

## "Women at the Top - Why Not?"

Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013

University of the Pacific DeRosa Center - 3601 Pacific Avenue, Stockton CA

A question that all of us have had! This year's Intergenerational Tea at Pacific will be a great opportunity to hear a panel of outstanding women from various walks of life discussing this issue. This will also serve as our branch's monthly meeting. The expert panel includes Maria Pallavicini, Pacific's chief academic officer; Dr. Kathy Hart, President of San Joaquin Delta College; Anne Moses, founder of IGNITE, Rhodesia Ransom, Executive Director of "Sow A Seed" and our State President of AAUW, Alicia Hetman. Joining us at the tea will be our sister organizations: Pacific Feminists; Pacific Alumni; National Council of Negro Women-Sacramento and Advancing Women's Leadership 2.0.

This will be a very special opportunity for all of us. Don't miss it!

**Intergenerational Tea at Pacific**  
UOP DeRosa Center Ballroom  
2pm-4pm

**Cost:** \$20 per person

**Reservations Deadline:** Sunday, Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>  
**Checks Payable to AAUW**

Questions?? Call Pat Fluetsch at 951-6822  
**Reservations MADE Must Be PAID.**

## STEM Trek

Our four new STEM Trekkies have joined right in as we had a busy month in September. We coordinated with Corrie Martin, Director of the Women's Center at the University of the Pacific, to provide our girls with a campus tour on September 16. The girls were able to learn their way around campus and witness first-hand how college students live and study. Dinner in the student center capped off this very informative experience.

We will be back at U.O.P. on October 5<sup>th</sup> for the annual Expanding Your Horizons conference. The girls will spend the day attending sessions presented by real scientists designed to peak interest in the STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) areas.

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# President's Message



I'm so excited about our college/university partnerships! We have already enrolled 101 students at San Joaquin Delta College as AAUW student affiliates. We had outstanding attendance at our September kick off meeting in Danner Hall on the Delta College campus. Our speakers, Delta president, Dr. Kathy Hart and Delta trustee Claudia Moreno impressed us all with how important the college is to our community. I'm sure that our Tech Trek campers and families were given good reason to consider San Joaquin Delta College for the beginning of the girls' college education. To top it off, I had the pleasure of announcing that our branch will sponsor a Delta student to attend the National Conference of College Women Student Leaders at the University of Maryland next June.

Our other partner institution of higher learning, the University of the Pacific, will be the sight of our branch meeting on Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup>. I urge all members to attend. This intergenerational tea, themed "Women at the top...Why not?" will be an enlightening and energizing event where we will make that important connection with the young women who are AAUW's future. Last year's event had an attendance of 140, including 70 students. I'm hoping for 200 this year.

Another way that we will celebrate our partnerships with San Joaquin Delta College and the University of the Pacific is through our Title IX Cheerleader program. Join us as we attend female athletic games at both institutions this year.

Finally, female students at our college/university partners benefit from our fundraising efforts. We need your help at our upcoming Home Tour, acting as hostesses, providing refreshments, and, of course, buying and selling tickets.

Join me in celebrating our college/university partnerships this year.

Ronda Sanders  
President

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*We express our sincere sympathy to Ronda Sanders for the loss of her mother and to Connie Starnier for the loss of her father.*

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# *Title IX Cheerleaders*

## *OCTOBER GAME OF THE MONTH!*

**What:** Women's Volleyball

S.J. Delta College vs. Modesto JC

**When:** Friday, October 18<sup>th</sup>

Gather—6:15pm

Game starts—6:30pm

**Where:** Marcopulos Gym,  
Delta College

**Cost:** Free

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

Our first Game of the Month features a favorite sport among our Title IX Cheerleaders: volleyball. Join us in watching the San Joaquin Delta College Mustangs and the Modesto Junior College Pirates serve, block, dig, and spike. As we did last year, members of our Branch's 40-member cheerleading squad will wear our bright blue T-shirts proclaiming "AAUW Supports Title IX!" while cheering for spunky play by the women of both teams.



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 (L and XL). 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'll receive a reminder the week prior to the event with details (cost—usually \$0, meeting spot, parking). See you at the game!

