

LET'S GET "POWER AGAINST FRAUD!"

Saturday, January 12th, 2013

Marie Callender's - 2628 W. March Lane

We have all heard about people who have been defrauded and the many types of scams used to do so. We all want to believe we could never be the victim, but *are we really safe?*

Suzanne Schultz, the coordinator of the Family Crimes Unit of the San Joaquin District Attorney's Office, will be here to educate us about protecting ourselves from physical and financial abuse, checking our credit reports and avoiding telemarketing and online scams, as well as investment scams. Since 2004, Suzanne has been in charge of this unit, which also handles felony Domestic Violence, Child and Elder Abuse and Sexual Assault.

Her presentation, "Power Against Fraud," provides us with an excellent opportunity to gain the knowledge needed to avoid becoming one of those victims.

Come acquire this essential Power!

Schedule:

9:00 Registration
9:30 Breakfast Buffet
10:30 Program
"Power Against Fraud"
Suzanne Schultz, SJDAO

Breakfast Buffet: (\$17)

Includes:

Scrambled Eggs
Bacon
Quiche
Breakfast Potatoes
Seasonal Fruit/Chilled Juices
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Coffee & Tea

Reservations Deadline: Sunday, Jan. 6th

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Co-Presidents' Message



A new year offers all of us the opportunity to reflect on the year just past and make plans for the future. (Not to mention those pesky New Year's Resolutions). The 2012 AAUW year will be remembered by your co-presidents as the year we strengthened our ties with the University of the Pacific, joined the Stockton Women's Network, and raised our visibility in the community by participating in such events as the Fourth of July Parade, the "Stockton is Magnificent" event and the "It's My Vote, I Will Be Heard" tea. Our branch meetings continued to be informative, inspirational and fun under our wonderful program vice-presidents, Cara Davis, Helen Smith and Cindy Milford, who completed her term in June.

Our branch has so much to look forward to in 2013. We will be working with the University of the Pacific's Women's Resource Center to fund a scholarship to the NCCWSL conference. Pacific student Kayla Chun is designing an exciting campaign to enroll Pacific students in AAUW. Of course, we'll continue the good work of our branch such as speech and essay contests, scholarships, LAF, RIF, Tech Trek and STEM Trek. We're counting on our terrific members to help in these worthwhile endeavors.

AAUW is dedicated to the empowerment of women and girls. Join us at this month's branch meeting where Suzanne Schultz of the Office of the District Attorney, will talk on the power against fraud.

Happy New Year to all of you!

Bette Outlaw, Ronda Sanders
Co-presidents



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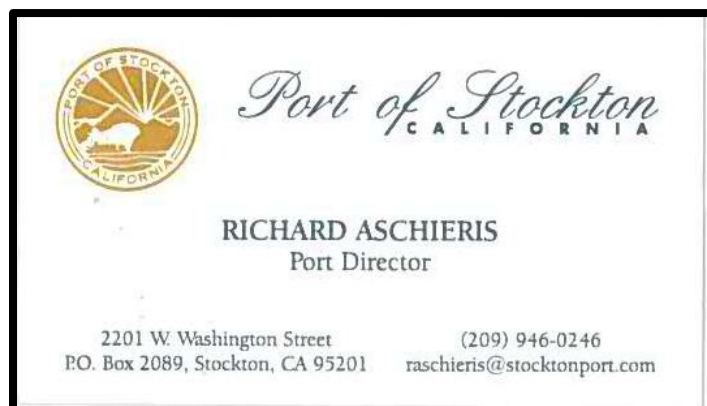
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Stem Trek

The STEM girls and mentors are still humming after attending the Delta Harmony Xpress Holiday Show on December 8th. The girls helped run the box office and basket raffle, and proved again how responsible they are. After the show, the whole group arrived at mentor Cheryl Meeker's home for a festive dinner and fabulous conversation. There, they were joined by former STEM Girls Leslie and Blanca, who talked about their first semesters in college. This year's Christmas gifts to the girls were pedometers to help them make healthy choices in 2013.

The real buzz of the evening came in discussing January's activity: a weekend trip to the Monterey area for a guided seal walk at Año Nuevo State Beach and tide pooling at Point Lobos, along with a tour of CSU Monterey. The STEM girls are a lucky bunch, and the mentors consider themselves lucky to be acquainted with them.

