and Chatting
- 10:30am Meeting (Sharp, Short & Sweet)
- 10:40am Speaker Robin Wood,  
Educational & Visitors Services Manager  
"Educational and Fun Events for All Ages  
--- It's Historical!"
- 11:00am Holiday Songs by the Delta  
Harmony Xpress, a Sweet  
Adeline's International Chorus
- 11:20am Off to tour the decorated  
trees in other buildings

Noonish: Buffet style: Tea sandwich  
variety, fruit, and tree ornament cookies by  
M&W Dutch American Bakery, Coffee and tea in  
Santa's Workshop (Cortopassi Building)

**Cost:** \$10 for this special event,  
no "Meeting only"

Museum is open until 4pm, if you want to  
continue on ...

**Reservations Deadline:** Saturday, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>

**Checks Payable to AAUW**

Questions?? Call Pat Fluetsch at 951-6822

**Reservations MADE Must Be PAID.**

**See Map & Directions on Pg. 3**

# President's Message



I think that it's safe to say that we have successfully made the Stockton community aware of who we are at AAUW, Stockton Branch. On Tuesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, I attended the AAUW North San Joaquin District meeting in Modesto. I met with leaders of several AAUW branches in our area. In preparation for the meeting, I assembled a notebook full of newspaper and magazine articles celebrating many of the activities of our branch thus far this year.

The stories start with our speech contest in January, which resulted in our own winner, Anneka Sonstroem, winning the California contest. The next feature is our Black History program, featuring the very talented Donna Armstrong. Our March Trivia Bee participation was highlighted in Life Styles and San Joaquin magazines. The Record published articles and pictures of our Equal Pay Day program at Pacific in April, our STEM mentor and mentee trip to Silver Lake in July, and our participation at the Stockton Pride Festival in August.

The latest additions to my notebook of published articles and pictures feature AAUW events that are very near and dear to me - the Intergenerational Tea at University of the Pacific in October and our annual Home Tour. I am grateful to all of you who made these events possible.

I'm looking forward to seeing you at the December Branch meeting. I'll bring my notebook for you to see.

Ronda Sanders  
President

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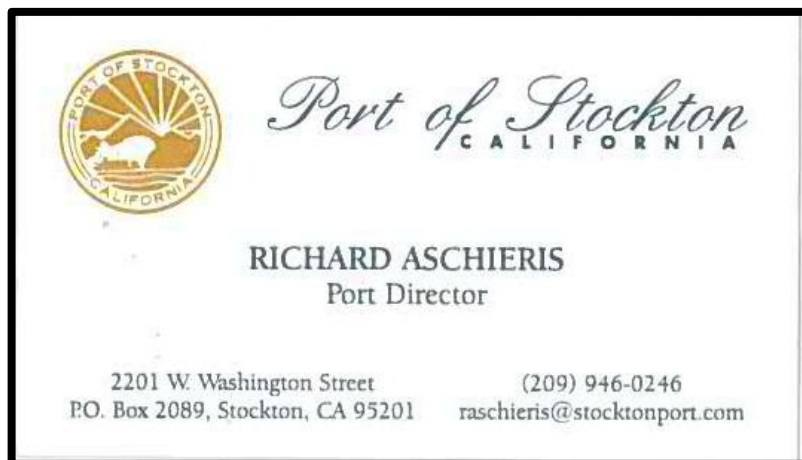
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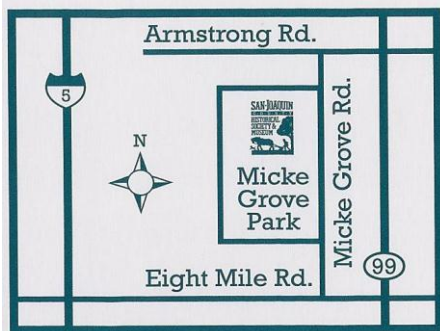
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Suggested directions to Micke Grove, even if you have GPS (from pg.1):



North on West Lane to Armstrong Road, turn right.

Armstrong Road to Micke Grove Road, turn right. **(AAUW sign)**

Entrance gate is next right.

