



Celebrate the End of the Season Saturday, June 13th, 2026 – 9:30am



O'Connor Woods West Hall - 3400 Wagner Heights Rd.

On Saturday, June 13th we celebrate the 2025 - 2026 Stockton AAUW calendar year. We raised more money than ever at our "Thanks for Giving" Tea in November. In December we enjoyed our holiday brunch at Brookside Country Club with music by Stockton Soul. It was a great year with innovative programs such as the January "Meet the Superintendents" forum and the March Women's History Living Timeline. Our May social featured our new members who bring new vitality to our branch.

We will hear from our newest Delta College scholarship recipients, and this year's Named Gift Honorees will be revealed. If you know someone who might be interested in an organization that is committed to advancing gender equity through education and advocacy, invite them to this AAUW Stockton Branch meeting. They will be greeted warmly and they are sure to be inspired.

When: Saturday, June 13th, 9:30am

Where: O'Connor Woods West Hall
3400 Wagner Heights Rd.

Cost: FREE

Reservation Deadline: Tuesday, June 9th

Connect with your caller or call/text Reservation Chair
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A RESERVATION MADE IS A RESERVATION PAID



June President's Message - Participation

Participation is defined as the action or state of taking part in something. Another word for this is involvement. As such participation is a cornerstone of democracy due to the impact voter and citizen participation have on influencing public policy and government officials. In June California voters will have the opportunity to cast ballots in a primary election to determine who will face off in the November general election. Unfortunately, we usually experience low voter turnout in primaries due to voter apathy. Sometimes fewer than 40% participate. With all that is going on in this country and the world right now, I don't understand how anyone can be apathetic about voting. If you don't vote, you are implying that you don't care. The "No Kings" demonstrations are proof that many do care. Vote in both the June primary and in the November general election.

Participation is also important to organizations like AAUW. We have approximately 130 members. There are seventeen members who serve on the Board. Many of these members have served for years in various positions. For example, Ronda Sanders served as president for two two-year terms and has been program vice-president for many years. Cindy Milford has chaired both RIF distributions and Named Gift Award designations seemingly forever. Pam Mallett-Jones has been leading the Mentor Program, which she started, for more than fifteen years. I was program vice-president before becoming president. Bette Outlaw has been our long-term "guru" for all things AAUW.

The point is that with as many members as we have, we should have more involvement in leadership positions than we do. I am asking do you have four or five hours a month that you could volunteer to get more involved in AAUW? Would you like to work on RIF book distributions? Do you have a talent that you would be willing to share with mentor girls?

Would you like to work on programs, financing, scholarships or anything else? Think about it. Without more participation, AAUW Stockton will have a harder time continuing to accomplish our mission.

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Mentor Program

By the time you read this, our girls will have finished their academic year. Some will leave elementary school while others will leave high school. This is a bittersweet time for the mentors. While we are proud of the development and accomplishments made by our graduates over the past 5 years and feel confident about their continuing education, we will miss them as they "leave the Mentor Program nest."



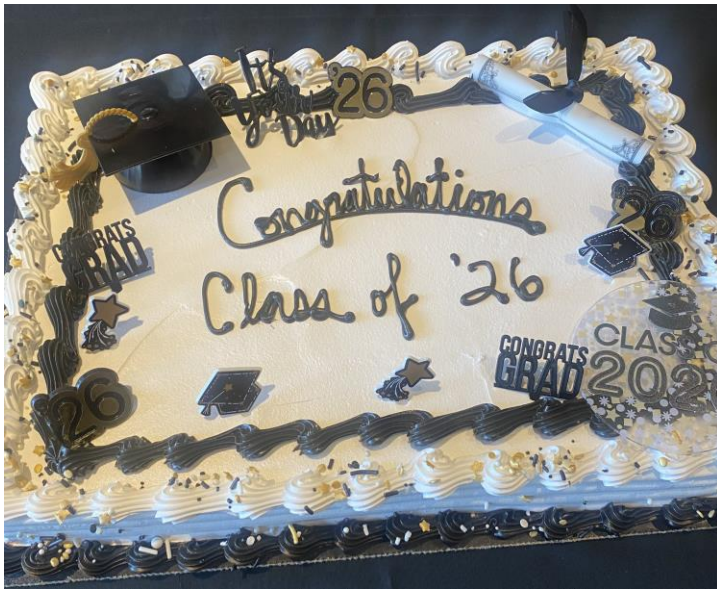
There are four graduates this year. **Kaylianie Ragasa** has graduated from Stockton Early College Academy and will attend UOP School of Pharmacy next year. **Chiamaka Favor Nwankwo** has graduated from Health Careers Academy and will attend UC, Merced next year with a plan to obtain a medical degree. **Guadalupe Barajas** has graduated from Weber Institute and will attend CSU, Stanislaus next year to earn a degree in Nursing. **Jocelyn Aranda** will attend Delta College and intends to become a teacher.



