

## Trailblazers: African American Women Firsts Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Stockton Hilton - 2323 Grand Canal Blvd.

National African American History month or Black History Month is an annual celebration of the achievements of African 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.

Once again, AAUW has joined forces and collaborated with members of other women's organizations to plan our 4<sup>th</sup> Annual African American History Program for the Stockton Community.

The collaboration includes the following organizations and their representatives:

**Lisa Cooper-Wilkins**, President of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc.

**Janie Reddish**, Member of Delta Kappa Gamma Society Inc.

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

**Helen Smith**, American Association of University Women

**Gloria Johnson**, NAACP Stockton Branch  
**Essie Gilchrist**, Women of Color Organization

Our theme speaker is none other than the renowned **Dr. Heather Knight, President Emeritus of Pacific Union College**. She has many distinguished awards and honors, including, but not limited to, having been a Provost for the University of the Pacific here in Stockton.

### Schedule:

9:30 Registration/Coffee/Meet & Greet

9:30 Welcome Announcements/ Janie

Reddish, Member of Kappa Gamma Society

10:15 Program

"Lift Every Voice and Sing"

Shirley Washington of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc.

Video Presentation of Women

Trailblazers

Mime Presentation by V.I.P. Y.E.S.S.

(Community Youth Team Projects)

Acknowledgement of local "Trailblazers"

**Keynote Speaker- Dr. Heather Knight**

**President Emeritus of Pacific Union College**

*Moment of silence before Lunch*

Cindy Milford of AAUW Stockton Branch

11:30 Lunch:

Pre-dressed Garden Salad with Ranch

Dressing, Roasted Chicken (6oz) with Herb Rub, Served with Macaroni and Cheese, Green Beans with Bacon, White Chocolate Bread Pudding with Whipped Cream, Baked Rolls and Butter, Coffee Hot Tea and Iced Tea

*A Vegetarian option will be offered - Chef's Choice - (Usually a Tasty Lasagna) Please let your caller know.*

**Cost:** \$30 Per Person

**Reservation Deadline:** Sunday, Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>

**Checks Payable to AAUW**

**Reservations:** Call Joan Erreca,

Reservations Chair 478-1457

**Reservations MADE Must Be PAID.**

# President's Message



"Women's rights are human rights." Stockton AAUW members were among the millions who marched nationwide on Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup> to deliver this message. We will continue to raise our voices on issues critical to women and girls, and to AAUW. We have the opportunity to carry on the march's momentum by taking action on items important to AAUW. Become a Two Minute Activist by joining the AAUW Action Network today. Sign up at <http://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/public-policy/two-minute-activist/>

Thank you for nominating me for this year's Susan B. Anthony Award, sponsored by the San Joaquin County Commission on the Status of Women. I will humbly accept the award at the Susan B. Anthony banquet on February 15<sup>th</sup>. I will be recognized in the category of Women's Rights," which was made possible because I work on women's issues through AAUW. Congratulations to AAUW member Marilyn Wylie, who will receive the Susan B. Anthony Award in the category of Community Service.

Ronda Sanders  
President



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*Last month's branch meeting program featured "Ladies of the Law" San Joaquin County Sheriff's Deputy Irene Shelvay, Stockton Police Department recruiting officer Georgette Brown and California Highway Patrol Vice Chief Jonni Fenner.*

# STEM Trek



The beginning of the New Year signals our new STEM girls, the eighth graders, to begin thinking about which high school will offer them the best education. Unlike years past, there are many choices available to them: Special programs offering an emphasis in such things as health care or technology, charter schools offering rigorous academic programs as well as the traditional comprehensive high school programs. Mentors attempt to work with our students to insure the best fit for them.


At the same time our seniors have already filed their applications for college and are waiting "on pins and needles" for the decisions. They are turning their attention to a search for funding including scholarships, loans and grants. If any branch members know of a funding source, please share that with us.

Our January group activity was held at the Life First Training Center where the girls learned about job skills such as resumes, interviews, applications, etc. Some of our girls are looking for part time jobs now. Again, if you know of one please contact us.

Our February activity promises to be enlightening. New member, Professor Shelly Gulatti has arranged with some of her colleagues to spend the morning at UOP, learning about women in engineering. A campus tour will follow lunch in the student union. We'll report back on this experience in the Steamer next month.

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# Speech Trek

Is it time to pass the Equal Rights Amendment? That is the issue that the speakers in the annual AAUW Speech Trek Speech Contest examined. Students from several area high schools treated their audience to their insights in 5-6 minute speeches.

The judges, AAUW members Shari DeAngelis, Julie Pichardo and Hugh Lilly rated each speaker on content, organization and delivery. Jeanne Gaia acted as the official timer, and guest, Yanik Ruley, was the videographer. If you were unable to attend you will be able to view the winning speech on YouTube soon. The results were: 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Taminya Nawabi from Lathrop High School, 2<sup>nd</sup> place Kalani Gaines and 1<sup>st</sup> place Allison To, both from Bear Creek High School. Allison's speech will go on to compete regionally and possibly at the state level at this year's convention in Sacramento.