**(AAUW sign)**

Follow the traffic circle all the way

around and left turn at end. **(AAUW sign)**

Left turn into the Museum parking lot **(AAUW sign)**.

(Taking 8 Mile Road east to Micke Grove Road is a poorly-marked and dangerous turn left)

## STEM Trek

The STEM girls enjoyed meeting many AAUW members at the Donati home on the Home Tour. They also had a good time helping and have all vowed that they would have a home that fine someday!

That same week took them to the Dinner with a Scientist event held at the San Joaquin Office of Education. There, they rotated among tables and chatted with different scientists over each course. This activity, as well as the Home Tour and most of our other monthly activities, are all designed to open the girls' eyes to a better future life. The mentors always share that education is the way to achieve that.

Our holiday celebration will start at the Festival of Trees on December 6<sup>th</sup>, followed by dinner at the home of Pam Mallett-Jones. The STEM Girls and mentors wish to thank the members of the Stockton Branch for their continued support of our program and to wish you all Happy Holidays!



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The Flesh Free Gourmet interest group held their quarterly vegetarian dinner at the home of Jeanne Gaia on November 16<sup>th</sup>. This quarter's theme was East Indian fare. The menu consisted of an

appetizer of Green Chutney with Naan, followed by a Muligatawney soup. The entrees were a Stuffed Pepper with yoghurt sauce, Mogul Eggplant and basmati rice. A dessert of Sweet Sheera rounded out this sumptuous and delicious meal. All members went home with full tummies after spending the evening with like-minded, congenial people!

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**We affirm and promote the inherent worth and dignity of every person and are a welcoming congregation.**

## Speech Trek

The 2014/15 Eleanor Stem Allen Memorial Speech Contest will be held at the Wendall Philips Center on the University of the Pacific campus on January 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:30. This semifinal round of the Stockton Branch contest will feature eight high school students speaking to the topic, "College...Worth It?" in 5-6 minute speeches.

Help is needed from the membership to present this event. There is a need for judges, timers and a videographer. If you are able to lend a hand, please contact Pam Mallett-Jones.



# ✂ Directory updates

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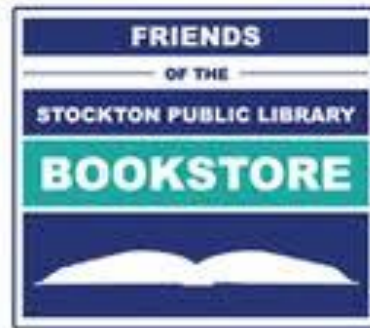
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## **AAUW Holiday Brunch - Interest Group**

*Sat., Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015 at Boudin's, at 10:30am*

Are you interested in food, fun, talking and listening? We are meeting at Boudin's for Brunch at: 5615 Pacific Ave., Stockton. [209-952-2000](tel:209-952-2000). They have great soups and salads! Please email Bobbie at [bobbiej49@aol.com](mailto:bobbiej49@aol.com) or call [209-334-5711](tel:209-334-5711) by Dec. 30<sup>th</sup>, so we will have the right size table for our AAUW Holiday Brunch, 10:30am, Sat. Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015.

*A Tropical Christmas*  
Presented by The Stockton Chorus

**Friday, December 5**  
7:30 pm  
Central United Methodist Church, Stockton


**Saturday, December 6**  
7:30 pm  
St. John's Episcopal Church, Lodi

Celebrating the holidays with music from the tropics around the world - including the Caribbean, Nigeria, Latin America, The Philippines and more.

Purchase tickets online at [www.stocktonchorus.org](http://www.stocktonchorus.org)

# *Title IX Cheerleaders*

## *DECEMBER GAME OF THE MONTH!*

**What:** Women's College Basketball  
Pacific vs. Utah State  
  
**When:** Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>  
Gather—6:45pm  
Game starts—7:00pm  
**Where:** UOP's Spanos Center  
at northwest entrance

**Cost:** \$0

**RSVP:** [cindymilf@comcast.net](mailto:cindymilf@comcast.net) or 477-5984

**Parking:** Anywhere you can find a place!

Last month, members of our Branch's 40-member cheerleading squad watched Pacific's scrappy Lady Tigers play Berkeley's Bears. With free-throws and 3-point outside shots still fresh in our minds, we'll reprise our basketball viewing this month with another visit to UOP's A.G. Spanos Center. Because actual tickets are reserved for us, we again will check in at the box office to the left of the main entrance and sign the AAUW roster. Enter and walk to the right. Look for us in lower Section J seats.