Cindy Milford



## **Impact of Your Book Donations**

Better World Books is a pioneering social enterprise developed in 2002 by three college friends with a mission to promote literacy. With the help of thousands of libraries, colleges and universities and non-profit community organizations, Better World Books has converted more than 58 million books to over \$10.4 million in funding for literacy and education. In the process, more than 40,000 tons of books have been diverted from landfills.

Better World Books and AAUW have joined forces to generate funding for local Branches and the AAUW Undergraduate Scholarship Program. Our Branch has utilized Better World Books to realize the full potential of the extra inventory from our semi-annual book sales. By prescreening the books and shipping a minimum of 6 boxes at a time, Better World Books provided the boxes and paid for the shipping.

I am pleased to report that, to date, 292 of our books have been reused or recycled. We have raised \$81.06 for our Branch and \$27.02 for AAUW programs. By utilizing Better World Books, we limited the negative impact on our environment in the following ways: we saved 4 trees, 3,311 gallon of water, 628 pounds of greenhouse gases and 970 KWH of electricity. I will keep you all updated on the continuing benefits that our Branch, AAUW, world literacy and our environment reap from our involvement with Better World Books.

Pat Miller



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## AAUW Funds Luncheon Fair Oaks (Sacramento Area)

**Day:** Sunday October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2013

**Time:** 12:30 PM - 3:30 PM

**Location:** North Ridge Country Club

7600 Madison Avenue

Fair Oaks, California 95628

**Cost:** \$40.00

**Reservation Deadline:** October 3<sup>rd</sup>

If you have made a reservation and you would like to carpool, please contact Carolyn Wischhusen, Stockton Branch EF chair, regarding carpool arrangements at 957-0952, or email [carolynwi@sbcglobal.net](mailto:carolynwi@sbcglobal.net).



## Directory updates

### Corrections to Directory:

Pg. 2-Add "State Convention" above the April dates at the bottom of the page.

Pg. 6- Under New Members add Elizabeth Englebrick as Co-chair with Julie Pichardo

Pg. 22- Top of Page Caller Peggy Guttieri  
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## Names Names Names Names Names

That's all I need are Names – of friends, associates, people you have spoken with and who show curiosity in AAUW and what you do with the organization. Along with those Names and mailing addresses our Membership packet will be sent to them for their perusal in the privacy of their home, where pen, check, completed application all come together to fill an envelope for mailing to:

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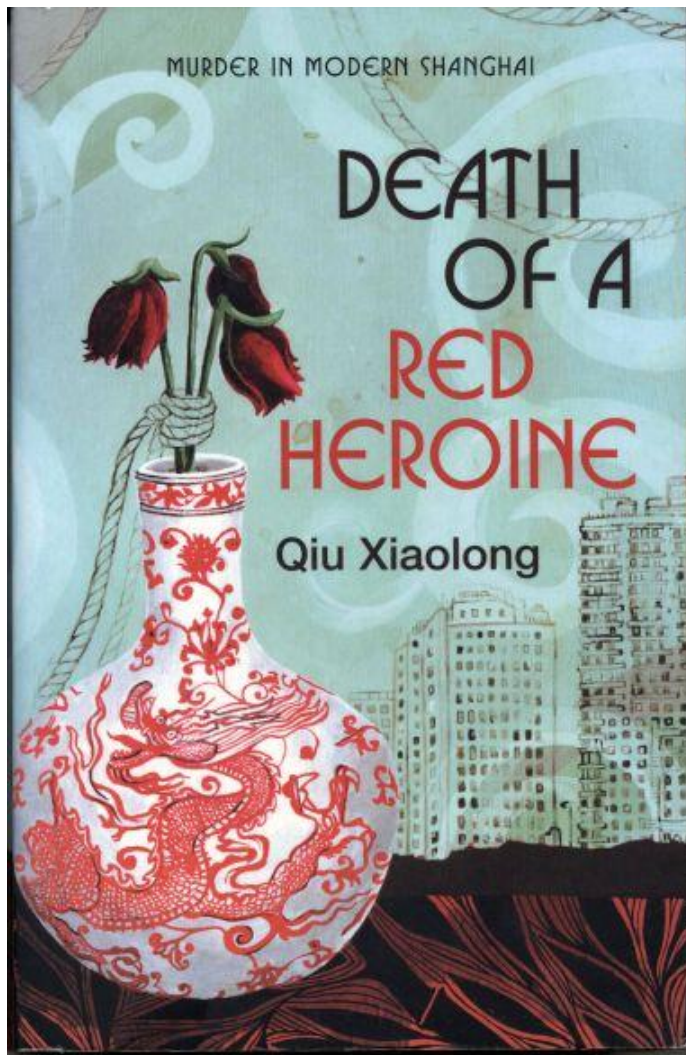
# **AAUW Book Group II**