Our goal for our girls is to facilitate and assist in their pursuit of higher education. In the 18 years that our program has existed we have been 100% successful in meeting this goal. This is thanks to the generosity and support from the Stockton Branch. No other branch of AAUW has been able to emulate this program.



We celebrated our graduates at a luncheon at DeVega Brothers on May 23rd which was a happy day for all. We are planning our summer retreat which will be in San Francisco June 16-19. This year's theme is "Uses of technology in everyday life." Since there will be no Steamer in July, watch our Facebook page for daily reports of our retreat.



The Stockton branch has sent two college students, both of whom are former Mentor Program participants, to the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) in Washington, DC. The three day conference, May 26th-30th, was held on the campus of the University of Maryland, College Park. Both **Edith Sanchez** and **Marissa Garduno** are eagerly looking to gain skills that will ultimately benefit our community. The conference will also provide a tour of Washington, DC which neither of the girls have had the opportunity to see. Watch the AAUW-Stockton Facebook page for reports of their experiences.

Thank you to the branch for sponsoring this experience as well as Ronda Sanders for spearheading the project and Terri Mercer for doing the 5am airport run!



LOBBY DAYS 2026

We can finally celebrate a success with Lobby Days! Thank you to Bette Outlaw & Shelley Contreras who helped make it possible through their flexibility & determination that we were going to meet with Assembly member Ransom even though it took persistence to get a meeting

scheduled & we had to reschedule at the last minute. We enjoyed meeting the Assembly member & discussing AAUW's priority bills with her. Bette also gave her a brief overview of our branch's recent activities & left her with the latest copy of the *Steamer* & a membership application.

AAUW-CA had nearly 200 members from 64 branches that turned out to advance our priority legislation. Of the meetings that we've seen reported so far, half were in-person with the legislators & the majority were in-district meetings. In comparison, only 2 of 32 reported Zoom meetings were with staffers rather than with legislators themselves.



SUMMER DEI DISCUSSION GROUP

This summer, **AAUW** invites members of **DKG Tau**, **Olli**, and other friends to join a welcoming discussion group focused on exploring the concepts of diversity, equity, and inclusion. The Summer DEI Discussion is designed to create a thoughtful space for conversation, reflection, and learning as participants share ideas, questions, and perspectives. All viewpoints are welcome, and topics will be chosen by members of the group so that the discussions reflect the interests and experiences of those who take part.

The group will meet twice each month during June, July, and August, on the second and fourth Thursdays at 4:30pm on Zoom. Participants are welcome to attend as they are able; it is not mandatory to be present at every meeting. At the same time, more regular attendance will help members gain more from the conversations and build stronger connections as the summer progresses.

Barbara St. Urbain will organize the group, provide the Zoom link, and send reminders and agendas before each meeting. If you would like more information or would like to be included, please contact Barbara by email at bsuatmjc@aol.com or by phone at (209) 603-5365. We hope many members and friends will take part in this engaging summer opportunity to learn together and deepen our understanding of diversity, equity, and inclusion.



As our wonderful year comes to a close, it's important to acknowledge and thank the callers who provide us with a vital link to Stockton AAUW. A big "THANK YOU" to all the callers who have helped me this year as Reservations Chairperson. The monthly volunteer commitment you've made make my job go more smoothly. It's always a pleasure to chat with you on the phone or online. Thank you Callers: Jennifer Talepoglou, Anntoinette Silva-Backus, Erica Dei Rossi, Jennifer Gray-Rieber, Pat Hague, Pam Mallet-Jones, Helen Vignolo, Lisa Lennon-Wilkins, Lolita Drullard, Rosa Solis, Della Richardson, and Carolyn Wischhusen.

Thank you to all of the members who have sent timely "Yes" or "No" responses to his/her caller. This fall please check our online directory and find your caller's name listed under AAUW Branch Callers just before the member listings. Each month please respond promptly to his/her call or email so he/she will know whether or not you will be attending the meeting. We are always in need of more callers so please let me know if you are interested. Being a caller is a great way to get to know other members of our AAUW Stockton Branch,

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Directory Updates:

Welcome our Latest New Members:

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Recruited by Pat Fleutsch

Interest: Thanks for Giving Tea, RIF,
Gourmet Group, Saturday Wisdom Group

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Interest: International Affairs, RIF,
TT, Mentor, Book Group

Univ: UCSB

Recruited by Self

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Univ: UOP

Recruited by Rosa Solis

Interest: Thanks for Giving Tea,
TT, Mentor

Lina Yeung

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Univ: UC Berkeley

Recruited by Rosa Solis

Interest: TT, Mentor, Bunco

Welcome new members to the branch.
Please include in your Directory.

Thank you,
Claudia Mennuti and Bette Outlaw
Co-Membership Treasurers

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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.

June Calendar

Day	Date	Time	Event	Location/Contact
Mon	8	6:00pm	June Board Meeting	Online via Zoom
Tue	9	All Day	Reservation Deadline	Betty Parsons – (408) 309-8958
Sat	13	9:30am	AAUW June Program: “Celebrate the End of the Season”	O’Connor Woods West Hall