To borrow an official Cheerleaders Squad shirt or to get on our contact list, **phone or e-mail me. (See above).** You are welcome to attend without a special shirt, but to add to the mass of our shirts' color, wear a top of **sky-blue**, if possible. All responding that they will attend will receive a reminder the week prior to the event with details (cost, meeting spot, parking info).  
See you at the game!

## AAUW BRANCH MEETING MINUTES

26 OCTOBER 2014

THE VERESCHAGIN ALUMNI HOUSE,  
UNIVERSITY OF THE PACIFIC

### 4<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL INTERGENERATIONAL TEA TOPIC-COLLEGE: IS IT WORTH IT?

President Ronda Sanders welcomed all members of the sponsoring groups joining AAUW members for this special event. The Associated Students UOP, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., The National Council of Negro Women- Sacramento Valley Section, and the Pacific Alumni Association were in attendance.

Guests attending were Kathy Miller, and Yvonne Flores, Student Body President at Delta College. In June AAUW sponsored two young women, Andrea Paulk, a bio-chemistry major at SJDC and Cecilia Carrillo, a computer engineering major at UOP. They were given scholarships to attend the National Conference of College Women Student Leaders at the University of Maryland. Andrea spoke of the inspiration and confidence she gained from this experience and thanked members for the opportunity.

#### **Panel discussion - College is it Worth it ?**

Marshea Pratt introduced the guest speakers while Dr. Lisa Cooper became the Moderator for the panel discussion. The panel discussed challenges experienced by women of diversity with respect for their cultures, an age span that covered a few generations (92-24), and the decisions these women made before entering college and their determination to complete their education. Financial support was an important issue in their education years just as it is for today's students.

The panel members were Mrs. United America of 2014, Parlisha Watts- Andrews, the Honorable Judge Ann M. Chargin, Esperanza Martinez Vielma, and Beverly Fitch McCarthy. Important points were made. For example, Esperanza felt that women need to be informed, early on, about how to apply for scholarships in order to survive the heavy costs of an education. Parlisha felt that the world opens up to you when you have a college background. Ann Chargin advised that it was never too late to earn a college degree. All agreed that college is absolutely worth the time and the financial investment. As Beverly concluded, "A college education is something that no one can ever take away from you."

The meeting was adjourned at 4 p.m.

Alice Malde- Branch Secretary





AAUW members Joni Bean and Lynda Wong assist students at Lottie Grunsky.

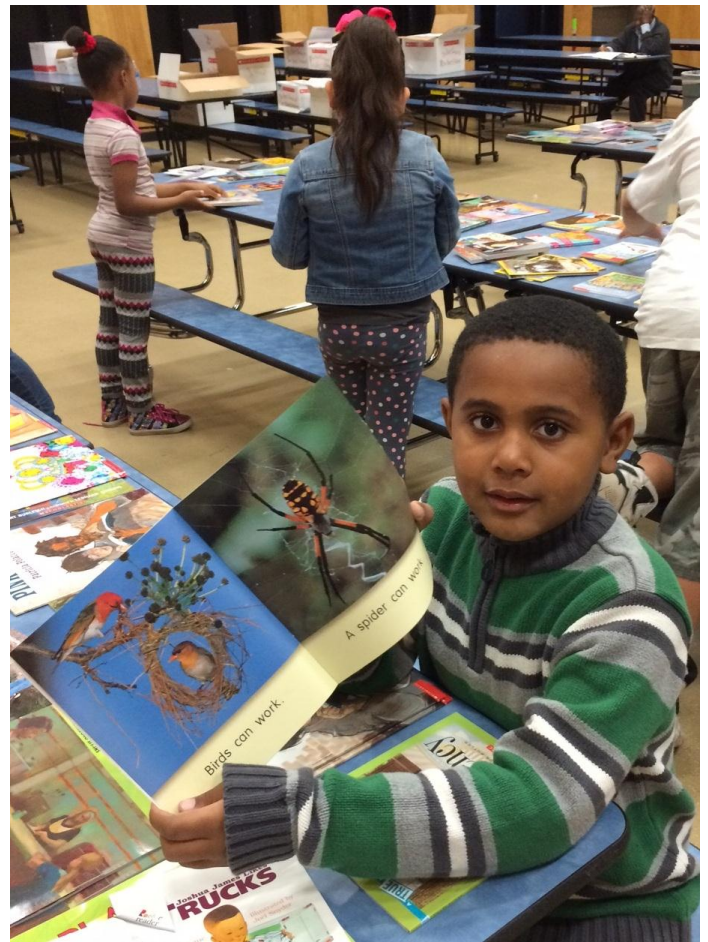
## Macy's Supports Literacy!

