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The Rose Branch



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**Renew Your Commitment
to the AAUW Educational Foundation**

*...by attending the AAUW EF Fundraiser Crab Feed
or contributing to the EF Fund*

Friday, January 20, 2006, 6:00 p.m.

**Luther Burbank Art and Garden Center
2050 Yulupa, Santa Rosa, 95405**

**Crab dinner with wine
Lasagna available for those not ordering crab
Bring your own crab crackers and picks**

Raffle!

Music!

Price: \$30 per person

(PLEASE USE RESERVATION FORM INSERT)

Deadline: Saturday, January 14, 2006

We are still accepting donations of raffle items and wines
for the evening

Contact Carole Keiner if you can help: 546-7745

All proceeds from this event will go to the support of the
AAUW Educational Foundation.



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Just a quick word of thanks to Harriet Palk for becoming our Membership Treasurer. If you have any questions about our members, dues - or have change of address - please contact Harriet. Liz Sasek is looking for a co-secretary - mostly to fill in when her schedule cannot include our board meetings. Would someone help Liz on this?

Our Sonoma Express books have arrived. We have ordered 50, as before. We hope that you have considered this as a Christmas gift for someone, or an early in the year birthday gift. This money helps our SSU Scholarship program.

I hope your New Year's Resolutions include attending a few more of our meetings. Remember that Colleen and Alice have already offered you some excellent programs. Carole Keiner is planning a wonderful Crab Feed for January and Marisa Castellano is helping her. Proceeds from this event will benefit the AAUW Educational Foundation.

Then we will be meeting once again at the SRJC Culinary Center - this year we will again be treated to a wine and food matching. We will be limited to 30 people (the capacity of their special dining area) and the price will be \$35 per person. Colleen will need your checks as soon as possible after the date is fixed and announced in our newsletter. Your check will be your reservation.

Pat Oberg is working with the UNA, and the WIN-CAWA groups to make our March meeting a day to remember. It will be a day of exploring the status of women worldwide as we commemorate Beijing+10! This full day event will be held at the Santa Rosa Junior College on March 18. Save the day! Colleen and Pat have arranged for Carolyn Donovan, our AAUW representative to the United Nations, to be our keynote speaker.

The Annual Bridge Luncheon and Fund Raiser will be April 1 - always a fun day! Our grateful thanks for the work that LaRue Lamar and Dottie Zieber put into this special event. Remember, the funds raised by this

**“THANK YOU”
FOR A JOYOUS HOLIDAY WASSAIL PARTY!**

We are delighted to report that last year we raised \$700 for the Legal Advocacy fund and that this year, thanks to all of you, we raised \$800 to assist women on college and university campuses to obtain equal treatment and to address cases of sexual harassment.

Thanks to all members and friends of AAUW Santa Rosa Branch who came and enjoyed our annual Holiday Wassail Party; who brought delicious food for the overflowing table; who bought and sold raffle tickets and who contributed to the decorations. Thanks also to the Maria Carrillo High School Girls Quartet for their wonderful music.

We extend special thanks to Gerry Carleton for hosting this event for the second year in a row! And we thank the following members who contributed silent auction gifts: Marsha Vas Dupré, Ann Horne, Elizabeth Sasek, Jean Schulz, and Colleen Wilson. And thanks to Colleen and Gwen King for their gifts for the raffle.

Please help us thank the following businesses who contributed raffle gifts: Applebee's Grill, Nectar Restaurant at the Hilton, Sandpiper Restaurant in Bodega Bay, The Quail Inn in Oakmont, Macy's, Mac's Deli on Fourth Street, Sixth Street Playhouse, Santa Rosa Symphony, St. Francis Cleaners, Rialto Theatre, The Olive Garden, McCormick & Kuleto Restaurant in San Francisco, and Oakmont Village Market.

Thanks again to everyone—and best wishes for the New Year!

*Alice Crouch and Sharon Wright, Co-Chairs
AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund
Santa Rosa Branch*

event are used to support our special branch programs, i.e., the Maria Carrillo High School girls' baseball team and other special projects undertaken throughout the year which need funding.

We tie up our year on May 6 with a special celebration of the 70th Anniversary of our branch. Save the day - lots more information on the way.

Hope that you had a wonderful holiday season - and that you will be sure to join us for our programs this year - and try out some of our interest groups. They are a great way to get to know your fellow members.

Gerry

SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE CONFRONTS UC'S "GLASS CEILING"

Following up on our recent presentation by Dan Siegel who spoke at our branch meeting in November about Legal Advocacy Fund related cases in which he has participated, I was especially interested in a recent lead editorial in the *San Francisco Chronicle* entitled "University's Glass Ceiling."

According to the editorial: ". . . at most, 10 percent of the highest paid employees at the university are women. And among the university's 50 highest paid employees, not one is a woman." This is explained on the basis that most of the higher paid employees at UC are doctors or clinical staff in the medical programs throughout the University.

