

Getting to Know You

Wednesday, May 24th, 2017

Casa Flores Marina - 3201 W. Benjamin Holt Drive

Our May meeting will be our annual social event in which new members and "veteran" members are encouraged to mingle and get to know each other.

We will assemble on the patio at Casa Flores in Marina Center for an evening of great Mexican food (margaritas available, but not included), fun, games, and comradery without the formality of a meeting.

The date is Wednesday, May 24th; the time 5:30pm. We hope as many new and not-so-new members as possible will attend so we can discover all the "beautiful and new" things to learn about you. Precisely!

Schedule:

- 5:30 Registration/Mingling
- 6:00 Welcome, Games and Prizes
- 6:30 Buffet Dinner -
Enchiladas, Chicken Fajitas,
Rice, Beans, and Tortillas.

Cost: \$16 (Meeting Only \$5)

Reservation Deadline: Sunday, May 21st

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Reservations: Call Joan Erreca,
Reservations Chair 478-1457

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worth and dignity of every person and
are a welcoming congregation.

President's Message



AAUW Stockton Branch embraces new ideas and we have gotten state and national attention for our forward-looking innovations. Last month I got a call from AAUW California asking permission to feature our Black History Month program on the state website. Last year I was asked by AAUW national to talk about our successful recruitment of men as members. I wouldn't be surprised if we get some attention for our recent "Empowering Women and Girls" art show, contest and lecture.

Our men's membership drive has been a success, with three new men joining in April. These men understand that "Women's rights are human rights." While we appreciate their financial support in the form of dues and donations, we enjoy their company, whether it's cheering on the Women's NCAA basketball teams as part of our "AAUW Supports Title IX" program, or joining us at socials and branch meetings. We thank the men for acting as a judge for our speech contest or as a host at Home Tour.

Our first annual college student art show, contest and lecture was enthusiastically received by AAUW members, students and members of the community. Thanks to Jo Wagner, who as director-at-large has taken on the duties of college/university relations, for working with me to bring this dream of mine to a reality. Thanks also go to Jan Marlese, director of the Horton Gallery at San Joaquin Delta College and Brett DeBoer, co-chair of the University of the Pacific Art Department for encouraging students to participate. Thanks to Lisa Cooperman for presenting an informative and provocative talk. Thanks to all of you who helped with fundraising for making the cash awards possible.

Ronda Sanders
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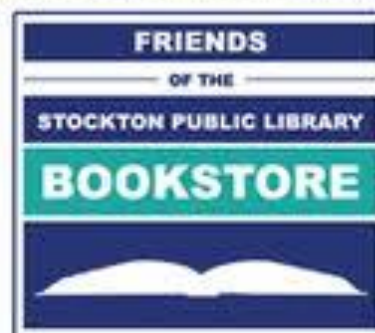
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STEM girls hard at work creating Easter cakes and their finished projects.

STEM Trek

Though many of the monthly activities that we organize for the STEM girls are designed to foster interest in the STEM fields traditionally underrepresented by women, sometimes we just get together for the fun of it. That was the case on April 8th when we met at the home of Pam Mallett-Jones to decorate Easter Egg cakes. Mentors are always pleased with the information we learn about our girls when they are relaxed and interacting with each other. And, did I mention CAKE?

Our second April activity was more in keeping with our mission. The girls took advantage of an event at the San Joaquin County Office of Education entitled "Engaging Young Women in STEM." There were panelist presentations, question and answer periods and many interactive exhibits.

Our seniors are finishing out the school year and looking forward to graduation. This *should* be the end of our 5 year mentorship, but we have learned to our delight that our relationships with our former girls never really end.



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

AAUW Book Group

Tuesday, May 16th – 7pm

Euphoria – Lily King

Reviewer: Betty Parsons

Hostess: Carolyn Mallett

Nominating Committee Report

The Nominating Committee of the Stockton AAUW branch is pleased these members have agreed to accept the following nominations: **Diane Oren** for Membership Vice President and **Jamie Davis** for Director-at-Large.

The Committee is pleased that members **Donna Hammel** and **VanHa To-Cowell** have agreed to accept the nomination of Co-Presidents Elect. The Co-Presidents Elect team will work closely with President Ronda Sanders for the next year.

For more information please contact Della Richardson (478-1809) or Pat Fluetsch (951-6822). Voting will be held at the May 21st meeting.

Get Active – Let Your Opinion Be Heard

This month the national AAUW Public Policy chairman sent out AAUW WASHINGTON UPDATE, a monthly report on legislative activity to all members (advocacy@aauw.org). It suggested if you do not receive this information on a regular basis that you can sign up to receive it. You can also sign up to receive the AAUW ACTION NETWORK. [CLICK HERE](#) to sign up to become a Two-Minute Activist. This is a good way to communicate your opinions on an issue where they will count.

Another way to communicate is to write postcards like we do at our chapter meetings.