"Macy's." The word prompts visions of fashions, furniture, kitchenware, cosmetics—just about anything for home and personal use. But books? Yes, the nation-wide department store provides money to national Reading Is Fundamental, which in turn offers grants to local organizations, like AAUW, with which books can be purchased. With our \$2,000 Macy's grant, Stockton Branch was able to order over 1,000 books in early summer.

And what interesting, beautiful, and varied books they were! Ordered from five different vendors, they included gorgeous hardback volumes about baby animals and dinosaurs, fanciful tales of fairies and goblins, non-fiction works about nature, and stories describing how kids face life's challenges. There were hard-backed treasures and soft-backed pleasures.

The Macy's books were mingled with previously-ordered volumes and offered to over 1,300 kindergarten through sixth grade youngsters at four Stockton Unified schools. (Pictured are children from the TLC school for homeless children). The fall distributions were conducted by AAUW—RIF Liaisons Sharon Marr (Van Buren), Pam Mallett-Jones (Grunsky), and Cindy Milford (Kennedy and TLC's school). AAUW RIF Committee volunteers Joni Bean and Lynda Wong assisted with the Grunsky distribution.

Happily, some books from the Macy's grant remain for the winter distribution when they can delight more children as they foster literacy! Thank you, Macy's!



AAUW member Cindy Milford assists students at TLC.





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**Thank You!** 

# SAVE THE DATES

## California Center for Research on Women and Girls Policy Summit

Wednesday January 14<sup>th</sup>, Sacramento

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### "Into Africa with AAUW"

Saturday, January 17<sup>th</sup>

Dameron Hospital Annex, 445 W. Acacia  
9:30am with Registration and Used Book Sale,  
Meeting and Program, Lunch to follow.

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### Susan B. Anthony Dinner

Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, 5pm

Stockton Country Club

Please plan to attend and support our nominee.  
Volunteers needed to help set the room up on Sunday  
afternoon and to hostess that evening.

Marilyn Wylie - [rwyle@comcast.net](mailto:rwyle@comcast.net)

## Our Festival of Trees Caterer: M & W Dutch American Bakery



For many years now M&W has placed an ad in our "Delta Steamer" and has catered numerous events for us. Starting the bakery in Stockton in 2001, Malou and Wolf are famous for their cinnamon bread (which is also offered at several Farmers' Markets), at times baking as many as 120 loaves a day.

Using the best ingredients they can get, they are sought after for wedding cakes as well as their Princess Cake. If you haven't tried it yet, a Princess cake is three layered enhanced with raspberry Bavarian cream. The dome portion is filled with whipped cream and the outside is covered with marzipan. WOW!

We are grateful for their support as well as for the delicious food they provide. Knowing all the baking activities involved we can only imagine such a busy life. We value their support and in return support them.

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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 stockton-ca.aauw.net Web Page	<a href="mailto:ronsan3628@sbcglobal.net">ronsan3628@sbcglobal.net</a>
Mon	8	6:00pm	Board Meeting	Home of Pat Fluetsch
Sat	13	10:00am	Festival of Trees and Tour	SJ Historical Museum/Micke Grove
			Book Club	None This Month
Tue	16	6:45pm	Game of the Month – Pacific Basketball	UOP Spanos Center
Wed	17	6:30pm	Needlework Meets – New Members Welcome	Home of Coralita Rathhaus