As you probably know, our annual rummage sale on the first Saturday in April completely funds our program. Please save appropriate items for our sale or and/or volunteer to help put it on. You will literally be helping to change the lives of girls.

KATHLEEN M. SOLARI, CPA

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Speech Trek

The annual Stockton Branch Speech Trek will be held on Wednesday, January 16th at 5:30pm in the Janet Leigh Theater on the U.O.P. campus. Under the direction of Pam Mallett-Jones, eight high school students will speak on the subject of sexual harassment in schools. The winner of the local competition will go on to compete at the state level. We hope branch members will attend this enjoyable evening and support these courageous young people.

Bee a Good Sport

The Trivia Bee is scheduled for March 15th, 2013. Stockton Branch will be able to participate this year, thanks to the generosity of one of our members, Della Richardson. Della has offered to pay the team participant fee of \$550.

Now we need your help. We need someone to step up and Chair the Trivia Bee Committee. The chairperson would be responsible for putting a committee together to decorate the table using the theme this year of "Bee a Good Sport."

Next, we need to have a team of three who are knowledgeable in the sports field. Is that you?

Lastly, we need as many attendees as possible to cheer on our team. The tickets are \$20. It is really a fun event.

Contact Ronda at ronsan3628@sbcglobal.net, or Bette at bou82235@aol.com, if interested.

Rarely do we get a response when asking for help thru the Steamer; let's make this an exception!

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We are beginning our new year for Afternoon BUNCO Group and would welcome new members to join us. We meet on the 4th /or last Wednesday of each month beginning any time after 1pm, but certainly by 1:15 (when you earn an Early BUNCO) and often complete our game by 3:45. It is fun, nonsensical and noisy - so do consider joining our merry group either to fill a vacancy or to be a substitute.

Please give a call to Patricia Voss [209-957-1010](tel:209-957-1010)

Title IX Cheerleaders

JANUARY GAME OF THE MONTH!

What: Lincoln High School vs. Bear Creek High School varsity basketball game



When: Thursday, January 24th
7pm

Where: Lincoln High Main Gym

Cost: Free

Join the sea of "Ladies in blue!" The Title IX cheerleaders will kick off our 2013 year of supporting girls' and women's sports with a Lincoln High School vs. Bear Creek High School varsity basketball game. Thursday, January 24th, 7pm, in the Lincoln High School Main Gym. The Title IX cheerleaders will be admitted free of charge!

You may officially join the squad by buying a shirt (see enclosed order sheet), or you may simply add your voice to the cheers. **Phone 477-5984 to get on our e-mail/phone list.** You'll receive a reminder the week prior to the event with details (cost—usually \$0, meeting spot). See you at the game!



The 4th Annual Rummage Sale to support our branch's STEM Trek Mentor Program will be held on Saturday, April 6th. It's not too early to start setting aside items you would like to donate to this worthy cause. How about all those Christmas presents that you just received but will never use?

Watch for more details in future Steamer issues about where and when to drop off your donations, or how to arrange for a pick up.

Thank you all for your continued support.

Paula Almaas



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Revisiting Girls Wrestling

Once again, the AAUW Cheerleaders attended the Bear Creek Wrestling Tournament after the Christmas luncheon on Dec. 8th. Changing from Christmas finery to our cheerleader shirts, five dedicated cheerleaders hit the road to Bear Creek High School. The gym was completely packed with athletes of both genders, parents, judges, and referees. We were prepared with our stools and lounge chairs, as it was Standing Room Only. After last year's introduction, the group knew a bit more about this individual sport. Some schools have girls divisions, while others such as Bear Creek have girls on the same team as boys. Rounds are determined by weight class. Most of us were able to speak to individual female wrestlers, telling them about Title IX and how proud we were to see them competing in such a difficult sport. All the girls were friendly and interested in our comments. Thank you to Patricia Voss, Peggy Guttieri, Cindy Milford, Helen Trotter, and Pat Davis who attended this inspiring athletic event.



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New Members Meeting Resumes

Our New Members group didn't meet in December, but we will resume monthly meetings on January 30th at 5:30pm at Mimi's Cafe. We plan to begin discussion ideas for the May branch meeting. Please come with your creative energy!

Julie Pichardo

Home Tour Wrap-Up

2012 has been especially challenging for Stockton. We have weathered another year of real estate foreclosures, our city was forced into bankruptcy, and violence is seen on many street corners. Our members demonstrated the true Heart of Stockton by continuing the Home Tour tradition. Hard work and a "can do" spirit have resulted in another financial success.

