

News and Events from AAUW Stockton Branch, Inc.

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It's All About Picnic in the Park

Wednesday, May 11th, 2016 Micke Grove Park – Bear Creek Shelter

Celebrate Spring into Summer and join us for a picnic at this beautiful local park. We reserved the covered Bear Creek Shelter complete with BBQ, electrical connections and picnic tables where we mingle, stroll, eat and play games. Traditionally, we celebrate our new members at this social event. We welcome Bridget Childs, Joy Neas, Kathleen Stevens, Sharon Jarvis, Jonni Fenner, Marilyn Yunker, Gia Gray, Whitney Donnelly, Constance Smith, Josephine Carson, Helen Underhill, Roseann Hannon, Diane Oren, Laurie Rosetti, Una O'Farrell, and Phyllis Hensel.

You are encouraged to bring a guest – partner, friend, prospective member. Before we settle into serious eating, we may stroll through the Japanese garden nearby which is a popular site for garden weddings. Come earlier if you'd enjoy park walking ahead of time. Loud music is not allowed (Ho! Ho!), so we will discreetly ipod background music. Pat Hague organizes interactive games – more tradition!!

Food? We provide BBQ hot dogs, hamburgers, veggie burgers, buns, condiments, chips, water and beer, which you pay for in registration fee. If you prefer wine, please bring some. We will savor what the new members bring for dessert. Come casual with comfortable walking shoes. Do carpool since it is approximately 13 miles from Stockton (see map). There is a \$5 per car parking fee on entry, however, if you are a member of the Zoo or Historical Society you have free entry year round. (Hint!)

We look forward to this strictly for fun gathering.

Peggy Guttieri and Pat Hague, Co-Chair Program 3:30pm Set Up by Committee
Helping Hands Welcomed

Schedule:

5pm Registration Members/Guests

5:30 Let's eat

BBQ hot dogs, HB's, VB's Condiments, Chips and Dips

Beer (Optional Wine)
Coffee/Tea/Water

Dessert

8pm Let's Leave! (Park closes)

<u>Cost</u>: \$10 for food, shelter and beer

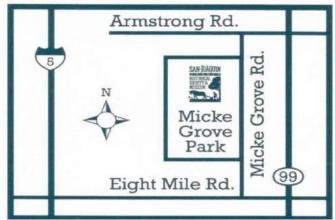
Reservation Deadline: Sunday, May 8th

Checks Payable to AAUW

Reservations: Call Joan Erreca,

Reservations Chair 478-1457

Reservations MADE Must Be PAID.



Look for the AAUW signs directing you within the park. Park in the Julia Weber Memorial Building lot just west of the Shelter.



The top three reasons that people join AAUW are to advance AAUW's mission, make friends and become more informed. On April 15th-17th, Stockton Branch Director-at-Large Kathy Casenave and I attended the AAUW California State Convention at the San Mateo Marriott Hotel. We experienced all three reasons. We learned about AAUW's work in breaking barriers for women and girls, we enjoyed getting to know some remarkable women and we became much more informed about issues that are AAUW priorities.

I used the information from one convention workshop to compose my recent letter to the editor in The Record. We need to hold those holding and/or running for office accountable for their positions on pay equity, family leave and paid sick days, college affordability, campus sexual violence and reproductive rights.

In my opinion, the most inspirational woman of the convention was Aileen Rizo, Fair Pay Advocate who is currently in litigation against the Fresno County Office of Education over pay inequity. She has succeeded in getting her status changed and is now negotiating the amount of back pay she is owed. See her full story here:

http://www.aauw.org/resource/rizo-v-fresno/

Let's remember why AAUW is important to us as we celebrate our new members and renew our memberships for 2016-2017.

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STEM Trek

Our STEM girls were delighted to be of service at the Stockton Symphony Pops concert on April 30th. We mentors are always so proud that the girls freely give of their time to help the community in so many ways. Most of them are planning to return to the community after college, so educating them will make our community stronger in the future.

On May 7th, we are planning an all-day retreat at the home of Cheryl Meeker. The girls will rotate to 8 different stations to learn skills to help them succeed in all areas of life.

This summer we will have another Flapjack Fundraiser at Applebee's on June 25th. Look for more information in your mailboxes closer to that date. The STEM program depends on the support of members. We thank you for that.



On April 2nd, the STEM girls had the opportunity to participate in a workshop presented by Jim and Connie Bock at the San Joaquin County Office of Education. The girls built robots that were powered by computer programs. Each of them had success and a great time.







Lucky



SHARES BECOMES eSCRIP

The Save Mart Smart, Lucky or FoodMaxx Supermarket SHARE program became escrip on April 1st. Cards are no longer needed to earn 3% on all purchases for AAUW Community Outreach Fund. To register for the escrip program go to escrip.com/shares. Enter your zip code and a list of non-profit organizations participating in the program will appear. Simply select AAUW Community Outreach Fund--enter your telephone number and that's it. When you shop at S-Mart, enter your phone number and earn 3% for AAUW Stockton Branch.

BOUDIN BRUNCH

Sat. May 14th
New starting time
9:30am
5615 Pacific Ave., Stockton

Enjoy brunch with your AAUW Sisters. We will talk briefly about a "memorable" Stockton Branch AAUW experience. It is a good time to bring a friend or someone who wants "a taste of AAUW," along with tasty food, fun and great conversation. This is last brunch until September, 2016.

