

Women's March 2019

Saturday, January 19th, 2019



Be part of the "Women's Wave". In place of a branch meeting, AAUW Stockton Branch members will be attending the Women's March on Saturday, January 19th. For the first time, we will be marching in Stockton! Click on this link <https://www.womensmarchstockton.com> for more information. Watch for emails from Ronda Sanders, AAUW Program Vice Co-Chair, for updates, including time, location of march and AAUW meet-up place.

Join us as we celebrate our gains in 2018, including the election of a record number of diverse women to public office and the passage in California of some of the strongest equal pay and sexual harassment legislation in the country. Yet, there is still much to do to make our world a better place for all people.

Through AAUW in 2018 we stood up, raised our voices, took action and made a difference. Let's not stop now!

President's Message



Happy New Year! It's hard to believe it's 2019. Where did 2018 go? 2019 is starting off with two exciting events. The Women's March will be held on January 19th. This year we have an opportunity to march in Stockton so we won't have to travel far. Let's stand together and make our voices heard.

On January 14th, we will be treated to our local Speech Trek speech contest. We can support our local high school students in this contest. Last year our local winner advanced to the state competition. The speech contest will be held at 5:30 in the Janet Leigh Theater on the UOP campus. Many thanks to Pam Mallett-Jones for her time and commitment to this program. The topic concerns violence in schools, a very timely topic.

Let's make 2019 a year for us to be heard. With the number of women elected to political office in November, we have a chance to make that happen.

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Home Tour - A Tremendous Success

Well you AAUW members did it again. Your generosity in buying tickets and giving of your time as hostesses and other tasks has paid off with a profit of **\$13,336**. We sold a few less tickets but underwriting and vendor sales at Club Brookside made up the difference, as well as a few less expenses.

Thank you for inviting friends to participate and directing community Home Tour guests to ticket sales vendors. We encourage you to visit these vendors to show our appreciation for their support. (With Garden Flair, C.R. Porter, Regalo Bello and in Lodi, Sheri's Sonshine Nutrition Center).

These monies will go to our Community Outreach Fund, to support our local programs and \$2000 will go to National AAUW Fund. Educational Opportunities Fund.



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The holiday season has all of our girls flitting from place to place, all the while attempting to finish out the semester with finals being the week before Christmas.

The STEM Trek program celebrated together on December 8th with an elegant luncheon at DeVega Brothers. Mentors attempt to use these occasions to remind our girls about which fork to use, basic table manners and cultural mores. We also revisited the necessity of written thank you notes; a package of such notes was gifted to each girl. As is the tradition, our new girls received their copies of Manner Matter for Teens.

After lunch, the whole group made our way to Delta College's Atherton Auditorium for the Sacramento Ballet's "Nutcracker." This was the first ballet for most of our girls, so our goal of exposing them to new experiences and broadening their horizons was also realized.

There are exciting things planned for 2019! Watch this column to experience them along with us!



STEM Trek Holiday Celebration

Out of the Mouths of Babes

The annual AAUW -CA Eleanor Stem Allen Memorial Speech contest will be held on Monday, January 14th at 5:30 in the Janet Leigh Theater on the UOP campus. The local contest is endowed by the estate of the late Ginger DeBow, member and past president of the Stockton Branch.

The theme this year addresses the following question: ***How can we – students, parents, faculty, our communities and organizations such as AAUW – eliminate violence aimed at our schools? What actions can we take to prevent another tragedy from taking place?***

Members and the public are invited to attend to hear what local high school students think about this topic. The winner of the Stockton branch contest goes on to compete in the region and the top five speakers in the state compete for the \$1500 prize at the annual conference in April. Stockton has had two winners at the state level in the past few years. You won't want to miss the opportunity to hear what young people are thinking about this timely and provocative subject.



STEM Trek Holiday Celebration

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Title IX Cheerleaders

JANUARY GAME OF THE MONTH

🔔 *Ring in 2019 by cheering for local female athletes!* 🔔

What: College Level Women's Basketball

Who: UOP Lady Tigers vs. University of San Diego Toreros

When: Saturday, January 12th, 2pm

Where: UOP's Spanos Center

Cost: \$8-adults, \$6-seniors 62+ OR \$4-all ages. How? With high interest, we can get 10 tickets for \$40. Please call to cancel so I can allocate your \$4 ticket to someone else. I'd appreciate your reimbursing the ticket buyer (me) with the correct change when you reach your seat inside. Thanks!

