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African American Women Making a Difference Saturday, February 17th, 2018 Stockton Hilton - 2323 Grand Canal Blvd.

National African American History Month *or Black History Month* is an annual celebration of the achievements by Black Americans and a time for recognizing the central role of African Americans in U.S History. Since 1976, every U.S. President has officially designated the month of February as Black History Month. The American Association of University Women (AAUW) Stockton Branch traditionally joins in on the celebration.

Once again, "The Stockton Women's Collaborative" of which AAUW, Stockton Branch is a member, met to plan our 5th Annual African American History Program for the Stockton Community.

The collaboration includes the following organizations and their representatives:

Lisa Cooper-Wilkins, President of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., Stockton Alumnae Chapter; **Janie Reddish**, Member of Delta Kappa Gamma Society, Inc., Tau Chapter;

Shirley Washington, President of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc., Mu Zeta Omega Chapter; **Helen Smith**, American Association of University Women Inc., Stockton Branch;

Gloria Johnson, NAACP (Women's Division) Stockton Branch

Women of Color International, Stockton; Essie Gilchrist, The Links Incorporated, Stockton Chapter.

Our theme speaker is the none other than Stockton native **Deitra Kenoly** who has been named president and publisher of San Joaquin Media Group which includes The Record. She is The Record's first woman president and publisher. We will certainly be inspired and enlightened by her presentation.

<u>Schedule</u>:

Meet and Greet 10:30 Welcome Announcements Janie Reddish, Member of Delta Kappa Gamma Society Program National Anthem/ Negro National Anthem "Lift Every Voice and Sing" Poetry readings Acknowledgement of Awardees 11:00 Lunch Broasted Chicken: 2 boneless pieces of chicken breast and 1 drumette, Lightly floured and roasted lightly crispy. Chef's selection of a tasty Champagne Cream Sauce on the table for guests to use on chicken if desired Winter Wild Rice Pilaf with candied pecans Steamed Asparagus with fresh orange zest Baked rolls and butter Coffee, Hot Tea and Iced Tea Dessert: House made cinnamon Bread Pudding with Bourbon Sauce (A vegetarian option will be offered, usually a tasty lasagna or Pasta dish) <u>After Lunch</u> : Awardee Presentations: Women Making a Difference - Keynote Speaker: Deitra Kenoly <u>Reservation Deadline</u> : Monday, February 12 th \$35.00 per person - Checks Payable to AAUW <u>Reservations MADE Must Be PAID</u> .	10:00 Registration/coffee				
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President's Message

At AAUW we don't stand by, we stand up! On January 20th, close to 30 members of AAUW Stockton Branch stood up and marched at the Women's March on Sacramento. We were part of a throng of over 30,000 women, men and children who voiced our commitment to women's rights and the rights of all marginalized communities.

On February 15th, we will join with the women of San Joaquin County to celebrate the Susan B. Anthony awards, honoring local women of achievement. Among the honorees are Paula Almaas, nominated by AAUW Stockton Branch. Branch members Linda Christensen and Rosa Solis will also be honored. Nanette Green of AAUW Lodi Branch and Jasmine Leek of AAUW's Younger Women's Task Force will be honored as well.

Congratulations to all Susan B. Anthony award recipients. They don't stand by, they stand up!







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stem trek

As most of you know, the STEM Trek mentoring program seeks to encourage girls to consider going into the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) fields in which women are typically underrepresented. That being said, the mentors fill many other roles in our girls' lives. Although we often tutor in academics, write letters of reference, intervene in family and social challenges and assist in scholarship searches and the college application process, we also seek to broaden their horizons by providing new experiences in other areas. Our recent activity was one such occasion.

On January 27th, our girls met at the home of Peig Fairbrook in her "artist's loft" to explore our creative sides. Organized by Ginny Johannson, Peig and her assistants Karen and Mariela led us through the creation of mosaic tiles. Each girl and mentor made an original design in glass on ceramic tile, then grouted them to make a lasting keepsake of a wonderful day. We were amazed at how gorgeous they turned out! The mentors were proud when our hostess and instructors mentioned that our girls were well-behaved, courteous and personable.

Though Bette Outlaw is not a mentor (where would she find time?), she is a great supporter of our program. She plans to make a generous donation this spring when our girls help her to clean out her garage. She is also planning to organize a Stockton Branch cookbook to help fund our program. She would like all members to think of a recipe from their family favorites, specialty or just something yummy they may have had at some time. These will be compiled in a book and sold with the profits going to STEM Trek. She will let you more about this project next month.



