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2nd Annual Food and Wine Lunch

Date: Friday, February 24
Time: 12:30 PM - 2:30 PM
Location: SRJC Culinary Cafe
458 B Street
Santa Rosa

3 Food Courses
3 Wine Pairings
\$35

Your check is your reservation.

- Due February 9 !
- Payee: AAUW Santa Rosa
- Send it to:

Sara Leech
309 Greenfield Circle
Santa Rosa, CA 95409

538-3918



- Bring prospective members and spouses
- Learn about the recipes, the wine and the principles behind the pairings for this gourmet experience

FREE parking is available in the Macy's parking garage.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

As we move into our New Year - we need to take a look at the remainder of our programs and be sure they are on your calendar! We hope you will participate - be a part of the rest of our year. We will have our elegant Culinary School experience again this year - a delicious lunch and wine with each course. Have an obligation? This would be an elegant way to handle that! Colleen has arranged a lovely meal and commentary by the chef. Hope you will be able to join us.

We are moving into a new year for Tech Trek. Stanford and Mills have announced their dates. If any of you are interested in being part of this program, please call Carol Dean or me. We can use donors, dorm moms - or just help in interviewing our applicants.

Our big bridge event will come April 1 this year. Time to start thinking about a partner, and what you might do to help LaRue LaMar or Dorothy Zieber.

We are working hard to get our calendar set up so there are minimal conflicts of events. This is never a perfect bit of balancing, but we are aware of conflicts and continue to try to prevent them. We hope you are finding AAUW friends in your participation of the sections. The book groups are always interesting and the Global Issues group would be of interest to some of you. Join up! Expand your mental horizons.....and meet lots of new people.

The Sonoma Express is available for purchase. This has been a regular item for several years. The cost is \$30 and \$10 remains with us. There are many coupons for restaurants and stores. Try one - or if you do not want to do that - send in \$10 to our general fund - we can use it for scholarships - programming - etc.

Happy Valentine's Day....

Gerry

WHERE IS TECH TREK?

Camps are held at various locations throughout California. Campers are chosen by their local AAUW branch to attend the camp nearest them, as all campers must arrive by ground transportation.

Tech Trek began at Stanford University in 1998 has now grown to six campuses: California State University at Fresno, Mills College, Stanford University, University of California at San Diego, University of California t Santa Barbara and Whittier College.

The January issue of The Rosa Branch described Stanford University. Since the other Northern California campus where are Trekkers can go is Mills College, let me give you some details. Mills College is an independent liberal arts college for women with graduate programs for both women and men.

Mills women have graduated with a liberal arts education for nearly 150 years, but the education itself has changed dramatically. In 1889 Mills students took on an ivy-league-style curriculum including Greek, physics, trigonometry and oriental literature; in 1954, career minded students could take pre-medicine, merchandising and occupational therapy. Mills students today can study marine biology or comparative ethnic literature and major in business economics or environmental studies as well as philosophy, psychology or music.

Mills aims to educate its students to think critically and communicate responsibly and effectively, to accept the challenges of their creative visions and to acquire the knowledge and skills necessary to understand the natural world and effect thoughtful changes in society. The College encourages openness to experimentation and change in the context of established academic disciplines.

Gerry Carleton will be a Dorm Mom at Mills again June 25 to July 1, 2006.

**Carol Dean
Tech Trek Coordinator**

LAF ADOPTS CASE OF UC DAVIS MALE WRESTLING COACH

The Legal Advocacy Fund adopted a very interesting case in May 2005 involving UC Davis's male wrestling coach. Michael Burch has sued UC Davis for retaliation in violation of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 and other federal laws.

with Coach Burch to have the program reinstated but were unsuccessful. In April of 2001, the female wrestlers filed a sex discrimination complaint with the Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights (OCR).

Burch was hired in 1995 as the head coach of Davis Division I male wrestling team. He assumed this post after a period of poor performance by four preceding coaches in the previous six years. During his tenure, he was named UC Davis Coach of the Year twice and led his team to more dual meet wins than any other previous wrestling coach in the university's history.

Throughout the period when the female wrestlers were fighting the loss of their program at UC Davis, Coach Burch supported their efforts and spoke publicly in support of their complaints. Eventually UC Davis, in spite of Burch's outstanding record as head wrestling coach at the university, refused to renew his contract as a wrestling coach and as a lecturer in the University's religious studies and exercise science departments.

As the head coach, Burch was committed to providing wrestling opportunities to both male and female athletes, and both male and female athletes had access to all the coaching and other benefits of NCAA athletic status at the university, including financial aid.

Burch filed a complaint in 2001 with the Office for Civil Rights alleging retaliation by the University for his support of the female wrestlers and in support of their complaints to OCR. He filed his case in federal court in 2003 and in 2004 the court denied the defendants' [Regents of the University of California et al] motion to dismiss Burch's Title IX Claim. The case is now in discovery. *(Adapted from information on the AAUW LAF Website.)*

Burch was notified by the UC Davis athletic director in the fall of 2000 that the university would no longer offer participation in wrestling to female athletes, citing concerns about insurance and liability. The female athletes worked

More good news about recent contributions to LAF. Our contributions to the Legal Advocacy Fund since December 11 have now exceeded \$1,000. Many thanks to all who have contributed so generously.

*Alice Crouch
Legal Advocacy Fund VP*



MEMBERSHIP NEWS:

Please make the following change of address in your telephone directory:

All changes to personal information (i.e. address, tel, e-mail, death of member) should be sent to:

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2375 Range Ave - Box 43
Santa Rosa CA 95403
Tel: 542-8444 (no change)

Harriet Palk, Branch Membership Records & Treasurer
6347 Meadowridge Drive -Santa Rosa CA 95409
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SILVER JUBILEE SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE

THE SAN FRANCISCO AAUW WILL OFFER TWO COMPETITIVE SCHOLARSHIPS OF \$2,000 EACH TO ASSIST UPPER DIVISION AND GRADUATE WOMEN WHO ARE ENTERING THEIR FINAL YEAR OF STUDY IN AN ACCREDITED COLLEGE OF UNIVERSITY. CANDIDATES MUST LIVE OR BE ATTENDING A UNIVERSITY OF COLLEGE WITHIN A 100 MILE DISTANCE FROM SAN FRANCISCO. THERE IS NO RESTRICTION ON THE USE OF THE FUNDS. COMPLETED APPLICATION WILL BE DUE FEBRUARY 28, 2006. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, OR HAVE FRIENDS WHO MAY BENEFIT FROM THIS SCHOLARSHIP, PLEASE CHECK THE SILVER JUBILEE INFORMATION ON THE AAUW SAN FRANCISCO WEB SITE AT WWW.AAUWSF.ORG



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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

COMMEMORATING INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

“BUILDING NETWORKS for the FUTURE”

SATURDAY, MARCH 18, 2006

9:30 am. - 2:30 p.m.

SANTA ROSA JUNIOR COLLEGE
NEWMAN HALL

Carolyn Donovan, AAUW Representative at the United Nations
will be the keynote speaker addressing

**"How Non-Governmental Organizations
Represent YOU at the U. N."**

Others speakers and presenters will include:

Marilyn Fowler of the Women's Intercultural Network Founder and President (WIN),
Aileen Hernandez, California Women's Agenda (CAWA) 2006 Chair (CAWA),
Marianne Holt, AAUW Santa Rosa Membership Vice President,
Linda Hiebert Sekiguchi, AAUW International Affairs Committee Chair.

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