Seat: First, get your ticket. If we have 10 or more in our group and get the group rate, you'll check in at Will Call. OR If we have fewer than 10, buy your own ticket. Second, enter and walk ahead toward the snack bar. Look for your blue-shirted sisters/brothers in Section H, left, real seats with backs!

Parking: Free. From Pershing Avenue, take the UOP campus's West Entrance on Larry Heller Drive. Park in the lot on the left across from the Spanos Center.

RSVP: Cindy Milford askwhynotnow@gmail.com or call or text me at 209-481-2227 (C)

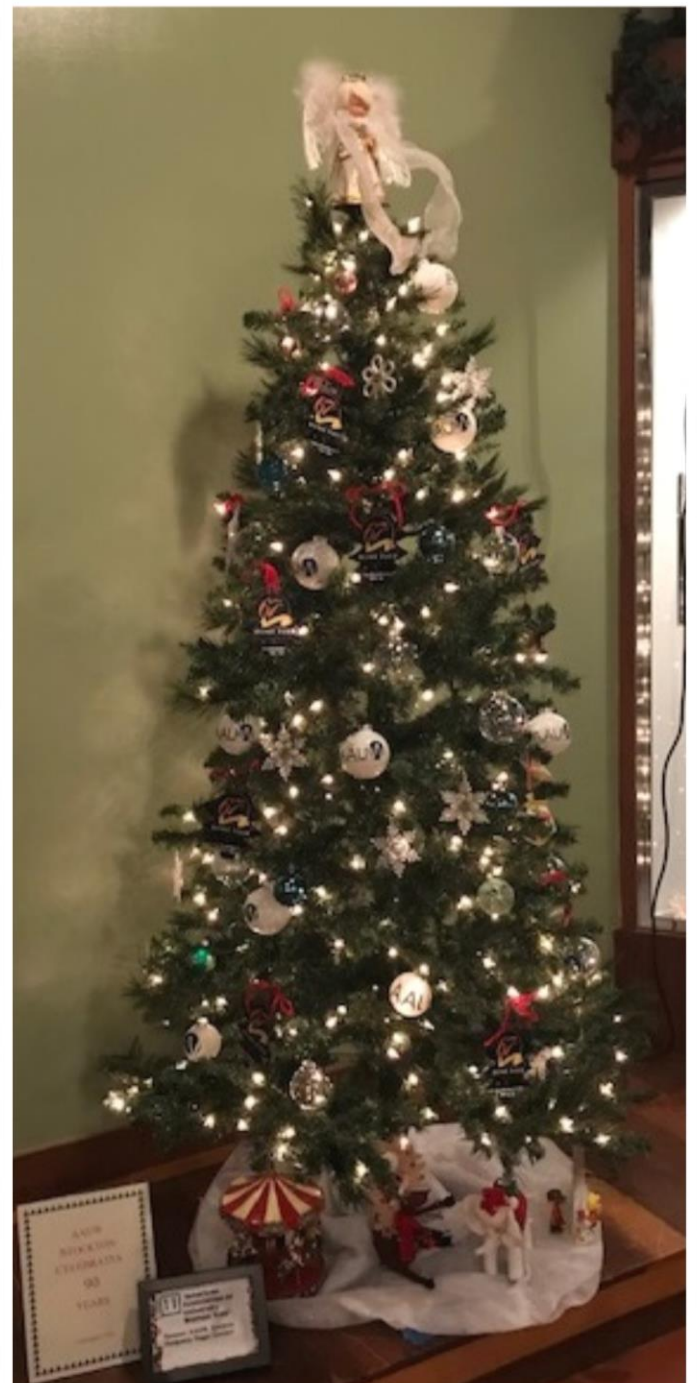
Deadline: Thurs., Jan. 10th.

I'll pay for our group tickets ahead of time, but I need to know your name for the list of attendees so you can check in at Will Call. Bring photo ID.

