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## PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

*By Becky Hamner & Alice Campbell, co-presidents*

March is the month to celebrate women's history, and March 8<sup>th</sup> is International Women's Day. We must never forget, nor take for granted, the women who paved the way for all of us to have so many advantages and opportunities. We want to ensure that future generations of women and girls have even more opportunities. AAUW CA has a strategic plan to move us forward. The four pillars of the plan include addressing pay equity, leadership, Title IX, and STEM. When you renew your membership in AAUW this spring, keep those things in mind and know that your membership and dues help to move all those issues forward.

Speaking of membership, our Membership VPs have planned a get-together for new and prospective members. It will be March 21<sup>st</sup> at Parkview Terrace Club House. Sharon and Suzanne will be letting everyone know more about the event.

As you all have heard, AAUW has decided to raise the national dues by \$10 for the upcoming year, 2018-19. The national dues will be \$59 (of which \$56 is tax deductible), the state dues will remain the same at \$20 and the local dues at \$16. Our executive board has decided to inform the membership that we intend to pass the cost of the new national dues on to our members. For the 2018-19 membership year, the dues for the Lodi Affiliate members will be \$95. The board will vote on the increase at the April board meeting.

Hoping March brings both rain and sunshine to our area. Looking forward to seeing everyone at Bunco on the 10<sup>th</sup>.

Becky and Alice



## GENERAL MEETING TUESDAY

March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Lodi Public Library

*201 W. Locust St. (please carpool)*

Dr. Bill Herrin will speak at our March 20<sup>th</sup> meeting about "Economic Impact of Immigration on the United States".

Social time 5:30 pm  
Speaker 6 pm  
General Meeting 6:40 pm

Program Chairs:  
Kathie Mettler & Sally Spenker  
(Hosts: Susan Wyckoff & Theresa Pearson)  
(hosts are still needed for the April meeting)



## AAUW Lodi Affiliate General Meeting Tuesday, February 20, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 6 pm in the Community Room of the Lodi Public Library by co-President Becky Hamner.

**Approval of November Meeting Minutes:** Approved as presented. **Treasurer's Report:** Becky reported for an absent Julie Thompson

General Fund \$20,236.70 (includes Joanne Donovan scholarship)  
AAUW Funds \$1996.72

**Membership Report:** Sharon Ceresa & Suzanne Talbot reported that a new membership get-together is scheduled for March 21<sup>st</sup> at 4:30 pm, at the Parkview Terrace Clubhouse.

**Correspondence:** Élise Forbes has mailed five cards of thanks, congratulations, or condolences. It was announced that a memorial service will be held for Lodi AAUW former member Gail Finnegan on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 11am, at O'Connor Woods in Stockton.

**Standing Committees:** Sylvia Mayorga reported that Tech Trek attendees will be represented at the Bunco Fundraiser in March. Also the committee is planning a CSI activity.

### Old Business:

*AAUW Revote Update:* Becky Hamner was unable to get results of the possible change of the 4 negative votes cast.

*Title IX:* Becky Hamner reported that Pat Drouin met with LUSD Asst. Supt. Dawn Vetica to share the five Title IX proposals for the District passed at our last general meeting. The proposals were well received and now need to be presented to the Superintendent's Cabinet.

*Bunco Fundraiser:* Ronda Mettler thanked everyone for their support. A new pod has opened and needs a leader. Joanne Cobb reported the kitchen sub-committee has made good progress with set-up and clean-up. Just a few more food items are needed; a sign-up sheet was passed around. Barbara Peck reported that raffle baskets and materials are being gathered. If you have items for a basket, contact Nancy Rouppet. Also you may help assemble baskets at Nancy's home on March 4<sup>th</sup> at 1pm. Janet Bange reported on the vendors at the fundraiser. All items are handmade.

*SJCOTCOW:* Alice Campbell represented Lodi AAUW at the meeting of the San Joaquin County Commission

on the Status of Women held February 12<sup>th</sup>. In Alice's absence, Becky Hamner shared her report. Members of the Commission shared their current activities helping women of the county.

### New Business:

*Installation Dinner:* Sally Spenker shared the menu for the May 15<sup>th</sup> Installation Dinner to be held in the Parkview Terrace Clubhouse. She also emphasized that this year's cost for the dinner (\$20) will NOT be collected at the door; there will be no sign up sheet. Instead monies will be collected at the March and April meetings or can be mailed to Sally Spenker, Kathie Mettler, or Julie Thompson. Cash is preferred, but a check is okay. Money MUST be received by May 1<sup>st</sup>.

