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Board Meeting
January 9, 2008
1:00 p.m.
Members welcome to attend.
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The Rose Branch



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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF SONOMA COUNTY, THE SANTA ROSA BRANCH OF AAUW AND THE SANTA ROSA JUNIOR COLLEGE WILL SPONSOR DEBATES ON STATE BALLOT MEASURES.

The League of Women Voters of Sonoma County in sponsorship with the Santa Rosa Branch of the American Association of University Women and Santa Rosa Junior College are presenting three debates on State ballot measures. These ballot measures will appear on the February 5, 2008 Primary Ballot. AAUW members, family and friends are urged to attend these important forums.

On January 7, 2008 two debates are scheduled. The first, from 7-8 p.m., will involve a pro and con discussion of Proposition 93, which proposes changes to "Limits of Legislators' Term in Office". The second portion of the program, from 8-9 p.m. addresses Proposition 92: Community College Funding; Governance; Fees.

Both debates will take place in the Santa Rosa City Council Chambers located at 100 Santa Rosa Avenue in the City of Santa Rosa. The moderator for these discussions will be Betty Ann Bruno, a LWVSC member. It is requested that those planning to attend be in their seats by 7 pm as this event will be broadcast live on Channel 69. The forums will rebroadcast as follows:

-Sunday, January 13, 2008, Proposition 93 will be rebroadcast on KRCB-TV (Channel 22) at 8 a.m.

-Sunday, January 20, 2008, Proposition 92 will be rebroadcast on KRCB-TV (Channel 22) at 8 a.m.

Information on rebroadcast times in Santa Rosa can be obtained at www.communitymedia.org. It is also planned to rebroadcast the forums on Petaluma Community Access Channel 28 and Healdsburg Access TV Channel 26. Additional information concerning the media details of the forums is available by contacting Will Richards at communityservices@lwwsonoma.org.

A third discussion is tentatively scheduled for January 14, 2008 at 7 p.m., again in the Santa Rosa City Council Chambers. This event will address Propositions 94, 95, 96 and 97, the Referenda on Indian Gaming Compacts. The League will provide updates regarding the status of this forum on their web site lwwsonoma.org.

In closing, I would encourage all of our members to take an active part in the political process by attending these debates and supporting the League of Women Voters dedication to educating the voting public.

JoAnn Wilson, Public Policy
AAUW Santa Rosa

President's Message *New Year – New Direction*

I want to wish everyone a very Happy New Year! It is traditionally a time to reflect on the past and to renew, rejuvenate, and look ahead. When looking over the first half of this year in our Santa Rosa Branch, we have had a most exceptional year. We have seen a rejuvenation in branch's membership, programs and attendance, and a commitment by our membership to advance AAUW's Mission of equity for women and girls.

This rosy picture is the results of the dedication and hard work of our board, committees, and the lively interest of the general membership. Special thanks goes out to the EF & LAF team, Alice Crouch, Sharon Wright, Terry Howell, and Lillian Shelan for another fun and successful Wassail Party. Additionally, our appreciation to all those that donated items for the silent auction, the very delicious refreshments, as well as the many members and guests that attended and supported AAUW. These collective efforts helped to raise \$1700 to benefit EF and LAF. We also greatly appreciate Harriet & Bernie Palk for so graciously donating their home again this year.

Looking to the year ahead, we have seen the kickoff of two new interests groups, On the Town and The Working Women's Group. If you haven't had an opportunity to participate in these new interest groups, it's not too late to join in on the fun. The SRJC Mentorship Program is about to be launched. This is our branch's opportunity to make a significant contribution in the community. Watch for an announcement regarding the Mentorship program's first initial gathering. We are surely on the road to a New Direction and heightened interest and dedication in our branch.

Looking to the months ahead, our branch's Public Policy Chair, JoAnn Wilson, has arranged an opportunity for AAUW Santa Rosa to partner with the League of Women Voters & the Santa Rosa Junior College to participate and learn about the propositions that will be included on the February 5, 2008 primary ballot. Don't miss the opportunity on January 7th to hear the debate regarding Proposition 93: Limits on Legislators' Term of Office as well as Proposition 92: Community College Funding; Governance; Fees.