Finished Products.



The Artist's Loft - Hard at work on their projects.



Success Story - Rosa Solis is captured in a mirror in the project by Rosa Martinez, former STEM girl, now mentor.



The STEM Trek Mentor Group would like to express our sincere appreciation and gratitude for the generosity of the following community members and AAUW members who have made it possible for us to continue our very successful program. The money supports our program that helps our STEM Trek girls realize their dreams of a college education. Thank you.

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THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

If any AAUW member has donated and NOT been thanked or acknowledged with a letter of thanks or note in the Steamer, please let Sally or Pam know. Everyone's support is important.



High school student speakers and Speech Trek coordinator, Pam Mallett-Jones



Our judges Vickie Gaia, Hugh Lilly, Julie Pichardo

Speech Trek

Those who attended the annual Stockton Branch Speech contest on Monday, January 15th were not disappointed. Seven local high school students spoke to the topic determined by AAUW at the annual state convention. This year's topic was "How Can We Stand Up To Sexism?" The students addressed this subject. often passionately, in 5-6 minute original speeches. This year, Bear Creek High School swept the contest with Chloe Johnson taking home the \$250 first place prize, Destiny Farley the \$200 second place and Jordin Fry earning \$150 for third place. Cloe's speech will be available on YouTube soon and will be evaluated by the state committee. The top five speakers in the state will go on to compete at the 2018 convention with the winner being awarded \$1,500. Good luck Chloe!

A huge thanks goes first to the late Ginger DeBow, who has endowed this contest through her estate. Ginger was a member and past president of the Stockton Branch, as well as a dynamic Speech teacher at Delta College. Thanks also go to our judges, Julie Pichardo, Hugh Lilly and Vickie Gaia as well as to our official timer, Jeanne Gaia and videographer, Yanik Ruley. The University of the Pacific's generosity in providing the venue is also greatly appreciated.



Title IX Cheerleaders

FEBRUARY GAME OF THE MONTH!

<u>What</u>: College Women's Basketball Pacific Tigers vs. Loyola Marymount <u>Theme</u>: Alumni Night (although it's afternoon for the women's game); also Senior Day so graduating players will be honored during the game. My Box Office contact said we'd have good seating. Starting at 1:30, I'll save seats for our group.

When: Saturday, February 24th, 2pm

Where: UOP's Spanos Center Pick up your tickets at the Will Call/ Pass Window at left of the northwest entrance of Spanos Center. Then look blue-shirted AAUW sisters and brothers in section G, H, J, or K at the left of the main aisle as you walk toward the snack bar.

<u>Cost</u>: We have the Group Rate of 10 tickets for \$40, so call Cindy by reservations deadline (below) to reserve a ticket. After the 10 are gone, you can still get tickets (\$6—Seniors age 62+ and \$8—Adults 61 and younger) at the Box Office before the game. Pay me at the game.

Parking: Free. From Pershing Avenue, enter the UOP campus's West Entrance on Larry Heller Drive. Park in the lot on the left, across from the Spanos Center, the game venue. Call me to carpool. We'll meet at 1:00-1:15 at Toot Sweets in the CVS shopping center, March Ln. and Quail Lakes Dr. **RSVP:** Cindy Milford at 477-5984 (H) OR askwhynotnow@gmail.com

<u>Reservations Deadline</u>: Thu., Feb. 22nd, 9am An attendees list is needed for ticket pickup at the box office.

<u>March Game of the Month</u>: Sat., March 10th, noon, Women's Softball, Delta vs. American River! Details in March Steamer.



 Members of our Branch's 40-person cheerleading squad will wear their bright blue T-shirts proclaiming "AAUW Supports Title IX!" To borrow a loaner shirt sizes L or XL, contact me ahead of time. (See RSVP.) You do not need to have an official shirt to add your voice to the cheers, however. Simply wear a sky-blue shirt or sweater to the game, if possible.

> You will receive an e-mailed reminder a few days prior to the event with a list of attendees at that point. See you at the game!



