

College Causes Insanity: A History of Higher Education and Women

Saturday, March 16th, 2013

Dave Wong's (2828 W March Ln.) / Haggin Museum (1201 N Pershing Ave.)

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!!

Professor Lynn Hawley of Delta College did such a fabulous job speaking at our 100th Anniversary Celebration of Women's Suffrage in California that we just had to have her back! She promises to be as scintillating and informative as ever with her presentation titled, "College Causes Insanity: A History of Higher Education and Women." She will be tracing attitudes about education for women from colonial and revolutionary times, but will focus mainly on the post-Civil War and early 20th Century periods, and finish with the more recent developments in access to education. This is one you will not want to miss!

Our meeting will also include the presentations of the Speech Trek and Essay Contest winners.



Schedule:

11:00 Registration at Dave Wong's
11:30 Lunch/Business Meeting
1:30 Program at Haggin Museum
Speech TREK Contest Winner -
Anneka Sonstrem
Essay Contest Winners
Lynn Hawley - "College Causes
Insanity: A History of Higher
Education and Women"

Lunch (\$19):

Wok-charred Tofu and Vegetables
Chicken Salad
Broccoli with Beef
Moo Goo Guy
Pork Chow Mein
Shared Rice on Table
Hot Tea

Entry to the Haggin Museum:

Adults - \$5
Seniors (65+) - \$2.50
Free to members of the Haggin

*After our meeting, take the opportunity to
enjoy the Haggin at your leisure!*

Reservations Deadline: Sunday, Mar. 10th

Checks Payable to AAUW

Questions?? Call Pat Fluetsch at 951-6822

Reservations MADE Must Be PAID.

Co-Presidents' Message



What a fantastic branch meeting we had in February! Kudos to Helen Smith, with the assistance of her co-program VP Cara Davis, for arranging the guest speakers, decorating the room and ordering the delicious meal. Thanks to Van Ha To-Cowell for helping us secure the beautiful Brookside Farm House venue. Bette Outlaw graciously presided at the meeting. Cindy Milford was the first to see the possibility of author Geraldine Hollis as speaker, and Ronda Sanders was so impressed with her experience hearing the With Our Words young poets last winter that she asked for them to present. Thanks go out to Pat Fluetsch, our reservation chair, and team of callers. So you see, it takes a number of AAUW members to create a meeting for all to enjoy. The positive feedback from new members and guests was especially gratifying.

Our speakers, Tama Brisbane of With Our Words, and Geraldine Hollis, author of Back to Mississippi, spoke of "emerging" from your community vs. "escaping." AAUW Stockton Branch has always had a positive impact on the Stockton community. Your co-presidents believe that our branch is "emerging" to be a more and more visible and vital contributor to the uplifting of the city that we call home. We need members to continue to step up and contribute time and energy to our efforts. Say "Yes!" when the nominating committee asks you to serve on the board. You'll feel great about making an important contribution. Rather than being a "drag" on your time, we know from experience that you will actually feel energized!

Bette Outlaw, Ronda Sanders
Co-presidents



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Fundraiser - Save the Date:

April 18th - Tequilla Thursday

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Flyer to follow in next Steamer

Thanks, Pat Davis



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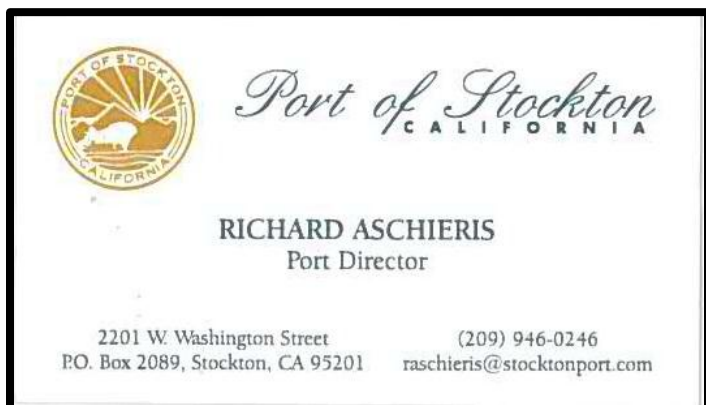
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Stem Trek

The STEM Trek girls and their mothers and sisters were invited to a presentation by Suzanne Shultz at the University of the Pacific entitled, "The Choice is Yours...Love You to Death." The event, part of the "Enough is Enough" campaign, focused on domestic and dating violence. Suzanne is a dynamic speaker who keeps her audiences enthralled as she did for us at our January branch meeting. Though some of our older girls were treated to Suzanne's brand of "tell it like it is" a few years ago, our younger girls and the mothers had the opportunity to hear her timely and valuable message. Dessert at the home of mentor Pam Mallett-Jones provided a sweet ending to the evening.

