

Getting Moving in the New Year Saturday, January 7th 2023 Central United Methodist Church

This month's AAUW branch meeting features inclusion of a different sort: The cooperation, community collaboration, and public agreement necessary to bring our county to the table when discussing statewide and even federal planning, including the transportation sector.

We gather at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, January 7th, in the Fireside Room at Central United Methodist Church to hear of the workings of the San Joaquin Council of Governments.

The inclusion of San Joaquin County's varied communities in vital and ongoing regional planning is the business of SJCOG, which will send a deputy director of this operation, Kim Anderson, to speak.

The valley-wide committees that SJCOG oversees provide recommendations regarding the transportation planning process, which Kim will explain. Transportation improvements and the involvement of citizens, community interest groups, and other agencies in these activities is of paramount importance to the group, and will be discussed in her presentation.

Created in 1968, SJCOG is a joint-powers authority comprised of our county and cities, fostering intergovernmental coordination within the county and neighboring jurisdictions, other regional agencies in the San Joaquin Valley, the state of California, and various Federal agencies.



Kim Anderson

The meeting will be held in the Fireside Room at
Central United Methodist Church
3700 Pacific Avenue

Schedule:

9:30am	Check-in
10:00am	Meeting Begins
10:15	Guest Speaker

Cost: \$10 (Covers Room Rental. Coffee and Snacks Included)

Contact: Betty Parsons, Reservation Chair,
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President's Message



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RED plus BLUE equals PURPLE

Purple is my favorite color, the color of royalty. The old watercolor sets we had in school didn't have purple, so we learned to make it by mixing red and blue. Unfortunately, in politics today red and blue seldom mix well.

How did the red state/blue state designation happen? In 1976, John Chancellor was the NBC election night anchor. The network had recently gone to full color, and Chancellor wanted to extend the use of this to election coverage. Originally, Republicans were blue and Democrats were red. As other networks went to full color, they, too, added full color maps to their election night coverage, but the colors were inconsistent, and one network might use red for Republicans while another might use the same color for Democrats.

In the 2000 Presidential election (Bush/Gore), when the outcome of the election was in doubt for so long, viewers wanted consistency. It was then that the current red for Republican and blue for Democrats became the norm. The main problem with this is that the simplistic red state/blue state designations don't allow for the number of Progressives in Texas or the number of Conservatives in California.

Most of us realize that the red vs. blue designations do not mean that any state is single-minded, but these labels do create difficulties if we need to solve problems. Homelessness is not a red or a blue problem, neither are inflation, reproductive rights, marriage equality, immigration, etc.

It seems that the red/blue concept has added to the divisiveness in our country, and we are now more divided than ever. We must learn that it is only in working together, red and blue, that we stand a chance of solving our nation-wide concerns. Maybe we need to be more purple, like our "mountain majesties." I think it's a prettier color, anyway.

Sandra Mazzuola
President



Mentor Program

We have such a great group of girls this year! (I think I've said that before!) Our program endeavors to provide our girls with experiences that they might not otherwise have the opportunity to experience.

Our December activities have sometimes included a viewing of "The Nutcracker ballet" or another type of holiday stage show. Some years have provided a "fancy" dinner where they find out just what that extra fork is for. We usually have the opportunity to serve the community by assembling food baskets for the needy.

This year we chose to attend the "Delta Reflections" lighted boat parade which is always held in Stockton on the first Saturday in December. Many boats of all sizes are decorated with thousands of lights, float down the delta and turn at McLeod Lake. Although it can be a bracing experience to bundle up and sit or stand at the waterfront, we chose to view the festivities from the warmth and comfort of a room at the University Plaza Waterfront Hotel.



We decorated and had snacks along with Martinelli's in champagne flutes which made for a festive occasion.



Then it rained. The rain significantly reduced the number of boats, but our girls didn't seem to mind in the least! When you get 15 teenagers together there are enough giggles to make any occasion a party!



There are some pretty exciting activities planned for the New Year, starting with a "Girls Who Code" camp in January.

