

## CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH

*Theme: A Tribute to Five Influential African American Women*

**Saturday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2014**

Hilton Stockton 2323 Grand Canal Boulevard

National African American History Month is an annual celebration of achievements by Black Americans and a time for recognizing the central role of African Americans in U.S. history. Since 1976, every U.S. President has officially designated the month of February as Black History Month. The American Association of University Women (AAUW) Stockton Branch traditionally joins in on the celebration.

Members of some of Stockton's finest women's organizations have collaborated to plan an exciting and original program for the Stockton Community. The women responsible for this program are as follows:

**Helen Smith**, Co-Program Chair and Past President of AAUW, Inc.

**Shirley Washington**, President of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

**Janie Reddish**, Co-President of Delta Kappa Gamma Society

**Shanelle House**, President of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

**Marcia Elam**, President of the Links, Inc.

Our guest Performer for this event is **Donna Marie Armstrong**. She is a self-described socially-engaged artist who enjoys entertaining, advocating and raising awareness through the use of performing arts. Combining her love of dramatic arts, with her passion for education, and social justice, has allowed her to spread messages of empowerment, peace and hope throughout her community and abroad.

Ms. Armstrong, in her own way, will introduce to some and re-introduce to others five key, influential African American women in history, from colonial to present times.

You don't want to miss this program and this opportunity to pay tribute to these amazing women.

### *Schedule for Collaborative meeting celebrating Black History Month 2014*

**9:30 am** - Registration; Coffee, Tea, Water and Ice-Breaker Game

**10:00 am** - Short Business Meeting AAUW and Introductions of Presidents of Women's Groups

**10:35** - Break - Finish Icebreaker Game

**10:45** - Program - Donna Marie Armstrong/Dramatic Interpreter

**11:30** - Lunch \$25.00

#### Menu:

Broasted Chicken

Green Salad

Macaroni and Cheese Casserole

Green Vegetables

Rolls/Dessert/Lemonade and Iced

Tea/Hot Tea

Or, if you prefer, the Chicken can be replaced with a vegetarian substitute. Your caller will give you the options.

**Reservations Deadline:** Sunday, Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>

**Checks Payable to AAUW**

Questions?? Call Pat Fluetsch at 951-6822

**Reservations MADE Must Be PAID.**

# President's Message



"What do you believe? What are you willing to fight for?" AAUW member Erica DeiRossi, leader of the newly formed AAUW Writers' Group, has challenged the group to write a poem, essay or narrative on this topic. I believe in gender, economic and racial justice. I know that my essay will include the mission of AAUW.

I may not be on the front line of the fight for social justice, but I can do my part by making AAUW's research, philanthropy and advocacy possible. I can participate in our annual Home Tour, which raises money for scholarships, fellowships and grants for women and girls. I can support local high school girls' dreams of attending college by donating goods and working at our STEM Trek mentor program rummage sale. I can donate to our Legal Advocacy Fund through which we support women and girls fighting discrimination and inequality through the courts. I can pay my dues, appreciating that some of my state and national dues are used by AAUW to conduct research that leads to legislation that makes life better for everyone.

I can attend AAUW branch meetings, where I can be educated on issues of social justice. January's branch meeting was such an opportunity. Kathleen Serna-Halliday from the Women's Center-Youth and Family Services opened our eyes and our hearts to the plight of the victims of human trafficking. Now that I am informed, I can call the National Human Trafficking Hotline at 1-888-373-7888 if I suspect that someone is a victim. I can encourage AAUW to support legislation to combat this scourge.

Ronda Sanders  
President



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# Title IX Cheerleaders

## FEBRUARY GAME OF THE MONTH!

**What:** High School Girls Basketball  
The Lincoln Trojans vs. the Tracy Bulldogs



**When:** Thursday, Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>, 4pm  
**Where:** Lincoln High School's gym  
6844 Alexandria Place  
A future e-mail will tell directions.

**Cost:** Free

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

Thanks, Pam Mallett-Jones, for arranging this Game of the Month! Her husband Tom is the Lincoln coach, so we'll be able to chat with his team and perhaps the Tracy girls before action starts.



For the second month in a row, we'll be supporting freshman girls as they play their hearts out on the basketball court. These young female athletes will really value our presence in the bleachers since adult supporters are more likely to attend the later junior varsity and varsity games. 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 sky 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 like directions to the parking area. See you at the game!



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# STEM Trek

The STEM Trekkers kicked off the new year with "pizza and resolutions" on January 20<sup>th</sup>. The girls were invited to list their resolutions and seal them in envelopes to be opened in January 2015. Periodically through the year the mentors will remind them to stay the course toward the attainment of their resolutions. Following our pizza talk we proceeded to the Life First Training Center for a class on money management for teens, including information about checking and savings accounts, credit cards, and preparing for the future. I'm sure that many of you reading this now wish that you could have had such a class in your teens! I know I do!

