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An AAUW Trip Around the World

Wednesday, May 15th, 2013

Brookside Recreation (formerly Club Brookside) - 3536 Brookview Dr.

Join the New Members group to celebrate and discover the joys of traveling around the world. After a raucous branch meeting, meet the New Members! They will help navigate you to the best locations with the best companions. Get to know your AAUW sisters as you break the ice, reflect on your fondest travels and pack for a new adventure! Prepare your palette for a taste from all of the corners of the world. Wine, non-alcoholic beverages, assorted appetizers and desserts from around the world will be served.

Brookside Recreation is formerly Club Brookside, where we've had our May meeting for the past four years.

Schedule for the Evening of May 15th:

5:30pm Registration and Drinks/
Appetizers

*Enjoy an assortment of savory and sweet finger foods from around the world, along with wine (red and white) and non-alcoholic beverages.

6pm Business Meeting

*Vote for next year's Branch officers.

6:20pm Program: "Around the World with the New Members"

*See article.


Cost: \$10

Reservations Deadline: Friday, May 10th

Checks Payable to AAUW

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Co-Presidents' Message



Making a positive difference in the lives of women and girls is what AAUW is all about, and at our Stockton branch we're proud to be doing our part. In April we touched the lives of middle school, high school and college students, too. We selected five middle school students to attend Tech Trek. Thanks to members of the selection committee, Paula Almaas, Lois Hulsey, Pam-Mallet Jones, Diane Stacy and Alice Toliver. Our high school STEM Trek girls were generously supported by our rummage sale. Thanks to everyone who contributed goods and service to this worthy effort, especially to Paula Almaas for her tireless work and use of her home for the sale. Finally, thanks to your fund raising efforts, we were able to present our first NCCWSL scholarship to Danielle Procope, a junior at the University of the Pacific.

At the April branch meeting we heard about bullying and cyberbullying from Sallyann Berendsen and Joy Barnes from the Napa AAUW branch. Stockton branch members who are still "in the trenches" working as educators were especially engaged in the topic, but all of us learned so much. As a parent, grandparent, aunt or even as a neighbor, we can help our young people handle bullying – one more way to make a difference. Thanks to Education Fund chair Carolyn Wischhusen for arranging for this dynamic duo to speak to us.

Using our time, our talents, and, yes, our money, AAUW Stockton branch members are making a difference, and having fun doing it. With these thoughts in mind, send in your membership renewal or bring it to the next branch meeting.

Bette Outlaw, Ronda Sanders
Co-presidents



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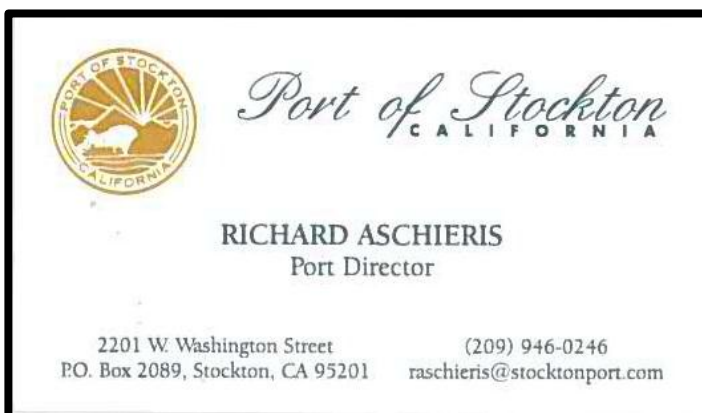
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Title IX Cheerleaders

MAY GAME OF THE MONTH!

What: High School Track and Field

Tri-City (TCAL) Meet

When: Friday, May 10th, 4pm

Where: Edison High School Field

Directions: From I-5, take Martin Luther King Blvd. (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 Wednesday, May 8th.



High school junior varsity and varsity athletes from Stockton, Lodi, and Tracy will be competing May 8th and 10th on the beautiful new Edison track and field. On Wednesday, May 8th, they will undergo trials to determine the Friday, May 10th, final competitions. The schedule shows that girls and boys events are intermingled and in rapid succession so you will not be bored! Bring a guest and wear your shirt that proclaims "AAUW Supports Title IX!" Of course, shirtless AAUW gals (you know what I mean) are welcome as well, but do try to don a bright blue shirt of some kind so we can make our usual visual statement. More details will be e-mailed to you the weekend before the meet. See you there!