October 15<sup>th</sup> – 7pm

**Death of a Red Heroine By Qiu Xiaolong**

**Discussion Leader:** Jeanne Gaia

**Hostess:** Ila Mae Wilson



**Death of a Red Heroine:** Inspector Chen Cao is a novelty in the world of police procedurals. A published poet and translator of American and English mystery novels, he has been assigned by the Chinese government to a "productive" job with the Special Cases Bureau of the Shanghai Police Department. Shanghai in the mid-1990s is a city caught between reverence for the past and fascination with a tantalizing, market-driven present. When the body of a young "national model worker," revered for her adherence to the principles of the Communist Party, turns up in a canal, Chen is thrown into the midst of these opposing forces.



## **LAF Is Not a Laughing Matter!**

**>Women workers are denied promotions at Wal-Mart!**

**>Military veterans survive sexual assault!**

**>College/university staff experience unfair pay!**

These women were not laughing as they experienced sexual discrimination, which takes a variety of forms: sexual harassment and assault, pregnancy discrimination, unfair pay, and violations of the Title IX of the Education Amendments of the 1972.

AAUW's Legal Advocacy Fund addresses these barriers by informing people of their rights and using the legal system to seek justice and change. LAF programs include:

**\*Legal Case Support** provides financial and organizational support for a select number of cases in the workplace and in academia that have the potential to provide significant protection for all women.

**\*LAF Case Support Travel Grants** protect AAUW members through educational programs about legal rights delivered by LAF plaintiffs and lawyers.

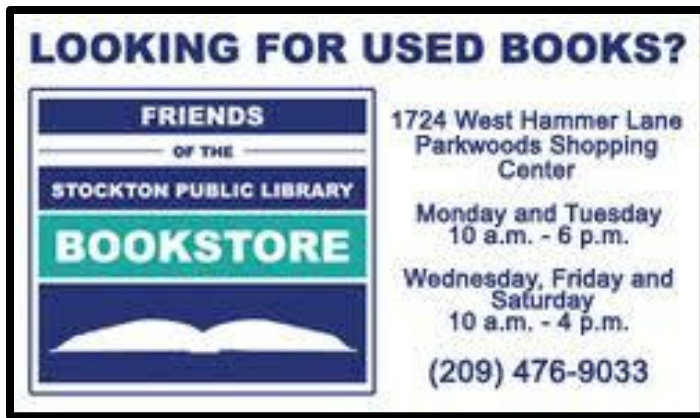
**\*Campus Outreach Projects** protect college students from discrimination, harassment, and assault through on-campus program grants.

**\*Legal Referral Network** includes over 300 experts nationwide who offer pro bono or reduced-fee initial consultations to AAUW members considering legal action.

During the year, I'll be sharing examples of LAF's programs and explaining how Stockton Branch can support them. You'll learn how you can help put a smile back on the faces of girls and women who have suffered discrimination!

Cindy Milford,  
LAF Chair





## Virginia Gildersleeve International Fund

The non-profit Virginia Gildersleeve International Fund provides small grants for grassroots projects that empower women and girls in developing countries. Its philosophy is very much in synch with AAUW ideals. The fund is not supported directly through the national AAUW organization, except in Virginia. The fund was represented at the spring AAUW Convention. The Stockton Branch has supported the VGIF through annual donations. Several members have had an active membership for many years. The fund was founded in 1969 and has given more than \$1.8 million to women's groups in developing countries.

