

Into Africa with AAUW

Saturday, January 17th, 2015

Dameron Hospital Annex, 445 W. Acacia

Our Join us on January 17th as our speakers take us "INTO Africa". They address issues of poverty and empowering women in two countries in the huge continent: Kenya and Uganda. Poverty is intense, where the average income is \$2 per day. Children often eat their only meal of the day at school, and women, many widowed, strive to feed and shelter extended families in small, crowded houses. It is a new definition of "poverty." How do women help?

Our speakers Peggy Traverso and Diane Morgali will vicariously include us in their on-going work and answer our questions. We ask them "How did YOU decide to take up this challenge?" Indeed as we are now a global community, we learn that AAUW also takes a stand regarding women and girls everywhere.

YOU travel along with us and are welcome to wear, bring or share any mementoes from your own experience, real or imagined, of Africa.

Co-Chairs Program: Peggy Guttieri and Pat Hague



Important!!!!!! Mark Your Calendars!

February Program Date Change:

The February Program will now be on February 14th instead of the 21st.

Schedule:

9:30-10:00 Registration, Book Sale,
Coffee and Tea

10:00-10:25 Meeting

10:25-10:30 Break

10:30- 11:30 Program

Peggy Traverso, Kenya: "RROP: Red Rhino
Orphanage Project"

Diane Morgali, Uganda: "AOET : AIDS Orphans
Education Trust," and "Bugembe
Women's Resource Center"

11:45 Lunch

Buffet Menu:

Seasonal mixed salad with wheat and white rolls
Chicken Picatta and Seafood Carbonara with
whole wheat pasta

Garlic and herb-roasted "smashed" potatoes and
seasonal local vegetables

Strawberry cheese cake

Decaf coffee, tea and water

Meeting with lunch \$15, Meeting only \$5

Reservation Deadline: Sunday, Jan. 11th

Checks Payable to AAUW

Questions?? Call Pat Fluetsch at 951-6822

Reservations MADE Must Be PAID.

President's Message



I hope that everyone had a happy holiday season. For me, the December AAUW branch meeting was one of the best ever! Peggy Guttieri's idea to have the meeting at the San Joaquin Historical Museum was brilliant. I'm looking forward to the winter and spring 2015 meetings that she and her co-program vice president Pat Hague are planning.

This is the time of year for reflection, resolution and prediction. For reflection, I reread my president's message in the January 2014 Steamer and was glad to see that we made great progress in the year 2014. AAUW Stockton Branch added 23 new members. Home Tour 2014 was a resounding success with 430 tickets sold. This is only 4 fewer tickets than were sold in 2013. Not since 2004 and 2005 have the number of tickets sold been in the 400's. Seems like we are doing something right!

Our local college partnerships are stronger than ever. We now have nearly 300 students enrolled as e-student affiliates. For the first time, along with a Pacific student, we sent a Delta College student to the National Conference of College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL). Andrea Paulk from Delta College gave a most inspiring speech about her NCCWSL experience at the Intergenerational Tea that AAUW Stockton cosponsored at University of the Pacific in October.

As for resolution, I resolve to continue spreading the word in our community about the good work that is done through AAUW. And I predict that with your help, AAUW Stockton Branch will be bigger and better than ever in 2015.

Ronda Sanders
President

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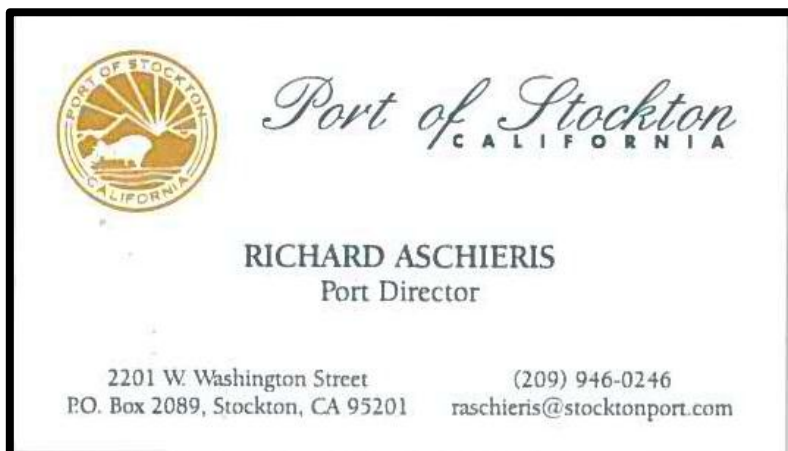
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STEM Trek

The STEM Trek girls and mentors spent a beautiful holiday afternoon at the Festival of Trees at the San Joaquin Historical Museum at Micke Grove on December 6th. There, they toured over 60 decorated trees and sampled delectable desserts. Following that, they made their way to the home of mentor Pam Mallett-Jones for dinner and celebration. As with all of the STEM activities, there were lessons to be learned, such as which fork to use, when a written thank you is appropriate, and other points of etiquette. All girls were presented with a small gift, and the four new girls received a copy of Manners Matter for Students, which has become a STEM Trek tradition.

