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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Carolyn Ross

In this year of focus on the centennial of the 19th Amendment to our Constitution that granted women's suffrage, I hope we can also remember the many women who contributed — and continue to contribute — to the fabric of our nation's history, culture, and society. Women's History Month began with a school celebration in Sonoma County in 1978 and, since 1987, has been observed annually throughout the month of March in the US, the UK, and Australia, corresponding with *International Women's Day* on March 8.

Here's a fascinating bit of Women's History from the AAUW Board to Board Newsletter: "Did you know that the first woman to run for President of the United States was Victoria Woodhull? She believed that women already had the right to vote because the 14th and 15th Amendments had given all citizens the right to vote. In 1872, she selected the former slave and abolitionist leader Frederick Douglass as her running mate and made an attempt to run for the highest office in our land, but the government refused to put their names on the ballot.

"After she and her sister made a fortune as stockbrokers, they started a newspaper that advocated, among other things, sex education, short skirts, and women's suffrage."

Happy Women's History Month!

MARCH MEETING

Elena Wong and Sue Pixler

Tuesday, March 17, Lodi Public Library

5:30 pm Social Hour

6:00 pm General Meeting

6:40 pm Speaker Lynn Hawley

Professor of Women's History, University of the Pacific

Then What Happened?

Women and the Vote after 1920



Call to Order: Co-President Ginny Pelton called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm in the Community Room of the Lodi Public Library. She welcomed all new members and guests, and thanked the hostesses. The minutes of the January 21, 2020 meeting, as printed in the February newsletter, were approved by the membership present.

Treasurer's Report: Julie Thompson reported the General Fund balance of \$23,916.68, the AAUW Fund balance of \$549.72, and the total gross of the bunco fundraiser as \$9,915.00 as of February 18, 2020, with late tickets yet to come in and a few outstanding expenses. Forty-five ticketholders were "no shows," which needs to be addressed.

Membership Report: Becky Greider announced a new member event for March 24 at Parkview Terrace from 4:30-6:30 pm.

Membership Treasurer's Report: Linda Hammons reported 101 current members.

Old Business Ginny Pelton reported Lodi AAUW is a new member of the Lodi Chamber of Commerce. A ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate will be held at a future date.

Leigh Ramsey reported that AAUW's team for the library's Trivia Night is preparing. The theme of the event is Wine, Women, and Song. Seating is limited; for further information, call the library.

Ginny Pelton attended the Susan B Anthony Dinner and said it was impressive to learn about the nominees and to support Julie Thompson, Lodi nominee and a winner of the award.

Nancy Mellor described plans for Lodi's celebration of the Centennial of the 19th Amendment on August 22, 2020.

New Business: Ginny Pelton announced the nominating committee has filled all the office positions for next year. The list of nominated officers will be presented at the next board meeting for board approval.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 pm.

HONOR A WOMAN WHO VALUED THE 19TH AMENDMENT AND ITS BENEFITS.

The *Lodi AAUW Cordon* will publish short statements about women in our lives to whom voting and political activity were essential parts of their lives. Was your grandmother a Suffragist? Your aunt elected to office? Your mother a supporter of a political cause? Submit a short statement to your editor at nancymelloraauw@gmail.com by July 15, 2020 and we will publish as many as possible.



Photos of the 2020 Bunco Fundraiser on February 15 were taken by Denise Reich and Linda Sattler.



AAUW MEMBER JULIE THOMPSON RECEIVED THE SUSAN B ANTHONY AWARD FROM THE SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN ON FEBRUARY 15, 2020

After a gala evening of receiving the Susan B Anthony award in the company of her family, friends, AAUW members, and book club members, Julie Thompson asked to have the following message printed in the newsletter. "Heartfelt thanks to all of you for the many cards and phone calls congratulating me on the Susan B Anthony award. Thank you to all of you who attended the event. The entire process has been humbling and overwhelming and very gratifying." Julie Thompson

Julie Thompson's Susan B Anthony Award Acceptance Speech

"The strength of a country is in the education of its youth." By ninth grade I knew I wanted to be an English teacher, and for half of my life, I pushed the boundaries to include staff and community in the education of our high school youth. I enjoyed the challenge of encouraging high school youth to find and recognize their abilities, their potentials, to discover confidence in themselves, and to have education make sense in their lives. Teaching the discipline and skills needed in writing, the relevance of literature, art and history for today's living, and creating plans and programs to further student success—these were my goals. Nelson Mandela said "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."