And on January 14th debates will address other important propositions. JoAnn's article on page one gives a full description of what is scheduled.

In February, two great events are planned.

On February 9th, an outstanding Authors' Luncheon and program is planned. Mark your calendar to meet and hear four published authors at the Fountaingrove Golf & Athletic Club. Carole Keiner has put together a wonderful program for us to enjoy. Invite a friend.

The Crab Feed is back—and riveting up for a fun evening on February 16th. Please invite your friends and neighbors to this worthwhile event. The proceeds from this fundraiser will benefit the AAUW Educational Foundation. Thank you, Lillian Shelan, and everyone else on your committee who are helping to make this fun event possible again.

As the New Year unfolds, I would like to encourage everyone to make a resolution to continue their renewed interest and active participation in our branch so we can sustain this momentum of involvement and a New Direction of growth for our branch.

*I wish you all a happy, healthy,
and prosperous New Year!*
Marianne Holt, President

AUTHORS' LUNCHEON
Saturday - February 9, 2008
Lakeview Room
Fountaingrove Athletic and Golf Club
Fountaingrove Parkway, Santa Rosa

Schedule: *Social time* 11:30
 Luncheon 12:00
 Program 1:15-2:30

***You and your guests
are cordially invited to this luncheon.***

We will have four published authors from
Sonoma County speaking at this event.

Full program details and
reservation form on Page 5.

JOYFUL WASSAIL PARTY RAISES \$1700 FOR EF/LAF

We are delighted to report that our Wassail Party on Sunday, December 2 raised \$1700 which will be divided equally between AAUW's Educational Foundation and Legal Advocacy Fund.

First of all, we would like to thank Harriet and Bernie Palk for hosting the party at their beautiful and spacious home in Oakmont! This location is certainly ideal for a holiday celebration!

Thanks also to AAUW members who contributed terrific items for the Silent Auction or the raffle and to those who sold raffle tickets including: Trina Corson Graham, Marsha Vas Dupre, Hale Darby, Gerry Carleton, Lynda Hungerford, Carol Dean, Marcy Clausen, Carole Keiner, Lucy Foster, Alice Crouch, Terry Howell, Lillian Shelan, Ginny Benson, Iris Sabelman, Arlene Mandell, Colleen Wilson and Marianne Holt. — Thanks, Marianne, for once again announcing all the raffle winners and for greeting our guests!

Thanks to members who donated delicious food and drink including: Harriet Palk, Iris Sabelman, Phyllis Lowe, Sara Leech, Delia Nistler, Judy Hudson, Una Skelly, Bonnie Hasenback, Jo Ann Wilson, Kathy Frishberg, Claudette Bailey, Carol Sunlight, Beth Hoffman and Sharon Wright.

We were delighted to welcome the outstanding young women student singers from Maria Carillo High School. Our thanks to them and to their Music Director Gail Bowers who has arranged singers for our party for the past three years.

We are also grateful for the generous gifts of businesses and organizations in our own communities and in San Francisco, including: The San Francisco Opera, McCormick & Kuleto (Ghirardelli Square), The San Francisco Giants, Oakmont Golf Club, Sandpiper Restaurant (Bodega Bay), Applebee's Restaurants, Mac's Deli, Macy's (Santa Rosa Plaza), St. Francis Cleaners, Rialto Cinemas Lakeside, Roxy Stadium 14 Theaters, Santa Rosa Symphony, The Olive Garden, The Red Lobster, Oakmont Village Market (or Kenwood Market), The Girl and the Fig, Sixth Street Playhouse, Wine Country Chocolates, Wells Fargo Center for the Arts, China Room Restaurant, East West Café and Sea Thai Bistro.

If you have an opportunity, please join us in thanking the businesses or organizations who have supported our Wassail Party!