Mentor Virginia Johannson has arranged a wonderful field trip for them on January 20th. Ginny's daughter works at the Seismic Laboratory in Berkeley and has offered to familiarize our group with the facility and also arrange for a tour of UC Berkeley. Thanks to our chapter of AAUW, these 14 girls are having invaluable experiences and having their worlds expanded.

We are still hoping to find benefactors to help fund our program. If you know of a person or foundation that we can contact about this matter, please call Sally Hall, who has agreed to handle this chore for us.



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Wed. Afternoon Bunco Donation

Thank you, Bunco Babes, for your \$60 gift to RIF. Contributors included Patricia Voss, Kathy White, Jan Heiman, Irma St John, Dorothy Levy, Jackie Winterhalder and Bette Outlaw. This donation will fund a number of books.



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Speech Trek

The annual Eleanor Stem Allen Memorial Speech Contest will be held on Friday, January 9th, 2015, 5:30, at Wendell Phillips Center at the University of the Pacific. The eight area high school finalists will deliver 5-6 minute speeches on the topic, "College: Is it worth the time and expense?" Members and the public are invited to attend and will find it extremely interesting.

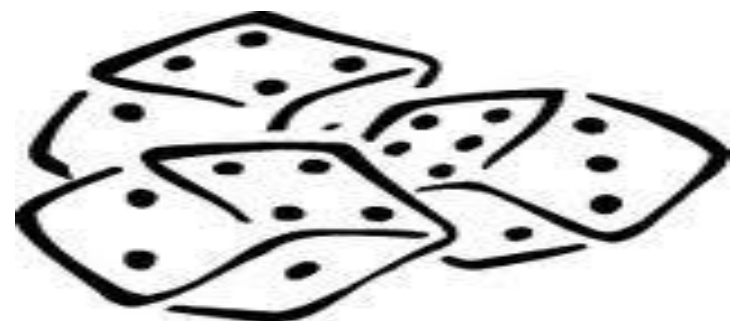
The winner of the 2014 Stockton Branch contest went on to represent us and win at the State level! Once again, Stockton Branch has proven to be outstanding in the State!

Help is needed in the following areas: timers, judges, and a videographer. It is necessary to video record each speech and make a DVD of the winning speech. If you or someone you know can assist us in this area, please call Pam Mallett-Jones.

Home Tour a Success

Thank you all for making this year's Home Tour another smashing success. Your time and monetary contributions ensures the continuation and even enhancement of Stockton Branch philanthropic projects. We sold 431 tickets. Our net profit was \$13,813.37. You are THE Best members!

Bette Outlaw, Financial V.P.



NWHM

NATIONAL
WOMEN'S
HISTORY
MUSEUM

Good news for the National Women's History Museum! For several years, many have been trying to get support from Congress to build a museum on or near the National Mall in Washington, DC, to honor the role of women in our national life and culture. Support for this project has been included in legislation just passed by both the House and Senate and contained in the Department of Defense Authorization package. The legislation creates a Congressional Commission to develop a feasibility plan for building of this museum. The museum will be funded by private donations. No federal funds will be used.

Major support for this mission came from a bipartisan group of women legislators.

Women get things done!

Marilyn Wylie

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

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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COMING UP

SAVE THE DATES

California Center for Research on Women and Girls Policy Summit

Wednesday, January 14th
Sacramento

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### Susan B. Anthony Dinner

Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, 5pm  
Stockton Country Club

Please plan to attend. Volunteers are needed to help set-up the room on Sunday afternoon and to hostess that evening.