*AAUW-CA Convention:* Becky Hamner announced that the CA AAUW has recognized our Lodi affiliate for its outstanding program presentations supporting women's issues. We have been chosen to speak at the State Convention, April 27-29, 2018 in Irvine. Becky and our Lodi membership have urged Sally Spenker and Kathie Mettler to attend.

*Membership Dues and Deadlines:* Becky Hamner notified the membership that dues will increase by \$10 for next year (\$85 to \$95). This increase affects only national dues; state and local will remain the same. According to Article IV, section 4 of our By-Laws, membership is to be given 60 days notice. At the March meeting, Carolyn Ross will give a presentation on how to pay dues on-line. It's easy! A discussion followed about how to help members who may need some assistance paying dues. It was agreed that there are several ways available for those wishing help. Please contact Becky Hamner or Carolyn Ross for further information. Deadline for dues payment is June 30<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Claudia Marson, Recording Secretary



### *Personal Ad*

Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup> the Lodi City and Tokay High School bands will play a concert at 2 pm at Hutchins Street Square. The theme this year is "Carnival" and there will be carnival pictures shown as the musicians play. Should be fun. We are honoring Bob Gross, a past director of the Lodi band.  
Audrey Churchill

# MARCH GENERAL MEETING

Lodi Public Library  
201 West Locust St., Lodi, CA

TUESDAY, MARCH 20<sup>th</sup>

5:30 pm Social, 6 pm Program, Bill Herrin,  
Speaker, 7:25 pm General Meeting

Dr. Bill Herrin will speak at our March 20<sup>th</sup> meeting about "Economic Impact of Immigration on the United States". Immigration is a widely debated topic here in the United States. Bill will try to bring some perspective to the impact of immigration on our society today and in the future.

Dr. Herrin is the director of the School of International Studies (SIS) and the Alexander R Heron Professor of Economics at the University of the Pacific. Bill has been an Economics professor at UOP since 1985 and the Director of SIS since January 2013. He teaches microeconomics, econometrics, housing economics, and development economics.

Dr. Herrin was a Fulbright scholar at Makerere University in Kampala, Uganda for the 1994-95 academic year and again for the 1999-2000 year. He has published a number of academic articles on the boundary of housing economics, household migration, health economics, and development issues.

Bill received a B.S. in Business Administration and Economics from Wilkes University in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania (1980) as well as an M.A. (1982) and Ph.D. (1986) in Economics from the State University of New York at Binghamton. He currently resides in Stockton.

Sally Spenker & Kathie Mettler, Program V-Ps



# ASPECTS OF WOMEN:

## WOMEN IN FILM DIRECTING:

This is a poster of the 100 directors of the Best Picture of the Year for 100 years, 1916-2016. This is 100 years of abuse. Abuse = shutting down the voices of the majority gender so their stories don't get told.



## HISTORY OF WOMEN'S SKI JUMPING:



Women have been ski jumping for more than 100 years. While it's arguably the dream of every elite athlete to represent her country at the Olympic Games, that opportunity did not exist for women ski jumpers

around the world. Ski jumping and Nordic combined, which consists of cross-country skiing and jumping, were the only events in the Olympic Winter Games in which women were not allowed to compete.

In 1991, the International Olympic Committee (IOC) announced that all future Olympic sports must be opened to both genders; however, this excluded the original sports at the inaugural Olympic Winter Games in 1924, including ski jumping.

These skilled athletes ski down an in-run at 60 mph and can fly farther than the distance of a football field. But early on in the push, some considered that women's bodies couldn't handle the sport — not unlike what was said in the 1970s and 80s about women marathoners.

In 2006, the IOC executive committee turned down the International Ski Federation's (FIS) overwhelming recommendation that a women's ski jumping event be added to the 2010 Games in Vancouver.

For 10 years, female ski jumpers were continually denied inclusion in the Games despite pushing their sport through the system and greatly increasing participation.

Feeling as though they had exhausted every avenue, Americans Lindsey Van, Jessica Jerome, and retired jumper Karla Keck, risked their careers and teamed up with 12 women jumpers from five countries to sue the Vancouver Organizing Committee (VANOC) in 2008 for their right to compete in the 2010 Olympic Winter Games. The lawyers for the jumpers, Ross Clark and Jeff Horswill of Davis LLP, took on the case pro bono.

The historic human rights legal battle resulted in the British Columbia Supreme Court declaring in 2009 that the IOC exhibited gender discrimination by excluding women's ski jumping from the Vancouver Games, but stopped short of forcing VANOC and the IOC to hold an event for women.

