

## *Message from our President*

*What would you do if you weren't afraid?* -Sheryl Sandberg

Dear Members and Friends of the SCCW,

The November issue of National Geographic is titled, "Women: A Century of Change" and begins a year-long series of stories examining the status of women. I highly recommend the issue as it offers a comprehensive study of the lives of women from various perspectives. One of the stories that caught my attention was "We Asked Women Around the World These Six Provocative Questions," curious as to the questions, the women and their responses. One that seems particularly applicable to women today is from Kris Tompkins, former CEO of the retailer Patagonia, and a partner with the National Geographic Society's initiative [Last Wild Places](#).

So many women lack self-confidence...I would say that you need to go for things, trust your instincts, and remember that luck is often a product of hard work...Don't worry about failing or succeeding, just go for things because you think they're the right thing. And don't sit back in the back seat and be driven; get in the front seat, put the key in the ignition, and drive."

Tompkins echoed the message I'd been hearing since our annual meeting last July; especially with regard to women in politics. Specifically, that women, in comparison to men, too often question their qualifications before placing their names on a ballot. What can we do to encourage women to appreciate their capacity for leadership?

We can begin by recognizing the efforts of the many women in Stanislaus County who are jumping in and leading change where change is needed most. It's time to honor their confidence and hard work.

This issue of our newsletter includes the nomination form for the 2020 Outstanding Women awards. I encourage you to look around at

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**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.

**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 other child care issues
- Anti-discrimination based on sexual orientation

[www.stanislauswomen.net](http://www.stanislauswomen.net)

**President's Message, continued:**

the women and young women who are making a difference in our community, then consider nominating one of them. Please refer to the list of past honorees located at our website, [www.stanislauswomen.net/](http://www.stanislauswomen.net/) to ensure the woman you are thinking of nominating has not already been honored. You can also find guidance on how to complete the nomination at our website.

Deadline for submission of nominations is January 11, 2020. Please mail the completed nomination or submit via email to [SCCforWomen@gmail.com](mailto:SCCforWomen@gmail.com).

Warmly,  
Jennie

*2018-20 President, Stanislaus County Commission for Women*

“The most common way people give up their power is by thinking they don't have any.”– Alice Walker

**Memberships – We Have News!**

**According to SCCW by-laws, dues are to be set and collected at the beginning of each fiscal year. 2019-20 dues are now set:**

**ZERO – yes, that's \$0.00!**

**In order to continue to support other women's groups in our county and provide scholarships, we will be asking for contributions to the SCCW on a quarterly basis, via our newsletter, Facebook page, and website. The SCCW is a non-profit 501(c)4 organization, ID #77-0097101. Your contributions are deductible as allowed by law.**

**Use the following form and please contribute TODAY!**



***Consider me a supporter of the SCCW!***

*Complete the information below and send to: SCCW, PO Box 4254, Modesto, CA 95352*

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

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**E-mail Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone to best reach you** \_\_\_\_\_

**Enclosed is my contribution (circle one):**

**\$25**

**\$50**

**\$75**

**\$100**

**\$200**

**My check is enclosed**

**Charge my credit card**

**VISA**

**MasterCard**

**American Express**

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