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The Rose Branch



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*You and your spouse or friend
are cordially invited to our Santa Rosa Branch*

HOLIDAY WASSAIL PARTY

Sunday, December 2, 2007 — 2:00-4:00 p.m.

at the home of Harriet and Bernie Palk

**Raffle Prizes! Silent Auction! Delicious Refreshments!
Good Conversation! Music!**

**to benefit the Educational Foundation (EF)
and the Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF)**

Our raffle prizes and silent auction items include:

- 2 tickets to San Francisco Opera;**
- 2 tickets to Santa Rosa Symphony;**
- Macy's \$50 gift certificate; \$35 Sea Thai Bistro;**
- \$25 East West Restaurant;**
- 4 passes Rialto Theatre;**
- \$30 China Room Restaurant;**
- \$25 Red Lobster;**
- 2 tickets Sixth Street Playhouse "Little Shop of Horrors";**
- \$50 McCormick & Kuleto's (San Francisco);**
- Breakfast or Lunch for 2 at Mac's Deli;**
- Champagne Basket and Glasses**
- Thai Bronze Serving Pieces...and more!**

**No Board Meeting in
December**

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!



President's Message

"Spirit of the Season"

As the holiday season unfolds, I want to wish everyone a joyous Happy Holiday. It is an occasion to celebrate and give thanks for our own gifts, to remember others, and to recommit ourselves to our families and friends. We are also in a unique position during the holidays to be advocates for others at our annual Wassail Party scheduled for Sunday, December 2nd. At this festive event, we have an opportunity to benefit two of AAUW's major fundraising programs, the Educational Foundation (EF) and Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF).

The Educational Foundation advances educational and professional opportunities for women in the United States and around the globe. It is one of the world's largest sources of funding for graduate women with more than 250 fellowships, grants, and special awards to outstanding women in the 2007-08 academic year. Three of our members, Alice Crouch, Sharon Wright, and Lillian Shelan recently had the opportunity to attend the Northern California EF Luncheon in Mountain View. At the luncheon, several recipients of EF Fellowships presented their groundbreaking research and work. Among them were scholars from Berkeley and UCSF. It is our hope to bring some of these scholarly women to our Annual Meeting in May for all members of the branch to meet, and share in the excitement of assisting to help shape the lives and careers of these women. On AAUW's web homepage (www.aauw.org), click on Education and you will learn more about the Educational Foundation.

The Legal Advocacy Fund provides financial support to women fighting sex discrimination on campuses. It supports cases challenging discriminatory practices such as sexual harassment, denial of tenure and promotion, pay inequity, retaliation, and access to athletic opportunities. In all, LAF has provided more than \$1.3 million to help defray plaintiffs' legal costs in more than 100 cases. It sustains a network of informed attorneys, and advocates for equitable policies and practices for universities. Keep a lookout for the release of LAF's newest research report, which is scheduled for publication in the next couple of months.

The Wassail Party is a great way to kick off the spirit of the holiday season. It is a festive event with delicious refreshment and good company, but most of all, you will have an opportunity to support both of these very worthwhile AAUW programs by participating in the raffles for wonderful prizes and the silent auction. Please mark your calendar and plan on attending the Wassail Party, which has become a favorite tradition of our AAUW Santa Rosa Branch. The branch is most grateful to Harriet and Bernie Palk for graciously offering their beautiful home for the event. Friends and family are most welcome to attend and share in the "Spirit of the Season."

*I wish you all a very
Happy Holiday!
Marianne Holt, President*



GETTING TO KNOW OUR NEW MEMBERS

Claudette Bailey graduated from a diploma program at the Samuel Merritt Hospital as a registered nurse. After 20 years of medical, surgical and clinical work in hospitals around the Bay Area she returned to school at Sonoma State University and earned a bachelor's degree. She worked for many years as a home health nurse for Kaiser Permanente and then retired two years ago. Claudette likes to hike and belongs to a hiking club. She also likes to travel and to read. In addition she enjoys doing volunteer work with children and is currently participating in a literacy program with first graders. Claudette joined AAUW after attending the September meeting because she found our programs interesting. She is considering joining one of the book groups.

Arlene Mandell received her bachelor's degree from William Paterson University in New Jersey when she was 31 years old and a master's degree from Columbia University Teachers College 18 years later. She has had a variety of careers. She worked as a writer for Good Housekeeping magazine and then as an executive for an international public relations firm in New York City. For 10 years before she retired, she taught English, creative writing and Women's Studies at William Paterson University. Arlene belongs to a writing group in Santa Rosa and is also in a book group. She volunteers at the Santa Rosa Accelerated Charter Middle School tutoring gifted 5th and 6th grade students in creative writing. Arlene joined AAUW after attending the September meeting. She is interested in the mentoring program for reentry women students.

