

## Celebrating Women's History Month

### Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019

### Central United Methodist Church

At our branch meeting at Central United Methodist Church on Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, AAUW will celebrate Women's History Month. On display will be artwork that addresses the theme "Empowering Women and Girls". Students at San Joaquin Delta College, University of the Pacific, AAUW members and artists of all ages from the community have been invited to participate.

Something new has been added to the show this year. Fashion students from Delta College have been invited to show design drawings and completed garments. Our speaker will be Leslie Asfour, Delta College fashion professor. From power suits to athletics gear, fashion certainly has a role in empowering women.

Please join us as we celebrate the contributions of women. Perhaps you'll be wearing something that makes you feel powerful (or at least something comfortable - which is empowering in itself!)

#### Schedule:

- 9:30 Registration, Coffee & Breakfast  
Treats from Noah's Bagels
- 10:15 Business meeting
- 10:30 Art Contest Awards
- 11:00 Break
- 11:15 Featured Speaker: Leslie Asfour
- 12:30 Adjourn

Menu: Noah's Breakfast Box, featuring assorted bagels and spreads, orange juice, fruit salad, coffee, tea and water

Cost: \$13

(To Cover Breakfast, Room Rental and Guests)

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

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Reservations: Call Joan Erreca,  
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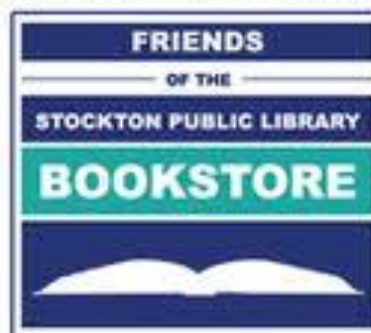
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# President's Message



The February month was short, but full of celebrations. We honored 10 women of excellence at the Susan B. Anthony Awards Ceremony. Our own amazing sister, Pam Mallett-Jones was one of the distinguished honorees. Pam's list of accomplishments and contributions to the community is endless. She has been among the treasures of AAUW Stockton Branch. Among other projects on behalf of our branch, she has coordinated the STEM Trek Mentoring Program. This program has served as a model for others throughout the state. The program provides STEM experiences to middle school girls from low income families and mentors them for five years. Pam also chairs Speech Trek.

Equally exciting, 27 AAUW Stockton branch members participated in the Stockton Women's Collaborative Black History Program. Our members were seated in groups of three per table throughout the room so that we could mingle with women from other associations to share our branch stories and mission. The program was rich in content and messages. It was an important time to commemorate the countless contributions African-Americans have made in our communities, while often enduring racial injustice and discrimination. Keynote speaker & Stockton first lady Anna Nti-Asare Tubbs urged all women to speak up, to tell our own narratives and the stories of unsung heroines. We can no longer let our voices be silenced! AAUW's research shows that women of color often experience intersecting and compounding forms of race and gender discrimination.

I had an opportunity to watch a movie called "The Hate U Give". The movie is based on Angie Thomas's award-winning book about a black teen who witnesses the fatal police shooting of a close friend. The movie deals frankly and powerfully with race and racism. It also speaks of differences between teens growing up in predominantly African-American neighborhoods and those from affluent white neighborhoods. If you would like to have a peek of this poignant realistic fiction, I highly recommend the book and movie.

For every issue we tackle, be it paycheck fairness, sexual harassment, or racism, we cannot fully advance equity as a nation unless we seriously address all the intersecting forms of discrimination.

March is Women's History Month. Let's recognize this month, every month the women in our lives and in our community for their efforts, passion, sacrifices, and contributions. Keep their stories alive!

Van Ha To-Cowell  
Co-President

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### Black History Month



Keynote Speaker: Stockton First Lady  
Anna Nti-Asare Tubbs



Though the mentors in the STEM Trek Mentor Program are committed and passionate about what we do, we recognize that mentoring is not for everyone. There are many other ways to support our program as was the case on Saturday, February 16<sup>th</sup>. Members Ronda Sanders and Vickie Gaia met our girls at the Elsie Goodwin Gallery to lead our girls on two fun and creative projects. The girls (and mentors!) had the opportunity to try their hand at acrylic painting as well as a sort of fashion designing project using lots of different materials. As always, good conversations took place at the same time.