And last, but certainly not least, special thanks to members who attended the party, purchased raffle tickets and bid on silent auction items! We are so grateful to everyone who made this such a happy and rewarding event!

***Alice Crouch, Sharon Wright,
Terry Howell and Lillian Shelan***

AAUW Crab Feed

Saturday — February 16 — 6:00 PM
Luther Burbank Art and Garden Center
2050 Yulupa Ave, Santa Rosa 95405
Price : \$35 per person

Bring your crab picks and join us for local crab, salad, dessert plus wine and beverages
-- Joan Dickerson and crew put together a delicious meal !

We'll have some terrific raffle items!

For reservations, call Lillian Shelan,
laf@aauwsantarosa.org

Please follow-up by using the reservation form included in this newsletter and send it along with your check to :

Lillian Shelan
(Pls consult branch telephone directory for address.)

Interested in helping ??
We would like to feature one of our own members to play the piano.
Call Lillian to help with the raffle.

**Sign up early -- we expect to sell out --
only 100 seats !!
Reservation form on next page.**



AAUW CRAB FEED

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 16TH @ 6 PM

**BURBANK ART AND GARDEN CENTER
2050 YULUPA AVENUE
SANTA ROSA, CA**

**ALL YOU CAN EAT CRAB, SALAD, DESSERT
WINE & BEVERAGES PRICE 35.00
BENEFIT FOR AAUW ROSE BRANCH**

Contact : Lillian Shelan 707-577-0477

Mail payment to: Lillian @ 1250 Wikiup Dr. Santa Rosa, Ca 95403

AAUW CRAB FEED

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

RESERVATIONS _____ AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

PLEASE SEAT ME WITH _____

AUTHORS' LUNCHEON

Saturday, February 9, 2008 - 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Lakeview Room

Fountaingrove Athletic and Golf Club - Fountaingrove Parkway, Santa Rosa

This outstanding program will feature the following authors:

Susan Farren, author of *THE FIREMAN'S WIFE*, which is a humorous memoir of her life as the wife of a fireman and mother of 5.

Jean Hegland, who has published 3 interesting books: *THE LIFE WITHIN: CELEBRATION OF A PREGNANCY*; *INTO THE FOREST*; and *WINDFALLS*.

Alla Crone, born in Manchuria, of a Russian mother and German father, has published 6 books: *RODINA*; *MAXIM*; *EAST LIES THE SUN*; *WINDS OVER MANCHURIA*; *LEGACY OF AMBER*; and *NORTH OF THE MOON*.

Joan Frank lives in Santa Rosa and has a MFA in creative fiction from Warren Wilson College, Ashville, NC. She has taught creative writing at San Francisco State University. Her books are: *THE GREAT FAR AWAY* and *MISS KANSAS CITY*.

All of these books can be obtained locally and are also available through www.amazon.com

LUNCHEON IS \$35 PER PERSON & DEADLINE IS WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30.
Reserve early - SEATING IS LIMITED

*****RESERVATION FORM/TEAR OFF HERE *****

Gourmet Luncheon Menu (Choose 1):

- _____ Pan-seared tarragon chicken with tarragon cream sauce & mashed potatoes
- _____ Atlantic salmon with citrus beurre blanc, mango salsa & wild rice
- _____ Braised pork loin with amber apple chutney & mashed potatoes

All choices include: Salad - Spinach with cranberries, blue cheese, pine nuts & balsamic vinaigrette

Dessert - Vanilla Grand Marnier creme brulee with seasonal fruit & whipped cream

Your personal check (with your name on it) ensures your reservation.

Enclose your check for \$35 (per person) made out to AAUW Santa Rosa Branch & mail to:

Carole Keiner, (Pls consult branch telephone directory for address and telephone #.)

