

AAUW Season Finale

Saturday, June 10th, 2017

West Hall - O'Connor Woods - 3400 Wagner Heights Rd.

Our June branch meeting will once again take place in West Hall at O'Connor Woods, where we will have a buffet lunch.

The program will feature installation of officers and the presentation of named gift awards. Our speech contest winner will deliver her winning address.

Our keynote speaker will be Abisola Kusimo, M.S. candidate in Mechanical Engineering and Design Methodology this year at Stanford University. She intends to continue for a PhD. Her research interests include design for extreme affordability, sustainability, and alternative energy sources. Ms. Kusimo is also an entrepreneur and the recipient of numerous scholarships and awards, including an AAUW American Fellowship. In addition, Abisola is a spoken word artist and she will share some of her poetry with us.

Please join us to hear inspirational speeches, partake in a lovely lunch, and enjoy the camaraderie of our members.

Schedule:

- 9:00 Registration, Coffee, Tea, Water
- 9:30 Business Meeting
- 10:00 Installation of Officers/
Presentation of Named Gift Awards
- 10:30 Speech Contest Winner
- 10:45 Keynote Speaker, Abisola Kusimo
- 11:30 Buffet Lunch
- 1:00 Adjourn

Menu: Salad, Pasta with Two Choices of Sauce, Garlic Bread, and Dessert

Cost: \$20 (meeting only \$5)

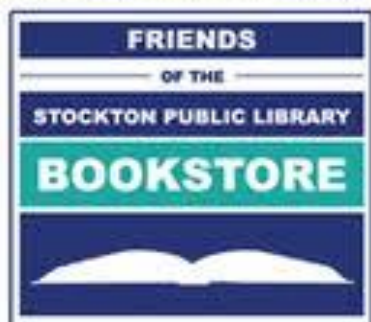
Reservation Deadline: Sunday, June 4th

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Reservations Chair 478-1457

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President's Message



I've heard it said that in the current political climate, civil engagement is at an all-time high. As members of AAUW, you are part of a movement of activism for social justice.

"Have you seen an increase in membership since the election?" This is the question that Congressman Jerry McNerney asked the AAUW Stockton Branch group that met with him on April 7th. Pat Fluetsch, Peggy Guttieri, Marilyn Wylie and I answered with a resounding, "Yes." In fact, 15 people, both women and men, have joined AAUW Stockton Branch since November, 2016. Every one of our new members pointed to the mission of AAUW as the main reason for joining - that, and the camaraderie of like-minded people.

On May 24th, we welcomed our new members at our annual "New Members Appreciation" branch meeting. With record attendance, the room at Casa Flores Marina was cozy, but we made the best of it. Sandy Mazzuola, with the help of her Program Co Chair, Marilyn Platt, went above and beyond to create a festive evening.

See you at the next branch meeting on Saturday, June 10th. It will be an inspiring event.

Ronda Sanders
President

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STEM Trek

We are so impressed with the San Joaquin county Office of Education and their commitment to engaging girls in STEM. They presented a wonderful evening for our girls on May 27th. We first heard from a panel of women who defied the odds to become physicians, dentists, computer coders, FBI Accountants and Human Resource experts. They all told their tales of breaking the glass ceiling and promised to help girls do the same. Their overriding message was "No is just a different path to Yes!" After the panel discussion and questions, we browsed the 50+ exhibits presented by businesses and organizations in the community. Our girls spoke to those who will be able to offer them internships for the summer. Overall, it was a great experience.

This month is "it" for our seniors who will scatter far and wide for college, but never beyond our reach! We are planning a graduation party for our four graduates on June 11th. Members Marilyn and Russ Wylie have generously opened their home for the swim party and festivities again this year. We are so thankful to branch members who may not wish to mentor our girls but support our program in other ways.



STEM Trek girls at the "Engaging Girls in STEM" event on May 27th at SJCOE



2017 Tech Trek Scholarship Winners

Seventh graders Maria Aguilar, Jasmine Castanon, and Daniela Peña have been selected to represent AAUW-Stockton at the weeklong Tech Trek Math and Science Camp at CSU Fresno on June 11th-17th.

Each girl was nominated by her seventh-grade science/math teacher and went through a selection process that included a written essay, plus a face-to-face interview for the finalists. Maria is a student at Franklin International Baccalaureate School and was nominated by teacher Tiji Thomas. Jasmine was nominated by teacher Geoff Moss at Spanos Elementary and Daniela Peña by teacher Mercy Somera at the Public Safety Academy (a charter school on the Stagg High campus).

