



**AAUW  
SANTA ROSA  
2005 - 2006  
Board**

**President**  
*Geraldine Carleton*  
(539-9521)  
**Vice Presidents**  
**Program**  
*Colleen Wilson*  
(566-0514)  
**Membership**  
*Marianne Holt*  
(527-6797)  
**Educational**  
**Foundation**  
*Carol Keiner*  
(546-7745)  
**Legal Advocacy Fnd**  
*Alice Crouch*  
(537-1939)  
*Sharon Wright*  
(542-3230)  
**Financial**  
*Peg Devine*  
(576-1014)  
**Secretary**  
*Vacant*

\*\*\*\*\*

**Circulation Manager**  
*Hester Perani*  
(526-2697)  
**Interest Sections**  
*Lynda Hungerford*  
(539-5770)  
**International Liaison**  
*Pat Oberg*  
(566-7500)  
**Membership Assistant**  
*Patricia Driscoll*  
(527-9706)  
**Membership Treasurer**  
**(Member Records)**  
*Harriet Palk*  
(537-8662)  
**Newsletter Editor**  
*Ann Horne*  
(526-6631)  
**Parliamentarian**  
*Ann Horne*  
(526-6631)  
**Public Information**  
*Jackie McDonald*  
(537-6728)  
**Public Policy**  
*Jackie McDonald*  
**Co-Chair**  
*Lucy Foster*  
(538-3507)  
**Tech Trek Coordinator**  
*Carol Dean*  
(538-5125)  
**Telephone Tree**  
*Sara Leech*  
(538-3918)

# The Rose Branch



*The American Association of University Women, Santa Rosa  
December 2005  
Volume 41, Issue 4*

## AAUW HOLIDAY WASSAIL PARTY!

*You and your spouse or guest are cordially invited  
to a holiday gathering*

Sunday, December 11 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

at the home of Gerry Carleton  
409 Oak Brook Place, Oakmont

(Enter at the main Oakmont entrance; stay on Oakmont Drive for 1.6 miles and turn right on Oak Vista Drive, then right again on Oak Brook Place)

MUSIC BY THE GIRLS QUARTET FROM  
MARIA CARILLO HIGH SCHOOL

*Delicious food and hot spiced tea or wassail punch*

*Exciting raffle gifts . . .*

Santa Rosa Symphony, Sixth Street Players,  
Nectar Restaurant at the Hilton, Macy's,  
Sandpiper Restaurant at Bodega Bay,  
McCormick & Kuleto Restaurant, San Francisco  
Applebee's, The Quail Inn (Oakmont)  
Rialto Theatre, St. Francis Cleaners. . . and others!

*Silent auction to include. . .*

Dessert for 12 from Marsha Dupre  
Wonderful gifts from "Snoopy's Gallery"  
Children's wooden toys — Hummel "Angel Duet"

All proceeds will be donated to support the  
AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund.

## **PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

I am writing this before our November 12 meeting - but I do want you all to know the enormous amount of work Alice Crouch and Sharon Wright have done to make this meeting happen. I hope that many of you have signed up to come and will enjoy this very interesting speaker.

I plan to make one announcement at the meeting which I hope all of you will consider. I had a call from Barbara Fisher of the Volunteer Center. She had been referred to AAUW because someone had told her that we would certainly be able to help her. She is looking - a bit frantically - for some tutors for various schools in Santa Rosa. Do you have some time during the week that you could fit in a couple of hours helping children with English or Math? She would really appreciate a call ....573-3399 EXT 122. Can't we help her?

Colleen certainly did it again! Our second meeting of the year was at the SRJC Culinary Cafe and proved to be interesting and informative - plus the food was wonderful! Really sorry so many of you missed it! Our invited guest, Mr. Paul Samson, of the Social Security office in Santa Rosa, presented an excellent exposition and information session on the new Prescription Drug option for Medicare. I know many of you are too young for this - but it was a great view of what we must do if we are part of the Medicare system. Marsha Dupre was with us and made note of the excellent food, presentation and service - all done by SRJC students.

I also attended two events of the "Romancing the Vine" interest group - sorry you missed these events! Terrific wine tasting at the Harvest Fair and a delightful afternoon of touring and tasting at Benziger! I attended one of the book groups - and not only had a lively discussion of McCullough's "1776" - but had a great crowd that included 2 new members! Will be around to some of the other groups soon as possible.

We are all working towards our year end Wassail Party on December 11 at my home.

### **LAF Speaker and Lunch, an Excellent Segue to the Wassail LAF Fundraiser**

Kudos to Alice Crouch and Sharon Wright for an exciting and well-attended LAF meeting and lunch at our November meeting. Several guests from neighboring AAUW branches, as well as staff from Sonoma State and the Sonoma County Commission on the Status of Women, were also in attendance. We all gained a greater understanding of how important are the LAF fundraisers.