Thanks to Corrie Martin of the Pacific's Women's Resource Center, our girls will attend the "Advancing Women's Leadership" event on March 21st, where Condoleezza Rice will be the keynote speaker. All agreed that it is well worth missing a day of school to see the former U.S. Secretary of State, as this is a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

Don't forget that our entire STEM Trek program is funded by our annual rummage sale coming up on April 6th. By now you realize that you will probably never use the holiday gifts from well-meaning family, or the toaster you got for free at the casino. And didn't you want to replace that old end table and lamp anyway? How about the exercise ball that was a part of your long-forgotten New Year's resolution? These are the kinds of items we need for our sale so we can continue to provide valuable experiences for our STEM girls. Remember, if we take care of the girls, we won't have to worry about the women.



Title IX Cheerleaders **MARCH GAME OF THE MONTH!**

What: Girls' Soccer, High School Level
Chavez High vs. Edison High
When: Tuesday, March 19th, 2013, 4pm
Where: Edison High School
Soccer/Football Field
Directions: From I-5, take Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. (formerly Charter Way) exit. Go east for a few blocks. Turn right (south) onto Lincoln St. where a parking lot will be on the left side. Look for an AAUW sign.

Cost: Free

RSVP: cindymilf@comcast.net, or 477-5984
by Monday, March 18th.



Title IX

Last year we watched the Chavez Titans and the Edison Vikings play on the snazzy new Edison field. Let's reprise that experience by again supporting endlessly energetic girls giving their all for their teams. Wear your official blue "AAUW Supports Title IX!" tee or another bright blue shirt/sweater so our cheerleading squad can make its statement of support for female athletes. All cheerleaders will receive an e-mail reminder 5 days before the event.

Speech Trek

Anneka Sonstroem, winner of the seventh annual Stockton branch Speech Trek contest held on January 31st at the University of the Pacific, has had a DVD of her speech submitted to AAUW California. Anneka, a junior at Lincoln High School, presented a speech on the topic, "Sexual Harassment, Big Deal?" If Anneka's speech is chosen as one of the top three statewide, she will go on to compete in the final round at the annual meeting in Sacramento on April 20th. We will all be treated to her great performance at the March branch meeting at the Haggin Museum on March 16th. Don't miss it!



Here is a great reason to get busy now gathering up all those items around your house and garage that you haven't used for ages: Our annual rummage sale to support our branch's mentor program is just one month away! **The 4th Annual Rummage Sale will be on Saturday, April 6th, from 7:30am to 1pm at 1030 Oxford Way.**


We will take any and all items, except electronics with e-waste (TV's, computers, etc.). Here is just a sampling of items we could use: collectables, toys/games, sewing/crafts, jewelry, furniture, kitchen items, dishes/glassware, books, small appliances, and also gently-used clean baby items, clothes of all sizes and linens/bedding (**please tie sheet sets together with string or masking tape and label the size**). We can also use clothes hangers and some plastic or paper grocery bags.

Please bring your donated items to 1030 Oxford Way on the following dates: Saturday, March 30th, from 9am-6pm, or Monday-Friday, April 1st-5th, from 4-6pm. If you need someone to pick up your items, please call Paula at (209) 464-0983, or Pam at (209) 463-3067, to arrange for pick up.

And of course, you will all want to attend the rummage sale on April 6th to find just the perfect items to fill all those now-empty spaces in your house from your spring cleaning! Thank you.

Paula Almaas, Mentor





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Calling for Asparagus Festival Workers



--Both Visible and Ghost--

It's almost Asparagus Festival time, and like so many other community organizations, Stockton Branch AAUW views this event as a great opportunity to bring in additional funds for our operating expenses. The Asparagus Festival will be held this year on April 26th, 27th, and 28th.

We need volunteers to work the 6-hour shifts in the *Deep Fried Asparagus Booth* on Friday through Sunday at the Festival. We anticipate raising approximately \$35 for each member who works a shift. We understand that for many of us, being there "in the flesh" is not possible. If that is your situation, you could greatly help by becoming a "ghost" worker and being there in "spirit." Simply donate \$35 (or whatever amount you can afford) to Stockton Branch and you will have done your part in Asparagus Festival fundraising to help balance our budget. We will have sign-up sheets for Festival shifts and also will be accepting "ghost" checks at our March 16th branch meeting. In the meantime, you can send your "ghost" checks to AAUW, Stockton Branch, Inc., P.O. Box 69033, Stockton, CA 952109-0663.

