

## "Sip and Sample"

**Wednesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2014 – 5:30pm**

Brookside Recreation Center - 3536 Brookview Dr.  
(Just past Quail Lakes Nursery - plenty of parking in the lot)

The branch meeting in May traditionally welcomes all the new members of the year, and this year New Members Group coordinators Julie Pichardo and Elizabeth Englebrick have planned a relaxing evening for all of us. We hope you will join us for the "Sip and Sample" on Wednesday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at the Brookside Recreation Center. Members are encouraged to invite prospective members to meet and get to know branch members in a relaxed atmosphere.

Participants will stroll around to several tables where members are demonstrating and sharing the recipes for their favorite appetizers. Strollers will be invited to join in the preparation, or just sip wine, iced tea or water while sampling the delicious hors d'oeuvres. What a great way to end the day: relaxing with good food, good wine and good company.

**Cost:** \$10 per person

**Reservations Deadline:** Wed., May 16<sup>th</sup>

Questions?? Call Pat Fluetsch at 951-6822.



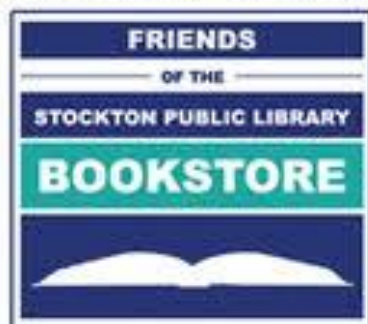
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# President's Message



I am celebrating! AAUW, Stockton branch is growing with seven new members since February! I'm so looking forward to meeting them at our branch meeting on May 21<sup>st</sup>. New members group co-chairs Liz Englebrick and Julie Pichardo, with an assist from Pam Mallet-Jones are planning a creative, fun and I'm sure "yummy" social for the evening. Thanks to Cindy Milford, Alice Toliver and Maxine Jacobsen for "going to bat" for AAUW to re-establish our connection with Brookside Recreation Center. I always look forward to this venue for our spring new members meeting.

More celebrating! I was happy to be present at the AAUW-CA convention at the LAX Marriot Hotel on Saturday, April 12, watching Anneka Sonstroem, Stockton Branch speech contest winner deliver her speech at the state level. I was thrilled when Anneka was announced as taking first place statewide. I was given the opportunity to say a few words about our branch and its speech contest. Thank you, Pam Mallet-Jones, for your hard work on this year's Speech Trek. Let's all turn out next year at our local contest.

I learned so much at the AAUW CA state convention, especially in the areas of membership recruitment and retention and marketing the branch. We are right on trend with AAUW national's push for nurturing college/university partnerships. AAUW is seen as relevant to the college students concerns and interests. It's not just their mother's organization anymore!

Ronda Sanders  
President



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# *Title IX Cheerleaders*

## *MAY GAME OF THE MONTH!*

**What:** High School Softball  
The Cesar Chavez Titans vs.  
The Franklin Yellowjackets

**When:** Tuesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 4pm



**Where:** Chavez High School  
softball field

A future e-mail will tell directions to  
venue and parking.

**Cost:** Free

**RSVP:** [cindymilf@comcast.net](mailto:cindymilf@comcast.net) or 477-5984

After reviewing our softball rules at a junior college level game in April, Cheerleaders will watch high school girls slide into first and crack the bat in May. We're again attending a Chavez High School softball game, as we did back in May, 2011, as one of our Title IX Cheerleaders' first events. Post-game, we encouraged the girls to continue working hard in both athletics and academics. Let's reprise our role as boosters of girls' self-esteem and dedication. Be sure to wear a hat and sunscreen in case we're in a sunny section of the stands. (This time, we'll be at Chavez High rather than Arnaiz Field Softball Complex so the exposure is a mystery at this writing.) Parking directions will be e-mailed to people responding with "Yes, I'll attend" at the RSVP contact numbers.

While cheering on both teams, members of our Branch's 40-person cheerleading squad will wear our bright blue T-shirts proclaiming "AAUW Supports Title IX!" You do not need to have an official shirt to add your voice to the cheers. Simply wear a blue shirt or sweater to the game, or borrow a loaner shirt from me (M). As we attend each monthly local athletic event, we'll be supporting female athletes while raising AAUW's profile in the community. **Phone 477-5984 to get on our e-mail/phone list.** You, like our Cheerleaders, will receive a reminder the week prior to the event with details (confirmed cost—usually \$0, directions, parking). See you at the game!