Alternate Jiayi Li may attend if one of the campers is unable to go. She was nominated by her teacher Julie Lacey at Rio Calaveras Elementary. Congratulations to all!

Many thanks to the other selection committee members Bette Outlaw, Alice Tolliver, Paula Almaas, Ginny Johanson and Rosa Solis.

We thank all the branch members who made donations to our Tech Trek program throughout the year. A very special thank-you goes to Alice Tolliver for providing a full scholarship for the eighth time this year!

You will all get a chance to meet the three Tech Trek campers at one of our branch meetings next fall.

Mina Martinez,
Stockton Tech Trek Coordinator

Work-at-Home Op for Members

Here is your OPPORTUNITY to make a vital contribution to one of our most important programs – STEM Trek Mentor Program – without undertaking a big commitment. I need help with fund-raising. You work at home whenever you wish and the only requirement is computer skills. The time required is minimal and flexible. Please call me if you are interested and I can be more specific about what is needed.

Thank you and have a Happy Day!
Sally Hall (209) 478-1816

A Message from the Reservations Chairperson

As our wonderful year comes to a close, it's important to acknowledge and thank the callers who provide us with a vital link to Stockton AAUW. A big **"THANK YOU"** to all the callers who have helped me this year as Reservations Chairperson. The monthly volunteer commitment you've made make my job go more smoothly. It's always a pleasure to chat with you on the phone or online. Also, let's not forget the ladies who've helped at the Reservation table throughout the year. Their smiling faces and warm welcomes are always appreciated by members as well as our guests. I appreciate each member who has sent timely "Yes" or "No" responses to her/his caller.

This fall please look at your 2017-2018 Directory and find your caller's name at the top of the page on which you are listed. Each month please respond promptly to her/his call or email so she/he will know whether or not you will be attending a meeting.

Joan Erreca



Directory updates

Please make the following changes to your Directory:

Email Address Updates:

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Carol Kannberg
Passed Away

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AAUW Stockton Branch has partnered with Ewaste 4 Good through Tri-Valley Recycling here in Stockton. They pay when you recycle old electronics, including TVs, cords, monitors and computers—essentially anything that plugs in or has a circuit board or batteries. All you have to do is go to their website www.eWaste4good.com and complete the requested information. They will call to arrange pick-up at your home or you can deliver items to Tri Valley Recycling, 1988 E. Alpine Avenue. Clean out those cabinets, drawers and closets and pile up your used stuff, then call to arrange an easy pick-up.

RIF Fundraiser News



The RIF Bird sings gratefully once again!

Since April's article, in which she thanked 73 AAUW members for their generous donations to the RIF Fundraiser, ten more contributions have come in from the following AAUW sisters—for a final total of \$3,404!

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| <i>Sharon Marr</i> | <i>Joan Erreca</i> |
| <i>Erlinda Selga</i> | <i>Nora Clipper</i> |
| <i>Evia Moore</i> | <i>Alice Malde</i> |
| <i>Kathleen Moody</i> | <i>Pat Meredith</i> |
| <i>Gladys Finucane</i> | <i>Alice Tolliver</i> |

Early Bird Drawing: JoAnne Garrett won the \$25 Trader Joe's gift card at the April meeting. Congratulations, JoAnne!

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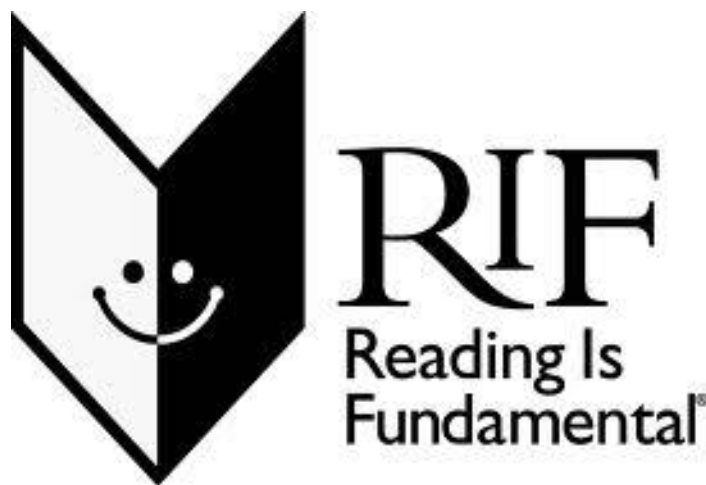
Sat., July 1st at 9:30am

Boudin's Brunch Bunch

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Come join your AAUW sisters
and guests at pre-summer
Boudin's Brunch Bunch.