AAUW is a voice heard at Save Swenson events! Thanks to those who signed on as supporters. Here is an invitation for a new "interest group":

Wednesday, March 7th at 9am starting at the Swenson Cafe, Golf Pro Joe Smith will give us a few tips to get started at the beautiful putting greens. There are putters and chipping irons available if you don't have them. I'm offering a \$25 gift certificate to the Swenson Cafe to the person who comes up with a winning title for us putterers. You can buy breakfast there before hand, lunch after, or just something to drink and off on your errands. You can be a weekly "athlete" or come on the spur. I'm aiming to schedule weekly for now. Enjoy the green ambiance and help save the green space for the future!

Susan B. Anthony Award Winners

AAUW Stockton Branch celebrates the 2018 selection of four AAUW members who will receive the prestigious Susan B. Anthony Award. They are Paula Almaas, Linda M. Christensen, Rosa Solis and Jasmine Leek. The SBA award is given annually to twelve outstanding county women by the San Joaquin County Commission on the Status of Women. Recipients of the award will be honored at a banquet at the Stockton Golf and Country Club on February 15th, Susan B. Anthony's birthday. Please try to attend and support our awardees.

Paula Almaas is a long time member of the Stockton AAUW branch and a former President. She is a former educator who taught math for high school and middle school and helped prepare fellow State Compensation Insurance Fund employees to pass the math portion of the Civil Service Exam. She coordinates educational programs for AAUW Tech Trek Science and Math Camp, a service she has been performing for many years. Through the program AAUW works with Stockton teachers who nominate seventh grade girls with science and math aptitudes to attend AAUW Science and Math camp on scholarships. Paula fosters the same students monthly from eighth grade until they graduate from high school. Activities consist of visits to STEM professionals and colleges and other enriching experiences. They learn to camp and sail and explore nature. They help AAUW various community projects. with Paula continues mentoring support by helping these students prepare for college and move into careers. Some of her student have come back to help with training the younger girls in the program. The AAUW Stockton Branch nominated Paula for Community Service in Education.

Linda Christensen has been a long-time member of many service organizations. She her began community volunteering during husband Gary's 22 years' service as an Army Officer. When they returned from Germany to Stockton they raised their family and participated in their children's school activities and she taught for Stockton Unified School District. Upon retiring from teaching, Linda volunteered as a docent for the San Joaquin County Historical Society in which she has held important Linda also volunteers at the chairmanships. American Cancer Society Discovery Shop and has chaired important activities for the shop. She

is past president of Delta Kappa Gamma and active with the "Book for Babes" project, which provides every newborn in San Joaquin County with their first book. She is currently Membership Chairperson for DKG Ares XVII. She is a member of AAUW. Tau Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma nominated Linda for Community Service.

Rosa Solis has volunteered with Hospice of San Joaquin and the Butterfly Auxiliary since 2001. She provides needed support and companionship for chronically and terminally ill patients and families. She helps to raise funds and educates the community about services the Hospice of San Joaquin provides. Hospice is the only residential care house for hospice patients in the county. Rosa helps with Camp Caterpillar, a bereavement camp for children. She is president of the Butterfly Auxiliary. Rosa was also a member of the Catholic Charities Board and is a member of the United Way Community Impact Team, making final selections for grants to county organizations. She and her husband were recipients of the Judge's Award for Excellence from the San Joaquin Council of Government in 2008 in recognition of Exceptional dedication to the San Joaquin Regional Community. Rosa volunteers at the Gospel Rescue Mission, St Mary's Dining Hall, Jene Wah Senior Center, Rotary Read In and for the Uplift All Foundation providing activities and support for the homeless. The Mexican American Hall of Fame nominated Rosa for Community Service.

Jasmine Leek won in the area of "Young Feminist Under 30." She was nominated by a newly formed Stockton Younger Women's Task Force. She heads her own non-profit that provides services to Stockton community members. She is active with women's issues in the community. The Stockton Younger Women's Task Force is part of AAUW national and is supported by Stockton AAUW. This is an organization for young women recently out of colleges who are developing their own careers. The women have participated in several Women's Conferences in the community and are working on developing their own goals and activities so that they may be of service to the community.

These four women will be honored at the Susan B. Anthony Banquet on February 15th. The dinner will be held at the Stockton Golf and Country Club. Tickets are \$50 and may be purchased from AAUW member Helen Hailey.

From AAUW member Jim Melquist:



Vicki and I had the opportunity once again to join in the peaceful Women's March in Sacramento. As I mentioned last year, it has been about 100 years since an era when my mother was born and women had an historical march to gain the simple right to vote. Although many rights have been slowly gained, unfortunately women still have to fight to obtain equal rights with men.

