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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Ginny Pelton

Welcome to 2020 and a new decade. Hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season. Try hard to keep those New Year's resolutions and make this the best year yet.

A BIG CONGRATULATIONS to Julie Thompson on winning the Susan B. Anthony award. What a GREAT honor. Julie is so deserving. She is such a great asset to our AAUW branch. We all need to support Julie on her induction February 15th at the Stockton Country Club. Reservations can be made with Linda Hammons.

Our big BUNCO fundraiser is also on February 15th. Remember this is our main fundraiser for scholarships. We are expecting a great big turn out. Sell, sell those tickets, ladies. Also remember the beautiful baskets that we need for auction.

I know that we have two big events in the same day. However, we are strong and "we can do it."

## **FEBRUARY MEETING**

Elena Wong and Sue Pixler

*Tuesday, February 18, 2020*

*Community Room, Lodi Public Library*

*5:30 Social Hour*

*6:00 Business*

*6:40 Speaker:*

*Suffragists' Songs*

*Featuring AAUW Member Margeaux Webb  
and "The Professor," husband Chet Webb*

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## MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 21, 2020, GENERAL MEETING

**Call to Order:** President Carolyn Ross called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. at the Woodbridge Greens Clubhouse, Woodbridge, CA. She thanked the hostesses for the evening and welcomed all guests and new members. The minutes of the November 19, 2019 general meeting were approved by the membership present as printed in the December-January newsletter.

**Treasurer's Report:** General Fund balance \$19,736.00 and the AAUW Fund balance \$379.00, reported by Carolyn Ross.

**Membership Treasurer's Report:** Linda Hammons reported 100 current members

**Membership Report:** Suzanne Talbot reported New and Prospective Member Event to be held March 24, 2020.

**Program Update:** Sue Pixler reported member Margeaux Webb and husband Chet Webb would entertain and lead members in songs of the Suffrage Era.

**Birthday Club:** Carolyn Ross stated names and birthdates of significant women (i.e. mothers, grandmother, aunts) in member's lives may be printed in the August newsletter in honor of the passage of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment Centennial. More to come in future newsletters on this.

**OLD BUSINESS:** The Susan B. Anthony Award winner, Julie Thompson, will be honored at an awards dinner on February 15, 2020. Linda Hammons has tickets for the dinner which are \$55.00/person.

Becky Hamner stated more card tables are needed for the Bunco Fundraiser. Please deliver card tables and Baskets by 9:00 a.m. on February 15 to the event. The next Bunco Committee meeting is Jan. 27.

Carolyn announced our General Meetings will resume at the Lodi Library Community Room February 18, 2020. Social at 5:30 p.m. and meeting at 6:00 p.m.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Lodi AAUW Branch has joined the Lodi Chamber of Commerce as an Associate Partner. Nancy Martinez will be the coordinator between AAUW and the Chamber.

AAUW Lodi Branch will enter a team in the Lodi Library Trivia Night, February 29. Team members are Nancy Martinez, Leigh Ramsey, and Wes Bowers. A fourth member will be selected soon.

Terrie Hedden announced the members of Tech Trek: Marne Simpson, Chair; Terrie Hedden, Sylvia Mayorga, Pat Browning, and Becky Greider. One more member is needed.

More members are needed to read AAUW Scholarship applications. Contact Manina Moles.

With sadness, Carolyn let members know of the passing of Connie During's sister, Roene Husling, and Melinda Vargo's husband, Richard.

Meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

### Announcements:

Élise Forbes announced the Winter Meeting and Soup Supper of the San Joaquin Historical Society on January 27<sup>th</sup> and the January 25<sup>th</sup> opening of exhibit "San Joaquin Votes: Exercise Your Right!" Contact Élise for more information.

**Roberta Williams, General Meeting Secretary**



## JULIE THOMPSON TO RECEIVE SUSAN B. ANTHONY AWARD

After receiving our branch nomination, **Julie Thompson has been selected as a Susan B. Anthony Woman of Achievement recipient for 2020.** The awards banquet will be on Saturday, February 15, 5:30 pm, at the Stockton Golf and Country Club. Let's all support Julie at this important event!

To make your reservation, send a check for \$55 to:

Linda Hammons

401 Clowe Court, Lodi, 95242

Make the check payable to AAUW Lodi Branch

Please indicate on your check your choice of entrée:

beef, chicken, or vegetarian.



**JANUARY 30 IS THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING CHECKS FOR AAUW TABLE SEATING.** Individual seating is available after that with checks made out to and sent directly to the San Joaquin County Commission on the Status of Women (no tickets will be sold at the door).

## BE INFORMED

Margy Gish, Coordinator

January's Be Informed meeting found us learning about insurance policies. The takeaway from our knowledgeable speaker, State Farm's Pam Aberle, was that we need to make sure we are adequately covered. When many of us took out policies, houses were being built for about \$100 a square foot. That is now \$500+ a square foot, and it means that many homes are underinsured and could not be replaced with their insurance coverage. Two other important issues to consider: when we downsize in to a rental or care facility, it's important to look into a Renters Policy which insures your belongings, and Pam suggested considering an Umbrella Policy that covers all aspects of our needs at a cost-effective fee.

