

62nd Annual AAUW

HOME TOUR *"On the Water"*

Our 62nd annual Home Tour and biggest fundraiser of the year is Sunday, November 3rd, from 10-4. Hopefully, by now you have sold the two tickets that were sent to all members and have sent in the money to Jeanne Gaia, who is keeping track of our member sales. This is a new method of ticket distribution for us and has been very successful for the Amador branch for many years. Our traditional Home Tour booklet, with photos and descriptions, will be available at each property. Only the blue ticket has the map of the Home Tour and needs to be presented at each home. Help us spread the word about this new way of doing things.

Be sure not to miss our refreshment stop at the Brookside Recreation Center, pictured at right. For the first time, we have a dedicated stop that features not only our refreshments, but the opportunity to bid on silent auction items and shop at three outstanding vendors. Enjoy the lake view as you check out the delectable olive oils from Marianne's Pantry, the unique cherry products from Homestead Favorites of Linden, and unique, well-priced items from "Pardon My French" Home Boutique on Stockton's Miracle Mile.

All of this, plus a restroom, makes this a "must" stop on the Home Tour.

We're counting on all of our members who have volunteered to be hostesses, take tickets and provide refreshments to do their part. Hostesses and ticket takers, please arrive on time for your shift. Refreshment providers, please follow Pat Miller's instruction in regard to delivery. When you're not "on duty", enjoy the Home Tour!

AAUW is well known in the greater Stockton community for our annual Home Tour. Many people look forward to it every year. This year's theme, "On the Water" should be very special. We are providing the community with an opportunity to see waterfront properties that they would not usually have access to. We can show off the beautiful water features that make Stockton a truly special place to live.

There are so many people to thank for making the Home Tour possible. Look in the Home Tour booklet for who deserves our gratitude for their participation. And buy tickets to win beautiful baskets of goods and gift certificates to "bid on silent auction items!"



President's Message



As we prepare for our 62nd annual Home Tour, our biggest fundraiser, I can't help but think about why we raise money. In August I attended the scholarship ceremony at San Joaquin Delta College where I met with two recipients of our local branch scholarships. In September I signed up a University of the Pacific student who revealed that she had gone to Tech Trek and that it made a great impact on her life. On Sunday, October 13th I had the privilege of attending the AAUW funds luncheon in Fair Oaks. We met and listened to five remarkable recipients of AAUW graduate fellowships and career development grants. Local scholarships, Tech Trek, and national fellowships and grants all receive money raised at our Home Tour.

Meeting the women and girls whose lives are made better and who, in turn, make a positive difference in our world motivates me to work as hard as I can to raise the funds that they need in order to make an impact. I thank all of you members who step up to do the tasks that make our Home Tour a success. By being a member of AAUW, you are part of a community that empowers women and girls. You are part of the solution to the problems of the world. You should be proud. I know that I am!

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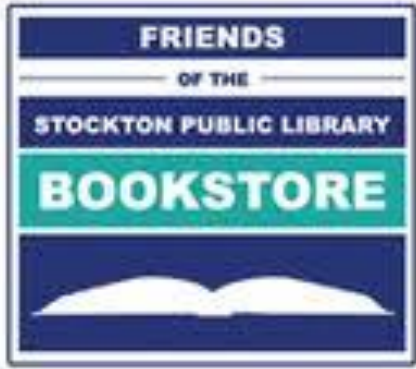
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Title IX Cheerleaders

NOVEMBER GAME OF THE MONTH!

What: Women's Volleyball

Pacific vs. Santa Clara



When: Saturday, November 16th

Gather—12:30pm

Game starts—1pm

Where: UOP's Spanos Center
Southeast Entrance

Cost: Free

RSVP: cindymilf@comcast.net or 477-5984

Last month, eight members (and a friend) of our Branch's 40-member cheerleading squad watched an exciting match between Delta's Mustangs and Modesto J.C.'s Pirates. This month, we'll witness another herd of horses (University of Santa Clara's Broncos) battle a pride of felines (Pacific's Tigers) on the volleyball court. Note the date change. Originally scheduled for Thursday night when several of our cheerleaders would be involved in a Mentor Group activity, we've moved the Game of the Month to the following Saturday afternoon. (Yes, the Symphony is that night but not until 6pm.) Some of our working women might finally be able to join us! This will be an especially well-attended event since it's Military and Law Enforcement Appreciation Day. I hope that the announcer will be able to read our paragraph explaining AAUW and Title IX!



To borrow an official Cheerleaders Squad shirt or get on our contact list, phone or e-mail me. (See above). Everyone will receive a reminder the week prior to the event with details (cost—usually \$0, meeting spot, parking info). See you at the game!

STEM Trek

The Stem Trekkies are having a busy fall season! All attended the Expanding Your Horizons conference at U.O.P. on October 12th. The girls experienced a full day of hands-on science, technology, engineering and math sessions, presented by real practitioners in each field. Mentors are also assisting our senior girls at this time with college visits and applications, which must be completed soon.