Tech Trek Scholarship Winners

Seventh graders Amberly Butler, Yalena Ramirez, Esmerelda Perez, Fernanda Guadalupe Rodriguez, and Anabell Vang have been selected to represent the Stockton AAUW Branch at the week-long Tech Trek Math and Science Camp at USC Fresno on June 16th-22nd.

Each girl was nominated by her seventh-grade science/math teacher and went through a selection process that included a written essay plus a face-to-

face interview for the finalists. Amberly and Yalena attend Victory Elementary and were nominated by teacher Mary Monisinis. Esmerelda was nominated by Kevin Baird at Roosevelt Elementary, Ferananda by Brian Padgett at Martin Luther King and Anabell by Joan Maury at Monroe.

Alternate Kasarra Hunter may attend if one of the campers is unable to go. She was nominated by her teacher, Mary Montesinos at Victory Elementary.

Congratulations to all!

Special thanks to all who have contributed to our Tech Trek scholarship fund and to committee members Paula Almaas, Lois Hulseby, Bette Outlaw, Alice Tolliver, Gladys Finucane, and Pam Mallett-Jones.

Diane Stacy, Tech Trek Branch Coordinator

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STEM Trek

The Trekkies are breathing a collective sigh of relief after working so hard on our annual rummage sale on April 6th. They did so enthusiastically because they know that this sale funds our program and all the great experiences they are able to have for the coming year.

As a way to give back to the community the girls volunteered to work at the Stockton Symphony "Pops and Picnic" event on April 27th. They now know who The Rolling Stones are!

It is with bittersweet pride that we watch two of our Trekkies graduate this year. Jessica Lopez is graduating from Middle College High School (with two years of college completed already!) and Ashlynn Lee-Talton is graduating from the Franklin High School IB Program. Both joined us as 7th graders after Tech Trek Camp and both are university bound. Jessica will also return to Tech Trek Camp this summer as a counselor. I'm sure our five new campers will feel more at ease with her there.

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Items remaining after the sale went to the Rotary Club for their upcoming sale to benefit their community projects and to the Salvation Army.

Paula Almaas, Mentor and Rummage Sale Chair

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Rummage Sale Results

The **Fourth Annual STEM Trek Rummage Sale** on April 6th was another huge success! We grossed \$2,617.21—our best results ever! This will allow us to continue with the many math and science and other activities that we provide the students in our mentor program.

The mentors who helped make this possible were Ginny Johanson, Gladys Finucane, Conni Bock, Pam-Mallett-Jones, Paula Almaas, and Maxine Jacobsen. The participating students were Kayla Smith, Jessica Lopez, Malaina Pina, Jaida Hentz, Ishiana Richardson, Rosalia Hernandez, and Perla Beltran. We received lots of wonderful donations of items, large and small, from members as well as from their neighbors and friends. We are especially grateful to Helen Holt who generously donated a ham radio, which alone brought in \$300.00!

We are most grateful to the set-up crew who arrived at 6am on the day of the sale: Ed Almaas, Alice Malde, Max Heineman, Pam Mallett-Jones and her husband Tom and her nephew Jacob, Jeanne Gaia and her husband Hugh, and Pat Miller. Many other members helped during the sale including Patricia Voss, Maxine Jacobson, Jamie Davis, Diane Stacy, Pat Davis, Ronda Sanders, Cindy Milford, and Martha Tipton. Members who assisted us during the long week of preparation beforehand were Ginny Johanson, Rosa Solis, Alice Tolliver, Pat Fleutsch, Marilyn Lagier, Conni Bock, Gladys Finucane and Pam Mallett-Jones.

Our special thanks go to Max Heineman, husband of member Janet Gedigian, who was our “Antiques Roadshow” expert again this year and helped price our more expensive items. He was here the entire day of the sale after helping many hours with the preparation work the week before.

Special thanks also to community members Nell Bernard who helped with pricing the items and Joan Swart-Keeler who helping with preparing items for sale.

And, of course, we could not have been successful without all of you shoppers out there!



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LAF Report



Here is an update on several cases that AAUW supports through its Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF).

Feather River Community College Cases

For the past four years AAUW has supported lawsuits by former women employees of Feather River Community College of California alleging sex discrimination and retaliation by the college in violation of Title IX of the Education Amendment of 1972. In 2007 the case was tried before an administrative court of the California State Personnel Board. The judge ruled in favor of the plaintiffs but the full Personnel Board rejected the judge’s decision. The Board’s decision was appealed and last November the Plumas County Superior Court overruled the Board’s ruling, siding with the original judge’s decision on behalf of the plaintiffs. The court asked the full Board to reconsider the complaint. While this decision could also be appealed, attorneys for the plaintiffs hope that the decision will lead to a successful conclusion to the case in the future.

