

“Marching” through Herstory

Saturday, March 10th, 2018

Central United Methodist Church

March is Women’s History Month. Our meeting will feature the art work submitted by Delta College and UOP students addressing the topic “Empowering Women and Girls.” Awards will be presented to the AAUW-sponsored art contest winners. In addition, our essay contest winners will read their essays and receive awards.

Professor Lynn Hawley, our featured speaker, is currently in her 19th year teaching at Delta College, focusing mainly on the history of women in the United States. Her talk, entitled “Wonder Women,” will cover the importance of women role models in our lives, both personal and historical. She will highlight not only some of the historical women who empower us to this day, but the personal heroines in her own career. The audience will be able to share some of their own reflections on the “wonder women” in their lives, women who manage to do what they do without a lasso of truth, magical bracelets, and superhuman powers.

The meeting is on Saturday, March 10th, at Central United Methodist Church in the large room. See all of you wonderful women there.

Schedule:

- 9:30 Registration, Coffee, and Breakfast Treats from Noah's Bagels
- 10:15 Business Meeting—Ronda Sanders
- 10:30 Art Contest Awards
- 10:45 Essay Contest Winners & Awards
- 11:00 Break
- 11:15 Featured Speaker: Lynn Hawley
- 12:30 Adjourn

Menu: Noah's Breakfast Box, featuring Assorted Bagels and Spreads, Orange Juice, Fruit Salad, Coffee, Tea, and Water.

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

Reservation Deadline: Sunday, March 4th

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Reservations: Call Joan Erreca, Reservations Chair 478-1457

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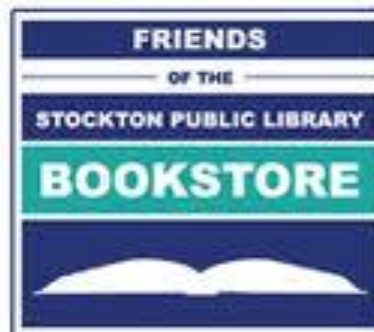
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I've heard it said that 2018 is "The Year of the Woman" and AAUW Stockton Branch is off to a great start. We began in January by participating in the Women's March, Sacramento. In February we celebrated women of achievement at the Susan B. Anthony awards banquet where branch members Paula Almaas, Linda Christensen and Rosa Solis were among the honorees. I was personally gratified to see AAUW's Younger Women's Task Force represented at the banquet. There are just 14 YWTF's in the United States, so it is exciting that we have one right here in Stockton. Congratulations to YWTF board member Jasmine Leek on her Susan B. Anthony award.

March comes in like a lioness! First, AAUW will display historical material at the "Her Story" event at the Haggin Museum, 6-9pm, March 8th. Tickets for the event may be purchased at theeleanorproject.com.

Next, Saturday, March 10th is our branch meeting at Central United Methodist Church, featuring art addressing the theme, "Empowering Women and Girls." In addition to Delta and Pacific students competing for cash awards for their art, we have invited community artists to display their themed based creations. Signs held at January's Women's March will also be on display. You don't want to miss this event!

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Contemplating dorm life at CSUS

STEM Trek

Mentors and girls alike were surprised and impressed on February 10. After assembling at the home of Pam Mallett-Jones the girls piled into cars along with mentors Paula Almaas and Gladys Finucane to make the short trek to CSU, Stanislaus.

Because we have all heard "Stan State" disparagingly referred to as "Turkey Tech" we were not prepared for the approach to this beautiful campus circling a refection pond. We were soon to find that there are actually three lakes on this campus along with several other interesting water features. We toured the campus under the leadership of junior, Katia Ortega, with the help of advance research. We actually found a coed who allowed us to view her dorm room and were amazed at how clean it was. We later found out that she was prepared for a parent visit later that day. All girls agreed that they could see themselves living and studying on the Stanislaus campus, and the fact that it was so close to home was another plus.