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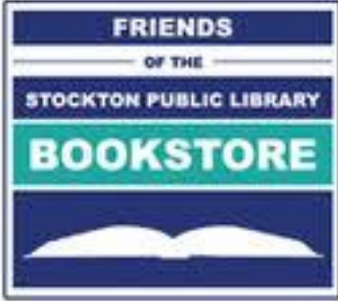
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## Susan B. Anthony



Congratulations go to Cindy Milford, AAUW's nominee, who has been selected by the SJC Commission on the Status of Women to receive the Susan B. Anthony award for outstanding volunteerism in the Community Service category.

The Commission created this achievement award to honor women who have excelled in their chosen category and have, through their dedication, talent and untiring efforts, raised the status of humankind in SJC. The Susan B. Anthony award was established in 1975 by the Commission, directed by Beverly Fitch McCarthy, our 50+ year member.

We would also like to acknowledge JoAnne Garrett, (who has been a member of AAUW over 50 years), who has also been selected to receive this prestigious award. JoAnne was nominated by Delta Kappa Gamma.

Both of these ladies have made large contributions to AAUW and dedication to improving the lives of women and girls.

The Susan B. Anthony Awards dinner will be held on Saturday, February 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm at the Stockton Golf and Country Club. The cost is \$45. The check should be made out to "SJCCSW" and mailed to Helen Smith, by January 31<sup>st</sup>. All checks have to be sent together. Please come out and support the awardees.


The 5<sup>th</sup> annual Rummage Sale to support our branch's STEM Trek Mentor Program will be held on **Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014**. (Yes, this is several weeks later than our previous sales.)

It's still not too early to start setting aside items you would like to donate to this worthy cause. Remember your donations are tax-deductible.

Because of space limitations, our first collection day won't be until May 10<sup>th</sup>. Watch for later Steamer articles for specific drop-off dates and information on how to arrange for a pick-up of your items.

Thank you for your continued support. It allows us to provide rewarding experiences for the young women in our mentor group.

Paula Almaas  
Mentor and Rummage Sale Chair



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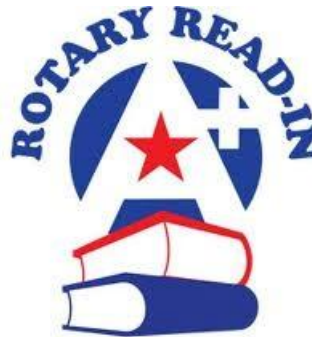
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(Sunday School; Childcare provided)

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



The Rotary Read-In is scheduled for Thursday, February 27<sup>th</sup> in the am. We have been requested to provide volunteers to read at Commodore Skills Elem. School.

We need 25 volunteers. If interested, notify Bette Outlaw, 477-3709.

More information will be sent electronically.

## Directory updates

### College/University Partner: San Joaquin Delta College

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U of Michigan

(2) Valerie Stewart-Green, (replaces Dr. Charles Jennings as the second Delta rep—no contact information available at this time)

### New Member:

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Stockton 95219, (h) 477-0238,  
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### Corrected email for Harriet Judson:

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### **AAUW Book Group II Book Discussion** **Please Look After Mom – Kyung Sook Shin** **February 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Discussion Leader: Kay Owen**  
**Hostess: Helen Vignolo**



A million-plus-copy best seller in Korea—a magnificent English-language debut poised to become an international sensation—this is the stunning, deeply moving story of a family's search for their mother, who goes missing one afternoon amid the crowds of the Seoul Station subway. Told through the piercing voices and urgent perspectives of a daughter, son, husband, and mother, this book is at once an authentic picture of contemporary life in Korea and a universal story of family love. You will never think of your mother the same way again after you read this book.

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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.

## *February 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>
Sat	1	8:30-Noon	Board Meeting Retreat	Marilyn Wylie's Home
Thu	6	4:00pm	Title IX Game of the Month – Lincoln vs. Tracy	Lincoln High Gym
Sat	15	5:30pm	Susan B. Anthony Awards	Stockton Golf & Country Club
Sun	16	All Day	Branch Meeting Reservation Deadline	Pat Fluetsch, 951-6822
Tue	18	7:00pm	AAUW Book Group <u>Please Look After Mom</u> By Kyung Sook Shin	Discussion Leader: Kay Owen Hostess: Helen Vignolo
Wed	19	6:30pm	Needlework Meets – New Members Welcome	Home of Coralita Rathhaus
Sat	22	9:30am	Black History Month – Program/Celebration	Stockton Hilton