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64th Annual AAUW Home Tour

There's no place like PME



Sunday, November 8, 2015

10am - 4pm



American Association of University Women Stockton Branch



I recently listened to a discussion on NPR about "happiness". One thought really resonated with me. It was said that happiness comes from positive "memorable experiences, connections and relationships." AAUW provides all of these for me.

As I write this message, I am just two days away from having attended the Advancing Women's Leadership program at University of the Pacific. The speakers, para-olympian Amy Purdy, businesswoman Connie Rishwain and especially Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor created a most memorable experience. Sharing this experience with AAUW members made it even better. I also took pleasure and pride in seeing our STEM Trek mentors and a majority of our STEM Trek mentees enjoying the event.

At our October branch meeting, connections and relationships were evident on so many levels. AAUW members connected with old friends, and both new and prospective members. We connected with the actual beneficiaries of several of our community programs. Our most recent Tech Trek campers, our STEM Trek girls and our NCCWSL participants touched our hearts with their remarks, at times bringing tears to our eyes. Remember all of them as we host our annual Home Tour fundraiser on November 8th.

"Memorable experiences, connections, and relationships" are all to be found through membership in AAUW. I can only conclude that if you want to be happy, be involved in AAUW!

Ronda Sanders President



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STEM Trek

The seventeen STEM girls (17!) certainly had a busy October! All who attended the Expanding Your Horizons conference claimed to have indeed had their horizons — well, expanded! What a great experience for them to actually meet women who have made science and math their life path.

The October 23rd Women's Leadership Forum at U.O.P. provided another opportunity to see positive role models in powerful women. Though Associate Justice, Sonia Sotomayor was the keynote speaker, the girls were most excited about hearing the president of the UGGs company speak. The whole experience served to underscore the idea that power comes in many forms and is open to all.

Those of you who attended the October 24th branch meeting at Central Methodist Church had the opportunity to hear from the five girls who attended Tech Trek Camp last summer, as well as some "testimonials" from current and past S.T.E.M. Trek girls. We welcome our new girls into this exclusive group. Did you know that 100% of those girls who stay in the mentoring program go on to college? We mentors are quite proud of that!

While you are touring and/or working at the Home Tour this year, be sure to introduce yourselves to the girls who will be hostesses. I'm sure you will find them as delightful as we do.

Mark Your Calendar

Mark your calendars for the 2015/16 Speech Trek semi-final competition for the Stockton branch. This year's competition will be held on January 11th, 2016 in the Wendell Phillips Center on the U.O.P. Campus. The topic explores gender roles and promises to spur some interesting thoughts on the subject.

The Stockton branch has been participating in this competition for nine years and has had speakers win at the state level. The contest prizes are generously endowed by the estate of the late Ginger Debow who was a Stockton Branch member as well as a fabulous speech teacher herself. Ginger Debow is missed by many and I know would be so proud to see the tradition carried on.

Title IX Cheerleaders

NOVEMBER GAME OF THE MONTH!

What: Women's Volleyball

Pacific Tigers vs. Gonzaga Zags

When: Saturday, November 21st, 2015

Game starts—12:00 noon

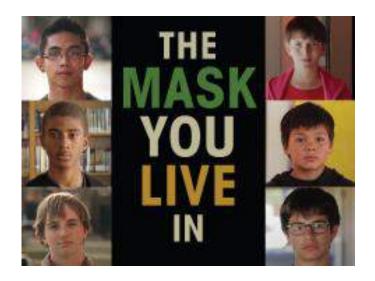
Where: UOP's Spanos Center

Cost: Free, but bring a can/box of food! PRSVP: Cindy Milford by noon, 11/16! cindymilf@comcast.net or 477-5984

Due to scheduling challenges, our Branch's 40member cheerleading squad missed watching a fall 2014 UOP volleyball match. This year, however, we "scored!" We've arranged a visit to Spanos Center to view the Pacific Tigers spike and dig against the Gonzaga (Washington) Zags. Because the match is on a Saturday during daylight hours, we expect working women and those unwilling to drive, park, or walk after sundown to be more likely to participate. Close to Thanksgiving, the event will feature a canned food drive, so try to bring a can or box of food! The Pacific/Gonzaga game is well-attended, so on advice of our box office contact, I need to e-mail her our list of attendees by MONDAY NOON! Please heed this advice! Members and their spouses or significant others are welcome, but she needs to know everyone's names! We are to check in at the will call/pass box office window to the left of the main gates.



To borrow an official Cheerleaders Squad shirt (I have a L and XL to lend) or get on our contact list, phone or e-mail me. (See above). Those without such shirts should try to wear a bright sky blue shirt or sweater. Everyone will receive a reminder the week prior to the event with details (parking info, directions). See you at the game!



The Film "The Mask You Live In"
Thursday, November 12th, 7pm
University of the Pacific's
DeRosa University Center Ballroom

This film is about masculine stereotypes and is produced by the same group that produced the film "Miss Representation" which was about how women are treated in the media. The program will also feature a live appearance by Joe Ehrmann, educator, activist and former professional football player.

This is a great follow up to the AAUW cosponsored Intergenerational Tea at Pacific with its "Challenging Gender Stereotypes" theme.

