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THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN ADVANCES EQUITY FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS THROUGH ADVOCACY, EDUCATION AND RESEARCH.

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## LAF WINTER WONDERLAND POTLUCK DINNER & SILENT AUCTION

LUTHER BURBANK ART AND GARDEN CENTER - 2050 YULUPA AVENUE

FRIDAY DECEMBER 12, 2008, 5:30 - 8:30 PM

\$25.00 PER PERSON

Friends & Family Welcome

Festive Music

Complimentary Wine & Beverages

Delicious Food with Turkey, Ham, or Roast Beef

*The event will benefit the Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF), a program of AAUW Educational Foundation. LAF supports strategic litigation that affects women in higher education and all workplaces and helps to educate the public about the barriers faced by women.*

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RESERVATIONS FOR LAF WINTER WONDERLAND  
POTLUCK AND SILENT AUCTION  
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2008, 5:30 PM

Names of Attendees \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of reservations: \_\_\_\_\_ Seating request: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed @ 25.00 per person X number \_\_\_\_\_ attending = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Potluck item (Serving 8-10 people) (check one): Salad\_\_\_\_Potato\_\_\_\_or Vegetable  
Casserole\_\_\_\_ Dessert\_\_\_\_

Please make your check out to AAUW Santa Rosa and mail to: (deadline 12/05/2008)

Lillian Shelan  
1250 Wikiup Drive  
Santa Rosa, CA 95404

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE HAPPY HOLIDAYS

During this festive season I wish you safe and Happy Holidays ahead. I also invite you to kickoff the Holidays at our **LAF Winter Wonderland Potluck Dinner and Silent Auction** on Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup>. Not only will you have a wonderful time with friends and family, you will also have an opportunity to help benefit the Legal Advocacy Fund, a program of AAUW Educational Foundation that supports strategic litigation that affects women in higher education and all workplaces.

Don't miss out on the delicious food, festive music, and the silent auction fun. Some of the items you will have an opportunity to bid on are:

- Lenox Holiday Votives
- African Artifacts
- Tickets to the Symphony
- Garden Plants with Care Instructions
- Macy's \$50 Gift Certificate
- Festive Gift Baskets
- And Much More!

You will get all of this merriment for only \$25 per person. Plus, a portion of your reservation is tax deductible, as well as if you donate or overbid the value and win one of the silent auction items.

Also, don't forget to help decorate the **Holiday Equity Tree** with your STAR ornament. Your ornament can represent any woman you most admire for her contribution towards equity for women and girls.

Most of all, I hope everyone will show their LAF spirit by supporting the LAF fund raiser and have a wonderful evening at the same time. We need everyone's help to fulfill our commitment to AAUW. So please plan on attending and enjoy the FUN. Let's continue to help keep California as the top contributor nationwide to the Legal Advocacy Fund.

Most Sincerely,  
Marianne Holt, President & Co-VP, LAF

## PUBLIC POLICY CONGRATULATIONS TO MARSHA VAS DUPRE

The AAUW Santa Rosa Branch is most pleased to announce and extend their sincere *congratulations* to Marsha Vas Dupre who won a seat on the Santa Rosa City Council in the November 4<sup>th</sup> election. Both AAUW members, Marsha Vas Dupre and incumbent Veronica Jacobi, will represent the city of Santa Rosa as environmental progressives, thus creating a shift in the majority ad composition of the City Council. Council member Marsha Vas Dupre extends an invitation to apply for participation opportunities on Santa Rosa City Government Boards and Commissions. Please contact Marsha at: [\\_marsha@ap.net](mailto:_marsha@ap.net), to learn more about these opportunities and how to apply.



## CONGRATULATIONS TO ARLENE MANDELL!

Congratulations to our Santa Rosa Branch member, Arlene Mandell, who won AAUW-CARE Short Story Contest. Her essay, "The Invisible Door" is a short story about how she was empowered by education and inspired by a role model. Arlene has won the opportunity to travel abroad to see CARE's work first hand. To read Arlene's essay, please go to our web site: [www.aauwsantarosa.org](http://www.aauwsantarosa.org).

# TECH TREK

## CONFESSIONS OF A DORM MOM

I arrived at the Tech Trek dorm mom orientation thinking “What in the world did I get myself into?” After four hours of learning our roles and the rules and then trying to interpret an Excel spreadsheet schedule for daily activities that looked like a NASA launch plan – I was convinced that my friends were right – I was crazy for spending a week with eighty 13 year old girls. The first day was a rush to check the girls into the fraternity house, assure the parents that we were “experienced” dorm moms, figure out the various dinner lines at the dorm dining hall, take a tour of the Stanford campus and gather these giggling girls for an evening activity. Bed time came none too soon at 10:30, but with one girl sobbing her eyes out because she was homesick and others swearing they couldn’t sleep without ... a light, water, a shower, a phone call home etc ... it was close to midnight before I collapsed into bed really wondering if I would last the week.

