



STOCKTON WOMEN'S COLLABORATIVE

Presents:

The 13th Annual Black History Program & Luncheon

AFRICAN AMERICAN WOMEN "MAKING A DIFFERENCE"



Raichelle Strickland

Stephanie Walton

Jeanice Nyung

Donna Moses

Saturday, February 21, 2026

Stockton Hilton | 2323 Grand Canal Blvd. | Stockton, CA 95207

Doors Open at 10am | Luncheon Starts at 11am

AAUW started this inspiring event 13 years ago. We will be joined by members of Alpha Kappa Alpha, Delta Kappa Gamma, Delta Sigma Theta, Links Inc., NAACP, San Joaquin County League of Women Voters, and Women of Color International. Entertainment will be provided by members of Stockton Soul.

Menu: Salad, Roast Chicken Breast, Wild Rice, Green Beans, Bread Pudding
(Vegetarian - Omit Chicken)

Cost: \$65

Reservation Deadline: Sunday, Feb. 15th

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President's Message



We have endured one year of the chaos and confusion known as the Trump Administration, Part II. If nothing changes, we will be facing another three years of this, leaving me to wonder if the U.S. will survive. In his inaugural address J. F. K. advised us to “ask what we can do for our country.” Trump seems to be more interested in how much money he can make for himself and his billionaire friends at the expense of constitutional law.

Beginning with executive orders and tariffs and expanding into the formation of a Gestapo-like squad known as ICE, the rights and privileges of many have been trampled. In addition, the entire cabinet seems to be comprised of loyalists who have no real qualifications for the jobs to which they were appointed, but who have undying loyalty to Trump. The U.S. as I know it seems to be disappearing.

Renaming the Kennedy Center, attacking ships and boats in the Caribbean without provocation, invading and taking over Venezuela, destroying the East Wing of the White House to build a multi-million dollar ball room, and having ICE agents go after people at work, at school, at home, and just about anywhere, arresting them without warrants, and denying them due process are all clear violations of our laws and the rules of common decency. Meanwhile, Congress does nothing to stop this.

It was only a matter of time before someone died because of this insanity. On January 7th, in Minneapolis, an agent shot and killed Renee Good, a wife, mother, and poet, who had just dropped her son off at school. She was a legal observer of ICE activities and had made no threats. Although members of the Trump administration called her a “domestic terrorist,” the terror seemed to stem from the agent who fired three rounds into Renee’s car. The Justice Department is not allowing an investigation into the incident, but videos have shown us the truth. It’s up to the living now to make sure her death was not in vain.

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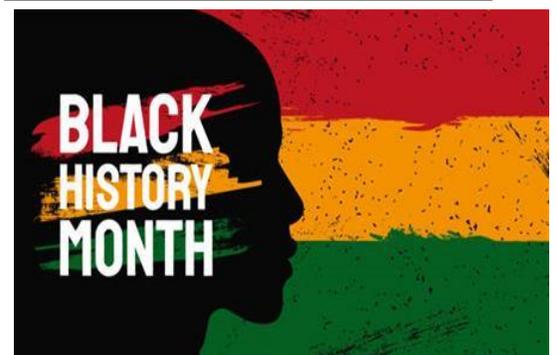
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Mentor Program

Though we are just starting the New Year, our girls in the Mentor Program are in the very middle of their academic year. Our seniors are starting their last semester in high school and looking toward the future with a degree of trepidation and eagerness.



Our first program activity was held on Saturday, January 31st, at the home of Rosa Solis.



Our speaker **Lisa Blanco Jimenez** is a shareholder and principal attorney at Neumiller &

Beardslee and the chair of the firm's Employment Law Group. Ms. Jimenez represents individuals, private businesses, and public agencies in [employment](#), [commercial](#), [real estate](#) and [personal injury](#) litigation from initial intake through trial in State and Federal courts and before administrative boards. Lisa also is a member of multiple non-profit boards in our community.



As you may know, our overall program goal is for our girls to go on to higher education armed with the tools to make them confident in negotiating the world beyond their communities. The objective for this activity is simply for our girls to be inspired by Ms. Jimenez's educational journey from Stanford University and what motivated her to follow this path in her life. We believe that it is important for our girls to understand that they need not be a product of their circumstances, but of their decisions. We also believe that their decision to be a participant in our program was a valuable one.



Susan B. Anthony
Women of Achievement Awards

Our very own Terri Mercer has been selected to receive a Susan B. Anthony Award from the San Joaquin County Commission on the Status of Women on February 15th at the Stockton Hilton Hotel.

Who Knew? Who's New Shauna Cantrell



Shauna Cantrell rejoined AAUW Stockton in October of 2025. She was a member in the early 90's but comes back to us now. Her degree from California State University Humboldt, now Cal Poly Humboldt, is in Art and Theater Arts. She is a retired teacher and has expressed interest in several programs and projects of our branch: International Affairs, Public Policy, Thanks for Giving Tea, Tech Trek Math and Science Camp, Book Group, Gourmet Group, Saturday Wisdom Group, branch meeting hospitality.