# STEM Trek

Spring is a busy season for students. There are exams, proms, spring sports and family gatherings. Our STEM family is busy too. The girls were invited to bring friends, sisters, mothers, aunts and grandmothers to the "Take Back the Night" presentation on April 7 at U.O.P. during the "Enough is Enough" week. Susanne Shultz discussed dating and domestic violence and the audience met three moms who have lost daughters to violence. The message was powerful and one we hope our girls will internalize.

On a lighter note, the STEM girls and mentors met at the home of Pam Mallett-Jones on Saturday, April 12 to learn to decorate Easter cakes. All participants took home beautifully-decorated cakes to share with family members.

May has a full calendar as well. on May 3 we will trek to the coast for a day of hiking in the lush, green Santa Cruz mountains and end up on the beach at Natural Bridges. Although we took a trip to Monterey last year, we have new STEM girls each year, some of the new girls have not seen the ocean before. This promises to be an enlightening trip for all.

We hope you will all come to meet our girls at the rummage sale on May 17. As you know, this sale funds our whole program and allows us to make a huge difference in the lives of our girls. All members can help by donating items, helping to sort and price the week before the sale, working on the day of the sale and purchasing that treasure that you are sure to find there.



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## 2014 Tech Trek Scholarship Winners

Seventh graders Cesilia Reyes, Irlanda Aranda, Isabel Pich, and Katia Ortega have been selected to represent the Stockton AAUW Branch at the week-long Tech Trek Math and Science Camp at UC Davis on July 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>.

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. Cesilia is a student at Hoover Elementary and was nominated by teacher Candy Brandon. Irlanda was nominated by teachers Lori Lauchland and Juanita Bague at Bush Elementary; Isabel by Christyn Flores at Madison; and Katia Ortega by Thaihoa Nguyen at Washington.

Alternate Tamia Stamps may attend if one of the campers is unable to go. She was nominated by her teachers Lori Lauchland and Juanita Bague at Bush Elementary.

Congratulations to all!

Many thanks to the selection committee members Paula Almaas, Lois Hulse, Bette Outlaw, Alice Tolliver, and Ginny Johanson.

We thank all the branch members who made donations to our Tech Trek program throughout the year. A very special thank you goes to Alice Tolliver for providing yet another full scholarship that allowed us to send a fourth girl to camp again this year. And kudos to Lois Hulse for providing a fifth scholarship for 2015!

Diane Stacy, Stockton Branch Tech Trek Coordinator

## Speech Trek

Anneka Sonstroem, a senior at Lincoln High School, has helped Stockton Branch of AAUW to gain recognition. As the first place winner in the Stockton Speech Trek competition in January, she went on to the regional competition and was named one of the top three speakers in the State. The State Competition was held on April 12<sup>th</sup> at the AAUW State Convention where Anneka won first place in the State and \$1,500. Our branch is so proud of Anneka and is basking in her glory along with her and her family.



*Anneka Sonstroem, speech contest winner with Donna Erickson, AAUW CA Speech Trek coordinator*

## Read All About It!!

Are you looking to share your love of reading and good books with others. Come check out the Literary Society book club. The more members we have the more interesting the discussions become. We are enthusiastically looking for new members. Our next meeting is Monday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. The book selection is *The Shadow of the Wind* by Carlos Ruiz Zafon. Meeting location is 10323 Creek Trail Circle, Stockton, 95209, hosted by Monica Frischkorn. My contact information is [mfrischkorn@comcast.net](mailto:mfrischkorn@comcast.net)

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It's almost here... **The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Rummage Sale will be on Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, from 7:30 am to 1 pm at Paula's house at 1030 Oxford Way.**

You may deliver your clean and gently used items to Paula's on the following dates (These are different days than in past years!):

**Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, from 9-6pm;  
Monday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, from 4-6pm; or  
Tuesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, from 4-6pm.  
Friday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, from 4-6pm (Large furniture items only on this day!!)**

**Please no deliveries after Tuesday, except for large furniture!**

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.

We need shoppers too! Please plan to come and shop at the rummage sale.

Paula Almaas, STEM Trek Mentor



Women who have completed AAUW International Fellowships that enabled them to study in the U.S. are eligible to apply for one-year International Project grants from \$5,000 to \$7,000.

