

Decisions! Decisions! Decisions! Saturday, October 22nd, 2016 O'Connor Woods – West Hall

Decisions! Decisions! Decisions! In addition to national election concerns, Californians face a long list of 17 ballot propositions. We will encounter a variety of TV ads trying to persuade us to see things one way or the other. How do we know what a yes or a no vote would really do?

Our October branch meeting will feature volunteers from the League of Women Voters who will help to explain the pros and cons of the major ballot propositions. Due to the large number, we will be focusing on the following ballot measures: 51, 52, 53, 55, 58, 61, 62, and 66. Of course, if there is a particular proposition that interests you that is not addressed, there will be a question/answer period as well.

Our meeting will be in West Hall at O'Connor Woods and will begin at 9:30am with a brief business meeting, followed by our discussion of ballot measures. A buffet luncheon prepared by O'Connor Woods will follow at 11:30.

Schedule:

- 9:00 Registration
Coffee, Tea, Water
- 9:30 Business Meeting
- 10am Featured Speakers:
Representatives from League
of Women Voters
- 11:30 Buffet Luncheon
- 1:30 Adjourn

Menu: Luncheon Buffet Featuring Pasta, Salad, Beverages, and Dessert

Cost: \$20 (Meeting Only \$5)

Reservation Deadline: Sunday, Oct. 16th
Checks Payable to AAUW

Reservations: Call Joan Erreca,
Reservations Chair 478-1457

Reservations MADE Must Be PAID.

The Stockton-San Joaquin Public Library Chavez branch is looking for Homework Helpers and Adult Literacy Tutors. The Homework Helper works one-on-one with K-6 grade students with math/reading homework, on Wednesdays from 3:30-5:30. The volunteers need to be fingerprinted, and commit to one semester, either fall or spring.

For more information, please contact: Raquelle Deyuto at:
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Adult Literacy tutors work one-on-one with adult learners set their own goals so that they may participate more fully in society as parents and family members, as workers, and as community members and citizens. For more information, please contact: Literacy Office at: 209-937-7778

President's Message



I was so inspired at our September branch meeting! The three middle school Tech Trekkers were so poised in their speeches - Thanks to Pam Mallett-Jones for the expert coaching. Current and former STEM mentees showed us how much this program has positively impacted their lives.

Cassie Findlay, AAUW Delta College scholarship recipient and NCCWSL attendee relayed how she will use her NCCWSL experience for her own advancement and to help other young women along their paths in life. We met Zuleima Flores and Jasmine Leek, two of the founding members of Stockton's own AAUW Younger Women's Task Force, which will focus on the concerns of the 20-39 year old demographic.

Our speaker Shelley Galati, professor of bioengineering at University of the Pacific, told her story, one that holds lessons for anyone pursuing life's path. Thanks to Shelley, I think I actually understand what bioengineering means!

Thanks to everyone at the meeting who signed up to help with our annual Home Tour fundraising event on Sunday, November 6th. The money we raise makes our programs that empower women and girls possible.

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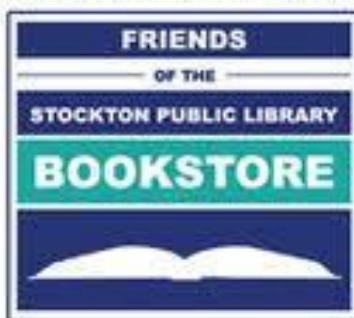
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STEM Trek

The S.T.E.M. girls and mentors met at the home of mentor, Cheryl Meeker, on September 18th for our annual "kick off" of the new school year. We welcomed the three new girls who were Tech Trek campers this summer and now will join us for the next five years.

All attendees participated in ice breaker activities to get to know one another before rotating stations where they prepared (and ate!) healthy snacks.

We also welcomed three new mentors to our group: Terri Mercer, Shari DeAngelis and Julie Pichardo. They are enthusiastic and bring many skills and much experience to share.

As always, there are many experiences on tap for this year. Our October activities include the "Expanding Your Horizons" conference on October 1st and a U.O.P. homecoming rally on October 15th. This activity will show them the fun side of college life!



Meet this year's three Tech Trek campers: Ashley, Cassandra and Angela.

The STEM Trek Mentors would like to express our appreciation and gratitude to the following community members who generously donated to our program in 2015. They made it possible for us to continue our very successful program:

Bank of Stockton
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Mr. Dennis Duffy
The Grupe Company
Kevin and Sandy Huber

The Joseph and Judith Family
Foundation
The Record
United Way of San Joaquin County
Valley Wholesale Drug Company
Mrs. Patti Williams
Dr. Henry and Carol Zeiter

*Thank
you*

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! We couldn't have done it without you.