Though UC Merced is only an hour more down the 99 freeway we chose instead to return to Pam's house to take a virtual tour of that campus. Again we were surprised at the beauty of California's newest UC campus. Though the standard of a beautiful campus for many of the mentors is the traditional "ivy covered walls," our girls are often attracted to "sleek and modern." In this regard, as well as the school's ranking in the top ten colleges in California UC, Merced was a draw for our girls. Both of these universities also offer a high rate of financial aid.

It is amazing that we were able to tour two campuses as well as enjoy a pizza lunch in the span of six hours! This was due to a combination of close proximity and modern technology.

Great things are planned for the STEM Trek program in the coming months so watch this space for news!



Another lovely water feature at CSUS



Tour of CSU, Stanislaus

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Sat., March 3rd - 9:15am

[5615 Pacific Ave. Stockton](#)

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.

Bobbie Landau

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Dangerous Education Rollbacks

During the State of the Union Speech President Trump said that his administration has rolled back the most restrictions in the history of the United States. No remarks were made as to which restrictions had been removed.

I consulted E-newsletters from the Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights. I found that 72 regulations in these areas have been targeted since the beginning of this administration. These did not include what has been rolled back in other areas of the government such as environmental protection, interior and public lands, health and welfare, energy, agriculture, etc. Some news reports have claimed that more than 800 regulations have been targeted for removal and about half of these removals have been accomplished. The goal is to benefit big business, coal, oil and gas with these rollbacks. Low priority or none at all are given to negative effects on public health and the environment.

Here are a few of the regulations that have been rolled back in the Department of Education. Some of these regulations restricted doing things and some clarified how to do something.

On March 27- Trump repealed the Education Department's accountability rule that clarified states' obligations under the Every Student Succeeds Act.

On June 6 – Secretary of Ed. DeVos testified before the Senate appropriation subcommittee and made unclear statements about whether she would allow federal funds to go to schools that discriminated against LGBTQ students. She made similarly troubling statements when testifying before a House committee in late March.

On June 6 – Dept. of Ed. Office of Civil Rights (OCR) issued unclear new instructions on transgender student discrimination.

February 16, 2018 - The Department announced that it will no longer investigate transgender student bathroom complaints and will not support an education free from sexual discrimination (AAUW Update, Feb. 16, 2018).

On August 1 – Justice Dept. of Civil Rights will investigate and sue Universities over affirmative action admission policies deemed to discriminate against white people.

On September 22 – Dept. of Ed. will rescind guidance related to Title IX and schools' obligations regarding sexual violence and educational opportunities. The dept. removed the "clarification letter" about how to handle sexual abuse cases thereby weakening the support for the abused student and favoring support for the accused.

On October 2 – DeVos rescinded 72 guidance documents outlining the rights of students with disabilities.

On October 27 – Dept. Ed announced that it was withdrawing nearly 600 policy documents regarding K-12 education and higher education.

Also of concern are the appointment of unqualified personnel to leadership positions in the Department of Education. Betsy DeVos has no education experience as demonstrated during her confirmation hearings. She previously was a lobbyist for private schools. She belongs to and supports an organization whose mission it is to get rid of the constraints of Title IX. The title is one of our strongest supports for equal opportunities in education and sport for both women and men. She also advocated privatizing education. Trump's new budget allocates funds to support her goal. She successfully converted much of public education into private education in Michigan. The result was declining state support for public education and the removal of Michigan schools from among the top 12 in the U.S. to the lower quarter of schools in the U.S.

Candice Jackson, DeVos's new Head of the Education Department's Office for Civil Rights, told the *New York Times* that 90% of campus sexual assaults fall into the category that "we were both drunk". She made this "flippant" remark while planning a meeting for Betsy DeVos with an advocated group. She later apologized. It sounded like 90% of the complaints were false. This is "not true statistically" according to a study published in the *Journal Violence Against Women*. False allegations are in the 2% to 10% range.

Currently nominated to be the assistant to head of the Dept. of Ed. Civil Rights Office is Kenneth Marcus. His name has been presented to the committee for a hearing on his nomination. 200 civil rights organizations have opposed his nomination because of past hostilities on civil rights decisions and anti-free speech regulations. They feel his appointment would threaten fundamental rights at our campuses. He is also anti-affirmative action and does not support cases of minority students and has fabricated evidence against students. He lobbied Congress to defund Middle Eastern Studies programs that were not supportive of Israeli policies.