These grants help the Fellows with their community-based projects that build on their academic work and will help improve the social advancement and economic empowerment of women and girls in the Fellows' home countries.

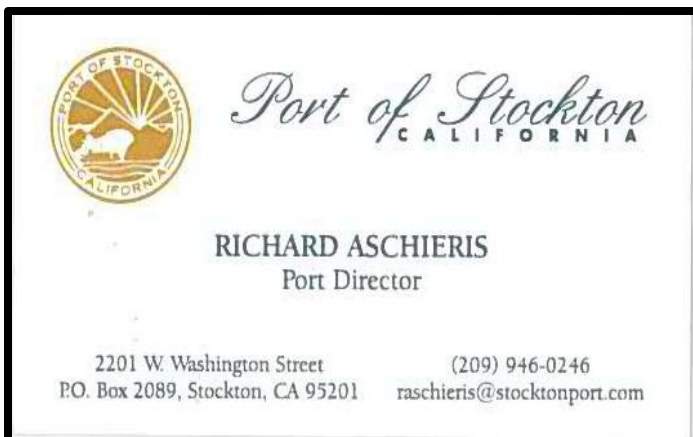
Four International Project Grants were given in 2013-2014: Recipient Bi Ying Hu is from China. Her work will empower mothers and early childhood teachers by helping them advocated for and serve children with disabilities effectively.

Fellow Kathryn Labelle is from Canada. She looks for ways to empower young women, particularly Wendat/Wyandot women. She will address questions concerning matricentrism, indigenous feminism and colonialism. She will call attention to marginalization of these women.

Fellow Evelyn Mafeni represents the Cameroons. She seeks to increase widows' and women's access to legal services and empower them to assert their human and legal rights. She has lobbied the Cameroon Parliament for a national law against female genital mutilation and has worked on humanitarian issues in Guinea, Somalia, and South Sudan.

Rose Ann Sudi is from Kenya. She hopes to empower poor, illiterate women to develop ways to provide a good diet and manage growing crops in their own greenhouses for income generation and their families' consumption.

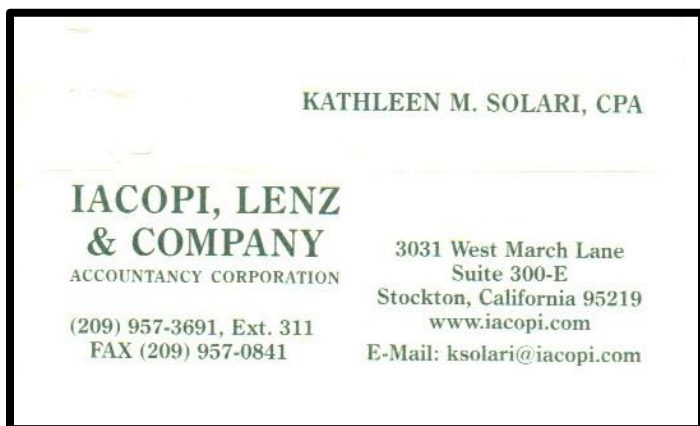
Marilyn Wylie  
International Chair





# Mark Your Calendar

Thursday May 8th from 11am to 2 pm is "Take A Study Break" with AAUW at Delta College. The event consists of having a table with "study break" gift bags to be given to e-students affiliates who stop by in appreciation and support of the AAUW e-student affiliates as they prepare themselves for Finals. There will also be AAUW membership materials available for students who are interested in joining AAUW as an e-student affiliate. Further details to come as volunteers are needed to assemble gift bags and to staff the table.



## Names Names Names Names Names Names

All I need are Names – of friends, associates, people you have spoken with who ask what is AAUW and what do you do with the organization. With those names and mailing addresses, I shall happily send the prospective members our membership packet which they can peruse in the privacy of their domicile where pen and check book are available for completion of the application, and mailing of a check to:

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Patricia Voss,  
Membership VP

