

Women are Persistent

Saturday, March 18th, 2017

Central United Methodist Church Fireside Room

First suggested by the Women's Party in 1923, the Equal Rights Amendment was formally proposed in a joint resolution of Congress in 1972. Although 45 years have passed, the ERA still remains three states short of the 38 required for ratification.

Even though there is now a new effort to ratify the ERA, there is also still a significant pay gap and talk of defunding Planned Parenthood, thereby threatening women's reproductive rights. These and other concerns have led both men and women to take to the streets in protest.

At our March branch meeting, to commemorate Women's History Month, the program will include our essay contest winners and a winner of our speech contest.

The keynote speaker will be Kristine Leach, social science and history teacher at Independence School in Lodi, who will take us back to the early 20th century to look at the long road women have had to travel simply to have access to reproductive health care and even basic information about their bodies. Ms. Leach will inform us about Margaret Sanger and her pivotal role in creating public discourse on women's health issues.

We invite you to join us for breakfast and enlightenment.



Schedule:

9:30 Registration/Coffee/Breakfast
Treats
10:15 Business Meeting--Ronda Sanders
10:45 Break
11:15 Keynote Speaker, Kristine Leach
12:00 Adjourn

Menu: Noah's breakfast box, featuring assorted bagels and spreads, orange juice, fruit bowl, coffee, tea, and water.

Cost: \$12 (to cover breakfast, room rental, and guests)

Reservation Deadline: Sunday, March 12th

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President's Message



I thank the Stockton branch of AAUW for nominating me for the Susan B Anthony award. In place of my usual president's message I present to you my acceptance speech at the awards banquet:

SUSAN B ANTHONY AWARD SPEECH

I am honored to receive the Susan B. Anthony Award in the category of Women's Rights. It is my privilege as president of the Stockton branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) to work on issues that are important to women and girls.

AAUW empowers its members to end injustice and create a better world for everyone. AAUW speaks out for women and families on issues such as pay equity, education, access to health care and affordable child care, violence against women, human trafficking and sex discrimination.

AAUW members were out in force last month at the Women's March on Washington and at marches across the nation. Stockton branch members marched in Sacramento and San Francisco. But every day we are at work on behalf of women and families.

We produce research that helps legislators write bills that support women and help attorneys defend plaintiffs in sex discrimination cases. We're in the halls of state houses and on Capitol Hill.

AAUW's work includes elevating diverse voices on issues that affect women of all backgrounds. Here in Stockton we are collaborating with diverse organizations to help increase our impact. Younger women are taking on the issues. A new part of AAUW called the Younger Women's Task Force has three chapters in California - Long Beach, San Francisco and now Stockton! The Stockton Younger Women's Task Force reflects the diversity of our community. We welcome them as new members of the San Joaquin County Commission on the Status of Women.

Many men have allied themselves with AAUW's mission of empowering women and girls. Three of them, all dues paying members of AAUW, are sitting at my table tonight. As the slogan says, we are "Stronger Together".

The fight for women's rights is as crucial today as it was in Susan B. Anthony's time. What was said about Senator Elizabeth Warren was true of Susan B. Anthony. "She was warned, she was given an explanation, nevertheless she persisted." So should we all.

Ronda Sanders
February 15, 2017

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The STEM girls enjoy the pops concert followed by dinner. It was a great evening for all.

STEM Trek

The STEM girls had a terrific activity on February 4th. New member, Professor Shelly Gulatti, recruited some of her colleagues to present information about women in Engineering. After a breakfast of bagels and juice, during which the girls heard about the paths that some of the presenters took to get where they are, the group formed three groups to rotate to labs. There the professors conducted presentations illustrating different parts of the engineering field. Afterward, some of them joined us for lunch in the student center which was an interesting experience for the girls who got another glimpse of college life. Following lunch our group was given a tour of the campus. Again, the girls were invited to imagine themselves living and studying on a college campus. We thank Shelly and her colleagues and hope to call on them again in the future.

The girls and mentors were fortunate to be able to attend the Stockton Symphony's POPS concert on February 26th, where they were treated to the music of Star Wars. Again, our goal is to expose our STEM goals to many different enriching experiences in order to truly broaden their horizons. The concert was followed by dinner at Casa Flores where they "debriefed" and socialized, which is another important skill.

The mentors met on February 8th to plan the second half of our mentor year. There are some exciting and valuable experiences ahead for our group. Since only a few girls were able to join us to see the hit movie "Hidden Figures" in January the mentors felt that it was something that all should have the opportunity to view. A "Friday Night at the Movies" is planned for

March 10th, complete with popcorn and pizza at the home of Rosa Solis. "Hidden Figures" chronicles the plight of three black women at NASA in the 60s who were instrumental in the success of the moon landing. Not only does it provide a historical lesson it also sends a clear message of the value of some of our marginalized citizens.