If you have any questions or would like to sign up for a shift, please contact Gladys Finucane at 473-4321 or gwfinucane@yahoo.com



The **New Members** group will continue the exciting task of brainstorming, collaborating and planning the end of the year meeting. We'll be traveling to far off places! New Members will come together with lots of ideas on the final

Wednesday of the month at 5:30 pm. The location will be announced, so keep your eyes peeled for an email from the Chair Julie Pichardo, or Co-Chair Liz Englebrick. As always, all members are invited to attend to welcome our new members and shed light on our great projects.

A rectangular logo for Kemper CPA Group LLP. It features a stylized "K" logo on the left, followed by the text "KEMPER CPA GROUP LLP" in a serif font. Below this, it says "Certified Public Accountants and Consultants". At the bottom, it provides the address "3031 W. March Lane Suite 133 South Stockton, California 95219" and the website "www.kempercpa.com". It also lists the telephone number "(209) 473-2001" and the facsimile number "(209) 473-1761".

"I ask this Congress to declare that women should earn a living equal to their efforts, and finally pass the Paycheck Fairness Act this year."

– President Obama, State of the Union address, February 12th, 2013

Did you watch President Obama's State of the Union address? Not only did the President in his speech explicitly call for Congress to pass the Paycheck Fairness Act, he also laid out an ambitious agenda on many of AAUW's priorities. While there are administrative actions President Obama can take to further those priorities, and while AAUW will continue to urge him to take those actions, responsibility also lies with the people he was speaking to in the room—Congress. We must hold our members of Congress accountable for their action (or inaction) on the Paycheck Fairness Act; advancing a balanced approach to deficit reduction; helping prevent school violence by making our schools free from harassment and bullying; passing an inclusive Violence Against Women Act (VAWA); increasing access to preschool education; and

improving education opportunities in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM).

On the same afternoon of the State of the Union address, the Senate with a 78-22 vote reauthorized the Violence Against Women Act. "Delay isn't an option when countless women still live in fear of abuse, and when one in five have been victims of rape," VP Joe Biden said in a statement. It's time for the House to do the right thing and follow the Senate's wisdom to reauthorize VAWA immediately.

Why is re-authorization of VAWA important?

Created in 1994, VAWA has helped to strengthen programs and services for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. The bill authorizes \$659 million over five years for VAWA programs. It also expands VAWA to include new protections for LGBT and Native American victims of domestic violence, to give more attention to sexual assault prevention and to help reduce a backlog in processing rape kits.

The HOUSE did not vote to reauthorize it last year because of the added provisions in the Senate bill that expanded protections for LGBT, Native American and undocumented immigrant victims of violence. This year's Senate VAWA bill includes the LGBT and Native American provisions, but leaves out the piece for undocumented immigrants.

Senator Leahy of Vermont, who sponsored the bill, said, "It is difficult to understand why people would come in here and try to limit which victims could be helped by this legislation. If you're the victim, you don't want to think that a lot of us who have never faced this kind of problem, sat here in this body and said, 'Well, we have to differentiate which victims America will protect.'"

Another important issue that AAUW is fighting for women is the Paycheck Fairness Act. Women deserve fairness in compensation, equitable access, and advancement in employment. We are still not there! Published last October, the newest AAUW study shows that just one year out of college millennial women are paid 82 cents for every dollar paid to their male peers. Women are paid less than men even when they do the same work in the same field. Equal Pay Day will be observed on April 9th, 2013.

Send a message to your members of Congress TODAY and urge them to act on these key priorities that affect women's lives and families. If any member would like to help with ideas and/or activities to raise and spread our voices louder and wider, please contact Van Ha To-Cowell: vanha22toc@aol.com.

AAUW FUNDS LUNCHEON

Join AAUW California for a very a special opportunity to hear Jennifer Reisch, Legal Director for Equal Rights Advocates, speak about the Dukes vs. Wal-Mart case and representing Betty Dukes and the women of Wal-Mart.

Equal Rights Advocates is a national non-profit law firm dedicated to protecting and advancing the rights of women and girls.

Reisch has served as an Adjunct Professor at U.C. Hastings College of Law since January 2009 and has devoted her legal career to fighting for the civil and economic rights of workers, students, and consumers.

The luncheon will take place at the Embassy Suites Burlingame on Saturday, March 16th from 12-3pm. Check with Bette Outlaw for reservation information.



LAF Update



LeBlanc v. Trustees of Indiana University

Case adopted 12/12

Background: Virginia LeBlanc is the former director of the Hudson and Holland Scholars Program at Indiana University, a race-conscious scholarship program primarily serving African American, Hispanic, and Native American high-achieving scholars. In her position, Ms. LeBlanc alleged that she encountered disparate treatment of women, unequal pay and discrimination in hiring as well as sexual harassment within IU.