Although there are still many important women and human rights issues, I believe one major focus should be helping women break the glass ceiling in the old boys network in all areas especially corporate and government upperlevel positions. These are areas where many of the most important decisions are made in our country and women are way underrepresented.

Sharing in this Women's March experience gives me optimism and hope that Women's rights will continue to be gained so our granddaughters can pursue their dreams with equality and dignity to help lead our planet's future.



Coming soon: AAUW members and guests gather for Food, Fun and Lively informative discussions! Last gathering small group discussions included: *Golden Globe Awards, Job description U.S. President, Daca, Swensons Golf Course, Gun Control + more!*

Please RSVP by Thursday, March 1st, Noon. New time and 1st Saturday of Month as General Meeting is Sat., March 10th. **Bobbie Landau** Bobbiej49@aol.com or (209) 334-5711.



AAUW Fund\$: Promoting Equity!

AAUW's Mission: Advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, research, and philanthropy. When we join AAUW, we enthusiastically embrace this mission!

Most Stockton Branch members are aware of the numerous projects which support the mission on a **local level** through **Community Outreach Projects** such as our STEM-Trek Mentor Group, RIF, and Delta Scholarships. We can <u>constantly</u> see the results of our labors and funding.

On a **national level**, the mission is supported by our contributions to **AAUW Funds**. <u>Occasionally</u> the results of our donations bubble to the surface: a fellowship recipient shares at our June meeting; a research report about why there are so few women in STEM professions makes the news; we follow a Title IX court case in which the plaintiffs are supported by AAUW. But <u>always</u>, the crucial work of promoting equity for women and girls is quietly, persistently moved along by donations to AAUW Funds.

AAUW supports AAUW Funds in two ways:

1. With individual donations— We send our personal checks to AAUW Funds.

a. We may **restrict the donation** to one of the following funds by writing the fund name and/or number on the memo line.

 >Legal Advocacy Fund # 3999- with programs like Legal Case Support, LAF Case Support Travel Grants, Campus Outreach Grants
 >Public Policy Fund 34337- with programs like Government Relations, Civic Engagement, Field Organizing

>Leadership Programs Fund #4339 with programs like The National Conference for College Women Student Leaders, Campus Action Projects, Elect Her— Campus Women Win, \$tart \$mart Salary Negotiation Workshops >Eleanor Roosevelt Fund #9170 with research reports like Crossing the Line: Sexual Harassment at School and Behind the Pay Gap >Educational Opportunities Fund #4336 with programs like Fellowships and Grants, Fellows Alumnae Initiative, and Tech Trek

b. We may **not restrict the donation** by just writing <u>AAUW Funds #9110</u> on the memo line. Your money will be allocated to the programs with the greatest needs

2. With a Branch donation—Part of our Home Tour ticket sales is allocated to the Educational Opportunities Fund described above.

In 2017, Stockton Branch, as individuals and as a Branch, contributed a total of \$2,647 to AAUW Funds. Congratulations for increasing the flow of that quiet but powerful current promoting equity!



💪 RIF Rings in 2018 with THANKS! 실

As we enter 2018, the AAUW/RIF (Reading is Fundamental) committee rings the bells for those who've supported our RIF program over the fall months.

AUW members <u>Marilyn and Russ Wylie</u>, contributed \$1,000 which covered the purchase of books for all K-6 classes at one of the three large SUSD schools in the RIF program plus the tiny One.Charter Elementary K-6 serving the Shelter for the Homeless youngsters. This is the second year that Park Bixby so generously boosted local literacy for very needy youngsters. <u>Thank you</u>, Park Bixby Tower, Inc. and Marilyn and Russ!

ALUW Members donated dozens of books before our holiday luncheon at Stockton Country Club a year ago. We finally found the best use for that gift from Branch members. One.Charter's Lisa Rie provides enrichment activities for the school's K-6 children and plans to use our gift books to advance their literacy and love of learning in general. Thank you, Branch Members!



Here is appreciative **One.Charter** specialist Lisa Rie receiving Stockton Branch's tubful of gorgeous volumes.

RIF Brings LOVE OF READING to Local Students!