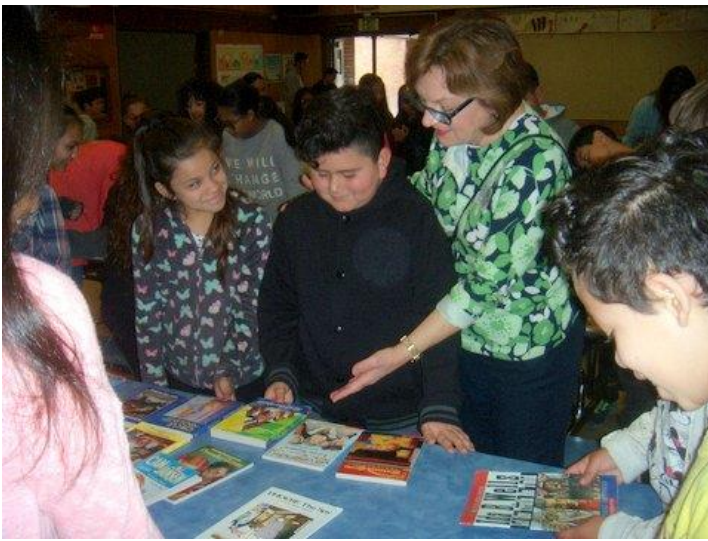
Be sure to RSVP to: Bobbiej49@aol.com
Or (209) 334-5711
by Wed., June 28th, noon.



The final distribution of the year was held at Lottie Grunsky School on May 24th. The students are always grateful for their books, but this time, were talking about how they were going to trade them with each other after reading them. They reasoned that they would each get to read many more books by organizing the swap and then the books could potentially last all summer. Now that's what collaborative learning is all about!

We are looking forward to more RIF distributions next school year.

Kudos to Cindy Milford, who "beats the bushes" for funding.



AAUW/RIF Liaison Pam Mallett-Jones encourages Grunsky 6th graders to make a decision. "Which book should I choose?"

Thanks, RIF Program Supporters Fall 2016—Spring 2017!

The impact of the RIF literacy program is described by Kennedy kindergarten teacher Maridee Stanley:

*Dear AAUW Members and other RIF Friends,
Thank you so much for your ongoing support of literacy. Our children at Kennedy School have so little that the books mean so much to them. In most cases, the RIF books are the only books they have at home.
They love them!*

Note: Photos are of spring, 2017, distributions of books to almost 1,400 K-6 students at the four RIF schools.



K-2nd graders at One.TLC are immersed in their beautiful new books.



After choosing their RIF books and greeting card sets, One.TLC 3rd-6th graders joyfully show off the free animal calendars donated by a local businessman.

Thank you, RIF "Funders"!

- > **Park Bixby Tower, Inc.,** for its gift in the name of AAUW members Russ and Marilyn Wylie
- > **California State Retirees** for its local chapter's donation
- > **The Afternoon Bunco Group** for its contribution
- > **Individual Branch Members (83)** for contributing enough in the RIF Fundraiser to pay for the entire fall, 2017, distribution
- > **The First Unitarian Universalist Church** for a social justice collection

Thank you, Branch RIF Committee and Friends!

- > **AAUW/School Liaisons** who tirelessly coordinated distribution dates with school administrators, ordered books that children love, inventoried the shipped titles, prepared the books (stamping and organizing them by reading level), twice during the year: Pam Mallett-Jones—Grunsky; Sharon Marr—Van Buren; and Cindy Milford—Kennedy and one.TLC school for Homeless Children

> **AAUW Volunteers** who assisted the Liaisons in processing books and interacted with students on distribution days showing patience, humor, and love: *Shari DeAngelis, Rebecca Douglass, Joan Erreca, Pat Fluetsch, Carolyn Wischhusen, Lynda Wong, and Marilyn Yunker*

> **Community Volunteers** who, helped their AAUW friends process and distribute books: *Lynette Buckman, Olivia Douglass, and Corinne Mayhew*