Many other members have asked how they can support our program. In addition to the obvious monetary donation there are many ways to do this. For instance, Marilyn and Russ Wylie donate the use of their home for our June swim party honoring our graduates. Do you have a big TV and enough floor space for about a dozen teenagers to sit and watch an appropriate movie such as "On the Basis of Sex" about Ruth Bader Ginsburg? Are you occasionally available to transport girls to activities? Do you have a talent to share? Can you teach the Ukulele or skin and hair care? Do you know of someone who might be a motivational speaker for our girls? Could you host this (or any other activity) in your home or clubhouse? Could you research scholarship opportunities? Our goal is to expose our girls to as many life enhancing experiences as possible. Please call STEM Trek coordinator Pam Mallett-Jones if you have any ideas or just want to explore ways to get involved on a one-time basis.



*Ronda Sanders and Vickie Gaia with their budding artists.*



## **Women's Center Luncheon Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup> - 11am-1pm Stockton Civic Auditorium**

If you are interested in attending this year's luncheon and would like to sit at an AAUW-sponsored table, send your check for **\$50** made out to **Sandra Mazzuola** and mail it to her at **9441 Stony Creek Lane, Stockton 95219**. (First call Sandra at 471-0976 to let her know you are interested). Sandra will then make out one check to the Women's Center to cover all those who sent her \$50.

Contact Sandra right away if you are interested to ensure you get a seat at the AAUW table.

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Please join us for our

# *Bi-Monthly Brunch*

**Saturday, March 9th**

9:30-11:30

NEW LOCATION

**O'Connor Woods Living Room**

**Directions** Main Gate: Security Guards will be advised to expect us.

**Parking** by the Chapel and also by the Main Entrance Circular. Enter the Lobby and walk towards the West Hall. Living Room is before the West Hall. Reservation Sign will be posted at the entry.

**Coffee Bar** Muffins, scones, coffee, hot water, juice and water

**Cost:** \$5 gratuity

**RSVP** by 7:30pm on Thursday, March 7<sup>th</sup>

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## **March is Women's History Month\***

Women's History Month is an annual declared month that is dedicated to honoring contributions of women to events in history and contemporary society. It is celebrated in the United States, the United Kingdom, and Australia and corresponds with International Women's Day. The United States can trace the celebration's history back to 1911 when the first International History Day celebration was held.

The first Women's History Month's event was held in Sonoma, California on March 8, 1978. The Smithsonian Institution, The Women's Action Alliance and Sarah Lawrence College sponsored it. These participants felt it was so successful that they supported an effort to secure a National Women's History Week. In 1980 President Jimmy Carter issued a presidential proclamation declaring the week of

March 8<sup>th</sup>, 1980 as National Women's History Week.

From the beginning of Europeans settling in America, women have been instrumental, but their contributions have often been unrecognized. "It is an essential and indispensable heritage from which we draw pride, comfort, courage and long-range visions," Carter said in proclaiming the annual observation. As part of the observation, communities are encouraged to focus on observances that honor leaders who struggled for equality –Susan B. Anthony, Sojourner Truth, Lucy Stone, Lucretia Mott, Harriet Tubman and Alice Paul.

Carter felt that "Understanding the true history of our country will help us comprehend the need for full equality under the law for all people." He encouraged ratification of the 27<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the Constitution. The amendment states: "Equality of Rights under the Law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex." Described as the Equal Rights Amendment, it still has not been ratified, being three states short of ratification.

In 1987 Congress designated the month of March as Women's History Month. The following year an additional resolution authorized the president to proclaim March of each year as Women's History Month and encouraged local celebrations.

