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# The Rose Branch



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## A BIT OF BRANCH HISTORY

Did you know that in the beginning, when this branch was first founded in 1935, it was called "The Literary Section of AAUW". Then, just as now, a group of ladies met to discuss books they had read during the previous month; then they began to do other things.

The group evolved into "The Sonoma County Branch of AAUW" and the president's report of 1940-41 states that "the Sonoma County Branch of AAUW is ending its sixth full year with a total national membership of 91 ..... The program carried out in the nine monthly meeting has [adheared] closely to the National Program of fellowships, education, international relations, social studies, legislation, the arts and vocational opportunities for women. In addition to consideration of these subjects the the Branch program study sections have been active in literature, education, music, consumer research, legislation."

You will note that the character of the branch was firmly taking shape and developing into a strong AAUW branch operation. At this point in time Santa Rosa was the focal point for county membership.

Then in the president's report of 1948 it is stated that "our national

membership did increase, but unfortunately, at the same time we had a large number of transfers into other branches....." Activities continued to revolve around "civic affairs, the creative arts and engaging speakers who had just returned from Europe." During these years and until July, 1963 this branch met informally. "Our meetings are all dinner meetings which seem to be the best way with us, of assuring a good attendance. About eighty-five or ninety percent of our membership attends regularly. During the course of a year, either by devoting a whole evening to one chairman, or by having some chairman report from her field, we feel that we cover the entire scope of what A.A.U.W. has in mind for us nationally." (Branch president's report 1948-49.)

Then in July, 1963, things became more formal. A board had been formed, monthly board meetings were held and minutes were recorded. The branch had been renamed Santa Rosa Branch AAUW. Jumping ahead to June of 1970 the branch had 350 members. Fund raising events were frequent and well attended. In the late seventies and early 80's names begin to appear which we still recognize today, Joan Dickerson and Gerry Carleton among them.

### BRIDGE PLAYERS - PLEASE TAKE NOTE

Have you signed up for the April 1<sup>st</sup> annual bridge luncheon yet? Check out the registration form on **Page 5** for all the information about this branch fund raiser. Proceeds help finance the SSU scholarships, the TechTrek program and the Maria Carrillo girls' baseball team.

**A branch anniversary celebration is being planned to take place on Saturday, May 6.**

**Complete details will be available in the May Rose Branch newsletter. Mark you calendar now - Save the date and don't miss this fun event!**

**PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

We spent much of March embroiled in the March 18 International Women's Day arrangements and sincerely hope that you all made an effort to attend this event at Santa Rosa Junior College.

Ann Horne, Marianne Holt, Lynda Hungerford and Colleen Wilson have helped Pat Oberg immensely in making the program a great experience for AAUW. Note our cosponsors! We are proud of our efforts, our speakers and the inclusion of SRJC students for this event.

I've had a bit of very sad news this past week. I was told that we have lost Eleanor Whipple, who was found dead of natural causes in her home. It was such a shock, for Eleanor seemed timeless - always informed with her e-mail access, always well read, always eager to know more about our globe and all its issues - with much background, as she was an inveterate traveler.

We shall miss her 93 year old wisdom, enthusiasm and willingness to be involved. She was so alert and enjoyable to the very end. We shall all feel the void.

Mary Ann Grady (who really needs a medal for taking on - yet again - the terrible task of trying to get you folks to take some board jobs...) is trying once more for a few good members for the board. Please give some consideration to what you can do to help our branch thrive. Without some help, we shall simply dissolve - for some have done jobs over and over or have served on the board in a variety of positions when no one else could be found to fill the vacancy. We need NEW faces around the board table....please. Our newer members should not feel reticent, or that it would be too much to take on. Serving on the branch board is a great experience and so rewarding! And a great way to meet other branch members you might not otherwise have an opportunity to meet. Try it! You'll see I am telling you the truth.