Thanks

The STEM Trek Mentor Group would like to express its sincere appreciation and gratitude for the generosity of the following Community and AAUW members who have made it possible for us to continue our very successful program during 2016. We could not have done it without your financial support.

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THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

If any AAUW member contributed but didn't receive a thank you letter or notice in the bulletin, please let Pam Mallet-Jones or Sally Hall know. Everyone's contribution is important to us.



The STEM girls hear from Dr. Shelly Gulatti about what it takes to be an engineer.



ART AGAINST VIOLENCE – 2017

AAUW Volunteers Needed

A shout-out to AAUW members from two of your own, who are also members of Cleveland School Remembers (CSR), a Brady Campaign Chapter. We need volunteers to help us “sit” an art show in March. The “Our Anguish, Our Resolve” – Art Against Violence 2017 exhibit is sponsored by CSR, and open at no charge to the public Wednesdays through Sundays, from 10am to 2pm during March. We need your help to keep the exhibit open during those hours.

It’s an easy job: you just have to show up and be there for a two-hour shift with one of our CSR members. Our docent will answer any questions while you assist in welcoming visitors to the exhibit, having them sign our guest book, and keep a watchful eye on the art. The exhibit opens March 1st in the Plants and Flowers Building at the San Joaquin County Fairgrounds, 1658 South Airport Way, Stockton 95206.

The “Our Anguish, Our Resolve” theme of the exhibit arises from recent local and global events of violence and chaos. Artists have entered pieces exhibiting their visual expressions of, and reactions to, the pain caused by these acts, along with visual expressions of resolve and solutions. AAUW President Ronda Sanders is exhibiting at the show, along with a number of well-known local artists, including painters from the 1850 Collective, Art Expressions, and the Stockton Art League, and nationally-recognized photographers James Sobredo and Peter Pin.

All events are free and open to the public, and we also need volunteers to assist at the events. Email us at drawitoutstockton@gmail.com and volunteer to “sit” the exhibit or help at any of the special events! We’ll get back to you to schedule the time and date.

For questions or more information, call Sharon Jarvis at (916) 284-9871.

BOUDIN BRUNCH

Boudin’s Brunch

Saturday, March 11, 9:30 a.m.

5615 Pacific Ave., Stockton

[209.952.2000](tel:209.952.2000)

Come visit with AAUW sisters and guests for great food and great conversation. Please RSVP by Thursday, March 9, noon to Bobbie Landau Bobbiej49@aol.com or call [209.334.5711](tel:209.334.5711).

To AAUW Stockton

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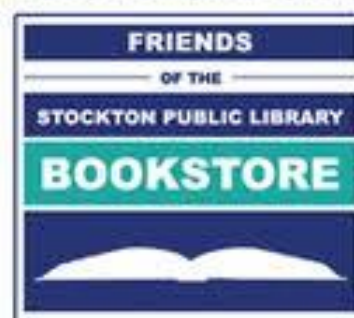
Reading is Fundamental, Essay Contest, STEM Trek Mentor Group, Speech Contest and Tech Trek.

In the name of beloved granddaughter, Daphne Hannig, who died January 4th, 2015 at the age of 25 from a drug overdose. She struggled for many years to overcome, singing and writing her joy and pain. Her parting words to all were “Have a Great Adventure!”

Thank you all AAUW volunteers personally helping young people adopt that attitude.

Peggy Guttieri

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The Flesh-Free Gourmet group met on February 19th at the home of Tom Jones and Pam Mallett-Jones for a French themed repast. The menu included:

Hors d'ouvres:

Olive Tapenade tarte, Broccoli cheddar quich,
Alsatian Carmelized onion tarte

Signature cocktail: French 75.

1st course: French Onion style white bean soup

2nd course: tender greens with champagne vinaigrette

Main Course: Savory spinach and goat cheese crepe with pomme de terre coils and balsamic roasted vegetables

Wine: Cabernet Savignon and Savignon Blanc

Dessert: Cream Puffs with chocolate sauce and French Macarons with French Roasted coffee.

This dinner proved once again that one can eat well and avoid meat!



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2017 Trivia Bee

Get your 1980's on and Save the Date! This year's Bee is taking place on Friday, May 12th at 5pm at the Stockton Arena. More info to follow in coming weeks! Questions? Contact Jamie Davis at 451-4430.



Changes in RIF Fundraiser Mailing!

New Time of Arrival in your Mailbox: Originally expected by mid-February, it actually should have arrived by February 25th.

New Art on Envelope: The expected hand-drawn bird head (eyes, beak) on each white legal-size envelope from AAUW-Stockton Branch has been replaced by a green bee stamped in the lower left corner. Gees, like birds, have wings!