Upon retiring in 2005, I had no idea what I could do to change the world. Where would I put my creative energies and my ability as an educator? The American Association of University Women, Lodi branch, was the answer for me. The mission statement summed up where my energies could be used: "AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research." From holding board positions, to creating fundraisers, I wanted to help.

It is such an honor to be a part of this stellar group of women in this 100th year of celebrating women's suffrage. I thank the Commission for selecting me. I thank my branch and all of its wonderful ladies for nominating me and for being here to support me tonight along with my book group sisters. Finally, I could not have achieved any of my goals as an educator and community service volunteer without my family's support. My family is here tonight as well, and I thank you and love you all for being my cheerleaders.



Photo by Carolyn Ross

Julie Thompson's Biography from the Awards Program

For over 35 years I enjoyed the challenges, the discipline, and creative energies it took to be an English teacher. My goals were to create a fun and challenging learning environment to promote student success. Devising lesson plans to encourage students to reach their potential, to love the journey of learning, and to prepare students for their futures excited me. However, something was missing, and I found that something in the Senior project. Bringing together all strands of learning and collaboration among all staff, families, and the community, the 3-part project of their choice required a research paper related to their project, a minimum of 20 project hours, and a 6-10 minute speech before staff and community judges. The project became a district graduation requirement, uniting all high schools to work towards common goals and requirements, educating all staff to evaluate the research papers, and making presentations to the school board and community groups. This was a huge undertaking to move everyone out of their comfort zones, and yet friendships developed between students and their mentors, future vocations were discovered, and a maturity of accomplishment permeated each senior class. For my efforts San Joaquin County awarded me as an A+ Teacher. Education raises the status of humankind when students succeed, and we all succeed when participating in a mutual endeavor. This sense of service has followed me in community involvement as well. Holding various church board positions, president twice of the Lodi branch of American Association of University Women and serving in many other positions in the branch, participating in the Women's Club of Lodi and the Lodi Hospice Butterfly auxiliary to raise funds for scholarships and community needs, and volunteering time at the public library in the bookstore and homework help has educated me as well. Being an educator never stops; rather, it transforms into serving others and hopefully making the world a better place.

BIRTHDAY CLUB

Joanne Cobb and Sally Irizary, EF Chairs

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL

March 12 JOANNE HILDENBRAND

Famous woman born on this day: Annette Adams (1877-1956), who was a lawyer, judge, and the first woman to become a federal prosecutor.

March 22 DONNA SWINNEY

Famous woman born on this day: Ruth Page (1899-1991), who began ballet in 1919 and was the first American to be accepted into the Ballet Russe.

March 26 JAN WAKEFIELD

Famous woman born on this day: Sandra Day O'Connor (1930-2006), who, in 1981, was appointed the first woman U.S. Supreme Court Justice.

March 28 HELMA LEIN

Helma was born on this date in 1916, which makes her 104 years young. She is still very active and is an inspiration to all. She is the **mother of Connie During**.

PLEASE add your name to the AAUW Birthday Club in honor of your birthday. By joining, you are helping to advance equity for women and girls.

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

Donations to AAUW Funds

Recently, National informed us that the AAUW Funds where we have been directing our donations are fully financed for many years to come.

AAUW now needs our support for the new **Greatest Needs Fund** and/or its three sub-funds, which will allow AAUW the flexibility to respond rapidly to new and emerging challenges facing women and girls. Those of us who belong to the Lodi Branch Birthday Club will receive a detailed explanation of these new funds from Sally Irizary with their birthday card.

Thanks to all of you for your ongoing support of our organization. All donations to AAUW Funds continue to be fully tax-deductible.



Birthday Flower—the daffodil, which reminds us of Spring. A gift of daffodils conveys the joys of friendship and happiness.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER KRISTINA SWANSON

Nancy Martinez and
Becky Greider

Our new member Kristina Swanson (one of four sisters) was born and raised in Morrisville, Pennsylvania—a community founded by a signer of the Declaration of Independence. Although she received a degree in American Studies from Penn State, following college, 23-year-old Kristina and her oldest sister opened and ran a mostly vegetarian restaurant in New Hope, Pennsylvania. Upon moving to California in 2002, Kristina welcomed a return to her roots in American history. During her sixteen-year residence in Sacramento, she worked at the Sacramento History Museum. Currently she is the Executive Director of the San Joaquin County Historical Museum at Micke Grove Regional Park.

