

# Women's Voices

Newsletter of the Stanislaus County Commission for Women  
Summer 2015

Dear Members and Friends of SCCW,

As another busy season comes to a close for the Commission, we want to highlight some of our key programs this past spring. In March, we hosted a wonderful dinner to honor the 2015 Outstanding Women and Young Women. This year, Modesto Poet Laureate Gillian Wegener (also 2015 Outstanding Woman) recited her powerful poem, *Ghazal for My Sister*, which reflected on the timeless bond of sisterhood and our collective role towards building a better tomorrow. The Commission awarded multiple scholarships to female students at Modesto Junior College, as well as scholarships to all 2015 Outstanding Young Women, to help support their academic pursuits. We sponsored organizations and events that highlighted the lives of women and children, including Haven Women's Center of Stanislaus County's *Walk A Mile in Her Shoes* event to help raise awareness of domestic violence and sexual assault issues in our region and The Prospect Theater Project's production of *The Women*—a satirical play written by Clare Boothe Luce, which featured an all-female cast and director. We also actively engaged social media through the new SCCW Facebook page as a way to highlight national women's issues and local events.

Looking ahead to next year, The Gallo Center for the Arts will present two one-woman shows, the first on Clara Barton, a civil war nurse and founder of the American Red Cross and the second on Harriet Tubman, the underground railroad conductor and civil rights advocate. Also keep an eye on the State Theater and their plans for a Women's Film Festival in the fall. These events are wonderful opportunities to introduce young people to the lives of significant women from American history and issues that affect women today.

The Commission's Annual Meeting will be held at 6pm on Tuesday, July 14<sup>th</sup> at Stanislaus Community Foundation. In addition to a short business meeting, we will hear a presentation from Haven Women's Center staff about partner violence and sexual assault on local campuses, as well as an overview of the innovative prevention efforts at CSU Stanislaus, Riverbank and Enochs High Schools.

A portion of the business meeting will include the election of new board positions.

We look forward to your renewed membership (form attached) and seeing you at the Annual Meeting in July. Please feel free to invite and encourage young people to attend this presentation. To ensure adequate seating, please RSVP to [SCCW01@gmail.com](mailto:SCCW01@gmail.com).

Nancy Fisher

President



## Mission Statement

Stanislaus County Commission for Women is committed to supporting a coordinated effort by concerned groups and individuals in Stanislaus County to more develop fully the potential of all women.

## As a Commission we support:

- Pro-Choice and Reproductive Rights
- Gender pay equity
- Adequate funding for women and children's health issues and research
- Ending violence against women
- Adequate, safe and affordable child care and child care issues
- Anti-discrimination based on sexual orientation

[www.StanislausWomen.org](http://www.StanislausWomen.org)



### **Presentation Details:**

Youth between the ages of 16-24 experience the highest rates of intimate partner violence. Each year in the U.S. at least 400,000 adolescents experience serious physical or sexual violence in a dating relationship. One in five women and one in sixteen men are sexually assaulted while in college and the majority of victims never report the incident. This epidemic of youth violence must stop! Hear how community-based organizations, health centers and local educational institutions are partnering to raise awareness and prevent adolescent relationship abuse and campus sexual violence in Stanislaus County.

STANISLAUS COUNTY COMMISSION FOR WOMEN

## **2015 Annual Meeting**

**Tuesday, July 14, 2015**

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1205 J St., Modesto

Light refreshments will be served

6:30 pm Social

7:00 pm Business Meeting election of board members  
(nominees posted online at [www.stanislauswomen.org](http://www.stanislauswomen.org))

7:15 pm Special Presentation

***Promoting Healthy Relationships and***

***Ending the Culture of Violence:***

***Local Collaborative Efforts to Address Adolescent  
Relationship Abuse and Campus Sexual Assault***

### ***Speakers:***

- ***Angelica Carranza - Golden Valley Health Centers & Riverbank High School***
- ***Holly Grace Palmer - Haven Women's Center***
- ***Debbie Adair - Enochs High School***
- ***Sarah Beal - CSU Stanislaus & Haven Women's Center***

***No Cost to Attend***

***Open to all interested members of the community –  
women, men, SCCW members and non-members.***

***More info: [sccw01@gmail.com](mailto:sccw01@gmail.com)***

The Stanislaus County Commission for Women is an independent, non-governmental organization to promote within the community an awareness of issues that concern women.

*The Stanislaus County Commission for Women invites you to renew  
your membership for 2015-2016.*

Your membership dues, only \$20.00 for the fiscal year, enable the SCCW to inform the community of issues through our newsletter, *Women's Voices* and speakers at our annual meeting. As a member you are assured of receiving information about the bi-annual Esto Broughton recognition of elected officials, the call for nominations for the annual Outstanding Women Recognition and the dinner, our annual meeting and other relevant events.

Please respond by mailing the form below with your membership payment, \$20.00 per person, or bring it with you to the annual meeting.

We would also very much appreciate a donation to our scholarship fund for women pursuing their education. Each year we award scholarships to women at MJC and Stanislaus State University, which is in addition to the scholarship associated with the SCCW Young Women of the Year. Your support helps these women achieve their dreams!

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City, State, Zip:

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Mail to:

**SCCW**

**P. O. Box 4254**

**Modesto, CA 95352-4254**

Please check if a  
Scholarship donation is  
included. Thanks!

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