Same Contents: Tossing this envelope would be like throwing out two quarters! Inside is a blue explanatory letter and small envelope with address label and bird stamp. You may choose to use the envelope for your own purposes, but we trust that you'll slip into it your generous donation to the Reading Is Fundamental literacy program managed by our Branch. Remember that there's an Early Bird Drawing for a Trader Joe's gift card for members whose donations are received by the April 22nd monthly meeting.

Questions? Contact Cindy at 477-5984 or askwhynotnow@gmail.com.

The Power of Leaving a Legacy

Making a planned gift to AAUW is a simple way to support our mission and leave a lasting impact.

Benefits of Estate Giving

- Estate gifts allow you flexibility to provide for your family and support AAUW.
- Bequests do not affect your cash flow during your lifetime.
- Certain planned gifts may reduce estate or capital gains taxes.
- There is no minimum gift requirement, and every gift can be tailored to suit your specific wishes.

For more information and giving options, please call AAUW's planned giving office at 877-357-5587.



Enjoy the beauty of Ashland at the Oregon Shakespeare Festival in September 2017. This trip includes four plays and one prologue: the world premiere of a startling new comedy, *Hannah and the Dread Gazebo*, a witty, romantic feast with music; *Shakespeare in Love*; William Shakespeare's classic tale, *Henry IV*, part one, plus a prologue before the show; and the world premiere of *Off the Rails*, described as Blazing Saddles meets Shakespeare. We'll see one play (*Hannah*) on Thursday night, two plays (*Shakespeare in Love* and *prolog of Henry IV* and the play *Henry IV*) on Friday and one play (*Off the Rails*) Saturday evening. This allows us free time on Saturday to explore Ashland on our own or our bus will take us to Jacksonville for exploring, dining and shopping.

The cost of the trip includes lodging at The Plaza Inn and Suites, located in downtown Ashland. The hotel is convenient to the theatre, shopping and dining. The hotel serves a generous breakfast daily followed by delightful treats after the show.

On our way to Ashland, we'll stop in Williams, CA at Granzella's Italian Restaurant, Deli and gift shop for a no-host lunch.

On our return we'll stop in Redding, CA at the Sundial Bridge/Turtle Bay Museum's store and coffee bar for a no-host lunch.

Five hundred dollars (\$500) will hold your reservation. Payment in full is due by July 27th, 2017. The last day to cancel is July 27th.

For Reservations:

Merylene Marengo (209)940-6311
mmarengo@hagginmuseum.org

Directory update

Please make the following change to your Directory:

New Email Address:

Cindy Milford
askwhynotnow@gmail.com

Shari DeAngelis
shari_deangelis@hotmail.com

Ashland, Oregon Shakespeare Festival

Thursday, Sept. 7th – Sunday, Sept. 10th, 2017
8am – 5:30pm

Double occupancy price is \$1,075 per person
Single occupancy is \$1,325

Tour escorts:

