

## AAUW Spring Social

**Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026 – 5:30pm**  
**Club Brookside - 3536 Brookview Drive, Stockton**

We gather at Club Brookside for the annual AAUW Spring Social. We'll enjoy hearty hors d'oeuvres, yummy desserts and festive drinks. Chatting with AAUW members and friends, some fun and games and celebrating members who have joined since last year's Spring Social will make for a happy occasion. Don't miss this event - and bring a friend!

**When:** Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 5:30pm

**Where:** Club Brookside  
3536 Brookview Drive, Stockton

**Cost:** \$30

**Reservation Deadline:** Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>

Connect with your caller or call/text Reservation Chair  
Betty Parsons @ (408) 309-8958  
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## May President's Message: The SAVE Act

The Safeguard American Voter Eligibility (SAVE) Act aims to require documentary proof of U.S. citizenship for federal voter registration, replacing current mail or online registration because of false claims made by the Republican administration that there have been wide-reaching examples of voter fraud. Even though these claims have been refuted, there are still many who support the act because it would effectively disenfranchise many voters. Having all eligible voters cast their ballots is generally seen as positive.

In every form, the SAVE Act would require American citizens to show documents such as a passport or birth certificate to register to vote. Sources suggest that 21 million Americans lack ready access to those documents. Also, millions of women whose married names aren't on their birth certificates or passports would face extra steps to be able to vote. Implementation of the law would be in the hands of local election officials who might not be prepared for the new requirements, which would cause confusion and possibly disenfranchise more voters because of clerical errors.

The SAVE Act would also require a photo ID to vote. Student IDs in general and tribal IDs without an expiration date would be unacceptable. Driver's licenses would not be adequate, either.

One new SAVE Act bill, the SAVE America Act, directs states to hand over their voter rolls to Homeland Security to run through the agency's citizenship verification tool. This data can be misused to meddle in elections and even to remove specific voters from the rolls and share private voter data with people outside of government.

These bills seem to be part of a broader federal agenda to create distrust in our elections and to discourage Americans from voting. Since there is no evidence of widespread voter fraud, why is the administration pushing so hard to pass them? What are they afraid of?

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# Mentor Program



The Stuart Hazelton Room at the Cesar Chavez Library was the venue for our Mystery Day activity on April 25<sup>th</sup>. The girls were encouraged to invite a friend to come along and many did. Once there the participants rotated to six stations at intervals. We likened it to "speed dating for skills." The stations covered Decision Making and Refusal Skills taught by mentor Leslie Cazares, Female Health from mentor Jennifer Reiber, Expressing Gratitude in Writing by mentor Sue Kenmotsu. Mentor, Shelly Contreras addressed Self Esteem issues, Pam Mallett-Jones taught them how to read a menu and table etiquette, while community member Shari DeAngelis shared tips on Dental Hygiene. A tasty lunch and door prizes rounded out the fun!



## AAUW Membership Renewal Time

It's renewal time for your AAUW membership. Check your email for the membership renewal form. As you know, the membership calendar is July 1<sup>st</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup> each year. Dues are collected by June 30<sup>th</sup> to have time to create the next year's membership roster for distribution and be ready when our activities resume in September. **This is why it is important to send in your renewal form and dues in a timely manner.** If you joined AAUW after, October 2022, your renewal date is on the anniversary of your joining in the following year. These individuals will not receive a renewal email at this time as their renewal occurs in the month they join.

Shortly you will receive an email listing three ways you can renew your membership. You can download information, and send it with a check to the address provided. You could also renew on line using an interactive form and pay electronically on our branch website - [aauwstockton.org](http://aauwstockton.org). If you would like an paper copy of the information to complete the process, contact Claudia Mennuti, [cmennuti@comcast.net](mailto:cmennuti@comcast.net) or (209) 603-7190.

While renewing, please consider donating to our very important branch community programs. **Even though the listed dues are \$126, the local branch only receives \$20 of that amount.** National receives \$76, while the state organization gets \$30. These dues go to support the work on those levels to advance women's opportunities and to protect our rights. Only \$20 from dues is received by the branch and goes towards branch operating expenses.

All of the branch community programs receive funding from the generous donations made by our members during renewal time, as well as from the funds raised at Thanks for Giving Tea in November. Please consider making an a donation to help sponsor our wonderful community programs including RIF (Reading is Fundamental), Tech Trek, Delta Scholarships, the Mentor program, the Essay contest, or the AAUW Fund. Money donated to the undesignated category will be spent where there is the greatest need for our programs. Please consider making a donation today!



Next month will find us celebrating our four graduates which is always a sad and happy time!

## Directory Updates:

### New Members:

#### **Wendy Baskette**

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Joined online: **Linda Carol Bone**

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No additional information available

Joined online as DUAL member  
from Mariposa Branch

#### **Karen Jean Sutton**

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Welcome new members to branch.

Please include in your Directory.

Thank you,

Claudia Mennuti and Bette Outlaw

Co-Membership Treasurers



An update on **Lobby Days** – due to scheduling difficulties, your team had to ask for a new date & time with Assemblymember Ransom. We will be meeting with her at the beginning of May & requesting her support for AAUW-supported bills 1766, 1845, & 1876 (these have been detailed in previous Steamers).

Have you downloaded [5Calls.org](http://5Calls.org) yet? Even if you don't want to download the app, you can go to the website directly & still get up-to-date on multiple political issues, ranging from defending the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument in Utah to opposition to the war with Iran. You can find concise language here to use to your representatives plus updates of what has actually been happening – resolutions passed, presidential actions, etc. If your issue isn't here - & I'm sure you can find one here that you feel strongly about – there is also a link to "getting-started" on adding your item.

I encourage you to view the 3-part webinar series from [Lift Up Public Schools](#). Click on [Lift Up Public Schools and AAUW California Present a Three-Part Public Education Webinar Series - AAUW California](#). This series, from a coalition that includes AAUW-California, gives a practical, nonpartisan look at how public education governance works — and why it matters now more than ever. School boards make decisions that affect curriculum, budgets, safety policies, student well-being, equity initiatives, and community stability. But do you know how your district functions or what the trustees are actually responsible for? This webinar series is designed to demystify the system and to

bring together parents, educators, & community members who believe strong public schools are the foundation to thriving communities.

### ***School Districts 101: How They Work***

This is the first video in the series. Learn how California school districts function & why it matters now more than ever that we understand the system. From budgets and board meetings to charters, mandates, and local control, school districts shape far more than most people realize.

### ***School Board Trustees: Leadership That Serves Everyone***

A strong school board trustee understands that the board is there to govern, not just offer opinions. The board has a mandate to balance education, finance, facilities, and student well-being while making decisions that serve the entire community. The second video breaks down what the role truly requires and how voters can evaluate whether candidates are prepared to lead responsibly.

### ***Why School Boards Matter to Everyone***

School boards don't just govern schools – they impact housing markets, local businesses, and the future of our communities. Most of us, when we bought our houses, inquired about the local schools & about the school districts – even though we might not have known exactly what we were looking for besides a school with a good reputation. We can learn why these often-overlooked elections matter to everyone.

The logo features a stylized white figure holding a flame, set against a colorful, abstract background of overlapping shapes in shades of red, orange, yellow, and blue.

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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.

## *May Calendar*

Day	Date	Time	Event	Location/Contact
Sun	10	All Day	Reservation Deadline	Betty Parsons – (408) 309-8958
Mon	11	6:00pm	May Board Meeting	Online via Zoom
Thu	14	5:30pm	AAUW May Program: “AAUW Spring Social”	Club Brookside