Peggy Guttieri got active and set up a meeting with our Congressman Jerry McNerney. Ronda Sanders, Pat Fleutsch and Marilyn Wylie met with him and introduced him to AAUW public policy goals. We discussed our concerns on the national issues of equal pay and passing the Paycheck Fairness Act. This legislation has been introduced every year since the Fair Pay Act was introduced in 1963. California currently has the strongest act in the nation along with seven other states. It is time the rest get on board and sign on, he said. We also voiced our support for Health Care for All and Women's Health and Planned Parenthood. We support free public education for all and voted against unlimited voucher programs. If you want to read something scary, check out HB610 concerning vouchers for all.

Marilyn Wylie
Public Policy Committee



The “Men’s Membership Social” held at Casa Flores Marina on April 19th was a resounding success! We welcomed three new men as members of AAUW; Vincent Bricka, Jim Melquist, and Joel Wagner. Current men of AAUW, Hugh Lily, Jon Deak, Russ Wylie and Ed Almaas turned in their renewals at the event. Altogether, 14 members of AAUW celebrated our men at the social. If you have a man in your life who believes in the mission of AAUW, ask him to join!

Submitted by Ronda Sanders



BOUDIN BRUNCH

Sat., May 20th at 9:30am

(Changed from 2nd Sat. to 3rd Sat.)

Come visit with AAUW sisters and guests for great food and great conversation. Items for San Joaquin Women's Center -Youth and Family Services will be collected to donate in May. Needed for Shelters are Dental items, Toothpaste, Kitchen items, Personal Hygiene, Deodorant. Diapers, Cleaning items, Detergent, Shampoo, Brushes, combs, Dish Soap, related items, gift cards and checks.

Please RSVP by Thursday, May 18th, noon, to Bobbie Landau Bobbiej49@aol.com or call (209) 334-5711 if you are planning to come.



AAUW Awards 2017 Scholarships to Three Delta College Students

Each year, the Stockton Branch of AAUW awards three scholarships to Delta College students who are graduating and transferring to a 4-year university in the fall. For 2017, the scholarship amount was increased from \$1,000 to \$2,000 due to the generosity of our branch and the hard work of our members. A HUGE thank you to Carolyn Wischhusen and Jo Wagner who assisted me in choosing our recipients! It is always a challenge to narrow it down to just three.

Congratulations to the following 2017 AAUW Scholarship Recipients:

- Melinda Ramirez, a re-entry student, will enroll at California State University-Chico, major in Sociology, and continue her work in providing transitional housing to the homeless.
- Carolina Gutierrez, a transfer student, will attend UC Berkeley, major in Chemical Engineering, and pursue a career in biofield research.
- Nisha Ghag, a transfer student, will attend UOP, major in Business Administration, with a concentration on Finance, and pursue a career in financial planning or investing banking.

The three scholarship recipients will attend the AAUW June 10th Branch meeting. Please plan to join us to welcome these amazing women. and hear their inspiring stories. The AAUW scholarship recipients will be announced formally at the Delta College Scholarship ceremony in August. (*Note: the scholarship funds are actually awarded when Delta College receives confirmation from the universities that the recipients have been accepted and are attending in the fall*).

Beverley Dierking
AAUW Scholarship Chairperson



Art contest winners from left right: Sabrina Sanchez, third place; Odalis Dominguez, second place; Kayla King, first place

FIRST ANNUAL AAUW COLLEGE STUDENT ART SHOW

AAUW Stockton Branch held its first annual college student art show, contest and lecture on April 22 at Central United Methodist Church in Stockton. Students from San Joaquin Delta College and University of the Pacific were invited to submit 2-D and 3-D works of art addressing the theme “Empowering Women and Girls”. Cash prizes in the amounts of \$200, \$150 and \$100 were awarded to the top three entrants.

Lisa Cooperman, University Curator at University of the Pacific gave a talk on the subject of “Feminist Art Activism” which showed examples of art made by women over several centuries. The public was invited to view the art and attend the talk. We are planning to make the art show and contest an annual event.



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Information and photo provided by Ronda Sanders

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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.

May Calendar

Day	Date	Time	Event	Location/Contact
		Online Anytime	Submission of Articles/Pictures for stockton-ca.aauw.net Web Page	ronsan3628@sbcglobal.net
Mon	15	6:00pm	Board Meeting	Home of Ronda Sanders 3628 Mill Springs Drive
Tue	16	7:00pm	AAUW Book Group – <u>Euphoria</u> By Lily King	Reviewer: Betty Parsons Hostess: Carolyn Mallett
Sat	20	9:30am	Boudin Brunch	Bobbie Landau - 334-5711
Sun	21	All Day	Reservation Deadline	Joan Erreca – 478-1457
Wed	24	5:30pm	Branch Meeting – “Getting to Know You”	Casa Flores – Marina Center