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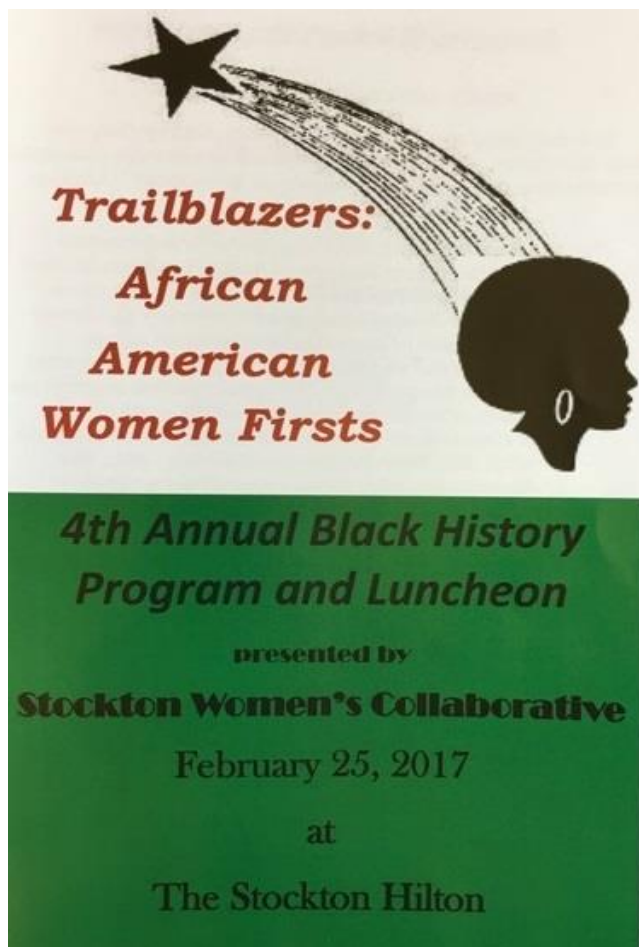
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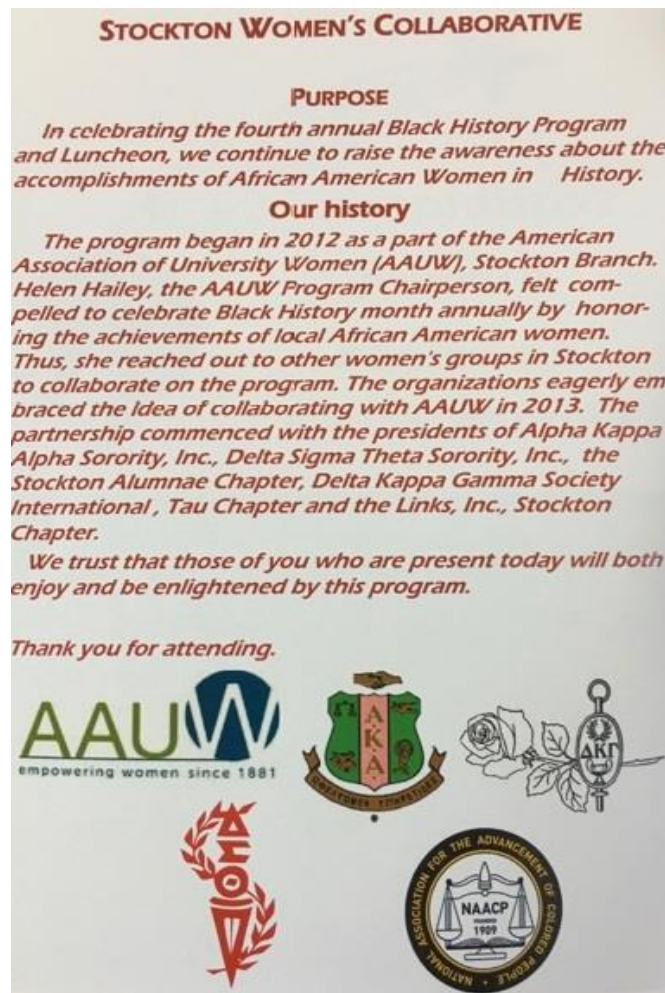


Kudos to AAUW member and past president Helen Hailey who originated this program four years ago on behalf of AAUW. This year's Black History Month program was spectacular! Be sure to read all about the purpose and history of the event as printed in this year's program.



Standing left to right; Dr. Lisa Cooper-Wilkins, Shirley Washington, honoree Hon. Lauren Thomasson (law), honoree Tama Brisbane (the arts), Helen Hailey

Seated left to right; honoree Mae Hill (education), honoree Occellta Briggs (health)



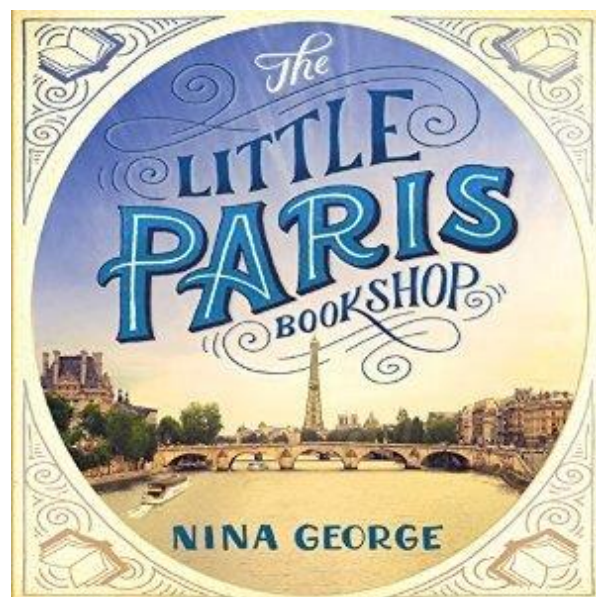
AAUW Book Group

Tuesday, March 21st – 7pm

The Little Paris Bookshop – Nina George

Reviewer: Helen Vignolo

Hostess: Alice Foster



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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.

March Calendar

Day	Date	Time	Event	Location/Contact
		Online Anytime	Submission of Articles/Pictures for stockton-ca.aauw.net Web Page	ronsan3628@sbcglobal.net
Sat	11	9:30am	Boudin Brunch Boudin Bakery Café	Bobbie Landau Bobbiej49@aol.com or (209) 334-5711
Sun	12	All Day	Reservation Deadline	Joan Errecá – 478-1457
Mon	13	6:00pm	Board Meeting	Home of Ronda Sanders 3628 Mill Springs Drive
Sat	18	9:30am	Women are Persistent	Central United Methodist Church
Tue	21	7:00pm	AAUW Book Group – <u>The Little Paris Bookshop</u> By Nina George	Reviewer: Helen Vignolo Hostess: Alice Foster