Ironically, before the Winter Games in 2010, Lindsey Van held the K95 Vancouver hill record of 105.5 meters, for both men and women. That distance would have earned her a podium spot in the men's competition in the Vancouver Games.

On April 6, 2011, the IOC finally announced that a women's ski jumping event would be added to the 2014 Sochi Olympic Winter Games program. The women have one event — normal hill competition. The men have three events (normal hill, large hill, and team competition). WSJ-USA leaders continue to lobby to reach parity in ski jumping in the Winter Games.

<http://www.wsjusa.com/olympic-inclusion/>  
(wsjusa = Women's Ski Jumping USA)  
Edited for space by Connie During



**REMEMBERING A FORMER MEMBER:**



Gail Finnegan passed away in early February. She had been a long-term member of Lodi AAUW until she moved to O'Connor Woods approximately 10 years ago. She was our branch president from 1998-1999. Rest in peace, Gail. A celebration of life will be held Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 11 am at O'Connor Woods, 3400 Wagner Heights, Stockton.

**HONORING NANETTE GREEN ON RECEIVING THE SUSAN B. ANTHONY AWARD: CONGRATULATIONS!**



Previous award recipients from our Lodi AAUW have been (listed in chronological order):

- |                         |                     |
|-------------------------|---------------------|
| Ann Cerney              | Doris McCaughna     |
| Maria Elena Serna       | Pat Robison         |
| Eleanor Todd            | Bonnie Mansfield    |
| Frances Welch           | Darlene Avery       |
| Gwinnett Mitchell Paden | Linda Hammons       |
| Lois Borchardt          | Mary Ann Cox-Martin |
|                         | Marjorie Paulsen    |



**REMEMBERING AN ICON:**

Naomi Parker aka Rosie the Riveter passed away January 20<sup>th</sup> at the age of 96. She inspired so many young women with her iconic poster. Let's honor this spunky woman.



## *Be Informed!*

Hearing Loss and Treatment Options was the topic for our February Be Informed meeting. Dr. Robert Hanyak, Associate Professor and founder of the Doctor of Audiology program at UOP's San Francisco campus and Jan de la Cruz, an Audiology Resident at the UOP Hearing & Balance Center were the presenters. A Power-Point presentation educated us on the physiology of the ear, described various types of hearing loss, discussed testing procedures, and showed the variety of choices that are now available in hearing aid devices, including recent advances in that technology. There were many questions asked and answered, and we left with gift bags. It was a very interesting and worthwhile morning.

Our next meeting is March 1<sup>st</sup> at 10 am, at the home of Élise Forbes. The speaker is Dr. Kenneth Mullen, long-time Lodi physician, who will talk to us about palliative care. Those of you unfamiliar with the term will want to find out what that is, and those of you who know, are aware of the large need, as well as the scarcity of that resource. (Hint: palliative care = care that eases the pain and suffering without attempting to cure the cause, especially useful for the aging or terminally ill.)

Coming events for your calendar:

April ~ Carrie Drouin will talk to us about her work at the Department of Indian Affairs.

May ~ Marge Dyer and Nanette Green will take us on a "PALS Road Show" to their brand new facility, and will include information on the status of animal care in Lodi.

June ~ Katherine Setness will share travel tips, as well as information about her touring company which many of you have used and enjoyed.

You can still contribute to the Joanne Donovan Scholarship Fund which will be concluding in the next few weeks. In March we will be selecting

two outstanding Lodi seniors who are planning to study in the field of speech education. This is our way of saying thank you to Joanne for serving as our Be Informed host for many years.

Be Informed meets the first Thursday of each month at Élise Forbes' home. We look forward to seeing you, and everyone is always welcome and invited to attend. Please plan to join us.

Margy Gish, Coordinator



## *BUNCO PARTY VENDORS*

There are nine vendors scheduled to showcase their handcrafted wares at the Lodi AAUW Bunco party on March 10<sup>th</sup>. There will be plenty of time to browse, and there is sure to be something for everyone.



The vendors include:

- Jewelry: Nancy Mower, Sandra Lauchland
- Buttons and Other Treasures: Bobbie Delva
- Placemats, runners, doll clothes, etc.: Janet Spencer
- Origami creations and knitted baby clothes: Elena Wong
- Greeting cards: Jennifer Barela
- Festive wreaths: Mercy Gomez
- Toffee: BAM Treats- Cyndi Katzakian
- Jams and Jellies: Vix Jammin' Creations- Vicki Rister

See you soon.  
Janet Bange



## WANTED!!!

Do you know someone who would be missing out if they did not know more about Lodi AAUW?

