

Welcome Back!

Saturday, September 9th
O'Connor Woods - 3400 Wagner Heights Road, Stockton

Welcome back! The 2023-2024 branch meeting calendar is set. AAUW members and guests at our branch meetings will experience programs that are informative, engaging and fun. New this year is a "Thanks for Giving" fundraising tea on Saturday, November 11th and a holiday open house at the home of member Diane Stauffer on Saturday, December 16th.

Our first meeting will be held at O'Connor Woods West Hall on Saturday, September 9th. We'll hear from the Tech Trek girls who went to camp this summer. Interest group chairs will invite you to participate in a variety of AAUW activities. Details about the November fundraising tea will be shared with all of you at this meeting.

Place: O'Connor Woods

3400 Wagner Heights Road, Stockton

Schedule:

9:30am Check In, View Information Tables,
Continental Breakfast

10:00am Meeting starts

Greeting

Tech Trek Girls

Announcements

Interest Group Leaders

New "Thanks for Giving" Tea

Fundraiser Information

Cost: \$15

Reservation Deadline: Sunday, Sept. 3rd

Call or Text Reservation Chair Betty Parsons

@ (408) 309-8958 to Make a Reservation

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President's Message



WHAT IS AAUW?

I am often asked that question. This is my answer: AAUW is an organization of educated women who work to further the fortunes of women and girls who need a lift in their lives, such as a chance to go farther with their education through AAUW-sponsored scholarships; a chance to learn about careers in the sciences and technologies through the TECH TREK program; a chance to learn about the life experiences of inspirational women; a chance to travel to Washington, D.C., and other locales to meet with other like-minded women; a chance to learn about the differences women can make by getting involved in politics and public policy; a chance to become well-rounded people who believe in equal treatment for all, and a chance to influence their futures and the futures of others.

AAUW helps to provide books to elementary students through the Reading is Fundamental program. The organization inspires middle school girls to learn about science, technology, and just about anything else through the Mentor Program. It provides high school girls the opportunity to learn about the various careers to which they may aspire. The Delta Scholarships Program provides scholarships to junior college women who are planning to attend a four-year university.

This amazing organization promotes education, equity, empowerment, diversity, and inclusion for women and girls of all ages and ethnicities; locally, state-wide, and nationally, and has for 142 years!

Welcome to another year as a member of this phenomenal organization.

P.S.: If you haven't already, check out our new website: aauwstockton.org

(Thank you, Sue Kenmotsu and Anita Bautista, for doing a terrific job and dedicating so much time and effort to this task).

Sandra Mazzuola
President

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Reservations for 2023/2024

As another wonderful year of AAUW activities begins, this is a reminder that your callers will be contacting you soon to introduce themselves and ask how you'd like to be contacted this year. Please choose what will work for you the best: 1) phone call 2) email 3) both.

Once you have established this communication preference with your caller he/she will use this as a basis for contact this year. When your caller makes contact with you about a particular event, please respond with a prompt yes or no. Today, we use message recorders when we can't reach you directly so it is necessary to respond to your caller in a timely manner by returning the call, text, or email. This is very important for all of our callers as they carry out their important work for AAUW-Stockton. We love seeing you at branch meetings, and it is our callers who make this happen through their thoughtful invitations. Our attendance is close to our pre-covid meeting member counts so thank you for your consistent attendance!

Please plan to look at your 2023/2024 AAUW Directory which will be arriving in late September. Your caller will be listed near the front of the directory with their phone number, email, and the page in the directory/column that they will be using for their calls. Each month please respond promptly to his/her call and let them know if you will/will not be attending the meeting. Looking forward to seeing you throughout the year. Please remember "a reservation made is a reservation paid."

Betty Parsons
Reservations Chair



DEI: How We Spent Our Summer Vacation

Summer saw the AAUW DEI Discussion Group join with the DEI Groups from DKG and OLLI to discuss topics that were of interest to all three groups. The meetings on Zoom focused on Banned Books (including: My Shadow is Purple, The Grapes of Wrath, Beloved, I am Jazz and Catcher in the Rye) Transgender Issues, Drag, and Juneteenth. We also spent time during each meeting discussing current events/issues that had a DEI Focus (AP African American Studies, Women's Issues, Don't Say Gay, Changes in TV Commercials, Privilege and more).

Starting in September, each group will go back to its own DEI Discussion Groups, although, it is hoped that the new friendships that were developed will lead to more interactions between the three groups.

OLLI is hosting three special events this fall that should be of interest to members of AAUW. On September 11th, VP of DEI at Pacific will speak on "Identity, Ageism and Ableism: Older Learners and Diversity, Equity and Inclusion." On October 9th, the Manager of the SJ County Pride Center will speak on Cultural and Diversity Awareness Supporting the LGBT+ Community. The third lecture in the series is presented by two members of Pacific's Benerd College's faculty on November 13th when they will discuss The Status of the Education System in Our Current Society. All three lectures will be in the Janet Leigh Theater on Mondays from 3:30-5:00. They are free and open to the public. To learn more information these and other programs, you can go to www.pacific.edu/olli.