Please RSVP to Bobbie Landau at <u>Bobbiej49@aol.com</u> or (209) 334-5711 by Thursday, May 12th, noon. Thank you.



The Flesh Free Gourmet vegetarian group met at the home of Michelle Zachlod for an evening in Italia on April 10th. The menu was a hands-on affair, rolling gnudi and making fresh pasta. While we all enjoyed appetizers of artichoke and eggplant bruschetta along with mushrooms stuffed with hot, bubbly tomatoes, mozzarella, garlic and basil, Tom Jones and Jeanne Gaia rolled out the pasta dough and cut ribbons. That eventually turned into a killer spring linguini with spinach, walnuts and peas. The kitchen was redolent with garlic!

The dinner began with a crisp green salad with a balsamic dressing and crusty Italian bread, followed by the pasta and gnudi dressed with a browned butter sage. Tri color "meat" balls were sauced in the Italian flag: a red marinara, green pesto and white alfredo. A fabulous chocolate icebox cake ended our Italian feast! Mmmm!

Did we mention wine? Oh, yes, there was wine!



Mark Directory Updates

Please make the following changes to your Directory:

Corrections:

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Please let me know of any other changes.

Bette Outlaw



ArtSplash Friday, May 13 5 pm – 8 pm

The Summer ArtSplash is a free self-guided tour of downtown Stockton venues filled with art on second Fridays May through October now in its fifth year.

Venues include the Mexican Heritage Center, the Kress Lobby, the County Administration Building, the Fanhs Museum, Natural Do, the San Joaquin Pride Center and more.

Artists, Performers, Food And Fun

ArtSplash venues have pink ribbons and maps. Join the Summer ArtSplash FB group. For more info or to participate email Joy at dibsonart@yahoo.com

WRITE ON! News

Joan Garcia started a new adventure - posting songs on YOUTUBE!

They are for children 2 to 102. Words, music and drawings are all her originals.

Be sure to subscribe to her channel so you get updates.

How to get there:

- GO to YOUTUBE
- TYPE in "grannyspearls"
- READ the sentence just above the pictures
- CHOOSE "grannyspearls" (the one word choice)
- ENJOY!

Jeanne Gaia wrote a crowning tribute to her home town: "Stockton: Maligned Magnificence". She sent it to the Record Editor giving a native's positive view. See the original, unedited. WOW.

http://www.recordnet.com/news/20160421/guestview-stating-case-for-stockton-on-verge-ofsomething-big

Peggy Guttieri serves on the "Record Advisory Committee" and asks, "How's the Record doing with the news?" On April 17 "Current" featured "The SHE edition." Your thoughts?

http://www.recordnet.com/TheCurrent

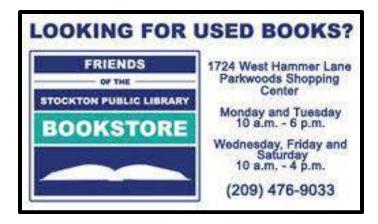
Ronda Sanders' had a letter-to-the-editor published in The Record. It was titled "Questions for Senate Candidates." At least one question was answered at the debate.

http://www.recordnet.com/article/20160421/OPINION/160429908/0/SEARCH

Liz Kearney sent Mike Fitzgerald a review of the Visit Stockton guide with the new logo. A vote is now going on. We have opinions!

We are so happy about the creative work of our leader Erica DeiRossi with baby due in June!

Peggy Guttieri, Member of "Write On!"



SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, June 11th, 2016 West Hall - O'Connor Woods How Did We Do with "Community?"

Buffet Lunch

Speaker: American Fellowship/Grant Recipient Lina-Maria Murillo

Putting the Lid on Trivia Bee 2016

Thanks to all who attended TB 2016 on Friday the 22nd! AAUW filled 4 tables, our team came out at the top end of the 30 teams onstage, and raffle items were won by many of our members. A not-so-wicked witch, a capewearing and bee-bonneted lady and Cruella de Vil joined us at our tables; our team sponsor Della showed off her bee headgear and handmade bee earrings. Thanks to your guests, also, and let's fill 5 tables next year. AAUW makes it happen!



Pictured is this year's **Trivia Bee** team, from left to right: Lisa Cooperman, Carolyn Wischhusen, and Kathy Fong.

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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.

Map Palendar

Day	Date	Time	Event	Location/Contact
		Online	Submission of Articles/Pictures	ronsan3628@sbcglobal.net
		Anytime	for stockton-ca.aauw.net Web Page	
Sun	8	All Day	Reservation Deadline	Joan Erreca – 478-1457
Mon	9	6:00pm	Board Meeting	Home of Cindy Milford
				3664 Five Mile Dr., Stockton
Wed	11	5pm-8pm	It's All About Picnic in the Park	Micke Grove Park
			AAUW May BBQ Bash	Bear Creek Shelter
Sat	14	9:30am	Boudin Brunch	Bobbie Landau Bobbiej49@aol.com
Tue	17	7:00pm	AAUW Book Group –	Discussion Leader: Alice Malde
			Mornings on Horseback by David McCullough	Hostess: Bette Parsons