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

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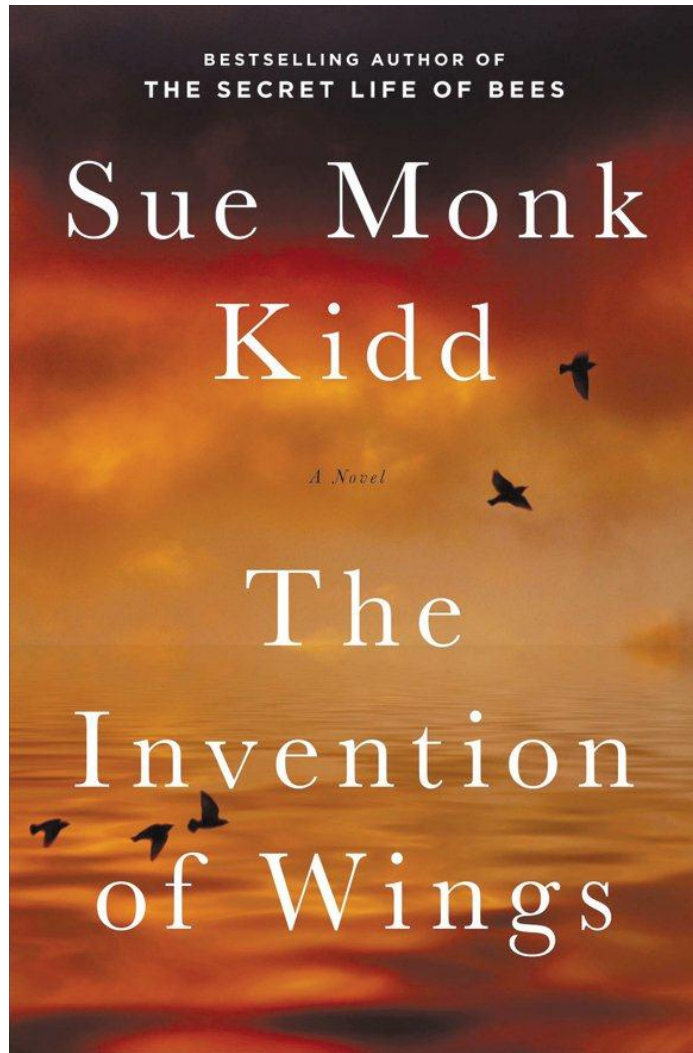
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# AAUW Book Group

January 20<sup>th</sup> – 7pm

Discussion Leader: Betty Parsons

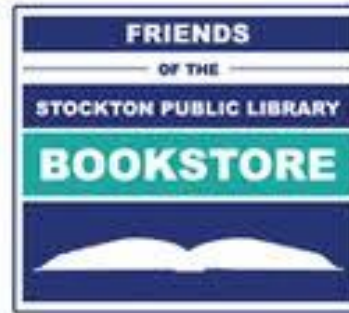
Hostess: Helen Vignolo



## **The Invention of Wings – Sue Monk Kidd**

Inspired by the true story of early-19<sup>th</sup>-century abolitionist and suffragist Sarah Grimké, Kidd paints a moving portrait of two women inextricably linked by the horrors of slavery—Sarah, daughter of a wealthy South Carolina plantation owner, and Handful, a slave in the Grimké household. Told in first-person, the chapters alternate between the two main characters' perspectives as we follow their unlikely friendship (characterized by both respect and resentment) from childhood to middle age. While their pain and struggle cannot be equated, both women strive to be set free—Sarah from the bonds of patriarchy and Southern bigotry, and Handful from the inhuman bonds of slavery.

## LOOKING FOR USED BOOKS?



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## **STAMP OUT INEQUITY!**

Toward January's end, look for a legal-size envelope from Stockton Branch. Be sure to open it! Inside will be the following:

- A colorful page explaining what AAUW's Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF) does (supports the protection of the legal rights of those facing discrimination in the classroom, workplace, or athletic arena)
- A new 49 cent postage stamp which you'll be invited to place on...
- ...A small envelope addressed to me

And inside that small envelope you'll want to place a check to "AAUW—Stockton" with "LAF" on the memo line. With that simple act, you'll be emulating 1/3 of your local AAUW sisters (perhaps one was you!) who last winter raised \$2,000 to help Stamp Out Inequity!

**If I receive your check before or at our March 14<sup>th</sup> meeting at the Philomathean Club, you'll be eligible for the Early Bird drawing, at that meeting, for a \$30 Mimi's gift card!**

Watch for LAF News, including updates on our fundraiser, in upcoming Steamers.

-Cindy Milford, LAF Chair-

KATHLEEN M. SOLARI, CPA

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**Vision:** AAUW will be a powerful advocate and visible leader in equity and education through research, philanthropy, and measureable change in critical areas impacting the lives of women and girls.

**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                                                       |
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|     |      | Online<br>Anytime | Submission of Articles/Pictures<br>for stockton-ca.aauw.net Web Page | <a href="mailto:ronsan3628@sbcglobal.net">ronsan3628@sbcglobal.net</a> |
| Sat | 3    | 10:30am           | Brunch                                                               | Boudin Restaurant                                                      |
| Mon | 12   | 6:00pm            | Board Meeting                                                        | Home of Ronda Sanders                                                  |
| Wed | 14   |                   | California Center for Research on<br>Women and Girls Policy Summit   | Sacramento                                                             |
| Sat | 17   | 9:30am            | Into Africa with AAUW                                                | Dameron Hospital Annex                                                 |
| Tue | 20   | 7:00pm            | Book Group<br><i>Invention of Wings</i> By Sue Monk Kidd             | Discussion Leader: Betty Parsons<br>Hostess: Helen Vignolo             |
| Wed | 21   | 6:30pm            | Needlework Meets – New Members Welcome                               | Home of Coralita Rathhaus                                              |