🔔 This school year, AAUW Title IX Cheerleaders will be attending sporting events at AAUW-Stockton's two institutional partners, San Joaquin Delta College and University of the Pacific. As we attend each local athletic event, we'll be supporting

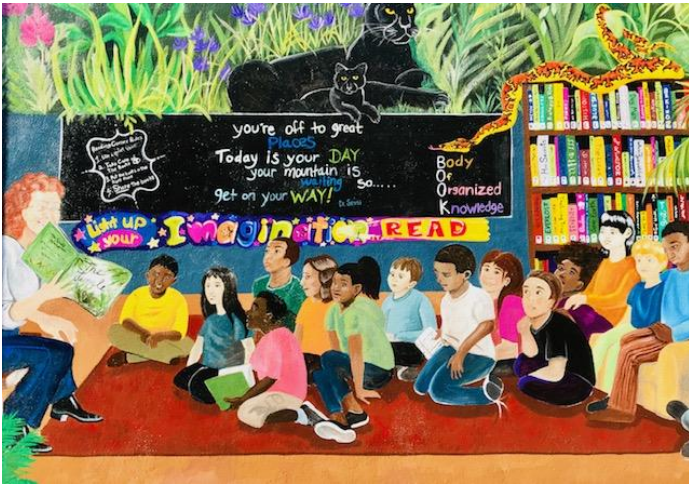
female athletes while raising AAUW's profile in the community.

🔔 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 size XL, contact me ahead of time. (See RSVP.) No official shirt? Simply wear a **sky-blue shirt or sweater** to the game, if possible. **See you at the game!**



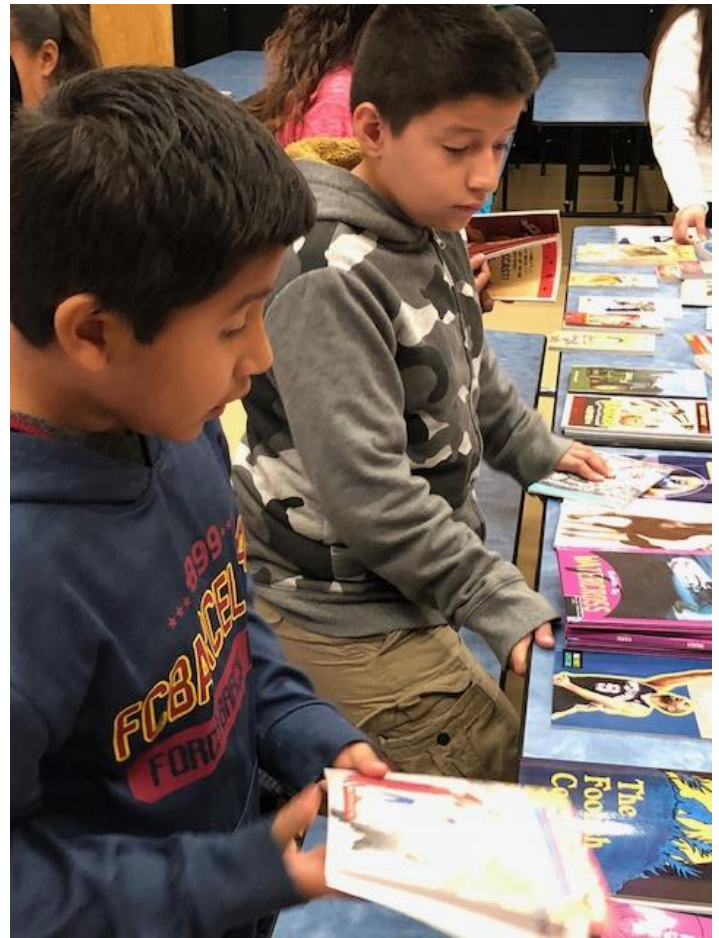
Peggy Guttieri and Pat Hague used their custom-made AAUW ornaments and Home Tour cards to celebrate 90 years in Stockton at San Joaquin Historical Museum's Festival of Trees the first weekend in December.