To learn more about our Fall DEI Discussion Group, look for an email in your inbox with all the details. We'd love you to join our group. For more information, contact Barbara St. Urbain.

Public Policy Update

The Public Policy Program advances equity for women and girls and is consistent with our values of achieving fair and equitable opportunities for our diverse society. After each “Policy Pillar” there is at least one point that you can grab onto & focus on this month:

- **Economic Security for All Women**
 - Pay inequality not only hurts women now, it hurts them in retirement. **“Moms’ Equal Pay Day”** is August 15. Moms working full-time, year-round are paid 74 cents and **all** earners (adding in part-time and seasonal) are paid 62 cents for every dollar paid to dads.
- **Social and Racial Justice for All Members of Society**
 - Self-determination in reproductive health
 - Freedom from violence in all its forms and wherever it occurs, including violence against historically marginalized groups, and support for policies that reduce or prevent gun violence.
- **Equal Access to Quality Public Education for All Students**
 - Removal of barriers for girls to access instruction in STEM fields
 - Access to diverse staff and curriculum that represents historically accurate information
 - We all know book banning & censorship of educational materials are rapidly sweeping across the country. History is being rewritten and now, they are on our doorstep! But we don’t have to tolerate it. More on that in a moment.
 -
- **Increased Representation of Women in Leadership Roles**

- Access to programs that promote participation in public service careers
- **Book Banning and Curricula Censorship (“The School Board Project”)**
 - Learn what the Public Policy team for AAUW-California is doing about it, and how you can help. In this webinar the School Board Project Committee members will explain the breadth of the problem and the proposed solution, along with a member from Equality California, and a representative from the League of Women Voters who will guide members with some useful tips about speaking out at school board meetings.

Date: September 21st, 2023 at 7pm

Location: via Zoom. Registration is required.

Go to:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ggdZ--LhT_2lQn6ulpAKWg#/registration

This session will also be recorded and posted on the AAUW-ca.org website.

It looks like Public Policy is going to be busy this year!

Alice Tolliver 1925-2023

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Alice Tolliver, a 37-year member of our Stockton Branch. Alice was a generous supporter of our Community Outreach programs, especially Tech Trek where she served on the camper selection committee for many years. She will be greatly missed!

*Alice was also a longtime supporter of Hospice of San Joaquin and their yearly Moonlight Sip and Stroll fundraiser. She suggested donations be made to **Hospice of San Joaquin**, 3888 Pacific Ave, Stockton, CA 95204. No local services are planned.*

Directory updates

Your new directory will be available soon, but we have several **New Members** you should add in the meantime.

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Reading Is Fundamental Update!

THANK YOU! Since 1978, AAUW-Stockton has managed the local RIF program, the largest children's literacy nonprofit in the U.S. With money from Community Outreach Funds and donations from individuals, the RIF Committee buys and distributes twice yearly about 1,000 books for the TK-6 students at three Stockton Unified elementary schools and the small County-run school for unhoused youngsters. Many Branch members included a donation to RIF when they renewed their memberships in the spring:

Kathy Casenave, Nora Clipper, Sandra Cooperman, Dolores De Carli, Erica Dei Rossi, Karen Frank, Diane Oren, Nancy Holleman, Alice Tolliver, Sandy Mazzuola, Helen Vignolo, Cindy Milford, Sharon Westafer, Pat Miller, Carolyn Wischhusen

These 15 AAUW sisters supported literacy by donating a total of \$682, enough to purchase books for the fall distribution at one of our larger RIF schools! Thank you, indeed!



Kindergarteners excitedly show their new books, purchased by AAUW-Stockton RIF donations.



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AAUW Fund New\$!

THANK YOU! AAUW's mission of promoting equity for women and girls is supported by contributions to the AAUW Fund. Stockton Branch raises Fund money via events (past example: our Home Tour) and individual donations. For every \$750 raised in a calendar year, we may honor one member for extraordinary service to the Branch. This honor is known as the Named Gift Award. In spring 2023, the following Branch members accompanied their dues renewal checks with donations to the local AAUW Fund. Those who've made donations directly to AAUW-National will be recognized at year's end.

**Ann Filson, Kathy Hart, Nancy Holleman,
Mary Indelicato, Pat Meredith, Cindy Milford,
Pat Miller, Bobbie Wallinger**

These generous women donated a total of \$538 to promote equity for women and girls! We're well on our way to the \$750 needed to honor a member at our June meeting!