November provides a whirlwind of activities. The girls will assist with the Home Tour on November 3rd, this year at the Freeman home. They will also have Dinner with a Scientist at the annual event held at the San Joaquin County Office of Education on November 14th. They will have three dinner courses at three different tables, each hosted by a real scientist who will share their experiences and answer questions.

November 26th is one of the few days of the year when all of the girls have the day off from their respective schools. That day we are scheduled for a campus tour at California State University, San Jose, followed by a guided tour of the Google campus in Mountain View. This is an amazing opportunity as the Google campus is usually closed to visitors (unless one has an "in," which we do!)

Where did November go? The Trekkies and mentors are already looking forward to the holiday season and going to the Posada Navideña show at the Gallo center in December.

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AAUW Writing Group

Have your writing skills grown rusty? Are you interested in polishing them up? Would you like to unearth your lifelong memories and begin composing your memoirs? Need a shovel? Sign-up for the AAUW Writing Group, which meets every month and includes writing exercises and peer review sessions. Writers of both fiction and nonfiction, prose and poetry are welcome.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, November 14th at 6:30pm at member Erica Dei Rossi's home at 2622 Bonniebrook. Contact Erica at mrs.deirossi@gmail.com for more information.



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Kathy Hart, president of San Joaquin Delta College, speaks at October's meeting.

Women at the Top? Why Not?

By Maurelle Bagus
The Pacifican

On Sunday, Oct. 6th, a panel of women leaders from a variety of professional fields delivered a lecture in response to the question "Women at the Top? Why Not?" for the third annual Intergenerational Tea by Pacific's Women's Resource Center and in collaboration with a variety of organizations.

Located in the DeRosa University Center Ballroom, this event aimed to bring women across generations together to celebrate and spark women's leadership and success in all areas of society.

Speakers included Kathy Hart, president of San Joaquin Delta College, Rhodesia Ransom, executive director of the Sow a Seed Foundation, Alicia Hetman, statewide president of AAUW-California, Danielle Procope '14 and Doris Wright, president of the National Council of Negro Women—Sacramento section.

A panel of women, consisting of Rayven Williams '13, Ransom and Kimberly Ellis, the executive director of Emerge California, answered a couple questions asked by the moderator, Ronda Sanders, co-president of AAUW—Stockton branch, and the audience. In response to the question of why there needs to be diverse leaders, Williams explained that it could help change the status quo and mindset of people at the top. Ellis revealed statistics and research, such as one that indicated that policies are more fair, equitable and just when women are a part of policy-making decisions. Ellis also pointed out

that in terms of equitable female representation in government, the United States is ranked 99th, which is behind Serbia and China.

When a member of the audience asked why that is so, Ellis asserted that not enough women run for office. The organization that she is the executive director of, Emerge California, is part of a national network that works in 14 states to encourage and train women to run for office.

As Ellis pointed out, it is not just women's issues but "people issues," for women's issues affect men too. Ellis advocated building partnerships with the male community, for it will benefit the entire society.

The president of San Joaquin Delta College, Kathy Hart, Ph.D., gave the first of the closing remarks. "Be open to what comes your way," stated Hart and emphasized aspiring leaders to sharpen their listening and critical thinking skills. Hart stated that visualizing the big picture and broadening your thinking is also especially important. "Don't worry about who can help you. If you work hard people will want to help, and don't push them away," advised Hart.

For the final closing remark, Sydnie Reyes delivered a spoken word, titled "No Ordinary Woman," where about half of the room stood up to clap.

Corrie Martin, the director of the Women's Resource Center, commented that this event is an "incredible collaboration between the Stockton community and students and faculty and staff here at Pacific." It was in collaboration with Pacific Feminists, Pacific Alumni Association, the National Council of Negro Women – Sacramento Section, Advancing Women's Leadership 2.0 and the American Association of University Women – Stockton Branch

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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.

November Calendar

| Day | Date | Time | Event | Location/Contact |
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| | | Online Anytime | Submission of Articles/Pictures for aauwstockton.org Web Page | katienal@comcast.net |
| Sun | 3 | 10am-4pm | 62 nd Annual Home Tour – “On the Water” | Ticket Information: 477-5984 |
| Thu | 14 | 6:30pm | AAUW Writing Group | Erica Dei Rossi's Home |
| Sat | 16 | 12:30pm | Game of the Month – Pacific vs. Santa Clara | UOP's Spanos Center |
| Tue | 19 | 7:00pm | <u>Gone Girl</u> By Gillian Flynn | Discussion Leader: Helen Mar Hostess: Jeanne Gaia |
| Wed | 20 | 6:30pm | Needlework Meets – New Members Welcome | Home of Coralita Rathhaus |