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Women at the Top – Why Not?

Saturday, March 15th, 2014 Haggin Museum - 1201 N. Pershing Ave.

Back by popular demand for the Celebration of Women's History Month, Professor Lynn Hawley of San Joaquin Delta College has another fabulous topic for us after her insightful presentation last year concerning women, insanity and higher education. She will discuss the difficulties women have faced in the electoral process, the high hopes of suffrage leaders after women got the right to vote and the myth of the "female vote," AND, finally, the possibility of America getting a female President. You don't want to miss this one!

Ying Quartet

Sunday, April 6 2:30 pm Faye Spanos Concert Hall, UOP



Schedule

1:30 - Welcome and announcements
2-2:30 - Essay Contest Winners

(1st, 2nd, & 3rd place)
Speech Contest Winner (1st place)

2:30-2:45 - Break
2:45-3:30 - Professor Lynn Hawley
Reception with light refreshments

Admission:

The price for this month's meeting will be Admission to the Haggin:

Adult - \$8 Senior (65+) - \$7 Free to Haggin Members Museum opens at Noon

Reservations Deadline: Sunday, March 9th

Questions?? Call Pat Fluetsch at 951-6822

FIRST UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF STOCKTON

-A Liberal Religious Community-2737 Pacific Ave at Bristol St 10:30 AM Sunday Service

(Sunday <u>School</u>; Childcare provided) Info available: <u>www.stocktonuu.org</u> (209) 466-7743 contact@stocktonuu.org

We affirm and promote the inherent worth and dignity of every person and are a welcoming congregation.



As I write this, our state is experiencing one of the worst droughts ever recorded. I try to remember to turn off the water when the toothbrush is in my mouth. I'm trying to take shorter showers. Should I start capturing the water that is wasted as I wait too long for it to heat up? I get frustrated when I see on the news that the water war between northern and southern California rages on. I remember writing a college paper about it in 1968!

Just as water is a precious resource that needs to be protected, so is the mission of AAUW. I know that through AAUW, I'm contributing to our efforts to break down barriers for women and girls. I'm grateful for all of you who are doing what you can. Just the act of paying your dues is an important contribution. Thanks to all of you who have recently responded to our annual LAF fundraiser. I have no doubt that we will be proud of the amount that we are contributing to AAUW's national effort to fight discrimination in the courts.

If you haven't already, be sure to read the page in the AAUW California Perspective by state president Alicia Hetman. She exhorts us to Be More! Do More! Give More! There are so many ways to make AAUW a priority in your life. We are currently looking for members to fill important board positions. We need a president-elect, program vice-president and membership treasurer. If you are willing to be considered for one of these positions, contact Della Richardson at 209-952-1955 or delarich@hotmail.com.

Ronda Sanders President





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Title IX Cheerleaders

MARCH GAME OF THE MONTH!

What: University Women's Water Polo The Pacific Lady Tigers vs. The University of Redlands Bulldogs When: Saturday, March 22nd - 2pm Where: Kjeldsen Pool, which is north of Spanos Center near the Pershing Ave. west entrance to the UOP campus. (As you enter the campus from Pershing, Spanos Center is on your right, and the pool is on your left).

Cost: Free; park in lot just east of the pool. **RSVP:** <u>cindymilf@comcast.net</u> or 477-5984

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Cheerleaders and friends! Dive right into this event! Buoy the spirits of the Pacific Tigers and the Redlands Bulldogs as they vie for that elusive ball while treading water. The Title IX Cheerleaders return to the pool after a three year time-out after their last visit. (Pacific President Eibeck happened to be among the fans at that 2011 water polo match and posed with the coach and our Cheerleaders for a MyRecord photo). 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 sky blue shirt or sweater to the game, or borrow a loaner M or XL shirt from me. (Just phone). 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. See you poolside!

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It's good to know people in interesting places! On Saturday, February 15th our girls were lucky enough to meet up with Jenny Wade, retired SUSD science teacher and now a docent at Oak Grove Regional Park. We are also lucky to have such a great resource right here in our own back yard! Jenny was our guide and interpreter at the Nature Center, and our leader as we followed an outdoor trail through the park. She was able to point out things in nature that most of us would not notice. As if that weren't good enough, the mentors and STEM Girls had a great chat while we ate lunch in the park. All mentors agree that we are learning as much as the girls and that we are all fortunate to have this experience. If you would like to become a mentor, or just want to find out more about our program you can call Pam Mallett-Jones at 463-3067.

Don't forget that our entire program is selffunded, mostly through our spring rummage sale which will be held on May 17th this year. It's not too early to be putting aside items to donate. We especially need household goods and furniture, jewelry and collectables. You'll also have the opportunity to help out by purchasing tickets to our Flapjack Fundraiser on June 14th. Thanks to all our members who help us guide these young women through school!

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2013 Donations to "The Funds"

Sharon Westafer, AAUW California Funds Committee Chair has provided us with a report of donations made to the Funds during 2013. The report shows that 38 contributions were made by Stockton Branch members to the following funds:

-AAUW funds -Gloria Weston Outreach Fund -Leadership Programs Fund -Muriel S. Robinson Research & Projects Grant -Helen Barney R&P -Unrestricted LAF support -Educational Opportunities Fund -Public Policy Fund

Thanks to our generous branch members these contributions total over \$7,000. Certificates of recognition for each contributor will be awarded at an upcoming branch meeting.