Dukes v. Wal-Mart

Back in 2001 women employees of Wal-Mart and Sam’s Club filed a class action suit alleging sex discrimination. A decision by the Supreme Court in 2011 held that the plaintiffs could not move forward as such a large class. Several smaller cases were subsequently filed. Then Wal-Mart filed a motion to dismiss the case but the federal judge held otherwise and ruled that the cases could advance. This April the plaintiffs will submit a motion to certify a class of 100,000 plaintiffs in California.

Three Military Cases:

Cioca v. Rumsfeld

More than 30 veteran and active-duty servicemen and servicewomen claimed that they were raped, sexually assaulted and harassed by other active-duty members while serving in the U.S. Military. They claim that the Defense Department failed to prevent the rapes and sexual assaults and retaliated against them for reporting the crimes. A U.S. District Judge dismissed the case on the basis of precedent against civilian court involvement in military discipline. The decision has been appealed.

Klay v. Panetta


Eight plaintiffs are suing the U.S. military for violating their constitutional rights by creating a culture in which sexual assault and rape are tolerated and in which people who report these crimes face retaliation. The plaintiffs claim that the military not only tolerates such behavior but tolerates the predators in their ranks and antagonize service members who report rape, sexual assault and harassment.

Hoffman v. Panetta

Similar to Cioca v. Rumsfeld, the case was last September in the U.S. District Court for Northern California. AAUW board member Kathleen Cha spoke at a press event after the filing. Several AAUW members attended.

Thank you

Many thanks for the support of the LAF funds drive. We were very successful and will continue to help support these cases and future ones.



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House Republicans Block Paycheck Fairness Act Vote

Disappointing and unconscionable! Every single House Republican voted to block the Paycheck Fairness Act!

On Thursday, April 11th, 2013, House GOP leadership did not want to bring the Paycheck Fairness Act to the vote, and House Democrats used a procedural move to force them to go on record opposing the bill. Rep. Rosa DeLauro (D-Conn.) filed a discharge petition on the bill that immediately forced a vote on it if she could collect 218 signatures. Democrats also put forth a motion known as the "Previous Question," which would have enabled them to put the Paycheck Fairness Act up for a vote, but Republicans killed the effort by a vote of 226 to 192.

DeLauro has introduced the Paycheck Fairness Act in eight consecutive Congresses. Had this Act passed, it would give teeth to existing equal pay legislation by closing loopholes in the 50-year-old Equal Pay Act and by prohibiting employers from paying a man more than a woman for the same job, and from retaliating against women employees who challenge pay disparities.

On the House Floor, Rep. Virginia Foxx (R-N.C.) complained that the bill is a "liberal plot" to characterize Republicans as anti-woman. "This bill isn't a liberal plot. We have enough statistical information to demonstrate that no matter what the job is, whether you're a waitress or bus driver or civil engineer, women are paid less money," DeLauro countered. "Republicans have not given any reasonable argument why they should oppose the bill."

DeLauro is not letting this blockage hamper her efforts. She was able to round up bipartisan support for the bill in the past so she is going to continue to work on the Republicans this session. She reminded her colleagues about the data of the last election that showed most voters were women, and they're going to keep an eye on who is responding to family issues. Because more and more women have become breadwinners in their households, DeLauro noted, "It is not a women's issue. It is an economic issue for families."

President Obama in his 2013 State of the Union address urged Congress to pass the Paycheck Fairness Act. Some lawmakers and women's advocacy groups, along with ACLU and the National Women's Law Center are now urging the President to take executive action on equal pay.



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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.

May Calendar

Day	Date	Time	Event	Location/Contact
		Online Anytime	Submission of Articles/Pictures for aauwstockton.org Web Page	katieneal@comcast.net
Mon	6		Literary Society <u>To Dance with the White Dog</u> By Terry Kay	Hostess – Jo Wagner Reviewer - Monica Frischkorn
Fri	10	All Day	Branch Meeting Reservation Deadline	Pat Fluetsch, 951-6822
Fri	10	4:00pm	Title IX Cheerleaders – Game of the Month	Tri-City Meet – Edison High Field
Mon	13	6:00pm	Board Meeting	Home of Ronda Sanders
Wed	15	5:30pm	“Around the World with the New Members”	Brookside Recreation
Wed	15	6:30pm	Needlework Meets	Home of Coralita Rathhaus
Tue	21	7:00pm	<u>Galileo's Daughter</u> By Dana Sobel	Discussion Leader: Irma St. John Hostess: Ila Mae Wilson