

Potluck on June 25 and Programs Update by Linda Patterson



Mark your calendars for June 25 at 5:30 p.m. for the AAUW Sacramento Branch Potluck, which will be hosted this year by Branch member Sandi Schoenman. More information will be available soon. If you are able to help with the food and organization of the event, please contact Nancy McCabe at mccaben@comcast.net.

AAUW Sacramento Branch meetings and programs have concluded for the 2015-16 year. Our many programs would not have been possible without the coordinated effort and participation of a cadre of dedicated Branch members. Many thanks are due to Nancy McCabe,

Cherril Peabody, Anne Rhodes, Ana Facio, May Ruth Lynch, Anne Lynch, Ruth Burgess, Vivian Counts, Vicki Nicholson, Donna Holmes, Kathy Papst, Gloria Yost, Hedda Simpson, Jane Cooley, Carol Doughty, Deborah Dunn, Barbara Smith, Ruth Ann Hines, Sandra Winter, Sandi Shoenman, Cathy Locke, Sharon Norris, Dawn Boyd and Linda Whitney for their roles in suggesting and recruiting speakers, providing refreshments, serving as greeters, organizing media promotion and handling registration at our meetings this year.

Branch programs serve to educate our members and the community on issues that are important to women, provide opportunities for our members to meet and socialize with one another, increase our member retention, showcase our Branch accomplishments and emphasize our mission and goals as an organization.

At this time the Branch does not have a Program Director for 2016-17. However, Branch programs will continue thanks to individual members who have stepped forward and taken responsibility to organize one event each next year. As an all-volunteer non-profit organization, we are only able to do what our membership is ready, willing and able to do. Look for a calendar of Branch meetings and Programs in upcoming newsletters and think about volunteering to help out. These individuals can't do it alone, and your participation can help ensure the program success. You will meet dedicated women doing what they can do to promote the AAUW mission, have fun and be greatly appreciated.

Help Contribute to our Sacramento Branch History by Gloria Yost

As the Sacramento AAUW Branch approaches its 100th anniversary as an organization, we hope to compile a history of our many accomplishments and milestones. If you have old newsletters, directories, studies, notes, etc. about branch activities in which you have participated as a member, please let us know. The more information we can gather the more complete our history will be.

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Information on Voter registration and Voter information by Inger Lindholm



Here are a few excellent websites to get you through the voting maze this year.

www.votersedge.org/ca This site is the best all-around source for the voter on specific assistance plus information regarding the ballots.

www.registertovote.ca.gov Have you moved, married or need to register? Do it here. (May 23 was the deadline to register for the June Primary.)

www.ballotpedia.org Catch all the information in both national and local politics.

www.lwvc.org League of Women Voters/California provides a wide range of information on voting decisions through their non-partisan research.

Exploring Our Interest Groups – Book Groups June Newsletter by Cherril Peabody

Probably the most popular interest groups we have are our book groups. Back in the days when the branch had over 1,000 members, we sponsored at least 33 book groups. We know this because book group 33 is still meeting many years later, and many of the other book groups have been meeting for 25 years or longer. Currently we have nine book groups.

Most of the groups meet every month, though a few take the summers and/or December off. They read a variety of different kinds of books and may have specific guidelines they follow in picking the books they read. Book group 8, for example, only reads books by women authors and alternates fiction and non-fiction during the year. When groups meet to pick their books for the year, members will volunteer to lead the discussion on a book at one meeting and to host at another meeting. Smaller groups may need to double up on reviewing and hosting duties. Most groups meet in members' homes, and usually the hostess provides refreshments.



Anyone who is interested in joining a book group for next year can contact Book Group Coordinator Linda Cook, lindacook5833@comcast.net or 916-962-0653. A few of the groups are unable to accept new members at this time because of space considerations, but most of them are taking new members.

Help young people become more financially literate! Volunteer for New Branch Outreach Opportunity by Gloria Yost



This coming year, the Sacramento Branch plans to partner with the SCHOOLS Financial Credit Union to assist with presentations to area high school students on an interactive financial literacy program entitled “Bite of Reality.”

In the simulation teens are given a fictional occupation, salary, spouse and family, student loan debt, credit card debt, and medical insurance payments. The teens then walk around to various table-top stations (**us**) to “purchase” housing, transportation, food, clothing, household necessities, day care, and other needs. Fortunately, the game also includes a “credit union” to help with

their financial needs.

This interactive activity will teach teens how to make financial decisions and give them a better understanding of the challenges of living on a budget. Teens will have to deal with a pushy “car salesperson” and a commission-based “realtor,” and weigh their wants versus their needs. There’s even a “Fickle Finger of Fate” that will give some of the students unexpected “expenses” or “windfalls” – just like in real life.

We are beginning to gather volunteer names so we’ll be ready when SCHOOLS contacts in August/September with specific dates and places.

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Program Excellence Award Presented for Playbook for Teens STE@M™ Mentoring Program pilot by Leigh Stephens

Woodland School Board of Trustees honored the STE@M™ Mentoring Program with an Award of Excellence. Accepting the award is Cari Lyn Vinci, creator of the program, which is based on Playbook for Teens. Pictured with Vinci is Michael Gangitano, Lee Middle School career counselor (left); and Lee Middle School Principal Armando Olvera.

“What an honor it is to help motivate these smart,



talented students to reach for the stars,” said Vinci.

The program goal is to empower teens to become future business owners and leaders in STE@M™ industries. STE@M is STEM + ART.

“The support for students, especially girls, must be established and continued from middle through high school,” Olvera said. “This program will keep the girls engaged in STE@M careers, while building essential success skills. I am making plans to expand the STE@M™ Mentoring program, making it available to younger students and in high school.”

Bringing the program to Lee Middle School was a countywide collaborative effort started by Lori Perez, career director at the Yolo County Office of Education. “After a 25+ year career in education, this program is the icing on the cake,” Gangitano said.

The program is available for schools throughout California via a train-the-trainer model. For more details, contact Vinci at Cari@InVINCIbleEnterprises.com, (916) 220-2830.