Calling all newly enrolled AAUW members! Please plan on attending the AAUW New Members meeting this month. We need to begin planning for the branch meeting in May, and we need your party ideas. The New Members group is traditionally responsible for planning and organizing the branch meeting in May. Generally we choose a theme, and then design decorations, food, and games to go along with it. Please RSVP to Liz Englebrick or Julie Pichardo by March 23. It will be at Julie's house, 6435 Crestview Circle in Stockton. We will meet March 26 at 5:30 p.m. The phone number is <u>482-7035</u>. Please bring a snack to share."



AAUW International Fellowships

AAUW's fellowships were originally designed to provide Latin American women with opportunity to take part in graduate and postgraduate study in the United States. The first fellowship was awarded in 1917. The program has expanded to include women from around the world, and International Fellowships were awarded to more than 3,300 women from more than 130 nations.

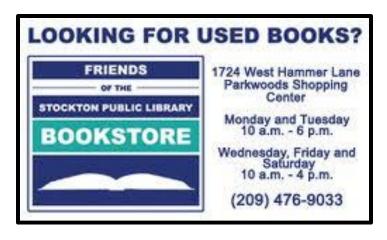
Fellowships are awarded for full-time study or research in the U.S. to women who are not U.S. citizens or permanent residents. The applicants must have earned an equivalent of the U.S. bachelor's degree. Five fellowships are renewable for a second year.

Recipients are selected for academic achievement and have demonstrated a commitment to women and girls. Recipients return to their home countries to become leaders in business, government, academia, community activism, the arts and sciences.

Past International Fellowship alumnae include Esther Ngumbi a Kenyan entomologist and motivational speaker. She has worked in Africa to develop sustainable farming and a science and leadership center.

Another recipient was Marina Nunez del Prado. She became one of Bolivia's premiere artists. One of her pieces hangs in the National Museum of Women in the Arts in Washington, D.C.

> Marilyn Wylie International Chair



Stamp Out Inequity!

Our 2014 Legal Advocacy Fund drive was launched with a roar in February! The U.S. Postal Service delivered to each AAUW member a bright green page explaining what LAF does (supports the protection of the legal rights of those facing discrimination in classroom, workplace, or athletic arena). She was then asked to place a check in the enclosed envelope to which she'd affix the provided U.S. stamp.

Within only three weeks, 39 AAUW sisters had donated a total of \$1,600 to help Stamp Out Inequity! They were eligible for the Early Bird drawing, which took place at the February 22nd Black History Month program and luncheon at the Hilton. The lucky winner was 60 year member Harriett Judson, who wasn't able to attend the meeting. Later that day, she received her \$25 Mimi's gift card prize and said that she loved to eat at that restaurant. Congratulations, Harriett! And congratulations go to all the other women who donated to help other women and girls attain equity.

You have until June 1st to join the fund drive by sending your check to LAF Chair Cindy Milford. If you've misplaced your envelope containing the directions, stamp, and envelope, please phone 477-5984 (Cindy). Stamp Out Inequity!

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That's all I need are Names – of friends, associates, people you have spoken with and who ask about what is AAUW and what do you do with the organization. With those Names and Mailing Addresses I shall happily send them our Membership packet for them to 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:

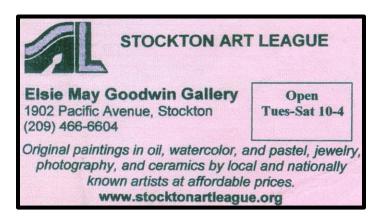
> AAUW Stockton Branch, Inc., PO Box 690663, Stockton CA 95269-0663 Patricia Voss, Membership VP



Help is needed to ensure that AAUW California continues with its many undertakings as well as with the hosting of biennial conventions, and in providing many different resources for branch leaders and members. During the past year, the Board of Directors has conducted a lineitem review of expenditures. Every possible cost-cutting measure has been undertaken – from reducing the size of the Board and moving the office to less expensive quarters to asking members to opt out of paper copies to save on reproduction and mailing costs.

The bottom line is that a dues increase of \$4 needs to be implemented. It has been ten years and action needs to be taken now to ensure that, starting in 2015, AAUW CA will receive sufficient proceeds to operate. The Dues Analysis Task Force Report with Recommendations offers further details and clarification. This document can be found at http://www.aauw-

ca.org/Assets/resources/Dues_Analysis_TF_Report_ with_Recommendations_9_13_%281%29.pdf



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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. By joining AAUW, you belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women have a fair chance.

March Palendar

Day	Date	Time	Event	Location/Contact
		Online	Submission of Articles/Pictures	ronsan3628@sbcglobal.net
		Anytime	for stockton-ca.aauw.net Web Page	
Sun	9	All Day	Branch Meeting Reservation Deadline	Pat Fluetsch, 951-6822
Mon	10	6:00pm	Board Meeting	Home of Ronda Sanders
Sat	15	1:30pm	Celebration of Women's History Month	Haggin Museum
Tue	18	7:00pm	AAUW Book Group	Discussion Leader: Irma St. John
			Summer at Tiffany's By Margery Hart	Hostess: Irene Case
Wed	19	6:30pm	Needlework Meets – New Members Welcome	Home of Coralita Rathhaus
Sat	22	2:00pm	Title IX Game of the Month – Pacific Water Polo	Kjeldsen Pool - UOP