After our meeting, we enjoyed a lovely farewell luncheon for our friend, Fern Davis. She will be leaving Lodi soon to live with her daughter off the coast of Seattle. Although she will be sorely missed, we wish Fern good health, many new friends, and a wonderful new adventure.

Coming events for Be Informed include:

- February – Philip Merlo will tell us about the history of Stockton, the historical downturns and some more recent progress
- March – Wendy Buchanan will share her experience in receiving a cochlear implant
- April – Laura Prisser, a Kaiser Engineer and former ATT and Verizon tech, is going to discuss women's issues.

## BIRTHDAY CLUB

Sally Irizary and Joanne Cobb

**Janet Bange** February 21. Famous woman born on this day: Barbara Jordan (1936-1996), a Texas attorney and the first black congresswoman from the deep South.

**Claudine Blasl** February 22. Famous woman born on this day: Edna St. Vincent Millay (1892-1950), a poet and liberal activist.

**Sally Spenker** February 28. Famous woman born on this day: Mary Lyon (1797-1849), founder of Mount Holyoke Female Seminary in 1837.

**REMEMBER—BIRTHDAYS ARE GOOD FOR YOU! THE MORE YOU HAVE THE LONGER YOU LIVE!**

## SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Manina Moles

The application for a 2020 High School Scholarship is now available. If you know of someone who qualifies, please encourage them to apply. Applicants must have a 3.5 GPA, be a senior at one of the four LUSD high schools, and be planning to attend a two- or four-year college next fall. Applications are available from the career counseling center at each of the high schools. Deadline for turning in the application is March 4, 2020.

### LETTER FROM SCHOLARSHIP WINNER, JASMINE TOM

Hello Mrs. Moles and the American Association of University Women (AAUW),

I am emailing you because I officially finished my first quarter at UC Santa Cruz and will soon start the winter quarter. My fall quarter was filled with so many great memories and stress, which made my experience so awesome. I really love college and the knowledge and friends I have acquired here. I was a computer science major, but I am unsure as to what I will change my major. Cognitive science interests me, so I added that to my proposed major with computer science.

Academically, things have been going very well. I managed to earn a 3.8 GPA despite the power outages and strikes on campus. This quarter, I hope to join more than my current two clubs and sleep more :')

I'd like to thank you once more for the financial support last year. I really appreciate it and could not have done it without you. I wish you all the best for 2020!

Best regards,

Jasmine Tom

## WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER LAURIE JONES

Nancy Martinez

Long-time Lodi resident Laurie Jones was born in Berkeley and raised in the Bay Area. Following her graduation from CSU-Fresno, she received her teaching credential from CSU-Sacramento. Her thirty-two year teaching career with LUSD took place in a 5th grade classroom at Leroy Nichols Elementary. Married for 47 years to husband, Grant Jones, Laurie had two sons, but unfortunately her youngest Todd passed away at age 14. According to Laurie, her twelve-year experience in dealing with the medical and health insurance communities, following her son's near drowning accident, have made her more empathetic and a progressive thinker.

Laurie and her husband enjoy travel and dining out. She says she's tired of cooking, but enjoys shopping. Her fellow teaching colleagues encouraged her to join AAUW.



## SONGS BY "MARGEUX AND THE PROFESSOR" AT THE FEB 18 MEETING

Our very own Margeaux Webb and her husband, Chet, will entertain us with songs to celebrate the 2020 Women's suffrage anniversary at our regularly scheduled monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at the Lodi Public Library Community Room. Margeaux and Chet are currently involved in a Women in Music Showcase and were featured recently on Good Day Sacramento. The program will be a joyful way to bring attention to women's issues.



## JANUARY 2020 CALENDAR OF LODI AAUW EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

EVENT	DATE	INFORMATION
Be Informed	Thursday, Feb. 6	10:00 am at Élise Forbes' home
Toutes Les Choses Françaises	Monday, Feb. 10	1:30 pm at Phi Stillwell's home
AAUW Board meeting	Wednesday, Feb. 12	3:30 pm Library Drummond Room
On the Move Walkers	Thursday, Feb. 13	9:30 am Guided Tour of Locke
BUNCO Fundraiser	Saturday, Feb. 15	12:00 noon Vineyard Comm. Church
Susan B. Anthony Awards	Saturday, Feb. 15	5:30 pm Stockton Golf & Country Club
Book Group	Monday, Feb. 17	1:30 pm at Maija French's home
AAUW General Meeting	Tuesday, Feb. 18	5:30 pm Library Community Room
Girls Night Out	Friday, Feb. 21	5:30 pm Casa Flores
Toutes Les Choses Françaises	Monday, Feb 24	1:30 at Shara Guerette's home
Bunco	Monday, Feb 24	7:00 pm at Joanne Cobb's home
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Newsletter photos submitted by Suga Moriwaki, Linda Sattler, and Connie During