See the joy of selecting a free book—to keep—on the faces of children in the four RIF schools! Stockton Branch's three AAUW/RIF Liasons (Pam Mallett-Jones—Grunsky; Sharon Marr—Van Buren; Cindy Milford—Kennedy and One.Charter) ordered, processed, and distributed over 1,400 varied and colorful books just before and after the holidays. Check out those joyful faces!



Grunsky children excitedly select books that are free and theirs forever.



Kennedy: (from the left) Volunteers Maria Milford (community) and Kathy Casenave (AAUW) helped the transitional kindergarteners of Ms. Leck choose just the right book at Kennedy's recent RIF distribution.



Van Buren: These happy Van Buren first graders show books that AAUW RIF Liaison Sharon Marr shepherded.





One.Charter: A cluster of One.Charter K-6 Elementary youngsters eagerly preview their free books.

The RIF Bird's Literacy Love Song!

(In last February's *Steamer*, you met the RIF Bird. She returns once more to promote literacy.)

The RIF Bird again sings her sweet song of love To Stockton Branch members from her branch above:



"The literacy of children is my primary passion. I support reading so it stays right in fashion. Join me as a 'love bird' and warble along. Buy RIF books for kids so their skills can grow strong!" Yes, it's February and RIF (<u>Reading Is</u> <u>Fundamental</u>) fundraising time again. During February 5th -9th, check your mailbox for a legalsize white envelope from AAUW-Stockton. (In the lower left corner, you'll see a green flying bee—a winged creature, though not a bird!) Don't toss it for three reasons!

1) There's a forever **"love stamp" worth a few quarters** inside.

2) Also, there are directions on how to win a **\$25 Early Bird Prize** from none other than the RIF Bird: a gift card from Trader Joe's.

3) Most importantly, you'll be guided in how to respond to the little RIF Bird's plea for help in promoting literacy locally.

RIF is America's oldest and largest literacy nonprofit, managed locally since 1978 by AAUW-Stockton. Federal funding flew away in 2012, so K-6 students at four underserved Stockton schools rely on donations from individuals like you, as well as gifts/grants from groups. Last year, over 1,400 local children chose books during two distributions at an average cost of \$2+ per book. In our 2017 Fundraiser, 83 of you gave \$3,400, enough to buy books for all four schools for one distribution! Let's surpass participation and contributions this year!

Students share reasons they love RIF . "I never liked to read until now." "I suck at reading. Everyone laughs at me when I read so the books really help me." "The RIF books I got when I was little I gave to my little brother. He loves them." "I really appreciate getting to pick a book I can keep." These comments illustrate how your RIF dollars advance literacy and the love of reading! Come sing with the RIF Bird!

-Cindy Milford, AAUW/RIF Coordinator-



AAUW Book Group

Tuesday, February 20th, 7pm <u>Miller's Valley</u> By Anna Quindlen Reviewer: Joan Erreca Hostess: Helen Vignolo

#1 NEW YORK TIMES bestselling author

Miller's Valley - NEW YORK TIMES BEST -SELLER • In a small town on the verge of big change, a young woman unearths deep secrets about her family and unexpected truths about herself. Filled with insights that are the hallmark of Anna Quindlen's bestsellers, Miller's Valley is an emotionally powerful story about a family you will never forget. *Miller's Valley* is a masterly study of family, memory, loss, and, ultimately, discovery, of finding true identity and a new vision of home. As Mimi says, "No one ever leaves the town where they grew up, even if they go." Miller's Valley reminds us that the place where you grew up can disappear, and the people in it too, but all will live on in your heart forever.

Sectory updates

Please make the following additions, deletions and corrections to your Directory:

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Please make these changes to keep your Directory current. If there are additional corrections, please let Bette Outlaw know.

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 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 and girls have a fair chance.

February Palendar

Day	Date	Time	Event	Location/Contact
		Online	Submission of Articles/Pictures	ronsan3628@sbcglobal.net
		Anytime	for <u>stockton-ca.aauw.net</u> Web Page	
Mon	12	All Day	Reservation Deadline	Joan Erreca – 478-1457
Thu	15	5:30pm	Susan B. Anthony Awards	Stockton Golf and Country Club
Sat	17	10:00am	African American Women Making a Difference	Stockton Hilton
Tue	20	7:00pm	AAUW Book Group –	Reviewer: Joan Erreca
		-	Miller's Valley By Anna Quindlen	Hostess: Helen Vignolo
Sat	24	2:00pm	Game of the Month - Pacific vs. Loyola Marymount	Spanos Center at UOP