In March 2011 the Obama administration released a report, *Women in America: Indicators of Social and Economic Well-Being*, showing women's status in the U. S. and how it has changed over time. This was the first comprehensive federal report on the status of women since one published by the Commission on the Status of Women in 1963

Note: the movement to sign the Equal Rights Amendment remains active. Recently Nevada and Illinois have signed. One more state is needed to ratify the Amendment. It is hoped that Virginia will be that state. Most of the Virginia legislature supports ratification. It is being held up by the conservative members of the legislature.

Marilyn Wylie  
Public Policy Chair

\* Summary from Wikipedia: *Women's History Month*



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We affirm and promote the inherent  
worth and dignity of every person and  
are a welcoming congregation.

*The Strategic Plan for our Branch is included for your review. It has been updated and approved by our Board of Directors. We appreciate member participation in helping our Branch achieve our goals.*

## **STRATEGIC PLAN**

AAUW Stockton Branch, Inc.  
July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 – June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020

### **AAUW MISSION STATEMENT**

AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research.

### **AAUW VISION STATEMENT**

AAUW will be a powerful advocate and visible leader in the community promoting education and equity for women and girls.

### **GOALS**

#### **AAUW will:**

- Promote and mentor women and girls as leaders and as graduates of higher education.
- Support AAUW's national and state public policy priorities.
- Collaborate with groups in the community to achieve our mission and vision while increasing visibility and knowledge of AAUW.
- Attract and retain membership.
- Sustain the fiscal integrity of AAUW Stockton Branch, Inc.

### **ACTION PLAN**

#### **AAUW will:**

- Provide opportunities for women to develop and practice leadership skills.

Continue to mentor girls to guide them to careers in the STEM fields. Continue to encourage higher education by offering scholarships to various programs such as Delta College and NCCWSL as budget allows.

- Contact state and national legislators when requested by AAUW state and national offices on issues such as Title IX and Equal Pay. Engage in activities such as attending female sporting events, legislative hearings, letter writing, and information tabling.
- Develop a marketing and media strategy to enhance public recognition of AAUW and its accomplishments. Create and support fundraising activities to finance the Community Outreach Programs.
- Promote the benefits and value of membership to potential members and encourage involvement of new and current members.
- Create budgets and review financial reports on an annual basis.



## **Trivia Bee Coming Soon**

The 28<sup>th</sup> Trivia Bee will be held on Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup> from 5-9:30pm, at the Stockton Arena. The theme this year is: "Those Fabulous 40's - All Things 1840's and 1940's." Our AAUW Team is Russ Wylie, Sandra Mazzuola and Bill Oren, and their sponsor fee is again being paid by Della Richardson.

If you would like to participate on the committee to decorate our table or have ideas for the decorations please let me know. I will pick up a number of tickets during the pre-event ticket sale of \$30. We usually have a large presence to support the Library and Literacy Foundation of SJC and to cheer on our AAUW Team. Call me to reserve a ticket, followed up by a check made out to me and a ticket will be sent to you. Thank you.

Bette Outlaw

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**Vision:** AAUW will be a powerful advocate and visible leader in equity and education through research, philanthropy, and measureable change in critical areas impacting the lives of women and girls.

**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 <a href="http://stockton-ca.aauw.net">stockton-ca.aauw.net</a> Web Page	<a href="mailto:ronsan3628@sbcglobal.net">ronsan3628@sbcglobal.net</a>
Sat	9	9:30am	Bi-Monthly Brunch	O'Connor Woods Living Room
Sun	10	All-Day	Reservation Deadline	Joan Erreca – 478-1457
Mon	11	6:00pm	Board Meeting	Home of Van Ha To-Cowell 3872 Brook Valley Circle
Sat	16	9:30am	Program – Celebrating Women’s History Month	Central United Methodist Church
Tue	19	6:00pm	AAUW Book Group - <u>Less</u> by Andrew Sean Greer	<a href="tel:(209)403-4365">Jeanne Gaia (209) 403-4365</a>
Wed	20	11:00am	Women’s Center Luncheon	Stockton Civic Auditorium