Her family includes husband Jim, 17-year-old son River, plus two dogs, an Amazon parrot and a very spoiled guinea pig. Kristina favors outdoor activities—bird watching, hiking, camping—and traveling. After attending an AAUW meeting as a guest of Élise Forbes and Sharon Ceresa, Kristina joined our AAUW Lodi Branch.



BUNCO 2020

Thank you to everyone who attended, bought tickets, helped with raffle baskets, decorated the hall, and supported our fundraiser for Tech Trek and scholarships. Especially thank you to the great group of ladies who worked with me on the committee to make this event happen. Also, a big thanks to our Bunco Master, Jeff Thompson. This was the 9th year for this fundraiser. It takes all the members to help make it a success. Let's do it next year! See you in 2021! Becky Hamner



Photo by Denise Reich

UPCOMING BRANCH AND INTEREST GROUP ACTIVITIES

BE INFORMED

Margy Gish

Who knew the history of Stockton could be so interesting? The people who have heard Philip Merlot talk about it! Stockton grew and prospered with the gold rush, and in 1869, California took over ownership of the land from the federal government. Investments in housing for Chinese laborers, farmland, the port, and railroads led to Stockton's success. Among the important names in the 1840's and 50's were Weber, Holt (tractors), Hammer, and Sperry (flour), and they played major roles in Stockton's national leadership in architecture, arts and entertainment, education, gambling, and wine.

The downfall to this success came largely as a result of segregation by wealth. As late as the 1950's, minorities and the disenfranchised were not allowed to own homes, or even be in certain areas of the city. This was enforced by the law and police as late as the 1970's, and resulted in poverty, declining education and poor health care. In addition to this major factor, Stockton lacks cohesion in its school structure because it houses five disparate districts, and it has multiple unincorporated areas within the city. Poor leadership and many bad decisions led to Stockton's losing its stature and reputation as a successful city.

The speaker for March will be Wendy Buchanan. She will talk to us about living with a hearing loss, and the rather recent miracle of a cochlear implant. Many of us know Wendy from our teaching careers, and she is also a member of AAUW. Please join us on Thursday, March 5, 10:00, at the home of Élise Forbes. Everyone is welcome and invited to attend. We look forward to seeing you there.

TEXTILE ARTS

Sally Spenker

The Textile Arts group will meet Tuesday, March 17, 2020 at 10:00 am at Sally Spenker's home. The group will be working on Spring Wreaths. Bring what supplies and ideas you may have to use or share with the group. You are not required to bring all the supplies listed; they are presented as ideas of things to bring and what you may have available. Eight-inch willow wreaths will be available for free or you can bring your own wreath to decorate. Members of the group range from beginners to more advanced Textile Arts individuals. This is a fun group. RSVP Sally Spenker, 368-1163 or sally.spenker@gmail.com

GAL-LIVANTERS

Margy Gish

GAL-livanters will take a field trip to the San Joaquin County Museum on Tuesday, March 24th at 10:30. With guide Philip Merlot, who gave the Be Informed talk on the history of Stockton. We will visit the Native Peoples and Weber Galleries and the Sunshine Trail and Delta Water Path. Indoor plans have been made if we have bad weather. Museum is \$6.00 per person; lunch at Philips' Farms. Meet at Margy Gish's house, 1001 W. Locust St, at 10:00 am for carpooling. Let Margy (333-1262) know if you plan to attend.

NEW MEMBERS MEETING

Nancy Martinez and Becky Greider

All new and recently joined members who haven't already attended are invited to our New Members Meeting on Tuesday, March 24, 2020. Come learn more about AAUW, interest groups, Tech Trek, scholarship programs, and meet board members. The meeting will be at Parkview Terrace clubhouse from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. Members are invited if they bring a potential new member to the meeting. Please R.S.V.P. to Suzanne Talbot at 209-603-8319 lodisuz@gmail.com, Nancy Martinez at 209-331-0757 grandmaof99@gmail.com, or Becky Greider at 209-712-2474 at becky@greider.us.