The days actually followed a well constructed schedule – the girls in their core classes in the morning while the dorm moms and camp directors met to share stories and iron out issues. The afternoons were a whirlwind of short classes or activities then some quiet time around dinner followed by one or two scheduled evening activities. There was very little down time for the girls – which is a brilliant idea to minimize any drama – those 13 year old did not magically leave their hormones at home. The morning meetings became a true source of entertainment to hear about the experiences of all the other dorm moms and staff. We had the option to attend any of the classes, which we did on occasion just to see what Tech Trek was all about. However, we did use some of the class time to hike around campus, take showers, or just to go somewhere quiet to read so we could energize ourselves for our next round of activities with the girls.



By the end of the week, I was exhausted but I felt like a proud mom because my group of 10 girls had truly bonded as a family – my sobbing homesick girl from the first night became the group clown; they played music on an IPOD docking station so they could dance together (even teaching me some moves); they had great opportunities to work out some social issues and they were so proud of their work in their classes. The morning dawned for their parents to pick them up and you would have thought their best friend died – all the wailing and carrying on about how they would miss each other was truly amazing. I know that several of them will be lifelong friends – what a wonderful side benefit from this AAUW experience.

In October, seven of the eight dorm moms plus the camp director had a reunion weekend here in Santa Rosa. They drove from Tahoe, Paradise, Folsom, Los Gatos and Foster City. We had met for a week at camp; all of us convinced we were crazy. We left with a new set of AAUW friends and plans to do it again next year. We are crazy, but crazy about Tech Trek.

Melinda Moir  
Tech Trek Coordinator

Thank you for your generous support in the past. We would like to raise enough funds to send 7 campers to Tech Trek 2009. We still need \$1600 to accomplish that. If you want to support this program that really demonstrates the AAUW mission, please write the checks to AAUW-CA, SPF; then put Santa Rosa Tech Trek on the memo line and send them to our Treasurer, Harriet Palk.

## NEWSLETTER VOLUNTEER NEEDED

Would you be willing to help lower the cost of printing *The Rose Branch Newsletter* by helping to print 50 copies on your home printer or to monitor its printing at a local office supply store? If you or someone you know who lives in the Oakmont area is interested in this opportunity, please contact Marianne Holt, 527-6797 or Sara Leech, 538-3918, for more information.

**BOUDICA**  
*Celtic-Icene Queen that lead the rebellion in 60 or 60 AD that nearly expelled the Roman invaders from Britan.*



## A MESSAGE FROM AAUW-LAF DIRECTOR

During its first 26 years, the Legal Advocacy Fund offered case support to plaintiffs fighting sex discrimination in higher education through financial assistance and outreach. Now, LAF will be expanding that support to include cases that address discrimination in the wider workplace as well. Through this expansion, LAF will be even more closely aligned with our Value Promise to ensure that “all women have a fair chance.”

LAF will focus on selecting litigants with strategic cases that will have precedent-setting potential. These cases will be screened through a careful selection process so that they not only benefit the individual plaintiffs but also have the potential to protect other women from future discrimination.

Such screening will permit AAUW to know much more about the cases we are selecting. We will know that cases will be deemed to “have weight” because they are likely to be somewhere in the appellate process. We will be able to see the evidence, the briefs on both sides, previous case opinions, the basis for appeal, and other factors in advance of case selection. This will provide us much more knowledge about the cases we are supporting than we generally had in the past.

While some of the cases at trial level could be considered, LAF would more likely select cases in the appellate process. Recommendations for case consideration are welcome from many sources: collaborating organizations, lawyers familiar with cases in the system, members who know of important cases, and staff who are seeking appropriate cases for our support.

Thank you.

Rozanne Child  
AAUW- EF/LAF Director

## SILVER JUBILEE SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

The San Francisco AAUW branch will offer two scholarships of \$2,000 each to help upper division and graduate school women complete their final year of study in an accredited college or university for the school year 2009-2010.

Candidates must live or be attending a university or college within a 100-mile distance of San Francisco and be on track to complete their course of study by June 2010. There is no restriction on the use of the funds. Completed applications are due by February 28, 2009.

If you are interested, or have friends or relatives who may benefit from the scholarship, please check the Silver Jubilee information on the AAUW San Francisco web site at [www.aauwsf.org](http://www.aauwsf.org).