Her varied interests and hobbies show an eclectic and vibrant person who brings excitement to our branch. Loving the outdoors, she is an avid kayaker who'd be interested in forming a group of other like-minded kayakers or those who wish to learn to enjoy some of the waters in this county. She'd welcome both men and women to enjoy the waterways in their kayaks. She's also interested in Gourmet Group and there are many others who want to join a gourmet group. Perhaps others could contact Shauna and form a new group that will last as long as the existing group.

Although she taught in Stockton Unified School District as her last professional assignment, she worked in various other districts as she moved through California. One of the memorable teaching experiences was the school district where she taught the same students from grades one through five. With that experience, she recognized the growth that can be achieved

where educational continuity and stability existed despite students' backgrounds.

Her college degree led to her work in theater in Arcata, but she moved to teaching while still with her heart in the arts. She and her husband enjoy theater, especially opera where she believes that in opera all the arts merge for a creative experience. She considers opera the epitome of the arts.

Shauna is a very interesting person who will add much to our branch and we welcome her. She will delight you as you get to know her and learn of her world.

Directory update:

Please Welcome the Following New Member:

Jody Bussey

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Grad school: CSU Sacramento, BS

Interests: Essay, RIF, Writing, Underwriting

Please welcome Jody to AAUW Stockton Branch



REMINDER:

National dues will increase by \$2 beginning April 1st. Dues will then be: National \$76, State \$30, and Branch \$20 = Total \$126.

Shape the Future (STF) new member enrollment will be: National \$38, State \$30 and Branch \$20 = \$88. *STF dues are new members joining at a meeting or event.*

Claudia Mennuti/Bette Outlaw
Co-Membership Treasurers

Public Policy Update

This year California's AAUW is introducing a new approach to Lobby Days. This shift was inspired, in part, by recent trials and tribulations with Lobby Days meetings in Sacramento, over the past two years, where it has become increasingly difficult to secure meetings with legislative offices in the capitol as they are routinely overbooked. Overbooking results in meetings that tend to be confirmed at the last minute, are short (most last no more than 15 minutes), and held with staffers rather than legislators (84 of 94 in 2025).

What kinds of bills will you be advocating for in 2026? In early March, the California Public Policy Committee will work together to select at least one additional bill from our Legislative Agenda to prioritize. All of the top bills are carefully chosen based on their timeliness, likelihood of passage, and alignment with AAUW-CA's core values and public policy priorities. I'm anticipating that we will be involved in in-district meetings. We should be able to secure in-person meetings, confirmed in advance, that are longer than 10-15 minutes, & meeting with our representatives rather than their staff. There will still be a Zoom meeting option for members who are unable to travel to in-district meetings.

Timeline:

February 9. Team Rosters, including Team Leaders, will be published February 9, after which we will begin scheduling in-district meetings.

March 16. Bill packets (bill language + talking points) should become available; I will schedule meetings with interested Team members.

March 23. Lobby Day Training Webinar (ZOOM)

March 26-April 6. Legislature's Spring Recess

March 27-April 17. Meeting window for in-district meetings

April 8-10. Meeting window for Zoom meetings

In-district meetings will be longer, will be with your own representative's office, and are more likely to

be directly with the legislator - although they may still be referred to staff, depending upon the legislator's schedule demands. Some in-district meetings may include AAUW members from multiple branches. Each team will need to identify 4-5 speakers. Even if not everyone presents, members are encouraged to demonstrate strong support, and legislative offices will appreciate meeting such an engaged group of constituents. Team Leaders will not only be responsible for meeting with team members, dividing up speaking responsibilities, and leading the actual meetings—now they will also be responsible for scheduling the in-district meetings. Zoom meetings will remain brief - only 15-20 minutes in length - & scheduled by the state Public Policy Committee. They are likely to be with staff, and may be with a legislative office which is not your own. Even so, Lobby Day is a wonderful opportunity to connect with lawmakers, share our values, and advocate for AAUW California's priority bills - legislation that will make a real difference in the lives of women and girls as well as those impacted by social and racial injustices.

If interested in this year's Lobby Days, please email me: frank0890@sbcglobal.net.



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Board to Board

A Communication from the

AAUW California Board to Branch Boards

Branch Development Peer Group meetings are scheduled for the second Tuesday of the month from September through May at 7pm.

The next Branch Development Peer Group will be on Tuesday, February 10th, at 7pm. Click [HERE](#) to register.

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Vision: AAUW will be a powerful advocate and visible leader in equity and education through research, philanthropy, and measureable change in critical areas impacting the lives of women and girls.

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.

February Calendar

Day	Date	Time	Event	Location/Contact
Tue	10	7:00pm	Branch Development Peer Group Meeting	Online via Zoom
Sun	15	All Day	Reservation Deadline	Betty Parsons – (408) 309-8958
Sun	15	5:30pm	Susan B. Anthony Awards	Stockton Hilton Hotel
Sat	21	10:00am	AAUW Feb. Program: “Black History Luncheon”	Stockton Hilton Hotel
Thu	26	10:00am	Stockton Rotary Read-In	Stockton Rotary Read-In Home