Marilyn Wylie
Public Policy Chair

Palestine Legal
Kenneth Marcus
February 6, 2018

Andrea Goldblum
Title IX Counselor
University of the Pacific
AAUW
Nov. 20, 2017

Time
Campus Assaults
Feb. 10, 2018



The FFG group met on a chilly Sunday evening at the home of Ronda Sanders for their quarterly vegetarian dinner. The theme was "The 50's" and featured foods from our childhoods such as Jon Deak's family mac n' cheese and Vickie Gaia's green bean almondine. The evening was capped off by Pam Mallett-Jones' pineapple upside down cake and a rousing game of 50's trivia.

✂ Directory updates

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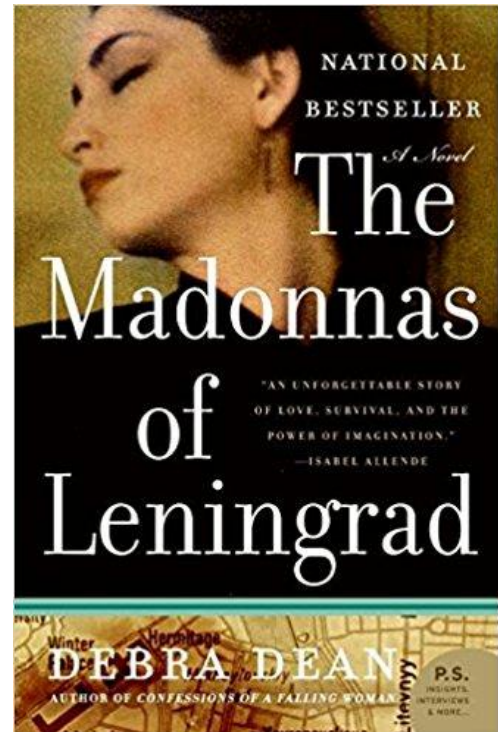
AAUW Book Group

Tuesday, March 20th, 7pm

Reviewer: Betty Parsons

Hostess: Pam Mallett-Jones

Madonnas of Leningrad by Debra Dean



Madonnas of Leningrad - Bit by bit, the ravages of age are eroding Marina's grip on the everyday. An elderly Russian woman now living in America, she cannot hold on to fresh memories—the details of her grown children's lives, the approaching wedding of her grandchild—yet her distant past is miraculously preserved in her mind's eye.

Vivid images of her youth in war-torn Leningrad arise unbidden, carrying her back to the terrible fall of 1941, when she was a tour guide at the Hermitage Museum and the German army's approach signaled the beginning of what would be a long, torturous siege on the city. As the people braved starvation, bitter cold, and a relentless German onslaught, Marina joined other staff members in removing the museum's priceless masterpieces for safekeeping, leaving the frames hanging empty on the walls to symbolize the artworks' eventual return. As the Luftwaffe's bombs pounded the proud, stricken city, Marina built a personal Hermitage in her mind—a refuge that would stay buried deep within her, until she needed it once more.

Reminder! Look inside the big white envelope (has a green bee stamped on the left lower corner) from Stockton Branch. There's a Forever stamp inside! Mail your RIF Fundraiser donations before the April 14th branch meeting so you can be in the Early Bird Drawing for a \$25 Trader Joe's gift card. Info? Call Cindy at 477-5984.

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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
Wed	2/28	6:00pm	Board Meeting	Home of Ronda Sanders 3628 Mill Springs Drive
Sat	3/3	9:15am	Boudin Bunch Brunch	Bobbie Landau - (209) 334-5711 Bobbiej49@aol.com
Sun	4	All Day	Reservation Deadline	Joan Erreca – 478-1457
Sat	10	9:30am	Program – “Marching” through Herstory	Central United Methodist Church
Tue	20	7:00pm	AAUW Book Group – <u>Madonnas of Leningrad</u> by Debra Dean	Reviewer: Betty Parsons Hostess: Pam Mallett-Jones