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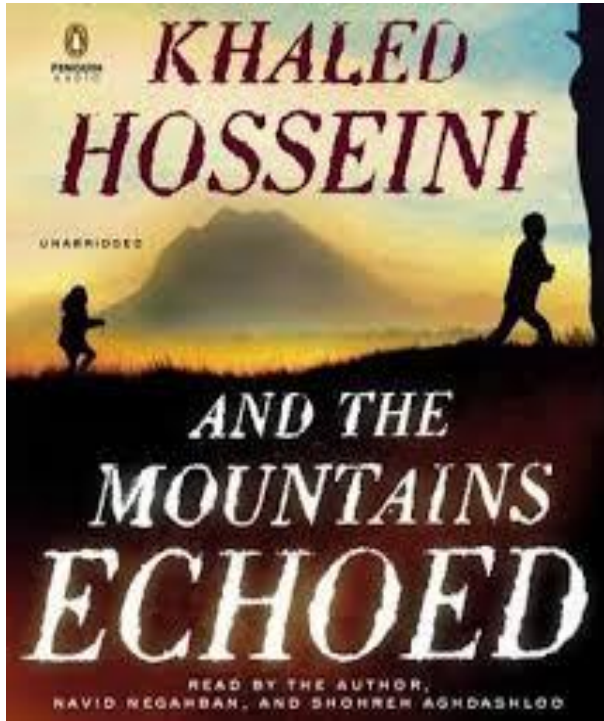
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## AAUW Book Club – May 20<sup>th</sup>

### And The Mountains Echoed By Khaled Hosseini

Discussion Leader: Betty Parsons  
Hostess: Irma St. John



**And the Mountains Echoed:** In this tale revolving around not just parents and children, but brothers and sisters, cousins and caretakers, Hosseini explores the many ways in which families nurture, wound, betray, honor, and sacrifice for one another, and how often we are surprised by the actions of those closest to us, at the times that matter most. Following its characters and the ramifications of their lives and choices and loves around the globe—from Kabul to Paris to San Francisco to the Greek island of Tinos—the story expands gradually outward, becoming more emotionally complex and powerful with each turning page.



# LAF News



☺ ***Some news makes you smile!***

Our Branch's spring LAF "Stamp Out Inequity!" fundraiser total has reached **\$1,965. 48 members** have written checks from \$5 to \$150, put stamps on the envelopes which were provided in the mailing, and then addressed the envelopes to Cindy Milford, 3664 Five Mile Dr., Stockton, CA 95219. Just \$35 more is needed by June 1<sup>st</sup> to reach a record total of \$2,000! Your tax deductible donation will empower women as they strive for equity in the workplace, on campus, and in the courtroom, as you'll see below.

? ***Some news leaves you wondering.***

In March, 2014, The U.S. Supreme Court heard appeals in two lawsuits filed by business owners who challenged the Affordable Care Act's requirement that all employers include contraceptive care in their health plans. Both cases (*Sebelius v. Hobby Lobby Stores* and *Conestoga Wood Specialties v. Sebelius*) were filed by for-profit business owners who claim that because they are religiously opposed to the use of contraception, they should not be required to offer employee insurance plans that cover contraceptive care. The Court heard both cases at the same time. Court watchers believe that the justices seemed split over the cases, with four favoring the business owners' arguments, four favoring the government's arguments, and Justice Kennedy's inclinations unclear. AAUW believes that for-profit businesses should not be exempt from providing health care coverage to their women employees, and we have signed amicus briefs in support of the Affordable Care Act's contraceptive care requirement. Your LAF dollars have supported our attorneys' diligence.

In a few months, the Court will issue its ruling. Stay tuned.



Forums for the June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014 Primary Election.

The League of Women Voters of San Joaquin County (LWVSJC) is pleased to announce the scheduling of Candidate

The Forums that are being planned shall be for San Joaquin County Superintendent of Schools (Michael Gillespie/James Mousalimas/Jeff Tilton); San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors, District #2 (Paul Canepa/Kathy Miller), District #4 (Manuel Lopez/Russ Munson/Charles Winn); Sheriff-Coroner (Steve Moore/Pat Withrow); Stockton City Council District #3 (Gene Acevedo/Susan Lofthus/Motecuzoma Patrick Sanchez), and District #5 (Christina Fugazi/Diane Burgos Medina/Mark L Stebbens).

The forums shall take place on Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014 at Central United Methodist Church (3700 Pacific Avenue), between the hours of 9am and 5pm.

These forums are open to the public and free of charge. There is adequate parking available in the parking lot of the church. Directions to the church: from the N/S I-5: take the March Lane off-ramp, traveling east on March Lane to Pacific Avenue; at Pacific turn right and after crossing the Calaveras River, then turn left at Fulton (across from UOP). N/S on Highway 99: take Hammer Lane off ramp and travel west on Hammer Lane to Pacific Avenue, turn left onto Pacific Avenue and travel south, crossing the Calaveras river, and turn left at Fulton (across from UOP).