Save the Date!

December 12th Meeting

"Holiday Fiesta"

El Toro Loco

Lunch, Music and More ala Mexico!

Peggy Guttieri

Equal Pay AB 358

Governor Jerry Brown has approved expansive new equal pay protections in AB358 targeting the gender wage gap in California. He signed the bill in Rosie the Riveter Park in Richmond and an original Rosie was at the ceremony.

It has taken 40 years to get this far to give women and men equal pay for "substantially similar work." The work does not need to be at the same location, but can be similar work at another location. Seniority and education will be considered. This is the strongest equal-pay law in the nation and it is a huge victory, and another step in a long process.

The law also permits employees to allege claims and sue for improper pay discrepancy. They can also compare their wages without fear of retaliation by their employers.

The Census Bureau stated the gender pay gap for 2014: Women earn 79 cents on the dollar nationally, which is a one cent increase from last year. California women's pay is higher, at 84%. It is a slow increase. It is estimated that equality will not be reached until 2030. Hispanic women earn 54% and African American women earn 63% of what men are paid.

Sadly, SB 1017 was vetoed by the governor. It would have prohibited employers from asking a prospective employee about their previous salary during an interview.

Marilyn Wylie Public Policy Chair

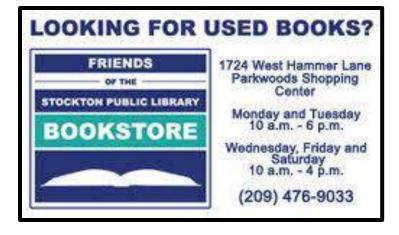
Boudin's Brunch

Saturday, Nov. 14th, 2015 10-11:30am Enjoy brunch and great conversation with your AAUW Sisters at Boudin's, 5615 Pacific Ave., Stockton.

Please RSVP to Bobbie Landau at Bobbiej49@aol.com or (209) 334-5711 by Thursday, Nov. 12th, noon.

Save the Date for next Sat. Brunch in 2016: 1/9





What: "THE BURDEN - Fossil Fuels, the

Military, and National Security" When: Saturday, November 7th, 2015 1-2pm - Pre-screening Activities and

Reception

2-3:30pm - Film and Panel Discussion

Where: SJ County Office of Education

(north of the airport) **Burwood Auditorium**

2707 Transworld Drive, Stockton, CA

Cost: Free and open to the public!

RSVP: E-mail theburdeninstockton@yahoo.com Questions? Phone Margo Praus at 465-8906. Preview: Visit www.theburdenfilm.com to view

the trailer.

Currently, the US consumes 1/5 of the world's oil, and the US military is the world's largest institutional consumer of petroleum. BURDEN" is the first feature-length documentary of its kind to convey how our dependence on fossil fuels threatens our national security by 1) making us extremely vulnerable to volatile global market prices and 2) by putting the lives of our men and women in uniform deployed around the world at greater risk thev try to secure resources. Winner of the Best Documentary Audience Award at the Long Beach International Film Festival, this film shows how the military is poised to lead development of new clean energy technology to meet its needs.

Following the screening of the film, a panel featuring veterans and policy makers will discuss the military's clean energy demands and the innovation that industry can supply. The Sierra Club's Delta-Sierra Group is a co-sponsor of this event hosted by Truman National Security Project and locally by The Committee to Bring THE BURDEN film to Stockton.



Mark Directory updates

Please make the following changes to your Directory:

New member:

Kathleen Stevens

9856 Cobblestone Dr., 09 (h) 477-9856 © 471-9856 e-mail katieesu@aol.com **CSU Stanislaus**

She is listed in the Professional section under Secondary & Elementary Administrators

> Directory pg. 7 – Book Group 11 Jeanne Gaia 451-5317

Diane Stacy

96 Rumbold Ave. N. Tonawanda, New York 14120

Under Professional Designations, Secondary & Elementary Teachers, add Gloria Ragasa as Retired teacher.

Please let me know of any other changes.

Bette Outlaw

AAUW Book Group

Tuesday November 17th - 7:00 p.m.

Almost Famous Women By Megan Mayhew Bergman

non-fiction, stories explore the lives of unforgettable women Discussion Leader: Joan Erreca Hostess: Alice Malde



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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.

November Calendar

Day	Date	Time	Event	Location/Contact
		Online	Submission of Articles/Pictures	ronsan3628@sbcglobal.net
		Anytime	for stockton-ca.aauw.net Web Page	
Sat	7	1:00pm	"THE BURDEN" Film Screening	SJCOE
Sun	8	10am-4pm	64 th ANNUAL HOME TOUR	
Thu	12	7:00pm	The Film "The Mask You Live In"	UOP's DeRosa Ballroom
Sat	14	10-11:30am	Boudin Brunch	Bobbie Landau 334-5711
Tue	17	7:00pm	AAUW Book Group	Discussion Leader: Joan
			Almost Famous Women By Megan Mayhew	Erreca
			Bergman	Hostess: Alice Malde
Sat	21	12:00pm	Game of the Month – Pacific Women's Volleyball	UOP Spanos Center