*L to R- Allison To, 1<sup>st</sup> place; Kalani Gaines, 2<sup>nd</sup> place; Pam Mallett Jones, event coordinator; and Taminya Nawabi, 3<sup>rd</sup> place.*



*A few of the members of AAUW Stockton Branch who attended the Women's March on Sacramento on January 21<sup>st</sup>*

## *Title IX Cheerleaders*

### *FEBRUARY GAME OF THE MONTH!*

**What:** College Women's Basketball  
Pacific Tigers vs. Gonzaga Zags

**When:** Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2pm

**Where:** UOP's Spanos Center



Check in at the Will Call/Pass Window at left of the northwest entrance of the Spanos Center. Look for blue-shirted AAUW sisters (and brothers)

in section J at the left of the main aisle as you walk toward the snack bar.

**Cost:** Free

**Parking:** In the parking lot to the left of the Alpine Ave. entrance to UOP's campus, just east of Pershing Ave.

**RSVP:** Cindy Milford at

[askwhynotnow@gmail.com](mailto:askwhynotnow@gmail.com)

(note my new e-mail address) or at 477-5984

**Deadline:** Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, by noon!

*Family members and significant others are welcome, but we must have their names, as well as yours, on the check-in list.*

Since Delta College and University of the Pacific are AAUW's Institutional Partners, our AAUW Title IX Cheerleaders will be attending sporting events at the two schools this winter and spring. As we attend each local athletic event, we'll be supporting

female athletes while raising AAUW's profile in the community.



At our January Game of the Month, six Cheerleaders watched a nail-biting basketball battle between Pacific and U.S.F., culminating in a come-from-behind victory for the Tigers. This month we'll again view Pacific women as they shoot, pass, and dribble against the Zags of Gonzaga College. Members of our Branch's 40-person cheerleading squad will wear their bright blue T-shirts proclaiming "AAUW Supports Title IX!" To borrow a loaner shirt sizes M, L, or XL, contact me ahead of time. (See RSVP.) You do not need to have an official shirt to add your voice to the cheers, however. Simply wear a **sky-blue shirt or sweater** to the game.

You will receive an e-mailed reminder the weekend prior to the event with details (confirmed cost—usually \$0, directions, parking). See you at the game!



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# A Little Bird Told You!

*The RIF Bird sang passionately:*



*"Children need books that are free.*

*So mail in your dollars*

*And create little scholars*

*By increasing kids' literacy!"*

Yes, it's February and RIF fundraising time again. In the second week of February, check your mail for a legal-size white envelope from AAUW-Stockton with a **bird face (eyes and beak)** on the front. Don't toss it! There's a **47-cent songbird stamp** inside and directions on how to win a **\$25 Early Bird prize** (a gift card from Trader Joe's). More important, you'll be guided in how to **respond to the Little RIF Bird's plea for help**.

RIF is America's oldest and largest literacy nonprofit, managed locally since 1978 by AAUW—Stockton Branch. Federal funding evaporated in 2012, so K-5 and K-6 (varying with the venue and the distribution date) students at four underserved Stockton schools rely on donations from individuals like you, as well as grant money when available. In the school year 2015-16, over 1,350 children chose books at two distributions at an average cost of \$2/book. Students shared reasons they love RIF: "I never liked to read until now!" "I now can read with my family." These comments illustrate how your RIF dollars advance literacy and the love of reading!

Cindy Milford, AAUW/RIF Coordinator



## Directory update

Please make the following changes to your Directory:

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## HAGGIN MUSEUM DEPARTMENT OF MUSEUM TRAVEL

### MONET: THE EARLY YEARS

The Legion of Honor, San Francisco

Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Time: 8:00 – 6:00

\$88 for Haggin Museum, OLLI, SICL members, \$123 for non-members

For more information call tour escort: Susan Lee (209) 481-0196

For Reservations: Merylene Marengo (209) 940-6311

Reservations by February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017

No refunds after February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017

### ALLIED ART GUILD and the CANTOR ART CENTER

Menlo Park and Stanford University

Wednesday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017

Time: 8:00 – 6:00

\$70 for Haggin Museum, OLLI, SICL members, \$105 for non-members

For more information call tour escort: Susan Lee (209) 481-0196

For Reservations: Merylene Marengo (209) 940-6311

Reservations by May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017

No refunds after May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017

### ASHLAND, OREGON SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL

Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup> – Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Time: 8am – 5:30pm

Double occupancy - \$1,075.00 per person,

Single occupancy - \$1,325.00

For more information call tour escorts: Jackie Sinigaglia (209) 481-9183

or Beverly Fitch McCarthy (209) 463-6957

For reservations: Merylene Marengo (209) 940-6311

Reservations by August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017 No refunds after

August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017 (\$500 will hold reservation, ASAP)

### ELKHORN SLOUGH BOAT SAFARI AND NATIONAL ESTUARINE RESERVE VISITOR CENTER

April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017 trip is full, Waiting list for the next trip,

Call Joan Mifsud (209) 403-5438

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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 and girls 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>
Wed	15	5:30pm	Susan B. Anthony Awards Banquet	Stockton Golf and Country Club
Sun	18	All Day	Reservation Deadline	Joan Erreca – 478-1457
Mon	20	6:00pm	Board Meeting	Home of Ronda Sanders 3628 Mill Springs Drive
Tue	21	7:00pm	AAUW Book Group – <u>Marriage of Opposites</u> by Alice Hoffman	Reviewer: Jeanne Gaia Hostess: Helen Vignolo
Sat	25	9:00am	Trailblazers: African American Women Firsts	Stockton Hilton