

# African American Women Making a Difference

**Saturday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019**  
**Stockton Hilton - 2323 Grand Canal Blvd.**

On Saturday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, the Stockton Women's Collaborative, which includes AAUW, is hosting the 6<sup>th</sup> annual luncheon celebrating the history and achievements of African American Women at the Stockton Hilton. The Collaborative has selected to recognize four outstanding women leaders who are making a difference in our community: LaJuana Bivens, Andrea Burrise, Yvette Shields. And Anna NtiAsare-Tubbs.

The program will include a dance presentation and music by professional keyboard player Cissandra Durkin. The keynote speaker will be Anna NtiAsare-Tubbs, diversity and inclusion consultant, writer and First Lady of Stockton.

## Schedule:

10am Registration/Coffee/Meet & Greet  
10:30 Welcome/Announcements/Program  
11:00 Lunch

## Menu:

### **Winter Plated Brunch**

Wintergreen Fresh Fruit Salad, Rolls and Butter  
Chicken Breast with Merlot Au Jus  
Winter Wild Rice Pilaf with Candied Pecans and Dried Cranberries  
Green Beans with Baby Carrots  
House-Made Cinnamon Bread Pudding with Bourbon Sauce

### **Penne Florentine**

Penne Florentine, Gluten Free, Vegan Pasta, Fresh Spinach, Mushrooms, Basil Infused Olive Oil

After Lunch: Awardee Presentations, Keynote Speaker

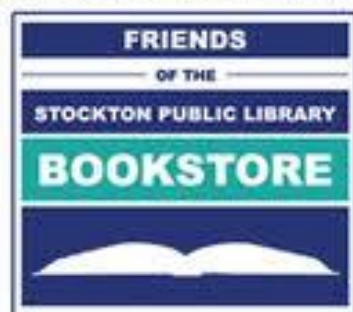
Reservation Deadline: Sunday, February 10<sup>th</sup>

Cost: \$40 Per Person

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# President's Message



It is hard to believe that the first month of 2019 has passed. While I am writing this newsletter, I'm reminded that the last week of January was Kindness Week. Why should it be just one week a year to be reminded of kindness? We live in an era that daily acts of kindness are needed so desperately. Every interaction matters. Be intentional about every connection and challenge ourselves to surprise someone with a special note or a phone call to inspire extra smiles.

On January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019, many of our AAUW Stockton and Lodi branches joined together to participate in the first annual Stockton Women's March. The weather was beautiful. The speeches were uplifting. Each speaker had her own personal conviction to march. The theme was love, unity, and solidarity. Thanks to Stockton Younger Women's Task Force and the One Woman's Love (OWL) Movement for a job well-done.

After 35 days of the partial government shutdown, Trump agreed to re-open the government with a short-term measure through February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019. The measure does not include funding for a border wall. The shutdown impacted 800,000 federal workers across the nation, as well as those who rely on many government programs and services. The White House has already threatened another shutdown as Trump expresses skepticism that Congress will reach a deal to fund the border wall he wants. He also said that he would not agree to grant citizenship for "Dreamers" in exchange for wall funding. It's reported that the US economy lost \$6 billion due to the last shutdown.

February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019 is the 6<sup>th</sup> annual Black History Program and luncheon. The keynote speaker will be Stockton First Lady, Anna Nti-Asare-Tubbs. Hope to see you all at the Hilton Stockton!

Aim high and defend justice & equality!

Van Hà To-Cowell  
Co-President

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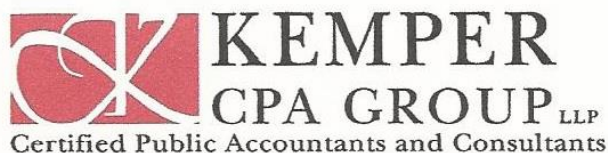
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worth and dignity of every person and  
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The STEM Trek girls, along with some siblings, friends and parents all participated in a fabulous budgeting workshop coordinated by mentor, Paula Almaas. All gathered on January 26<sup>th</sup> at the Unitarian Church recreation room for the “Mad City Money” budget simulation.

Each participant was given an “about me” sheet that contained an occupation and salary, student loan and credit card debt owed and cost of medical insurance. Some participants had spouses, some single, and all were parents. They were tasked with building a monthly budget based on their incomes. They selected housing, day care, food and other needs. And just as in real life, there were unexpected windfalls and unplanned expenses.

As we wrapped up the experience over lunch the girls discussed what decisions they would make differently based on their “bottom lines” at the end of the month.

