**Branch Activity of the Year Award – 2022**

**International Women’s Day: Celebrating women's achievements and increasing visibility  “The History of Women in Nigerian West Africa”**

Mission Viejo-Saddleback Valley Branch

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We had a successful event on International Women's Day during Women's History month on the history of women in Nigeria in West Africa. The speaker, Margot Lovett, PhD, a Professor of History and Gender and Sexuality Studies at Saddleback College and an expert on this issue of gender and labor history, corrected many Western preconceptions about women in Africa, enlightening us about the gender equality that existed prior to the imposition of British Colonial rule in the late 1880’s and women’s efforts to regain these rights Three branches were involved in this program. Participants during Q & A wanted to know more, and we all support the idea of jointly sponsoring a similar program  in the future.  Zoom made it possible to reach more members throughout our county.