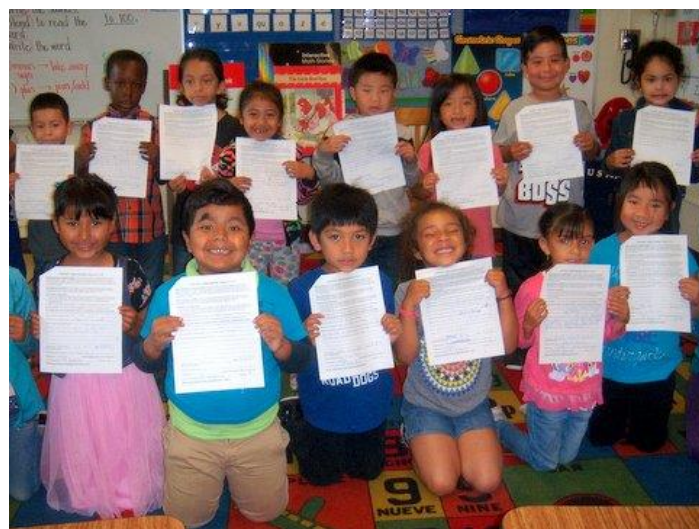
Thank you, School Contacts!

> **Administrators** who supported the RIF program by finding space and time for us and our hundreds of books: *Michael Sosa at Grunsky, Keri Van De Star at Van Buren, Carla Gonzales at Kennedy, and Sara Garfield at one.TLC*

> **Teachers and Staff** who assisted Liaisons: program specialist *Grace Davis* at Grunsky, administrative assistant *Walker Ashton* and aide *Edna De La Rosa* at Van Buren, teacher *Judi Tekerlek* and specialist *Maiya Lee* at Kennedy, and teachers *Lisa Rie* and *Tammy Voss* at one.TLC

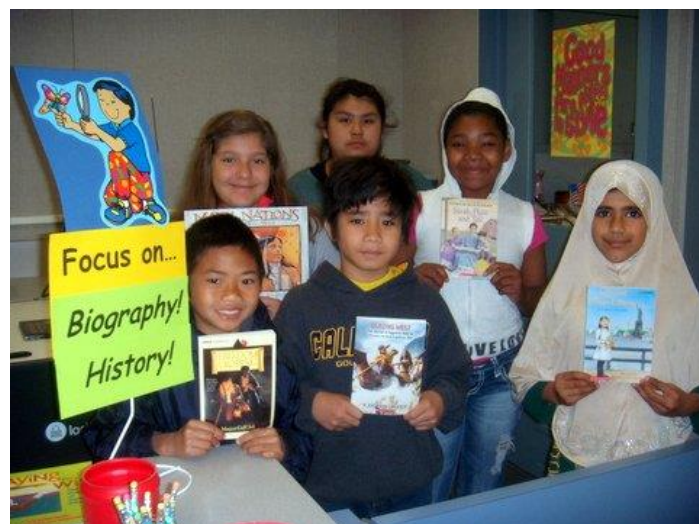
Thank you all for bringing the joy of reading into the lives of Stockton children!

**An appreciative AAUW/RIF Coordinator
Cindy Milford**



These Van Buren kindergarteners display the comments of family members with whom the children read their new RIF books. Each child earned a second free book.

Over 100 families at Van Buren and Kennedy were involved in this literacy activity.



Kennedy students show their selections related to biography and history.



TIME TO RENEW YOUR AAUW MEMBERSHIP DUES

Tick Tock AAUW membership renewal forms are due June 15th. Getting your membership form back by June 15th will ensure that your contact information is included in the member directory.

Please update the contact information on the renewal form and mail it with your \$89 check to Monica Frischkorn. The renewal check covers your membership from July 1st, 2017, through June 30th, 2018. Yearly dues of \$89 includes \$49 for national dues, \$20 for state, and the remaining \$20 for branch dues. Remember: The \$46 out of the \$49 that goes to National is tax-deductible!

Thank you for your prompt attention to renewing your membership dues.

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Membership Treasurer

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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.

June Calendar

| Day | Date | Time | Event | Location/Contact |
|-----|------|----------------|---|--|
| | | Online Anytime | Submission of Articles/Pictures for stockton-ca.aauw.net Web Page | ronsan3628@sbcglobal.net |
| Sun | 4 | All Day | Reservation Deadline | Joan Erreca – 478-1457 |
| Mon | 5 | 5:30pm | Board Meeting | Home of Marilyn Wylie 8618 Treasure Avenue |
| Sat | 10 | 9:00am | Branch Meeting – “Season Finale” | West Hall – O’Connor Woods |
| Thu | 15 | 5:30pm | New Member Orientation | Home of Kathy Casenave 5485 Covey Creek Circle |
| Tue | 20 | 6:00pm | Home Tour Committee Meeting | Home of Diane Stauffer 3615 Cumberland Court |
| Tue | 20 | 6:00pm | AAUW Book Group – Book Selections for 2017-18 | Mimi’s Restaurant |