The gender gap still exists for women in higher education according to Dan Siegel, the Legal Advocacy Fund informational speaker, at this meeting. Subtle challenges still exist in many university departments to dissuade women from seeking comparable compensation and political power granted to their male counterparts. As a consequence, women are still underrepresented as tenured professors in most universities and it takes much longer for them (compared to their male counterparts) to achieve tenure status even under favorable circumstances. The average case, from beginning to finish, costs about \$500,000. The Legal Advocacy Fund, with grants from \$5,000 to \$10,000, makes it possible for women faculty members to proceed legally with their grievances and, in most cases, at a point when they are ready to give up.

Mr. Siegel has successfully represented several women here in California including suits against Stanford and the University of California at both the Davis and Berkeley campuses. He also indicated that those cases which AAUW/LAF assists are generally won, or settled favorably to the plaintiff.

Colleen Wilson, Program VP

Alice has some fabulous contributions for our auction and raffle. Money will be for Legal Advocacy Fund. She has also been able to get a commitment from Maria Carrillo High School's singing group.

***Hope you will put this on your calendar  
and plan to come.  
Bring some goodies and partake in  
the punch and spiced tea!***  
***Gerry***

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

**Harriet Palk** graduated from UCLA with a bachelors degree in economics. She and her husband lived in Seal Beach for many years where they raised their two children. Harriet also worked as an administrative assistant, a bookkeeper and a computer programmer. She was an active classroom volunteer in her children's schools.

Just a few months ago she relocated to Sonoma County. She is an avid reader and has joined a book group with AAUW and a book group at Oakmont. She has been doing needlepoint for many years and recently has taken up embroidery. She and her husband love to travel. She has joined the International Relations group and the Gourmet Lunch group. She plans to join the Culture Vultures as well.

Harriet was a member of AAUW La Palma-Cerritos branch for several years. She originally heard about AAUW through friends and joined because she "wanted something that was her own."

**Georgia Radford** attended Vassar and then graduated from the University of California at Berkeley with a degree in English. Later she received a Master of Art (art research focus) from the J.F. Kennedy University.

She and her husband Warren lived in Berkeley for 37 years. She was a docent at the Oakland Museum and a chairperson of painting acquisitions for the Collectors Gallery at the museum. For a year and a half in the mid-seventies, the Radfords lived in Honolulu where Georgia was a docent at the Honolulu Academy of Art. While living there Georgia and Warren co-authored *Sculpture in the Sun*, a book about outdoor sculpture in Hawaii, published by the University Press of Hawaii. In 2002, they published another book on a similar subject *Outdoor Sculpture in San Francisco*, an illustrated history of sculpture in the city.

From 1992 to 2003, the Radfords lived at The Sea Ranch where she was very active in a number of community activities, including Gualala Arts, a community art center. They moved to Oakmont two years ago. Georgia has recently joined a book section of AAUW. She is also a member of the Newcomers where she has been active with the Art Appreciation group and has also participated in the Art Appreciation group of Oakmont.

**Una Skelly** graduated from Pomona College with a BA in Mathematics. She obtained a California Teaching Credential from U.C. Berkeley. She taught for one year at Redwood High school in Corte Madera and after moving to Southern California she taught math in junior high. Returning to California after a brief sojourn in Missouri, Kentucky and Kansas she taught math in Simi Valley for 22 years.

After retirement she and her husband, Lewis Gobble, moved for a short time to San Anselmo to be with her parents. Two years ago, they moved to Santa Rosa from their foothill retirement home in Mariposa. Una has recently started training as a docent at the Bouverie Preserve. She will do classroom presentations and take students on the trails of the preserve. She is also a volunteer at the Oakmont library, the Santa Rosa Symphony and has grand kids close by to fill any otherwise unoccupied time.

Una was a member of AAUW in Mariposa where she especially enjoyed the International Group and Tech Trek. Since joining the Santa Rosa branch she has joined a book group and is interested in the Culture Vultures & Romancing the Vine groups. She is looking forward to meeting interesting women, making new friends and supporting education for women.

*Thumbnail Sketches provided by  
Pat Driscoll  
Membership Assistant*

### **SSU SCHOLARSHIP FEEDBACK**

*I recently received the following letter from a 2001 recipient of one of our scholarships awarded at SSU and I would like to share it with all of you.*

*Gerry Carleton*

“Hello AAUW

I came across this newsletter [Rose Branch dated September 2001] and was compelled to write you an update.

Thank you, I am now a teacher in San Diego at a disadvantaged high school. The students are very sweet, but families are dealing with poverty and gangs. I try to show them education is the best way to get a better life. I teach biology to a diverse crowd where I am the minority - a wonderfully enlightening experience.

I also started a medical volunteer club to show students the different health care professions available. I am always promoting college and share what it takes to

*cont'd. page 4*

**SSU SCHOLARSHIP FEEDBACK (contd.)**

get in, work out a financial plan, and how to get job experience.