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan political organization encouraging the informed and active participation of citizens in government. The League never supports nor opposes any political party or candidate. The format for the above Candidate Forums will include panelists who will pose questions to candidates on relevant and important issues. Candidates will be provided with equal time to respond to questions and equal time to share

with the audience their qualifications for the elected position each seeks. No campaign materials will be allowed inside the Forum venue.



The AAUW, Stockton branch writers' club, dubbed "Write On!" held its monthly meeting on Thursday, April 17th. We were honored to have as our guest, Nadine Pedron, a published author, who shared her delightful book, Lily's Own, and enlightened the group with the ins and outs of publishing in the world of modern technology. Nadine came all the way from Groveland to be with us. AAUW members are invited to join the group. Just let leader Erica DeiRossi know and she'll keep you informed.



*Pictured are "Write On!" member **Jeanne Gaia** and author **Nadine Pedron***



## AAUW MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Membership renewal forms were mailed to all branch members the beginning of April. Thank you to all of you early birds who have already returned your completed forms and renewal checks!

Just a reminder if you have not yet done so, to please mail your renewal form and check to **Paula Almaas, 1030 Oxford Way, Stockton, CA 95304**. If you need another renewal form, **call me at 464-0983 or email me at [almaas@sbcglobal.net](mailto:almaas@sbcglobal.net)** and I will email or snail mail one to you right away.

Thanks...

Paula Almaas, Membership Treasurer



### *Directions to the Stockton Hilton Hotel:*

From N/S I-5: take the March Lane off ramp, travel east to Quail Lakes/DaVinci, turn right to Grand Canal Boulevard turning left toward the hotel and parking lot.

From N/S Highway 99: take Hammer Lane exit and travel west to Pacific Avenue, at Pacific Avenue make left turn and travel south to March Lane, turn right on to March Lane, at Venezia stop light take left turn lane to Grand Canal Boulevard and turn right, past the Hotel to the parking lot.

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

## Police Chief Eric Jones to be Guest Speaker at LWVSJC Annual Meeting

Police Chief Eric Jones will be the speaker at this year's annual meeting of The League of Women Voters of San Joaquin County (LWVSJC). The focus of Chief Jones speech will be Measures A and B. The meeting will be held on 28 May 2014 at the Hilton Hotel (2323 Grand Canal Boulevard, Stockton CA 95207).

The event is open to LWVSJC members and the public. The event will begin with a no-host bar at 5:30 p.m., Dinner at 6 p.m., Speaker at 6:30 p.m. followed by a Business Meeting. The cost for attending this event is \$35.00. Please refer to our website: [www.sjc.ca.lwvnet.org](http://www.sjc.ca.lwvnet.org) for fuller description of meal choices (Lemon Grass Chicken, New York Steak, Tuscan Pasta).

Reservations may be made and paid by sending your check to Dee Matteucci, 5921 Widgeon Ct, Stockton CA 95207, no later than 23 May 2014. Cancellations may be made at [fmatooch@sbcglobal.net](mailto:fmatooch@sbcglobal.net) through 23 May 2014. Following this date, a reservation made is one that is paid.

*It is with great sadness that we report the passing of longtime AAUW branch member **Claire Duke** on March 24<sup>th</sup>. She joined AAUW on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 1953, and has been a continuous member since that time. She was in ill health for some time and spent her last four months in hospice care. Condolences may be sent to her husband **Bruce Duke** at 2439 W. Princeton Ave, Stockton, CA 95204.*

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## *May 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>
Tue	6	4:00pm	Title IX Game of the Month – Girls Softball	Chavez High Softball Field
Fri	16	All Day	Branch Meeting Reservation Deadline	Pat Fluetsch at 951-6822
Mon	19	6:00pm	Board Meeting	Home of Ronda Sanders
Tue	20	7:00pm	AAUW Book Group <i>And the Mountains Echoed</i> By Khaled Hosseini	Discussion Leader: Bette Parsons Hostess: Irma St. John
Wed	21	5:30pm	New Members Program	Brookside Recreation Center
Wed	21	6:30pm	Needlework Meets – New Members Welcome	Home of Coralita Rathhaus