We are having a New Member information meeting on March 21<sup>st</sup> at the Parkview Terrace Clubhouse starting at 4 pm. Good conversation and refreshments will be waiting for you. Members are welcome when they bring a potential member. Please RSVP to Suzanne Talbot 209-603-8319 [lodisuz@gmail.com](mailto:lodisuz@gmail.com) or Sharon Ceresa 209-481-3007 [sharon.ceresa@bhhsdrysedale.com](mailto:sharon.ceresa@bhhsdrysedale.com)

We would love to see you there.

Sharon and Suzanne

## Special Days in March (the daffodil month)



**March 8<sup>th</sup>** ☞ International Day for Women's Rights

**March 14<sup>th</sup>** ☞ National Pi Day (value of Pi is 3.14)

**March 21<sup>st</sup>** ☞ United Nations Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

**March 27<sup>th</sup>** ☞ World Theatre Day

March is Women's History Month; let's appreciate the efforts of those who struggled so that we have the rights that we have.

## AAUW Nominating Committee Report

With many thanks to those willing to accept leadership roles (and to my fellow committee member Mary Ann Cox-Martin), we are pleased to submit the following nominees for 2018-19:

President-Elect—Carolyn Ross

VP Program-Elect—Elena Wong

VP Membership-Elects—Nancy Martinez and Becky Greider

Membership Treasurer—Linda Hammons

Elections are scheduled to take place at the April general meeting.

Submitted by Linda Hammons

## AAUW Installation Dinner

May 15, 2018 at 5:30 pm  
Park View Terrace Clubhouse

### Menu

Apple Walnut Salad

Pesto Tortellini & Ravioli with Meat Sauce

Barbequed Tri-Tip

Italian Bread

Lemon Bites

Iced Tea and Coffee

Catered by Bueno Italiano Café

Wine

(wine compliments of Julie Thompson)

**Cost \$20 per person**

**Make reservation & pay by May 1<sup>st</sup>**

Reservations and payments may be made at the March or April general meetings or

Mail by May 1<sup>st</sup> to: Kathie Mettler, Sally Spenker, or Julie Thompson

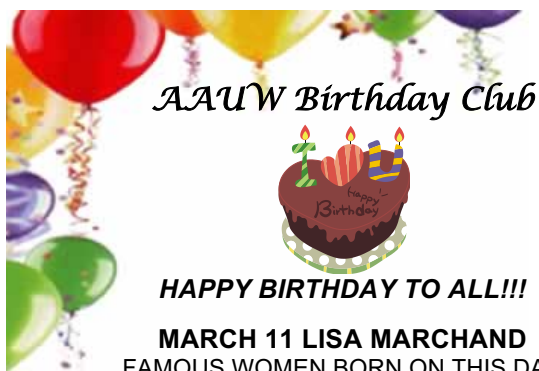
## Walkers Underway

AAUW walkers have enjoyed two successful outings since the group's recent birth. We have discovered new trails nearby and enjoyed the extra benefits of getting to know each other better. We welcome new and continuing hikers at our March 8<sup>th</sup> Cosumnes River Preserve River Walk, a 3 1/2-mile loop that combines paved and unpaved trail.

Please let me ([ljhammons@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ljhammons@sbcglobal.net)) know if you will be attending. Since some of our regulars will be out of town; we will only go if responses indicate that there is sufficient interest. Carpool and directions available when you contact.



Linda Hammons



Dorothy Schiff (1903-1989) ♡ first woman newspaper publisher in New York for a paper that became the New York Post. She supported FDR and was credited with Nelson Rockefeller's victory as New York Governor. Dorothy sold the Post for an estimated \$30 million to Rupert Murdoch in 1976.

**MARCH 12 JOANNE HILDENBRAND**  
**HIGHLIGHTS IN US WOMEN'S HISTORY**

Juliette Gordon Low (1860-1927) ♡ in 1912, she assembled 18 girls together in Savannah, Georgia for the first ever Girl Scout meeting.

**MARCH 22 DONNA SWINNEY**  
**FAMOUS WOMEN BORN ON THIS DAY**

Ruth Page (1899-1991) ♡ a Chicago dancer, choreographer, and artistic director whose innovative choreographies helped to launch ballet Americana in the 1930s and to bring recognition to Chicago as an early center of ballet in the United States.

**MARCH 26 JAN WAKEFIELD**  
**FAMOUS WOMEN BORN ON THIS DAY**

Nancy Pelosi (1940) ♡ the first woman Speaker of the US House of Representatives. She has been California's Democratic Representative from 1987 to the present.

Please add your name to the AAUW Birthday Club in honor of your birthday. By joining, you are helping to support the continuing education of women (Educational Opportunities Fund) #4336 or in the field of research (Eleanor Roosevelt Fund) # 9170.