Failing to resolve these and other discrimination issues internally with the University, she finally resigned her position on August 22nd, 2011. On September 1st, 2011, she filed a complaint with the Indianapolis division of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. Her complaint alleged that her pay was not commensurate with that of the program's two previous male directors. She also alleged unfair and inequitable hiring practices, a hostile work environment, verbal sexual harassment, and intimidation.

Once she received a "right-to-sue" letter from the Commission, she filed a federal complaint with the U.S. District Court for Maryland on July 20th, 2012.

On October 23rd, 2012, the Maryland district court denied IU's request for dismissal and transferred the case to the U.S. District Court for Southern Indiana. The case is now in discovery.

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Thanks



In January, the Branch sent out a "non-event" request for donations. The flyer was a group effort and titled "Supporting LAF on a Shoestring." Joan Garcia wrote a poem. Michael Newman of Stride Rite Shoes helped us get the tiny shoelaces at a large discount. Evan Bernst, Michael's supplier, personally delivered them.

Paula Almaas, Bette Outlaw, Pat Davis, Patricia Voss, Kathy White and Marilyn Wylie helped write, assemble and prepare the flyer for mailing. A big thanks to everyone. We are getting responses daily. It is not too late to send your donation to Marilyn Wylie, AAUW Stockton Branch. Mark it for LAF. Again, thank you all.

KATHLEEN M. SOLARI, CPA

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Presented by Academy Award Nominee Kirby Dick, as Best Documentary Feature, a Sundance Film Festival Winner, *The Invisible War* is a 90 minute documentary that addresses the way sexual assault is handled by the military.

AAUW and the Women's Resource Center at the Univ. of the Pacific are again joining hands to bring you this film. There will be a showing on **Thursday, March 14th, at 8pm in the Janet Leigh Theatre on the University campus. Open to the public and "free of charge."**

The documentary opens with vintage military recruitment ads aimed at women from as early as the 1940's. They're followed by clips of servicewomen talking about what drew them to a career in the military.

Quickly, the interviews turn serious and we learn that each woman is a survivor of rape at the hands of another service member. Even though all the women love the military, each says she would not recommend the military as a career to any other woman until significant structural changes are made to prevent sexual violence.

The Dept. of Defense estimates that during 2010, as many as 19,000 women in the military were raped. Overall, more than 20% of women veterans report being raped by their co-workers either as recruits or as active-duty members, and about one in 100 men screen positive for military sexual trauma.

Not everything about the film is sad, however. The film highlights several dedicated members of Congress who are working to pass legislation to fix some of the structural problems in the military. The film also shows the plaintiffs in the Cioca lawsuit, who banded together with lawyer Susan Burke, to file a class-action suit that AAUW supports through our **Legal Advocacy Fund**.

For more details-visit: invisiblewarmovie.com (to watch the film trailer) and www.notinvisible.org.

To learn more about the LAF supported cases, *Cioca v. Rumsfeld* and *Klay v. Panetta*, visit the AAUW website aauw.org



2nd Annual Lodi Branch Spring Bunco Fundraiser

When: Saturday, March 16th 12:30-4pm

Where: Vinewood Community Church gym
1900 Vine St., Lodi

Why: To raise money for scholarships, to have fun playing bunco with friends, shop, win prizes, and have dessert!

Extras: Five themed raffle baskets, 10+ vendors for browsing and shopping, desserts galore!

Tickets: \$20 each (purchased early from Ronda Mettler by phone (209) 334-1545 or e-mail jrmet2816@att.net).

Fundraiser for Tech Trek and Scholarships

MAKERS: WOMEN WHO MAKE AMERICA

From consciousness-raising to contraception to equal opportunity, this three-hour documentary (**PBS, Feb 26th, 8pm on Channel 6**) covers the women's movement over 50 years, including interviews with such key figures as Gloria Steinem, Sandra Day O'Connor, Phyllis Schlafly, and Hillary Clinton. If you lived it, you'll enjoy looking back; if you didn't, it's a potent history lesson.

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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.

March Calendar

Day	Date	Time	Event	Location/Contact
		Online Anytime	Submission of Articles/Pictures for aauwstockton.org Web Page	katienal@comcast.net
Sun	10	All Day	Branch Meeting Reservation Deadline	Pat Fluetsch, 951-6822
Mon	11	6:00pm	Board Meeting	Home of Ronda Sanders
Sat	16	11:00am	"College Causes Insanity"	Dave Wong's/Haggin Museum
Tue	19	4:00pm	Title IX Cheerleaders – Game of the Month	Edison High Soccer/Football Field
Tue	19	7:00pm	<u>Drawing Conclusions</u> By Donna Leone	Discussion Leader: Helen Vignolo Hostess: Irene Case
Wed	20	6:30pm	Needlework Meets – New Members Welcome!	Home of Coralita Rathhaus
Wed	27	5:30pm	New Members Meeting	TBA/ Julie Pichardo