*Thumbnail Sketches submitted by
Judy Hudson, Membership Assistant*

Can you help with either of these committees? The time commitment involved is minimal and your help in these areas would be greatly appreciated.

SUNSHINE: Remember members with a card if they are experiencing an illness, a challenging situation or one of celebration such as a birthday or a special anniversary. Cards provided.

HISTORIAN: Take photographs at special meetings and events. Arrange in photo albums to preserve our branch history and to share with the membership.

If interested in either of these committees please contact Marianne Holt at: president@aauwsantarosa.org

Welcome to Our New Members:

Luz Navarrette

A special 'Thank You' to Iris Sabelman and Liz Sazek for bringing friends to the September Kickoff who joined AAUW at that meeting. Those friends are now our fellow branch members, Jeanne Schettler and Claudette Baily.

(Cut out and keep handy for reference.)

HOW TO MAKE OUT YOUR PERSONAL DONATION CHECKS

For EF:	To: Educational Foundation
Memo Line:	AAUW Santa Rosa
For LAF:	To: Legal Advocacy Fund
Memo Line:	AAUW Santa Rosa
For Tech Trek:	To: AAUW-CA, SPF
Memo Line:	Tech Trek Santa Rosa**

** Please note this is a change from last announcement

SSU Scholarship:	To: SSU Scholarship Foundation
Memo Line:	AAUW Santa Rosa

(All of the above are tax deductible funds.)

Donations to the branch for its special local projects should be made out to: AAUW Santa Rosa

(Donations to the branch are not tax deductible.)



HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

2007-2009 AAUW PUBLIC POLICY PROGRAM (CONTINUED)

This column completes the summary of the recently published "2007-2009 AAUW Public Policy Program", which articulates AAUW's "Public Policy Principles for Action" and the "Biennial Action Priorities" for the next two years. At the risk of boring the diehard public policy followers, a reiteration of the organization's goals will provide the rest of us with a framework for evaluating and prioritizing a complex web of legislative activity. My e-mail is full to overflowing with updates from California and Washington D.C., so in future newsletters I will attempt to summarize the most salient and timely pieces of public policy and provide everyone with contact information so we can all become "activists".

Public Policy Principles for Action (in bold) and Biennial Action Priorities (in italics)

AAUW promotes the economic, social and physical well-being of all persons.

-Pay equity and fairness in compensation

-Equitable access and advancement in employment

-Greater availability of and access to benefits and policies that create a family-friendly workplace environment

-Programs that provide women with education, training and support for success in the workforce, including nontraditional occupations

-Strengthening programs, including welfare and vocational education, to improve postsecondary education access, career development and earning potential

-Protection of the social insurance nature of Social Security

-Freedom from violence and fear of violence in homes, schools, workplaces, and communities

-Increased access to health care and family planning services, and expansion of patients' rights

AAUW values and is committed to the arts and humanities, which develop and enhance our pluralistic cultural heritage

AAUW believes that global interdependence requires national and international policies that promote peace, justice, human rights, sustainable development, and mutual security for all people.

-Support for U.N. programs that address human rights and women's and girls' concerns

This information was taken directly from the newly published "2007-2009 AAUW Public Policy Program". All the hardworking AAUW staff in Washington D.C. should be acknowledged for their part in developing and disseminating these valuable documents.

JoAnn Wilson
Public Policy Chair

GUIDELINES FOR SUBMITTING MATERIAL TO THE BRANCH NEWSLETTER (THE ROSE BRANCH)

1) The **DEADLINE** is always the 10th of the month preceding the month of issue (i.e. the deadline for the December issue is the 10th of November, ect.)

2) **INFORMATION SUBMITTED** must be complete and accurate. If you are not sending your material via email attachment, all submissions should be typed and double spaced. If you cannot provided typed copy, then print it. **Telephoned information will not be accepted for publication.**

Announcements of events and other articles should include the five following basic journalistic/editorial W's:

WHO: is sponsoring the event, i.e., AAUW Santa Rosa Branch and if there are co-sponsors, WHO are they; WHO is the speaker, if there is one. WHO is the contact for more information, or for RSVP.

WHAT: is the event a meeting, an eating event, an excursion; if the event includes a speaker, WHAT is the topic of the presentation. If an eating event, WHAT is the cost per person and WHAT are the menu choices.

WHY: is the event being held; a general meeting, a fundraiser, Annual Mtg. (election of new board.)

WHEN: day of the week, date, time.

WHERE: address of the event (directions to the location and how to access the location of the event, parking instructions are helpful); WHERE to send the check for a "pay" event.

The announcement does not have to follow this presentation format exactly, but all of basic five W's (above) should be included.

3) **LENGTH OF SUBMISSIONS** should not exceed **250** words, which fills up one-half page; 300 words will fill up 3/4 of a page. Shorter articles, with fewer words are the most welcomed.