The workshop was presented by Martin Lehman from Golden 1 Credit Union which provided all materials and a “swag bag.” The girls were encouraged to open up a savings account in order to be eligible for a scholarship after having an account for at least a year. Our girl, Angela, was the winner of the \$25 prize to begin her savings plan.



The Stockton Branch held our 2019 Speech Contest on January 16<sup>th</sup> in the Janet Leigh Theater on the campus of the University of the Pacific. Six area high school students addressed the question, “How can we eliminate violence aimed at our schools?” The speeches were insightful and passionate and all made a plea for AAUW to get involved in the solution. The winners, pictured with Pam Mallett-Jones, the contest coordinator, were Jackson Patten, second place, and Ramona Orozco, third place, both from Stockton Collegiate International School, and Kristina Perry from Bear Creek High School who placed first. Kristina’s speech has gone on to compete in the regional contest and can be viewed on [YouTube at “2019 AAUW Speech Trek - Stockton Branch.”](#)

The Stockton Branch contest has been endowed by the estate of the late Ginger Debow, past president of AAUW Stockton and an accomplished educator.



# *Title IX Cheerleaders*

## ***GAME OF THE MONTH***

*The Branch Meeting is at the Hilton in the morning, so just continue your AAUW Day at the UOP game in the afternoon. Remember, it's patriotic to cheer for local female athletes!*

**What:** College Level Women's Basketball

**Who:** UOP Lady Tigers vs. University of Santa Clara Broncos

**When:** Saturday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019, 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!

**Seating:** 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, to the left, in real seats with backs!

**Parking:** Free. From Pershing Avenue, take the UOP campus's West Entrance with a rose garden welcome. Park in the lot on the left (north) across from the Spanos Center with its tiger sculpture.

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

**Deadline:** Wed. evening, Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>. 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!**

## **Volunteers Needed**

Bear Creek High School is hosting the last league Speech and Debate tournament at "The Creek" on Sat. 2/9 and need volunteer judges! AAUW members are always so kind and helpful! We start registering judges at 7:30am IN THE LIBRARY and are done about 6:30pm so people are welcome to come anytime, as their schedule allows. And I always feed my judges in style – it's the least we can do for people who volunteer their own time for our kids! Questions may be directed to Karen Minick at [kminick@lodiUSD.net](mailto:kminick@lodiUSD.net).



AAUW is now sponsored on Amazon Smile. When you buy on-line through Amazon Smile go to the organizations and find "AAUW Stockton Branch Community Outreach Fund, Inc." (There are many branches listed). We get a small donation from each purchase which goes into our 501(c)3 account. Amazon contacted us and said they had a small donation in our name, which had accumulated over the past year. Thank you to those responsible for this contribution.

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**Wonderful News!** Thanks to the generous contributions of our AAUW Branch members, community sponsors, the hard work of the mentors and the active involvement of the girls that we mentor in the STEM Trek Mentor program we have been awarded a Certificate of Recognition. The Certificate reads, "*The American Association of University Women of California recognizes the Stockton Branch for its outstanding Mission-Based program.*" Your contributions have helped make it possible for the STEM Trek Mentors to provide a rich educational program and to make the dreams of a college education realizable for the girls that we mentor. Please accept our sincere appreciation. We can't thank you enough!

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If you donated and your name is not on this list please notify Sally Hall so you can be properly thanked. Sometimes the e-mails, etc. get crossed-up.

**Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!**

Condolences to the family and friends of **Mildred Tucker**, who passed away on December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at the age of 97. Mildred had been a devoted member of AAUW for 67 years. She always had a smile and a cute story to tell of her vast experiences. She will be missed.



**Stockton Women's March**



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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.

## February Calendar

Day	Date	Time	Event	Location/Contact
		Online Anytime	Submission of Articles/Pictures for <a href="http://stockton-ca.aauw.net">stockton-ca.aauw.net</a> Web Page	<a href="mailto:ronsan3628@sbcglobal.net">ronsan3628@sbcglobal.net</a>
Mon	2	8:30am-12:30pm	Board Retreat	Home of Marilyn Wylie 8618 Treasure Avenue
Sun	10	All-Day	Reservation Deadline	Joan Erreca – 478-1457
Fri	15	5:30pm	Susan B. Anthony Awards	Stockton Golf & Country Club
Sat	16	10:00am	Program – African American Women Making a Difference	Stockton Hilton
Sat	16	2:00pm	Game of the Month –	AG Spanos Center @ UOP
Tue	19	6:00pm	AAUW Book Group - <u>Lab Girl</u> by Hope Jahren	<a href="tel:(209)403-4365">Jeanne Gaia (209) 403-4365</a>