For any questions about the luncheon, call or e-mail me:

program@aauwsantarosa.org

If you are bringing a friend, please give name here:

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

GETTING TO KNOW OUR NEW MEMBERS

Jean Schettler received an Associate's degree from Santa Rosa Junior College. She majored in business and worked for an insurance company after her graduation. She then worked at the Sonoma County Superintendent of Schools office until she left to raise a family. After 18 years she returned to the academic world, working in the Santa Rosa Junior College President's Office. Six years later she moved to the Scholarship Office because she wanted more contact with students. She loved her job, saying "it was fun to give away other people's money". She worked on all foundation scholarships including those given by AAUW. She retired 4 years ago and is an active member of the SRJC Alumni Board and does a lot of volunteer work for her church. She loves to read and travel and she spends a lot of time with her grandchildren. She joined AAUW because it is a group of strong, intelligent women who are advocates for women.

Paulene Goddard graduated from San Jose State University with a major in Education. After teaching elementary school for several years she received a Master's degree in History from San Jose State. She then taught history, math and English in junior high, retiring after 34 years. Paulene has been very politically active over the years, both at the local and state level. She has worked with the League of Women Voters of California and with AARP on a number of issues. Of particular interest to her has been campaign finance reform, but her true passion was helping seniors. She became one of the founding members of In-Home-Supportive Services (IHSS) and lobbied on behalf of Sonoma County's Area Agency on Aging. She was until recently a member of AAUW for some years and has recently rejoined the group.

*Thumbnail Sketches provided by
Judy Hudson, Membership Assistant*



(Please consult your branch telephone directory for addresses or other contact information.)

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS
BRANCH CALENDAR - JANUARY 2008

Date	Time	
9	7:30-9:00 pm	Second Wednesday Book Group meets at home of Sharon Wright, to discuss <i>The Jane Austen Book Club</i> by Karen Joy Fowler.
14	1:30 p.m.	Monday Afternoon Book Group meets at home of June Brown, to discuss <i>Housekeeping</i> by Marilynne Robinson. Jean Hanks will lead the discussion.
16	9:30-11:30 a.m.	Global Issues will discuss Great Decisions Topic 7: <u>Political and economic issues in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan</u> at the home of Linda Trodden. Phone Linda if you plan to attend.
15	9:30 a.m.	Tuesday Morning Book Group meets at home of Carole Dean, to discuss <i>Oracle Bones</i> by Peter Ressler.
17	12 noon	Gourmet Luncheon Group dines at home of Phyllis Low. Call co-hostess, Betty Workman for reservations and a menu.

Deadline for **FEBRUARY 2008** issue of the Rose Branch is **JANUARY 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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LAF NORTHERN CA LUNCHEON

When: Saturday, Feb 2, 2008
11:00 am-2:00 p.m.

Where: Capitol Plaza Holiday Inn
300 J Street - Sacramento, CA

What: Coach Michael Burch discusses his fight for women wrestlers at UC Davis.

Cost: \$30.00

For more information please contact: Marianne Holt: president@aauwsantarosa.org

ROMANCING THE VINE

Please reserve Friday, January 25th for our wine pairing dinner at Kathy Frishberg's home. Details coming in early January (via e-mail).

If you are not yet signed up for this group but would like to be included, contact Colleen Wilson program@aauwsantarosa.org



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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

(The following announcement might be of interest to some of our members.)

**Please join NARAL Pro-Choice California for Napa & Sonoma Valley's
Roe v. Wade
Anniversary Luncheon & Action Summit
Celebrating 35 year of Freedom & Privacy, 1973-2008**

When: Tuesday, January 22, 2008
Time: 8:30 a.m. Registration
9:00 a.m. Workshops & Community Action Expo

12:00 p.m. Keynote Luncheon

Featured Speaker: Dr. Susan Wicklund
Author of: *This Common Secret: My Journey as an
Abortion Doctor*

Where: The Flamingo Resort, Santa Rosa

Cost: \$50.00 General Registration & all activities

Please contact Marianne Holt program@aauwsantarosa.org or
Carole Keiner program@aauwsantarosa.org
for more information or if you are interested in attending.