There is a state convention coming - in San Jose. The dates are April 28-30. Would anyone like to go

**EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION CHOICES**

**You want to make a contribution to the Educational Foundation, but do are not sure where to put your money.**

**Here are a few of the many opportunities EF offers:**

- **Ensure the continuation of AAUW research by donating to the *Eleanor Roosevelt Fund*.**
- **Join the *Legacy Circle*. Generate a legacy of future opportunities for women and girls by making a bequest in your will or living trust.**
- **Make a *matching gift*: find out if your company will match your gift to EF.**
- ***Give stock*. Get a tax deduction and avoid capital gains tax.**
- ***Donate a life insurance policy* that you no longer need.**
- ***Write a check* and send to branch EF/VP.**

**If you have questions please contact  
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*Volunteers Nancy and Phyllis  
Lowe were inadvertently left  
off the thank you list for the  
January Crab Feed.  
My apologies for this oversight.*

*Carole Keiner*

to the convention? It is a good way to meet other AAUW members in other branches - there are usually some good ideas to bring home - and it is only a short trip to San Jose - "do you know the way to San Jose?"

Best wishes for the coming month. Bridge players be ready for April 1!!!!

**Gerry**

**MEMBERSHIP NEWS**  
**WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER**

**Anne Facto** graduated from Stanford University with a B.A. in social work/psychology. She received her MSW in clinical social work from Columbia University.

After she obtained her master's degree, she worked for 20 years as a clinical social worker specializing in family and individual therapy. At the same time, she was the director of a private adoption agency. After her retirement last year, Anne moved to Santa Rosa from Connecticut.

At present, Anne works a couple of days a week in a tasting room at a local winery. Using her clinical skills, she facilitates a therapy group for women over 55 at the Family Service Agency. She also volunteers with the Santa Rosa Symphony League.

Anne also finds time to work out and walk 2-3 miles per day and has recently learned to play Mah Jong. She joined AAUW because she wants to help make women aware of the importance of education and to encourage them to pursue it.

Anne recently attended the luncheon at the Culinary Academy and enjoyed it very much. She is looking forward to finding out about other AAUW activities.

**WE ALSO WELCOME**

**Lillian Shelan** and look forward to learning more about her in the future.

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**REMINISCING**

Like many of you, I joined AAUW for the opportunities it provided me to meet other educated women in a cordial environment. I immediately joined the International Relations Group and the Luncheon Gourmet Group and soon found myself intrigued by the other side of AAUW: *the serious side*. I especially liked the AAUW Mission Statement and the AAUW Diversity Statement, as each of these reflected my sentiments exactly.

I soon discovered that the board of our branch needed people to fill positions. I began by volunteering for the Information/Publicity Officer position. Then I was asked if I would serve as Program Vice President and I agreed.

During all of this, I was learning more and more about AAUW and what an impressive organization it is. With its EF scholarships for women in graduate studies, its other funded programs for projects which work with teacher training programs, and the LAF/PIE teacher training and high school projects - and then there is the whole area of "Public Policy", which through AAUW lobbyists in Sacramento and Washington, DC - uphold existing legislation that protects the rights of women, girls, and children. Every aspect of these rights is guarded closely: equity in the workforce (equal pay for equal work); keeping harassment out of workplace and education environments; making sure all women have the right to choose and make decisions about their own bodies (yes, ladies, AAUW has been a pro-choice organization from the beginning.) I was also impressed how the branches feed into and support the entire organization. And of course, how branches depend on their boards to function and accomplish.

Now our branch is facing a crisis, and sad to say it is not the first time. Our board is desperately in need of members who will step up and serve. Mary-Anne Grady is having a hard time this year finding branch members who will fill the positions of Program Vice President, EF Vice President, LAF Vice President plus a few other positions. Yes, it involves more of your time to attend the board meetings, and perform the duties of your position, but it really is not that much more and the rewards can be great.

The responsibilities are shared, and there is tremendous support from longtime or past members of the board. Won't you try your hand at serving? Call Mary Anne and find out what positions are still unfilled. (Tel: 537-1736) Or if she calls or has already called you, don't say no or think about it again and let her know of your interest.