AAUW FUND FALL LUNCHEON? In past years, several Stockton Branch members would attend the Northern California version of this event, in person at a lovely venue pre-Covid but virtually since 2020. Grant recipients would explain how our Fund dollars had enabled them to pursue their post-graduate dreams. Most years we'd invite an inspiring presenter to our June meeting where she'd further describe her project. The Fall 2023 opportunity to meet Fund scholars will be declared when the AAUW-CA Fund Committee finishes streamlining the process. We eagerly anticipate that announcement!

CONGRATULATIONS! There are Branch Named Gift Honorees, and there also is a yearly State Named Gift Honoree. This prestigious award for 2023 was presented to **Sharon Westafer** who has maintained membership in Stockton Branch while residing in Long Beach for several years. She's also an active member (is currently Secretary) of the California Online Branch! This "triple member" has served in many roles in both "real" branches, including the Presidency of each branch. She also has embraced numerous State positions. The Named Gift nomination stressed that "Sharon has held most branch positions in leadership roles but is also unfailingly present to help with any task that needs to be done," describing how she assisted RIF book distributions for Stockton Branch! Kudos go to Sharon for a well-deserved honor!



Stockton Branch's Sharon Westafer is the 2023 Named Gift Honoree for AAUW-CA!

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Proposed Budgets 2023-2024

Proposed Operating Budget 2023-2024	
Operating Revenues	
Dues (120 x \$20)	\$2,400.00
Steamer Ads	\$225.00
Monthly Program	\$6,000.00
Interest + Donations	\$5.00
General Fundraisers	\$750.00
Total Operating Revenues	\$9,380.00
<i>Cash carryforward</i>	<i>\$1,139.22</i>
Operating Expenses	
Administrative Expenses	
President	\$100.00
Treasurer/Financial Secretary	\$50.00
Bank Fees	\$100.00
Secretary (+ mail Delta Steamer)	\$95.00
Historian (photos)	0
Insurance + Branch Assessment	\$665.00
Bylaws	\$30.00
Tax Prep (\$175) & Filing Fees	\$200.00
Bulk Mail Postage	\$600.00
Total Administrative	\$1,840.00
Membership Expenses	
Membership Treasurer (mailing renewals)	\$100.00
Directory	\$250.00
Membership (incl. 50-year members)	\$170.00
New Members	\$100.00
Total Membership	\$620.00
Leadership Development Expenses	
Association Convention	0
CA Convention/Leadership Dev.	\$200.00
Board Retreats (2)	\$100.00
Total Leadership Development	\$300.00
Publicity Expenses	
Labels	\$25.00
Discover	\$150.00
Web site	\$120.00
Commission on Status of Women	\$175.00
Trivia Bee	0
Total Publicity	\$470.00
Program Expenses	
College & University	\$100.00
Public Policy/DEI	0
International Affairs	0
Total Programs	\$100.00
Programs/Meetings	\$6,000.00
Reservations	\$50.00
Total Monthly Meetings	\$6,050.00
Total Operating Expenses	\$9,380.00
<i>Reserve</i>	<i>0</i>
Total	\$9,380.00

Proposed 501(c)(3) Budget 23-24	
COF Revenues	
<i>Account balance end of fiscal year, 2023</i>	\$28,443.54
Anticipated donations (all programs)	\$7,400.00
Fundraiser	\$7,000.00
Total COF Revenues + Balances	\$42,843.54
COF Expenses	
RIF Books	\$3,000.00
RIF—Other expenses	0
STEM/Mentor	\$7,000.00
Essay Contest Awards	\$450.00
Essay Contest Other Expenses	\$50.00
Tech Trek (\$950 x 3)	\$2,850.00
Tech Trek—Other Expenses	0
Speech Trek Awards	\$600.00
Speech Trek—Other Expenses	\$100.00
NCCWSL	\$1,500.00
Delta Scholarships	\$3,000.00
Art Contest Awards	\$800.00
Art Contest—Other Expenses	0
Shared Admin Exp. (Storage, SD Box)	\$1,600.00
Tax Prep/Sec. of State	\$200.00
Other COF Expenses	\$50.00
Total COF Expenses	\$21,200.00
<i>COF Reserve</i>	<i>\$21,643.54</i>
Total	\$42,843.54
AAUW Fund (Formerly EF + LAF)	
Fund Balance + Revenues	
<i>Fund Account Balance July 1, 2023</i>	\$1,185.66
Expected Fund Donations	\$600.00
	\$1,785.66
Fund Expenses	
To AAUW Fund	\$975.00
Other Fund Expenses	\$75.00
Total Fund Expenses	\$1,050.00
<i>Reserve</i>	<i>\$735.66</i>
Total	\$1,785.66

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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.

September Calendar

Day	Date	Time	Event	Location/Contact
Sun	3	All Day	Reservation Deadline	Betty Parsons - (408) 309-8958
Mon	4	6:00pm	AAUW Board Meeting	Online via Zoom
Sat	9	9:30am	AAUW "Welcome Back" Meeting	O'Connor Woods