DEPARTMENT OF MUSEUM TRAVEL HAGGIN MUSEUM OF STOCKTON

Saturday, January 25th, 2017
"MOMA – A FRESH START"

Renovated and expanded by international architecture firm Snohetta, the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art opened May 14th. Nearly three years ago the museum shut the doors to its longtime home. The edifice lay dormant, closed to the public while work moved forward on a \$305 million overhaul.

What visitors will find is something dramatically different: an institution with almost three times more exhibition space and a renewed focus on engaging the city that surrounds it.

It is now 10 stories high with 170,000 square feet of space. The inaugural presentation of 1,100 works are from the collection of Doris and Donald Fisher, owners of the Gap. There are 12 Alexander Calder sculptures, some indoor, some outdoor.

In addition to the gift shop there are three refreshment centers: coffee offered at Sightglass on Floor 3, Café 5 on Floor 5, and In Situ on the First floor.

The bus leaves at 8am, returning by 5pm. Beverly Fitch McCarthy is the tour leader. She can be reached at 463-6957 for additional information. Reservations of \$80 for members and \$115 for non-members may be sent to Merylene Marengo at the museum.



NOVEMBER BALLOT PROPOSITIONS

There are 17 propositions on the November 2016 ballot. There will also be city and county measures. AAUW chose five propositions that were relevant to the organization's mission and on which to take a position. Several propositions amend the state Constitution. Others create new laws (statutes) or amend current laws.

SUPPORT

51 – (Statute): Authorizes \$9 billion in general obligation bonds for K-12 school: \$3 billion for new construction, \$3 billion for modernization, \$2 billion for California Community College buildings, \$1 billion for facilities for charter schools and technical education programs. The bonds will be paid off by annual payments from the General Fund.

SUPPORT: Provides adequate funding for high quality public education **IMPACT:** Estimated net fiscal state and local government impact will be about \$17.6 billion to pay off the principle (\$9 billion) and the interest (\$8.6 billion) on the bonds. Payments of about \$500 million per year over a 35 year period.

52 – (Statute and Constitutional amendment): Extends indefinitely an existing statute that imposes fees on hospitals. The Federal government matches these fees; combined, the money pays for Medi-Cal health services, care for uninsured patients, and children's health care coverage. Voters must approve any changes to use the funds for other purposes. The Legislature can repeal and/or amend but only with a two-thirds vote to do so.

SUPPORT: Increases quality of affordable health care. Guarantee equality, individual rights and social justice for a diverse population.

IMPACT: Uncertain of effect, depends if Legislature extends the hospital fee absent the measure.

55 – (Constitutional Amendment) This measure extends for 12 years the additional income tax rate established by Proposition 30 in 2012 and creates a formula to provide for Medi-Cal support for fiscal years 2018-19 through 2030-31. The extension will also generate \$8-11 billion per year for public schools and community colleges, health care for low-income patients, and local public safety. The public can track expenditures at www.trackprop30.ca.gov. The amendment does not add new taxes, but continues taxes already in place.

SUPPORT: Supports a quality public educational system. Provides affordable health care: guarantees equality, individual rights and social justice for a diverse population. AAUW supported Prop 30 in 2012.

58 – (Statute) – Amends 1998's Prop. 227 (which required children in public schools to be taught in English) to allow public schools' students who speak limited English to be taught for a defined period of time in languages other than English. Districts using this option must develop an accountability plan and involve parent advisory committees. Parents may opt out of the program.

SUPPORT: Support for a strong system of public education that promotes gender fairness, equality and diversity.

IMPACT: No notable fiscal effect on school districts or state government.

OPPOSE

Background Information for Proposition 53

This year the state plans to spend \$122 billion from its main operating account, the General Fund. More than half will be spent for K-12 schools, community colleges, and state public universities. One quarter will be spent on health and human services, the largest being Medi-Cal. The remainder is spent for "various programs" like prisons, parole programs and the courts.

Proposition 30 approved by voters in November 2012, increased income tax on high-income taxpayers. It also raised the state sales tax by one-quarter cent from 2012 to 2016. This tax will

end this year.

Education: The State Constitution sets an annual minimum General Fund allocation for K-12 and Community Colleges. The minimum guarantee is based on formulas voters approved several years ago when they passed Proposition 98. The proposition includes safeguards against actions by the Governor and the Legislature to reduce the guarantee.