GAL-LIVANTERS MAY 8, 2020 BOAT TRIP

Kathy Anderson

Join us on Friday, May 8, 10:00 am for a boat excursion of the Mokelumne river. The 90-minute trip covers nearly five miles of river on Lodi's northern border. There are two boats available to meet our needs. The larger boat can hold a maximum of 10 passengers and costs \$200 per trip. Our smaller boat can hold up to six passengers and costs \$90 per trip. The individual cost and size of boat will depend on how many want to attend. For a reservation, please contact Kathy Anderson at 747-0372 or kea44@comcast.net by April 15.

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BIOGRAPHY OF THE MARCH SPEAKER, PROFESSOR LYNN HAWLEY

Professor Lynn Hawley, graduate of UCSB, Boston University, and University of Michigan, has been teaching at San Joaquin Delta College for more than 20 years, specializing in teaching the history of women in the United States. She has completed two sabbatical research projects on the fight for woman's suffrage, focusing particularly on the participation of the Central Valley in that struggle. She lives in Stockton with her husband of 30 years and has two sons who have recently graduated from Humboldt State University.

The presentation is entitled, "Then What Happened? Women and the Vote after 1920." Discussion about the struggle for woman suffrage generally ends in August of 1920 with the ratification of the 19th Amendment. Little is said about what happened after women got the right to vote in the U.S. - do women run for office in large numbers? How many eligible women voters actually cast a ballot? How do the political parties and politicians treat these new voters? This presentation will attempt to address all of these questions and give an overview of women's political participation through much of the 20th century.

ON THE MOVE WALKERS

Nancy Mellor

On the Move Walkers will hike (or stroll) at the Cosumnes River Nature Preserve in Galt on Thursday, March 12. Please join us if you enjoy walking and talking outdoors in an interesting location. We will meet at 9:30 am at the parking lot near Thai Spices on the corner of Turner and Lower Sacramento Road, where we will carpool to Galt. The walk should last until noon. Bring a hat, some water, and a snack. Call or text Nancy Mellor at 747-3452 by March 11 if you plan to join us.

The photo below was taken at our trip to Locke with our guide, Kim King, who grew up in Locke.



Lodi Branch March Calendar

EVENT	DATE	INFORMATION
Be Informed	Thursday, March 5	10:00 am at Élise Forbes' home
Toutes Les Choses Françaises	Monday, March 9	1:30 pm at Cheese Central
AAUW Board Meeting	Wednesday, March 11	3:30 pm at Lodi Public Library Drummond Room
On the Move Walkers	Thursday, March 12	9:30 am at 2401 Turner Road to carpool to Cosumnes River
Book Group	Monday, March 16	1:30 pm at Leigh Ramsey's home
Textile Artists	Tuesday, March 17	10:00 am at Sally Spenser's home
General Meeting	Tuesday, March 17	5:30 pm at Lodi Public Library
Girls' Night Out	Friday, March 20	Contact hostesses Janice Cobb and Sally Irizary for details
Toutes Les Choses Françaises	Monday, March 23	1:30 pm at Christy Reinold's home
GAL-livangers	Tuesday, March 24	10:30 am at 1001 W Locust St. to carpool to SJC Museum
New Members' Reception	Tuesday, March 24	4:30 pm at the Parkview Terrace Clubhouse
Bunco	Monday, March 30	7:00 pm at Linda Sattler's home

COMMUNITY EVENTS OF INTEREST TO LODI AAUW

Mona Seigel, author of *Peace on Our Terms: the Global Battle for Women's Rights After the First World War*, will be at the Janet Leigh Theater at UOP Friday, **March 13** to speak and sign copies of her book.

The League of Women Voters of San Joaquin County will meet Saturday, **March 21** at Zion Lutheran Church, 808 Porter Avenue, Stockton. Topic will be Threats to our Elections.

Cesar Chavez' Birthday Event will be held at Hale Park, Lodi on Sunday, **March 29** from 3 to 6 pm. Activities will include Aztec and folkloric dancing, speakers including Federico Chavez, and a shared meal. All are welcome.

WOMAN'S SUFFRAGE ANTIQUÉ POSTCARDS

AAUW member Rilette Hugo sent your editor the following note with her post cards; it was hard to wait to share her gift to us. Rilette writes: "When I read about the 100th anniversary of Women's Suffrage in the AAUW newsletter, I couldn't help but share these two copies of postcards from my antique postcard collection...I am lucky enough to have two artist-signed cards, from Ellen Clapsaddle and Bernhardt Wall, both prolific postcard illustrators."

