

African American Women Making a Difference Saturday, February 24th, 2024 Stockton Hilton Hotel

On Saturday, February 24th, AAUW, as a founding member of Stockton Women's Collaborative, celebrates Black History Month at the annual luncheon honoring African American Women Making a Difference in the Community. AAUW, Stockton Branch initiated this event eleven years ago. We collaborate with Alpha Kappa Alpha, Delta Sigma Theta, Links, Inc., NAACP, Women of Color International. This year League of Women Voters San Joaquin County joins the collaborative as a sponsoring organization.

New this year, we will be entertained by performers from Stockton Soul. To learn more about this exciting organization click on the link <https://stocktonsoul.com/about-us/>.

This festive event takes the place of the monthly AAUW Stockton Branch meeting. Please attend if you can.



SWC planning committee members Janie Reddish, Gloria Johnson, Ronda Sanders at last year's event

Schedule:

9:30am Vendors, Social
10:30 Registration/Check-In
11am Program and Luncheon

Menu: Salad, Roast Chicken Breast, Wild Rice, Candied Yams, Green Beans, Bread Pudding (Vegetarian - Omit Chicken)

Cost: \$60

Reservation Deadline: Friday, Feb. 16th

Call or Text Reservation Chair Betty Parsons
@ (408) 309-8958 to Make a Reservation

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Even though I don't consider myself ignorant, I had never heard of Harriet Tubman, W.E.B. DuBois, or Booker T. Washington until college. I didn't know that Crispus Attucks, the first person killed in the Boston Massacre that preceded the American Revolution, was a Black man. Why? Our U. S. history euro-centered curriculum in high school paid little or no attention to non-whites. Slavery was a painful issue, so there was little information on it, except that it began in 1619 and existed until the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1st, 1863, "freed the slaves and ended slavery in the United States." The truth was that it wasn't until June 19, 1865, that the remaining slaves in Texas learned of their freedom.

Our history is laced with more people of color who have been ignored because most history books used in our schools still ignore uncomfortable topics such as slavery, Jim Crow laws, and the denial of basic rights to African Americans and other minorities. Reforms have been met with open hostility sometimes. With the excuse that students might be harmed by learning about these things, many government policy makers oppose teaching about racist policies because it might urge intolerance. This way of thinking makes no sense to me.

Philosopher George Santayana wrote "Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it." We have an obligation to reveal the ugliest truths about our history, learn from these, and try our best not to make the same mistakes again... although, it seems to be human nature to follow the same paths over and over.

As proof that we can do better, our February program is a celebration of African American history and culture in which AAUW, in union with collaborative groups of African American women, provides an example of inter-racial cooperation. This is the kind of activity that can break down barriers and help us learn from and about each other.

Sandra Mazzuola
President



Mentor Program

While January signals new beginnings for most of us, it is really just mid-year for our girls who are just beginning the second semester in school. Our 3 seniors have sent out their college applications and filed their FAFSAs (Free Application For Federal Student Aid) and now it's just a waiting game.



Rosa then provided a tasty lunch and the girls did what girls do - chattered and giggled.



However, there are lots of activities in which to participate until then! To commemorate the 35th anniversary of the Cleveland School massacre Rosa Solis invited the "Cleveland School Remembers" group to address our girls at her home on January 27th. They talked about gun violence and mental health and some of the positive steps that have been taken in those areas. The Cleveland School Remembers group is a chapter of Brady United Against Gun Violence. They led our girls in constructing origami "Soul Boxes" and then decorated them and included pictures to commemorate the victims of gun violence. The Soul Box project is dedicated to using art to build a safer community by honoring those damaged by gun violence and raising awareness of the impacts of gun violence on us all. Our boxes will join the traveling exhibit.

February will find us at the NorCal Science and Technology Festival in Lodi which looks to be a great time as well as a day chock full of experiences and information. Watch this column in next month's Steamer for the report!



AAUW California Speech Trek

How can we ensure a robust public school curriculum that is accessible to all and teaches historically accurate information?

Have you ever pondered that question? Some of our area high school students will be speaking to that very subject at the 16th annual Eleanor Stem Allen Memorial Speech Contest. The local contest finals will take place on Thursday, February 22, at 5:30 pm in the West Hall at O'Connor Woods.

The 1st place winner from our branch will go on to compete at the regional contest, and finally, the final contest at the annual meeting of the California State AAUW.

All are welcome to attend this event which generally takes slightly over one hour. Please arrive before the contest as latecomers will not be admitted.

This is a community outreach project of the Stockton branch and is endowed by the late Ginger DeBow, past branch president and accomplished educator.



Our DEI Discussion Group is alive and well and currently looking at how our different “generations” with our different values, goals, experiences and needs make different groups more likely to want the AAUW experience.

We are currently examining the following:

The Greatest Generation
1901-1927

The Silent Generation
1928-1945

Baby Boomers
1946-1964

Generation X
1965-1980

Millennials or Generation Y
1981-1996

Generation Z
1997-2012

Members of our group are each researching one of the above ‘generations’ and at our next meeting on February 29th (we will skip February 15th because of the Susan B. Anthony Awards Dinner) they will have an opportunity to give their reports. We will then discuss which “generations’ are the most likely to want to join us. If you have an interest in DEI, Increasing Branch Membership, or just want to better understand your children, grandchildren or great grandchildren, please join us on Zoom on February 29th from 4:30-6pm. We’d love to see you there and to hear your thoughts.

Our Zoom link is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8263158495?pwd=czJQbC8xWWU2aINNTEhFZUIrZWg5UT09>

Meeting ID: 826 315 8495

Passcode: 177426

For more information, please contact Barbara St. Urbain, DEI Chair

The poster has a dark blue background with a white border at the top and bottom containing a row of stars. The text is white and yellow. At the top, it says 'MEET THE CANDIDATES!' in a curved font. Below that is the word 'VOTE' in large, bold letters, with the 'O' containing an American flag. Underneath, it reads 'The League of Women Voters of San Joaquin County and the First Unitarian Universalist Church of Stockton invite you to a'. The main title is 'Candidate Forum Stockton City Council District 4'. The date and time are 'Saturday, February 24, 2024 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.'. The location is 'First Unitarian Universalist Church of Stockton 2737 Pacific Avenue Stockton, CA 95204'. At the bottom, there are logos for LWV and the First Unitarian Universalist Church of Stockton.

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Public Policy Update

Lobby Days (April 2nd & 3rd) is still the next big public policy event for AAUW. In order to participate, you MUST complete an interest survey by Feb. 15th (<https://www.aauw-ca.org/category/public-policy/lobby-day/>) then participate in mandatory training on March 25th, 7-9pm. This will be a ZOOM meeting. Let me know if you are interested in joining this year so I can make sure appropriate information gets forwarded to you. We will meet the state committee's Public Policy chairs & learn what bills have been designated as priority for the committee to follow & educate our legislators on. One thing I learned last year is that there are so many bills to follow that our representatives may not be aware of those that impact us as women or our families. They DO need to hear from us!

✂ Directory updates:

**Welcome to our new members.
Please add them to your Directory**

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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
Fri	16	All Day	Reservation Deadline	Betty Parsons - (408) 309-8958
Sat	24	10:00am	African American Women Making a Difference	Stockton Hilton Hotel
Sat	24	2pm-4pm	LWV Stockton City Council Candidate Forum	First Unitarian Church
Thu	29	4:30pm	DEI Meeting	Online via Zoom