♥ RIF Brings the LOVE OF READING to Local Students! ♥

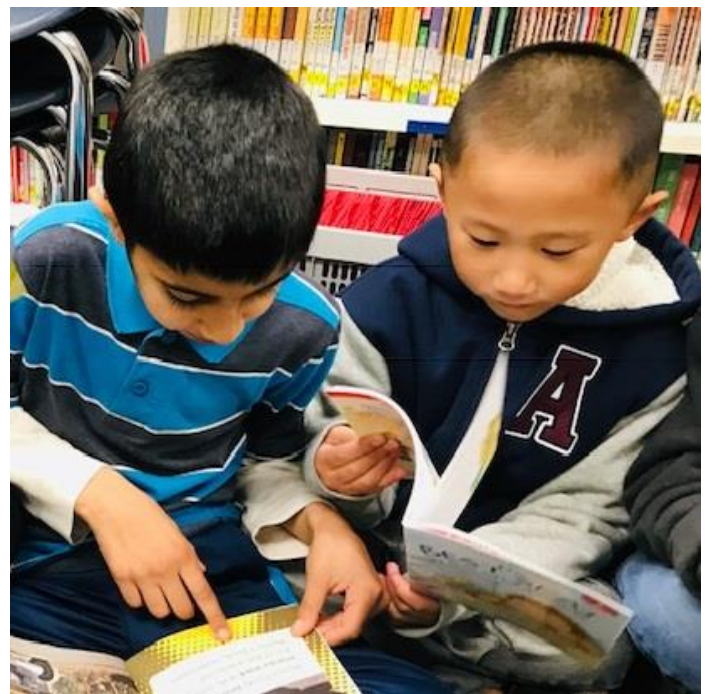


This mural on the Van Buren Elementary multi-purpose room outside wall captures the purpose of RIF: to instill the love of reading in children. It depicts a Van Buren teacher (Ms. Schultz) as she shares with her students a passion for books and reading. Her mother commissioned a S.F. artist to paint the mural to honor her daughter after she died a few years ago. As K-8 students navigate the main hall each day, the scene reminds them of reading's importance in their lives.

See the joy of selecting a free book—to keep forever—on the faces of children in the four RIF schools! Stockton Branch's three AAUW/RIF Liaisons (Pam Mallett-Jones—Grunsky; Sharon Marr—Van Buren; Cindy Milford—Kennedy and One Charter Elementary) ordered, processed, and distributed over 1,400 varied and colorful books in October and November to the four schools' K-6 students. Check out those interested and joyful young faces! Not pictured but on site during the distributions were the AAUW/RIF Liaisons listed above, as well as several AAUW volunteers mentioned in the schools' captions.



♥ *These Grunsky 4th graders inspect many enticing titles before choosing "the one" to keep, to read, and hopefully to share with family members. (AAUW volunteers not pictured are Claudia Collignon-Harvath and Joan Erreca.)*



♥ *While classmates pick out their books, these Kennedy 2nd graders waste no time and delve right into their new selections. (AAUW volunteers not pictured are Pat Fluetsch, Sandy Mazzuola, and Marilyn Yunker.)*



♥ AAUW volunteer Diane Stauffer and teacher assist Joseph join a cluster of One.CharterElementary 4th-6th graders as they happily display their free books and bonus gifts—greeting cards, pencils, and calendars.



♥ AAUW volunteer Jan Vernor-Howard helps Van Buren second graders pick books that match their interests and reading abilities. (AAUW volunteers not pictured are Cindy Milford and Diane Stauffer).



🔔 RIF Rings in 2019 with THANKS! 🔔

As we enter 2019, the AAUW/RIF (Reading is Fundamental) committee rings the bells for those who've supported our RIF program over the fall months.

🔔! **Park Bixby Tower, Inc.:** This company, represented by AAUW members Marilyn and Russ Wylie, 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.CharterElementary serving the Shelter for the Homeless youngsters. This is the third year that Park Bixby has generously boosted local literacy for very needy youngsters. Thank you, Park Bixby Tower, Inc., and Marilyn and Russ!

🔔! **First Unitarian Universalist Church of Stockton:** For the second year, 1st UU donated one of its monthly social justice collections to our RIF program. The money purchased beautiful books for five kindergarten classes. Thank you, 1st UU Church!

🔔! **AAUW Members:** Many of you directly contributed to our RIF program by accompanying your Spring 2018 membership renewal with a special donation to RIF. Also, scores of you indirectly helped RIF by contributing to the success of our November 2018 Home Tour by purchasing tickets and by working as shift volunteers, head hosts, or cookie providers. Since one of the local recipients of Home Tour funds is RIF, your home tour efforts advanced literacy and love of learning in our RIF schools' students. Thank you, Branch Members!