I was the only woman in the science department at first, but now another young woman has joined us - who is my training partner. We have a great time, but both take on way too much compared to the older gentlemen who have been here.

I love it here, though. Thanks for helping me be self-sufficient through an education and therefore, a profession.

I am getting my Master's and then in a year and a half, I want to move back to the Bay Area, then do the Peace Corps the next year.

Thanks again for believing in me!

Sincerely, Jessica Wright"

(received 11/1/05)

*Jessica received a SSU scholarship from our branch in 2001. These scholarships are officially entitled the Santa Rosa AAUW Eleanor Roosevelt Scholarship, and are awarded every year. Because of generous donations from our branch members and the good work of our branch SSU Scholarship Committee, we have been able to award more than one scholarship each year for the last several years.*

*It is always gratifying to know that these funds, which you, our members, make available, are really helping to fulfill some young woman's educational goals and making her life dreams come true.*

\*\*\*\*\*

**PUBLIC POLICY ISSUES**

Alice Buck, Public Policy Director, AAUW/CA, recently reported both on the bills which Governor Schwarzenegger signed at the conclusion of the 2005 legislative session that were supported by the AAUW Bill Package, and those that were vetoed.

Those signed included AB 405 which limits the use of pesticide treatment in schools; AB 22, an anti-trafficking bill aimed at preventing human trafficking in California; AB 1288 which regulates gun ownership by domestic violence defendants; and SB 484 which requires cosmetic manufacturers to disclose ingredients in their products which can cause cancer or birth defects.

Vetoed bills include AB 723, which required tolerance instruction to students K-12, and AB 73 which would establish the CA RX Prescription Drug Web Site Program.

Public Policy  
Jackie McDonald

For more information on AAUW public policy issues:

CALIFORNIA: [www.aauw-ca.org/policyindex.htm](http://www.aauw-ca.org/policyindex.htm)  
FEDERAL: [www.aauw.org/issue\\_advocacy/index.cfm](http://www.aauw.org/issue_advocacy/index.cfm)

**FUNDS FOR TECH TREK 2006 ARE IN!**

Five middle school girls from Santa Rosa will have their math/ science horizons broadened next July 23-29 at Stanford University because of you! The cost per girl has increased this coming summer to \$750, of which the family fee is \$50.

We recognize the generosity of the following members and friends:

- |                   |                |
|-------------------|----------------|
| Sandra Bader      | Frances Kohn   |
| June Brown        | Sara Leech     |
| Melinda Buchanan  | Phyllis Lowe   |
| Gerry Carleton    | Dorothy McCray |
| Alice Crouch      | Melinda Moir   |
| Carol Dean        | Jody Orlick    |
| Joan Dickerson    | Jean Schulz    |
| Charlotte Gillmor | Margery Swartz |
| Mary-Anne Grady   | Sharon Wright  |
| Lynda Hungerford  |                |

Friends include:

- Irene Becker
- John and Barbara Hopper
- Douglas Chase, DDS.
- Bruce and Mary Alice Stephen  
and Florence Reagh

The Tech Trek Committee appreciates your wonderful support for this worthwhile project. Women are significantly under-represented in the U.S. technology industry, according to the Information Technology Association of America. We need to encourage girls to consider technology. Thank you donors.

Carol Dean  
Tech Trek Coordinator





AAUW Santa Rosa Branch  
3040 Hartley Dr.  
Santa Rosa CA 95405

Branch Web Site  
[www.aauwsantarosa.org](http://www.aauwsantarosa.org)

**AAUW MISSION STATEMENT**

AAUW promotes equity for all women and girls, lifelong learning and positive societal change.

**AAUW DIVERSITY STATEMENT**

In principle and practice, AAUW values and seeks diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, or class.

***MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR MEMBERSHIP: AN ASSOCIATE OF ARTS (A. A.) DEGREE OR ITS EQUIVALENT***

## Crab Feed and More

The Crab Feed Committee has been working on many aspects of this fundraiser, even though it is 2 months away. We will hold a raffle, and we thank the women who have donated to date.

It isn't too late to donate a raffle item, and we still need wines for the event.

Now is a good time to call friends and invite them to attend.

For those who don't eat crab, we will serve lasagna.

Dinner s/wine will be \$30 per person.

Next month (in the January Rose Branch newsletter) we will have ticket information and a sign up for helping with this event.

We need you to make this fundraiser a success for AAUW Educational Foundation!

WHEN: Friday - January 20, 2006 at 6:00 p.m.

WHERE: Luther Burbank Art and Garden Center  
2050 Yulupa Avenue - Santa Rosa

**(MARK YOU CALENDARS NOW AND RESERVE THIS DATE TO ATTEND THIS EVENT!)**

Please call 546-7745 or e-mail [ckeiner@att.net](mailto:ckeiner@att.net)  
if you can donate wine or raffle items.

Carole Keiner  
Educational Foundation VP

***Proceeds from this event will be donated to support the AAUW Educational Fund.***