Barbara Spencer  
[bcs Spencer@comcast.net](mailto:bcs Spencer@comcast.net)  
Silver Jubilee Scholarship Chair

## IN MEMORY OF DOROTHY MCCRAY

AAUW member Dorothy McCray died on October 24 at her home in Oakmont. Dorothy was loved by many for her caring and generous spirit. During her years as a member of our Branch, Dorothy was active in the Global Issues Group, the Tuesday Morning Book Group, and she also chaired the Telephone Tree for several years. She moved to Santa Rosa in 1999 following a long career in education and library science in Southern California

A Memorial Service will be held on Tuesday, November 25 at 10:30 a.m. at Presbyterian Church of the Roses (2500 Patio Court, Santa Rosa 95405). The family has requested that in lieu of flowers, contributions in her memory may be made to the AAUW Scholarship Fund at Sonoma State University or the Santa Rosa Symphony. To contribute to the SSU Scholarship, please make your check payable to Sonoma State University with AAUW Scholarship on the subject line. Please mail to 1801 E. Cotati Avenue, Rohnert Park, CA 94928.

Save the Date

# JANUARY



GENERAL MEETING

### A PANEL DISCUSSION WITH FINANCIAL PLANNERS

- “TAKE STOCK IN YOUR FUTURE...
  - INVEST SOME TIME...
    - FIND OUT HOW TO CONTROL YOUR FISCAL DESTINY!”
- 7:00 PM
  - FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1550 PACIFIC AVE, SANTA ROSA

# SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS BRANCH CALENDAR

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER, 2008

| Date          | Time    |  |
|---------------|---------|--|
| Nov. 20       | 5:00 PM | The Working Women's Interest Group will meet at Equus Lounge, 101 Fountaingrove Pkwy. Please contact Trina Corson Graham to RSVP: 536-4982 or corsongraham@sbcglobal.net   |
| Dec. 8        | 1:30 PM | The Second Monday Book Group will meet at the home of Liz Martin, 1604 Deer Run 545-7552, lizmartincb@yahoo.com, to discuss <i>The Lady of the Land</i> by Richard Ford.   |
| Dec. 10       | 7:30 PM | The Second Wednesday Evening Book Group will meet at the home of Susanne Bonnet, 3640 Alta Vista Ave., 526-9545, to discuss various books of poetry. Please call Hale Darby for book list, 527-8107. Hale Darby will moderate. |
| Dec. 12       | 5:30 PM | LAF fund raiser, Winter Wonderland Potluck Dinner and Silent Auction, Luther Burbank Art and Garden Center, 2050 Yulupa, Santa Rosa. For reservations or information please contact Lillian Shelan, 577-0477.                  |
| Dec. 14 or 21 | 9:00AM  | The newly formed Branch Walking Group invites anyone interested in the group to contact Phyllis Lowe, 573-1125. Possible dates are November 14 and 21 and will meet at Howarth Park.   |
| Dec. 16       | 9:30 AM | The Third Tuesday Morning Book Group will meet at the home of Ruth Hucklebridge, 4767 Sunshine Ave. to discuss <i>The Forger's Spell</i> by Edward Dolnick. Shirley Lavell will moderate.                                      |
| Dec. 18       | noon    | The Gourmet Luncheon Group will meet at the home of Ruth Hucklebridge, 4767 Sunshine Ave. For reservations call Geri Clark, 571-2081.  |
| Feb. 6        | 6 PM    | AAUW Crab Feed<br><b>CHANGE OF DATE</b>  |



## SPC LORI ANN PIESTEWA

(December 14, 1979–March 23, 2003) was a U.S. Army Quartermaster Corps soldier killed during the same Iraqi Army attack in which her friend Jessica Lynch was injured. A member of the Hopi tribe, Piestewa was the first woman in the U.S. armed forces killed in the 2003 Iraq war and is the first Native American woman to die in combat while serving with the U.S. military.



## AAUW INTEREST GROUPS 2008-2009

Global Issues – Gail Ellestad  
546-0562

Gourmet Luncheon – Ruth Hucklebridge 538-1096

Let's Dine In – Need Organizer

Monday Afternoon Book Group  
Sally Fee 539-7348

Culture Vultures – Need Organizer

Public Policy – Ginny Benson  
869-0303 & Liz Sasek 570-1564

Romancing the Vine – Colleen Wilson 566-0514

Tuesday Morning Book Club  
Sylvia Thorne 579-6789

Walking-Hiking Group – Phyllis Lowe 573-1125

Wednesday Evening Book Club  
Colleen Wilson 566-0514

Working Women – Trina Corson Graham 526-4982

Writer's Circle – Arlene Mandell  
537-7562

AAUW Santa Rosa has many interest groups — something for everyone. Please join, add your talents and make new friends. Any questions please call Terry Howell 542-1135.



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**SAVE THE DATE—CRAB FEED  
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2009**

AAUW CRAB FEED DATE CHANGE TO  
FEB 6 FRIDAY AT 6:00 PM

Join the fun — bring your friends ! Raffle too !

All you can eat crab, salad, dessert, wine & beverages — \$35

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Sonoma State University Scholarships

2050 Yulupa Ave

Luther Burbank Art and Garden Center, Santa Rosa

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Marcy Clausen 566 - 7265*