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Susan B. Anthony Awards

Stockton Branch of AAUW is proud to announce that our nominee, **Pam Mallett-Jones**, has been selected to receive the Susan B. Anthony Award Women Achievement Award for 2019. Pam is being recognized for her inspirational leadership in the category of education. The award banquet will be on Friday, February 15th, 2019. The event will be held at the Stockton Golf and Country club at 5:30pm. Individual tickets are \$55 and a table of 10 is \$550. No tickets will be sold at the door.

Please make out your checks to Helen L. Hailey. Attach a note as to how many tickets you are purchasing and for whom. Helen will combine the checks and submit one check from AAUW Stockton Branch to the San Joaquin County Commission on the Status of Women.

Mail your checks to Helen Hailey at 5615 Melones Way, Stockton, CA, 95219. Your check must be received by Helen no later than February 6th. Helen can be reached by phone at 471-0999 if there are any questions.

Updates on Public Policies

It is up to AAUW members to act on priority issues that affect human rights. To contact your senator, call the Congressional Switchboard at 1-866-327-8670. Other ways of contacting your representatives are through email or by calling their office. Five constituent contacts will cause a legislator to pay serious attention to a given issue.

Title IX

Several bills related to protecting and enabling females to be accorded equal rights have been introduced (H.R.4030, H.R.6184, Senate Bill 2110). These bills cover not only higher education, but also elementary and secondary schools. They would set up the Office of Gender Equity within the Dept. of Education that would provide guidelines and specifications for filing complaints.

Affordable Care Act (ACA)

In 2014, the Supreme Court defined ACA as a tax rather than a mandate. In this ruling, the Supreme Court eliminated the penalty for not having health care insurance that will take effect

in the 2019 tax year. The decision also ruled that Medicaid Expansion was optional for states. 36 states have opted in for expanded Medicaid; while 14 states have opted out of the Medicaid expansion. It is estimated that since ACA took effect in 2010, the number of people with health insurance increased by more than 20 million. The number of citizens with health insurance remain at about 2009 numbers in states that opted out of Medicaid expansion. Popular provisions of ACA are mandating insurance coverage for persons with preexisting conditions, preventing insurers from charging sick people more or denying them because of their conditions, and allowing young adults under 26 to remain on their parents' insurance coverage.

Reproductive Health

The Trump administration requires ACA insurers to show reproductive services separate from other services on forms subsidized by tax payer dollars. In addition, it also proposed to let employers deny contraceptive coverage in their plans for employees. West Virginia dropped Medicaid funding to clinics that terminate pregnancies and assigned jail time for performing or receiving abortion services. However, the criminalization of reproductive health rights can only happen if Roe v. Wade is overturned. On Dec. 10, 2018, the US Supreme Court left lower court victories intact for Planned Parenthood in a legal battle with states over access by Medicaid patients to the group's services. The dispute did not involve federal funding for abortion-related services that is barred by federal law. It involves an effort by Kansas & Louisiana to block Medicaid contracts with Planned Parenthood for providing preventive care to low income women, such as cancer screenings, prenatal services, birth control, and ultrasounds.

Gun Control

The "3-D Firearms prohibitions Act" (H.R.7115) was introduced to the House on Nov. 2, 2018, to prohibit the sale, marketing or advertising on any medium of electronic communications, acquisition, distribution in commerce, or import of automatic and semiautomatic weapons. It shall ban the sale of machinegun parts kits, conversion kits and ammunition for machine guns and assault weapons. It also requires homemade firearms to have serial numbers.

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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.

January Calendar

Day	Date	Time	Event	Location/Contact
		Online Anytime	Submission of Articles/Pictures for stockton-ca.aauw.net Web Page	ronsan3628@sbcglobal.net
Sat	12	2:00pm	Game of the Month – UOP Women's Basketball	Spanos Center @ UOP
Mon	14	5:30pm	Speech Trek Speech Contest	Janet Leigh Theater @ UOP
Tue	15	6:00pm	AAUW Book Group - <u>Crazy Rich Asians</u> by Kevin Kwan	Jeanne Gaia (209) 403-4365
Sat	19	10:00am	2018 WOMEN'S MARCH	womensmarchstockton.com