Preferably, the overall newsletter length should be no more than 6 pages. Leaflets/flyers can be added, but will add to the printing & mailing costs and must have board approval.

The editor should not be expected to reduce a one-page (or longer) article to one paragraph, nor to transform/reduce general and lengthy info into an announcement of any length.

4) The editor will send a "received" response to the sender for material received via email within a reasonable time frame. If you do NOT receive such a message, it is suggested that you send the material again or contact to ask if the material was received.

5) Special Interest Groups submit their schedules & member lists once a year, usually in August. Only changes to the schedule need be submitted.

Ann Horne, Newsletter Editor, The Rose Branch

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

BRANCH CALENDAR - DECEMBER - 2007

(Please refer to your branch telephone directory for locations and other contact information.)

Date	Time	
10	1:30 p.m.	Monday Afternoon Book Group meets at home of Sally Fee, to discuss <i>Pigs in Heaven</i> by Barbara Kingsolver. Iris Sabelman will lead the discussion.
12	9:30-11:30 a.m.	Global Issues: To be announced. Call Gail Ellestad.
12	7:30-9:00 pm	Second Wednesday Book Group meets at home of Colleen Wilson, to discuss <i>Stones from the River</i> by Ursula Hegi.
18	9:30 a.m.	Tuesday Morning Book Group meets at home of Mary West, to discuss <i>Mayflower</i> by Nathaniel Philbrick. Lucy Foster will lead the discussion.
20	12 noon	Gourmet Luncheon Group dines at home of Ruth Hucklebridge. Nina Lowell will co-host. Call Nina for reservation & menu assignment if you were not at the November luncheon.

Deadline for **JANUARY 2008** issue of the Rose Branch is **DECEMBER 10.**

Please send any changes to your 2007-2008 schedule to Editor Ann Horne via
 E-MAIL: aphorne@sonic.net - POST: 2424 Compadre Dr SR 95405 (no telephone calls, please.)

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AUTHOR'S LUNCHEON

Please mark your 2008 calendar, specifically Saturday February 9th, for this outstanding program.

Sonoma County published authors:
 Susan Farren, Joan Frank,
 Alla Crone Hayden and Jean Hegland

will be our guest speakers in the beautiful Lakeview Room at Fountaingrove Golf & Athletic Club in Santa Rosa.

This program information, along with a tear sheet, will be featured in our next newsletter. We especially ask you to invite your reading friends. Seating is limited, so please send in your orders and check early in January.

We will list the books by these authors and other information in the January newsletter.

Carole Keiner
 Colleen Wilson
 Vice Presidents for Program



AAUW CRAB FEED
SATURDAY - FEBRUARY 16 - 6:00 P.M.
BURBANK ART & GARDEN CENTER
2050 YULUPA AVE - SANTA ROSA

This is a fun, lively, social gathering which also benefits AAUW. The menu features crab, salad, desserts plus wine and beverages.

The Crab Feed Committee is seeking help on the day of the event for setup, kitchen prep, serving and cleanup. Please let Joan dickerson know if you can help.

We are also looking for someone to play the piano as guests arrive....raffle donations or someone to handle solicitation of prizes.....and donations of wine (one bottle per person.)

More details your in the January newsletter.
 Invite your friends!
 Lillian Shelan,
 or
 Marcy Clausen

(Price per person will be announced in the January newsletter.)



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AAUW MISSION STATEMENT

AAUW advances equity for women and girls, through advocacy, education and research.

AAUW VISION STATEMENT

AAUW will be a powerful advocate and visible leader
in equity and education through research, philanthropy and measurable change in critical areas impacting
the lives of women and girls.

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



Romancing the Vine
members, their spouses and friends are invited to:
A Romancing the Vine Event

Saturday, November 24th

We will at 11:00 a.m. to carpool

from Lucky's Market Parking Lot Bicentennial Drive &
Mendocino Avenue

for ***Lunch*** at

Francis Ford Coppola's Rosso Bianco Winery,
"Yet Unnamed Café"

followed by

Tours & Tastings

at the Dry Creek Vineyard

Holiday Open House

- Enjoy tasty tidbits and artisan cheeses paired with array of wines
- Live jazz music

RSVP: Marianne Holt, president@aauwsantarosa.org

Costs: **Tasting fees: Free to \$5.00 per winery; and the cost of lunch is reasonable**

Mark your calendars now!

January 7 & January 14

Our branch is planning to cosponsor with the
League of Women Voters
a discussion of some of the ballot propositions.

This discussion will take place in the
Santa Rosa City Council Chamber in the evening.

More information on this meeting as it becomes available.

Get Ready for Convention 2008!

It's All About the Mission

April 4-6, 2008

**Sonoma County Doubletree Inn
Rohnert Park, CA**

Convention 2008 focuses on the new Association mission: To advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education and research. You won't want to miss this.