Remember, if positions are **not** filled, the branch will not have activity in the area those positions support, and all branch activities will be diminished. **Every unfilled position leaves a vacuum in branch activities and eventually, the branch could cease to exist.**

**Ann Horne**  
**Newsletter Editor & Branch Parliamentarian**

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**PUBLIC POLICY****DRAWING THE LINE: SEXUAL HARASSMENT ON CAMPUS**

**THE MOST RECENT REPORT PUBLISHED BY THE AAUW/EF ON JANUARY 24, 2006 DEALS WITH A SUBJECT THAT ALSO FALLS UNDER THE PUBLIC POLICY ISSUES OF AAUW WHICH IS TO ENSURE THAT FEMALE STUDENTS EVERYWHERE RECEIVE EQUAL TREATMENT ON THEIR CAMPUSES AND THAT THEY ARE FREE FROM HINDRANCES TO THEIR EDUCATION, SUCH AS HARASSMENT OF ANY TYPE.**

**THIS RESEARCH REPORT IS THE FIRST OF A SERIES THAT WILL FOCUS ON THE ISSUE OF HIGHER EDUCATION AS THE GATEWAY TO WOMEN'S ECONOMIC SECURITY. THIS REPORT IS A CONTINUATION OF ITS "HOSTILE HALLWAY" RESEARCH OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES. MALE AND FEMALE UNDERGRADUATES, 18 TO 24 YEARS OLD, WERE SURVEYED. IMPORTANT FINDINGS INCLUDE THE FACT THAT SEXUAL HARASSMENT IS WIDESPREAD ON COLLEGE CAMPUSES AND TAKES AND ESPECIALLY HEAVY TOLL ON FEMALE STUDENTS WHO MOST OFTEN DO NOT REPORT THE INCIDENT TO A COLLEGE EMPLOYEE. IN RESPONSE TO THESE FINDINGS, AAUW HAS LAUNCHED A NEW INITIATIVE, BUILD A HARASSMENT-FREE CAMPUS, IN IS CURRENTLY FUNDING 11 CAMPUS-BASED PROJECTS AROUND THE COUNTRY TO EXAMINE AND ADDRESS SEXUAL HARASSMENT.**

**A SUMMIT ON SEXUAL HARASSMENT IS ALSO PLANNED FOR JUNE 7-10, 2006.**

**JACKIE McDONALD  
PUBLIC POLICY**

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)

**CONTACTING OUR****U.S. SENATORS & REPRESENTATIVES:**

For your convenience contact information is now posted on our branch website:

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

**TECH TREK NEWS**

Imitation is the best flattery!

Sally Ride visited the AAUW math/science camp in San Diego. She was immediately interested in starting such a camp. Sally consulted with Marie Wolbach to get started. Now she has camps at Cal, UCLA, Stanford and San Diego State University. For girls entering the 8th grade the fee is \$1840 for 10 days. AAUW camps cost \$750/week. We really have to praise all of our volunteers for saving us so much money.

This has been a banner year for our Santa Rosa Branch. We had 28 nominations from 7th grade math/science teachers in the five middle schools. Twenty one girls filled out the application and wrote the required essay. Now our committee is going to interview these 21 girls and then select five for camp 2006. We hope some of the alternates will be able to fund themselves and attend one of the six camps (California State University at Fresno, Mills College, Stanford, University of California at San Diego, University of California at Santa Barbara and Whittier College).

Thank each of you again for your generosity that has made this possible.

Carol Dean, Tech Trek Coordinator

Saturday - May 13, 2006

**District Leadership Training**

AAUW Humbolt hosting

at the College of the Redwoods,  
located between Fortuna and Eureka.

Many activities are planned beginning Friday (May 12) in addition to the training workshops on Saturday.

Due to the extended activities scheduling an overnight stay is recommended at a hotel/motel in Eureka or Fortuna. Early reservations are also recommended due to the fact that this area is very popular with out of area vacationers.

Contact Gerry Carleton if you are interested:  
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**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***

**DO YOU KNOW THE WAY TO SAN JOSE? — YES, YOU KNOW THE WAY TO SAN JOSE!**

**The AAUW-CA 2006 State Convention,  
“Gateways to Economic Security,”  
will be held in San Jose  
Friday, April 28, through Sunday, April 30, 2006**

**Theme: “Education as a key to Economic Security”**

**Three exciting days of innovative ideas, energizing speakers,  
and productive networking in the heart of Silicon Valley!**

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2050 Gateway Place - San Jose, CA 95110**

**If you are interested in attending this event and want more information,  
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**You will also find complete information in your *California Perspective*  
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