Our net profit for the 61st Annual Home Tour was \$9,069.57!!! Thanks to the efforts of Underwriting Chair, Jean Knight, we received \$1,050 in community support. Another \$195.00 was raised through Home Tour advertisements. This more than covered the \$837.43 we had in expenses for printing invitations, posters and tickets, mailings, refreshments, gifts for the homeowners and balloons.

Out of our total Home Tour proceeds, our branch donated \$3,775 to the Educational Opportunities Fund, two \$1,000 Delta Scholarships and the rest was added to our Community Outreach Fund to support Tech Trek, Speech Trek, RIF (Reading Is Fundamental), Essay Contest and STEM Mentor Programs.

We received an additional \$150 in direct Home Tour donations, \$100 donated by Marianne McCarroll of Marianne's Pantry and \$100 donated by Carol Kannberg in memory of Ginger Debow. Together with donations received from our members throughout the year, this year's Branch contribution to the Educational Opportunities Fund was \$4,310.

We recently were informed by the AAUW National office through Sharon Westafer, California AAUW Funds Director and Scheduler, that members of Stockton Branch had contributed an additional \$1,070 to AAUW Funds in 2012.

We should all be very proud of our support to educational and lifelong learning opportunities that give women a chance for a lifetime of success.

Patricia Miller, Financial V.P.



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Legal Advocacy Case Updates

In September, on the recommendation of the LAF Committee and the approval of the AAUW board, the AAUW Legal Advocacy Funds disbursed \$27,250 in member donations to seven cases. These cases continue.

Northern California Wal-Mart

Following a Federal Court ruling regarding an initial suit representing plaintiffs nationwide -- *Wal-Mart v. Dukes* -- smaller claims were filed, including one on behalf of Wal-Mart employees in Northern California. Failing a request from Wal-Mart to dismiss the case, the Federal court cleared the case to proceed. In the initial national suit filed in 2001, plaintiffs accused Wal-Mart of engaging in discriminatory practices against some 90,000 women employees.

To support plaintiffs in the case, AAUW rallied outside an appeals court on behalf of plaintiffs in the case and to urge Congressional passage of Equal Employment Opportunity Restoration Act to remedy Federal court decisions that limited the rights of plaintiffs to bring discrimination suits on a national basis.

Feather River Community College cases

For four years AAUW has supported three lawsuits against Feather River Community College here in Northern California. Plaintiffs are former employees who claim they were discriminated against due to their gender in violation of Title IX. They also charge that the college retaliated against them for raising the issue internally. A state personnel board judge ruled in favor of the plaintiffs but the state personnel board subsequently rejected the judge's ruling. Plaintiff's lawyer is appealing the decision.

Good news

We helped recruit young voters at University of the Pacific and signed a few new student members to AAUW this Fall. We hope that our efforts at the University helped to boost an increase in young people voting in San Joaquin County.



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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.

January Calendar

| Day | Date | Time | Event | Location/Contact |
|-----|------|----------------|---|--|
| | | Online Anytime | Submission of Articles/Pictures for aauwstockton.org Web Page | katienal@comcast.net |
| Sun | 6 | All Day | Branch Meeting Reservation Deadline | Pat Fluetsch, 951-6822 |
| Mon | 7 | 6:00pm | Board Meeting | Home of Bette Outlaw |
| Mon | 7 | 7:00pm | Literary Society Book Club <u>Hothouse Flower and Nine Plants of Desire</u> By Margot Berwin | Patricia Davis , Hostess Kendra Hall, Reviewer |
| Sat | 12 | 9:00am | "Power Against Fraud!" | Marie Calender's |
| Tue | 15 | 7:00pm | <u>Lemon Tree</u> By Sandy Tolan | Discussion Leader: Helen Mar Hostesses: Irma St. John |
| Wed | 16 | 5:30pm | Speech Trek | Janet Leigh Theater - UOP |
| Wed | 16 | 6:30pm | Needlework Meets – New Members Welcome! | Home of Coralita Rathhaus |
| Thu | 24 | 7:00pm | Title IX Cheerleaders – Game of the Month | Basketball – Lincoln High Gym |
| Wed | 30 | 5:30pm | New Members Meeting | Mimi's / Julie Pichardo |