REMEMBER: BIRTHDAYS ARE GOOD FOR YOU....  
THE MORE YOU HAVE THE LONGER YOU LIVE!

Sally Irizary & Joanne Cobb, EF co-chairs

**Public Policy Report:**

While there are several issues affecting women, teens, and young girls today, one that goes unnoticed is the effect of student loans. It is well known that loans are making it extremely difficult for students once they graduate. They struggle economically, emotionally, and sometimes physically due to their overwhelming debt.

But AAUW has drawn attention to the fact that women have more difficulty paying back their student loans than men. Because women are paid less and take out more money, it takes longer to pay back the government.

According to Michelle St. Clair, public policy director, AAUW members can help by:

1. Ensuring Pell-Grants are available to all low-income students.
2. Pushing State and Federal legislators to increase funding for state colleges and universities and push for tuition-free education.
3. Writing letters to the Department of Education regarding making it easier for women to enroll in income-driven repayment plans.
4. Discussing the needs of non-traditional students, such as those with small children, who also have to pay for child care.

To read more about this issue and how to take further action go to:

[HTTP://WWW.AAUW.ORG/RESEARCH/DEEPER-IN-DEBT/](http://www.aauw.org/research/deeper-in-debt/)

Lorraine Ramsey-Bowers, Public Policy

**Bunco is Only  
1 and 1/2 Weeks Away!**



Things are going great for the Bunco fundraiser with all members working together to make it a success.

- Jan Cobb needs refreshments.
- Ronda Mettler wants to hear from you if you need a pod assignment.
- Joanne Cobb appreciates your money for your tickets.
- Barbara Peck is the basket contact.
- Kathy Anderson still needs a few volunteers for various small jobs.

Continue your enthusiastic support toward our only major fundraiser.

Ronda Mettler, co-chair



## March 2018 Calendar of Activities



- Thursday, 3/1** *Be Informed:* 10 am-12 noon at Élise Forbes' home. The speaker is Dr. Kenneth Mullen, long-time Lodi physician, who will talk to us about Palliative Care. Please call Margie Gish for further information.
- Saturday, 3/10** *Bunco Fundraiser:* 12-4 pm at Vinewood Community Church, 1900 W. Vine St. Contact Kathy Anderson or Ronda Mettler with any questions. Be prepared to have a lot of fun!
- Monday, 3/12** *Les Dames Françaises French Group:* 1-2:30 pm at Leigh Ramsey's home; members, please RSVP to Leigh. Meetings are the 2nd & 4th Monday. Contact Carolyn Ross with any questions.
- Wednesday, 3/14** *Board Meeting:* 3:30 pm at Lodi Library Drummond Room. Board members— for quorum purposes, please contact Becky or Alice if you are unable to attend.
- Monday, 3/19** *Book Group:* 7 pm at Maija French's home. Discussion is on "The Long Walk: The True Story of a Trek to Freedom" by Slavomir Rawicz. Contact Lorraine Ramsey (530) 680-1808 for information. Happy reading and please call Maija to let her know if you're coming.
- Tuesday, 3/20** *General Meeting:* Lodi Public Library; 5:30 pm social time; 6 pm Dr. Bill Herrin will speak about Economic Impact of Immigration on the United States; 6:40 pm business meeting. **NOTE** the change of speaker and general meeting times.
- Monday, 3/26** *Les Dames Françaises French Group:* 1pm at Christy Reinold's home; members, please RSVP to Christy.
- Monday, 3/26** *Bunco:* 7 pm at Élise Forbes' home; call Élise with inquiries or changes.



*Do you have your tickets yet?*

*Along with Lodi's other great over-55 talents, will be Lodi's Steppin' Out & Sassy Seniors and Stockton's City Tappers tap groups plus our very own alto sax player.*



*Don't miss seeing three of our own.*



### *Personal Ad:*

I managed to finish my first ever 13.1 miles in four hours last month. The feeling of empowerment and knowledge that I'm helping raise money for a cure is overwhelming. I'm running again in Big Sur on April 29<sup>th</sup>. Many of you donated, and I am exceedingly grateful. My goal is \$2,500 for this race. Even a \$5 donation from you helps me reach my goal. Please go to <http://online.ccfa.org/goto/lorraineforacure>.

You may also write a check to CCFA (Crohn's & Colitis Foundation) and mail it to me. All donations are tax deductible and 80% of your money goes towards research for a cure. And just so you know, I'm not fundraising again until next year. ☺ Here I am at the finish line:

Lorraine Ramsey-Bowers