Funding can grow over time if state tax revenues and student attendance also grow. For example an improving California economy and the additional revenue from Proposition 30 tax increases have lifted this year's education funding to \$71.9 billion – \$51.2 billion per Proposition 98 from the state general fund, a 2.8% increase, plus \$20.8 local property taxes. Likewise, state funding for higher education was increased 1.8% to \$14.6 billion.

IMPACT: Should Proposition 53 fail there will be less money for K-12 schools, community colleges, health care services for low-income people, budget reserves, and debt payments.

53 – (Constitutional Amendment) Requires statewide voter approval before any revenue bonds can be issued or sold by the state for certain projects if the bond amount exceeds \$2 billion. Prohibits dividing projects into segments to avoid public vote. Includes clause that if other bond measures on the ballot conflicts with this measure, and both that measure and this measure pass but this measure gets more votes, than the other measure is null and void (“poison pill clause”).

OPPOSE: the “poison pill” clause could nullify Proposition 51, which AAUW is supporting.

IMPACT: Fiscal impact on state and local government is unknown and would depend on which projects are affected by the measure, whether voters approve them, and whether any alternative projects or activities implemented by government agencies have higher or lower costs than the initial project proposal.

VOTE ON NOVEMBER 8th & take a millennial to the polls.

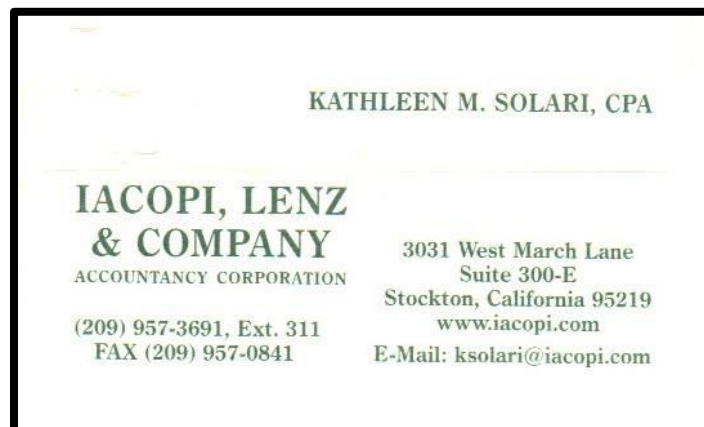
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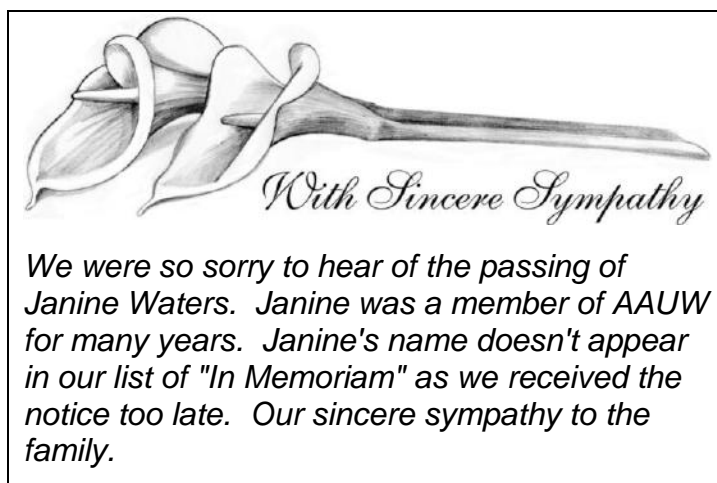
LABEL / BULK MAIL PERSON NEEDED

If you are interested in a “job” that is necessary but not **all time consuming**, this is it. You would be making labels for mailed copies of the Delta Steamer, for bulk mailings for fund raisers and for the Home Tour.

This was taken on as a job that could carry over into my retirement years and it is now time to give it up (25+ years later).

It is far less complicated than in the past and the USPS employees are very helpful.

Patricia Voss



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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 and girls have a fair chance.

October Calendar

Day	Date	Time	Event	Location/Contact
		Online Anytime	Submission of Articles/Pictures for stockton-ca.aauw.net Web Page	ronsan3628@sbcglobal.net
Sun	16	All Day	Reservation Deadline	Joan Erreca – 478-1457
Mon	17	6:00pm	Board Meeting	Home of Alice Malde 2506 Sheridan Way
Tue	18	7:00pm	AAUW Book Group “ <u>The 100 Year -Old-Man Who Climbed Out of a Window and Disappeared</u> ” by Jonas Johansson	Reviewer: Carolyn Mallett Hostess: Ila Wilson
Sat	22	9:30am	Branch Meeting – Decisions! Decisions! Decisions!	O’Connor Woods – West Hall