The fund honors Virginia Gilderleeve, who was Dean of Barnard College for many years, was successful in winning support for women's access to higher education and having full equality with men in American society and throughout the world. While Dean at Barnard, she encouraged her students to participate in the political movements of the day. The Board of Trustees at the time felt women should not march and that political involvement was "unladylike" and "too sordid for a refined woman."

Barnard was affiliated with Columbia University and she helped women gain entrance to the university. "In 1918 Gildersleeve met with Caroline Spurgeon and Rose Sedge while the two English women were on academic exchange to the United States. In 1919 they founded the International Federation of University Women. Following WWI she became

active in politics and supported Franklin D. Roosevelt. During WWII she chaired the Advisory Council of Navy's women unit (the WAVES).

Roosevelt named her to the U.S. delegation to help write the United Nations charter. She was the only woman on the committee. She was on the UN Economic and Social Council. She was able to persuade the delegates to include: "higher standards of living, full employment, and conditions of economic and social progress and development." She also added: "universal respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language, or religion." She insisted that The Charter have a Human Rights Commission.

Funds motto: "By changing a woman's life, you can change the world."



## New Members Group

Calling all new members! Our monthly New Members meeting will be at Mimi's Café on Wednesday, October 30<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm. Order dinner or just a beverage while enjoying intelligent conversation. Hope to see you there!

Julie Pichardo & Liz Englebrick, co-chairs



# AAUW CA Biennial Public Policy Action Priorities 2013-2015

<b>Economic self-sufficiency for all women.</b>	<b>A strong system of public education.</b>	<b>Equality, individual rights and social justice for a diverse society.</b>
<p>Pay equity and fairness in compensation.</p> <p>Equitable access and advancement in employment, including vigorous enforcement of employment anti-discrimination statutes.</p> <p>Strengthening retirement benefits and programs, including pension improvements and protecting Social Security from privatization.</p> <p>Programs that provide women with education, training and support for success in the work force.</p> <p>Strengthening programs, including welfare, career and technical education, to improve postsecondary education access, career development and earning potential.</p> <p>Greater availability of and access to a high standard of benefits and policies that promote work/life balance.</p>	<p>Adequate and equitable funding for quality public education for all students.</p> <p>Increased support for programs that break through barriers for women and girls in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) fields.</p> <p>Protection of programs that meet the needs of girls and women in all levels of education, including vigorous enforcement of Title IX and all other civil rights laws pertaining to education.</p> <p>Opposition to the use of public funds for nonpublic elementary and secondary education and for charter schools that do not adhere to the same civil rights and accountability standards as required of public schools.</p> <p>Support for and access to higher education for women and disadvantaged populations.</p>	<p>Choice in the determination of one's reproductive life.</p> <p>Freedom from violence and fear of violence, including bullying and sexual harassment, in homes, schools, workplaces, and communities.</p> <p>Increased access to quality, affordable healthcare, and family planning services, including expansion of patient rights.</p> <p>Support for United Nations programs that address human rights and women and girls' concerns.</p> <p>Freedom in definition of family, and guarantee of civil rights in all family structures.</p> <p>Vigorous protection of and full access to civil and constitutional rights.</p>

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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.

## *October Calendar*

Day	Date	Time	Event	Location/Contact
		Online Anytime	Submission of Articles/Pictures for <a href="http://aauwstockton.org">aauwstockton.org</a> Web Page	<a href="mailto:katial@comcast.net">katial@comcast.net</a>
Sun	9/29	All Day	Branch Meeting Reservation Deadline	Pat Fluetsch, 951-6822
Tue	9/30	6:00pm	Board Meeting	Home of Helen Holt Friendly Village Clubhouse
Sun	6	2:00pm	"Women At The Top-Why Not?"	UOP DeRosa Center
Sun	13	12:30pm	AAUW Funds Luncheon	North Ridge Country Club Fair Oaks
Tue	15	7:00pm	<u>Death of a Red Heroine</u> By Qiu Xiaolong	Discussion Leader: Jeanne Gaia Hostesses: Ila Mae Wilson
Wed	16	6:30pm	Needlework Meets – New Members Welcome	Home of Coralita Rathhaus
Fri	18	6:15pm	Game of the Month – Delta vs. MJC	Marcopulos Gym – Delta College
Wed	30	5:30pm	New Members Meeting	Mimi's Cafe