We would like to thank all of you who have made contributions to our program in 2022, both monetary and with your time. You are truly helping to change the lives of these girls as well as their communities.

A "Trekkie" by Any Other Name...

By Pam Mallett-Jones

Have you heard the word "Trek" so many times that you are confused about the difference between the many community outreach projects that our branch supports? You're not alone! The term "**Trek**" was coined at the AAUW State level and is used for many projects. Here is a short tutorial:

Tech Trek is a program that sends 3 or 4 girls to camp on a university campus the summer following their 7th grade year.

STEM Trek (now simply known as the **Mentor Program**) is for girls in grades 8 - 12 who are former Tech Trek campers. This program mentors girls in all life areas and encourages them to go into the underrepresented STEM areas. Once they have joined the Mentor Program they are no longer referred to as Tech Trekkers.

Speech Trek is the annual AAUW State speech contest in which the Stockton branch participates.

Gov Trek is the newest program for girls in their junior and senior years in high school. It will encourage girls to aspire to leadership in the area of politics.

I hope this clears things up!

Directory update

Please make the following addition to your Directory:

"New member who joined Stockton Branch directly at National":

Megan Smith
9142 N. Shelton Rd.
Linden, CA 95236
email: msmitheducator@gmail.com

Welcome, Megan, to the Stockton Branch!

Public Policy Update

Our Public Policy concerns overlap with several of those of other AAUW branch committees & interests, such as DEI, the "Treks", & others, which you'll notice in some of the upcoming webinars & other activities. (So, no, seeing "Gov Tech" on the Public Policy calendar isn't a mistake!)

After the whirlwind of holiday activities we all probably have, be prepared to add these to your calendar:

Gov Tech Session #1 Jan 28th (on ZOOM)
Gov Tech Session #2 Feb 11th (on ZOOM)
World Day of Social Justice Feb 20th

World Day of Social Justice is a day annually observed by the UN to recognize the need to promote efforts that tackle issues such as poverty, exclusion and unemployment at the national, regional, & international levels. Social justice is an underlying principle for peaceful and prosperous coexistence within and among nations. We uphold the principles of social justice when we promote gender equality or the rights of indigenous peoples and migrants. We advance social justice when we remove barriers that people face because of gender, age, race, ethnicity, religion, culture or disability. More on this next month!

Happy Holidays!

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REMINDER:

When ordering through Amazon Smile, please designate **AAUW Community Outreach Fund** as your charity. Organizations receive a small percentage on each purchase.

Each month we receive between \$5-6 in our COF Account, but it could be so much more. Thank you for your participation.



Gov Trek AAUW California New in 2023!

This virtual program for high school junior and senior girls is designed to elevate the next generation to pursue careers in public service and elected office. Over five two-hour sessions, students will engage in interactive and inspiring activities with exposure to women legislators, career options, and the inner workings of a political campaign. The program will culminate in a group competition to create a realistic campaign simulation.

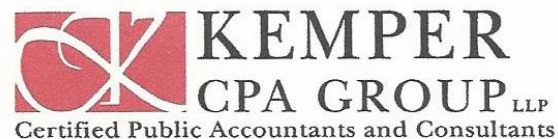
[Student Registration Link](#)

- Interested students must complete and submit their online registration by Saturday, January 14th, 2023.
- Parents must complete the Eligibility, Liability and Photo Release by Thursday, January 19th, 2023.

[AAUW California Terminates Twitter Account](#)

On November 9th, 2022, the AAUW California Board of Directors voted to terminate its account with Twitter effective immediately. This proposal was brought forth by the Public Policy Committee and approved following thoughtful and careful discussion.

As an organization that supports equity for women and girls, values the advancement of fair and equitable opportunities for everyone in our diverse society, and opposes hate, violence and harassment against members of any demographic group, AAUW California can no longer be associated with this platform.



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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.

January Calendar

Day	Date	Time	Event	Location/Contact
Mon	2	6:00pm	January Board Meeting	Online via Zoom
Sat	7	9:30am	AAUW Stockton January Branch Meeting	Central United Methodist Church