Referencing administrative positions the editorial stated: "At UC Berkeley. . . five of six vice chancellors and 19 of 21 deans are men. . . 'Clearly we are leaving a talent pool by the wayside,' said Angelica Stacy, Berkeley's associate vice provost for gender equity."

Continuing in the editorial: "Last year, three women in leadership positions at UCSF (the medical department) wrote a letter . . . alleging that there was an 'underlying practice of inequities in the areas of pay, promotion, classification and hiring practices for women at higher classifications in campus administration. . . We believe the inequities. . . on this campus are not just simply isolated here and there, but appear to be a result of an environment that tolerates an unlevel and somewhat discriminatory playing field.'"

Concluding on a more positive note, the editorial states: "One new UCSF initiative, the Faculty Leadership Collaborative, will get underway in January. In collaboration with the Coro Foundation, 32 faculty members, most of them women, will spend 65 hours over a 10-week period participating in courses and other activities designed to help prepare them for leadership positions."

As an alumna of UC Berkeley, I will look forward to hearing about other signs of progress at all the UC campuses. Please let me know if you hear of any!

Alice Crouch
Vice President, Legal Advocacy Fund

TECH TREK FUNDING

Our branch is very proud to have two local banks partnering with us in the 2006 Tech Trek Project. We are very grateful for the support from the Sonoma National Bank and the Exchange Bank.

Stanford University has offered a Tech Trek camp for the past 9 years. In 1884 the only son of Leland Stanford contracted typhoid fever and died a few weeks before his 16th birthday. The next day, Leland turned to his wife and said, "The children of California shall be our children." Thus was born the idea for a great university named in honor of Leland Stanford, Jr. It opened in 1891.

After Stanford's death in 1893 the job of establishing the University fell to his wife. With her husband's estate in probate and a scarcity of money, Jane Stanford used proceeds from the sale of her jewelry and a long forgotten \$10,000 life insurance policy to help the University get by. When the estate was finally released from probate, Jane turned \$11 million over to the University. Today Stanford is a world class institution with a long list of award winners including 24 Nobel laureates on its faculty.

Our Trekkers feel very privileged to share this campus for a one week math/science camp.

Carol Dean
Tech Trek Coordinator

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Welcome to new member **Terry Howell**. Please add the following information to your telephone directories:

Terry Howell
133 Anna Cappa Drive
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

Tel: 542-113

In Memorium

Our condolences to husband George, family and friends of Dorothy Alves, who recently passed away. Dorothy was a long time member of our branch and enjoyed the Antiques Group.

PUBLIC POLICY NEWS

From AAUW Action Network

The success of the AAUW *Action Network* this past year has been due to AAUW branch advocacy and that of the thousands of others in our nationwide network of e-activists who have helped AAUW make an impact in 2005.

The growing power and reach of this network can claim some impressive achievements. Just consider that over the past year, together, we have:

- Sent over 76,000 messages to members of Congress, the Bush Administration, and media outlets. And these important e-mails and telephone calls supported the work of AAUW's Capitol Hill Lobby Corps, who made over 1,000 in-person visits to Congressional offices in 2005.

- More than doubled the size of the AAUW *Action Network* membership, which is not yet two years old.

- Successfully defended Social Security from efforts to privatize the system.

- Convinced the House and Senate to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act before they left for the holidays.

- Made sure that the Patsy T. Mink Graduate Fellowship Program was one of just a handful of new programs included in the Senate Higher Education Act reauthorization bill.

- Ensured that the Department of Labor continued to collect critical data on women workers.

- Passed the Local Law Enforcement Hate Crimes Prevention Act in the House.

- Protected the integrity of the filibuster in the Senate and avoided the "nuclear option" to promote a fair and balanced judiciary.

- Strengthened and improved the Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act to better assist women and girls move into nontraditional fields.

For more information on AAUW public policy issues:

CALIFORNIA: www.aauw-ca.org/policyindex.htm

FEDERAL: www.aauw.org/issue_advocacy/index.cfm

Important Changes at IFUW Headquarters in Geneva

The following information was provided by branch International Liaison Pat Oberg, and is being reported here for those branch members who are interested in the results of the many changes agreed upon in the last IFUW International Conference which was held in Perth, Australia last summer. Many of these changes are also in compliance with AAUW amendment proposals to AAUW By-laws which were approved at convention earlier this year.

The 87th Council in Perth voted a 36% cut in the general administration budget starting in 2006. Thanks to considerable effort and good cooperation during the past months, we are now able to announce some of the changes that will take effect.

Office relocation: IFUW Headquarters is moving to new offices. As of 5 December 2005 our new address is 10, rue du LAC, 1207 Geneva, Switzerland. The new, smaller facilities will bring savings of at least 40% in annual rent and charges. We will still be centrally located and close to the lake. Most of December will be devoted to the move and to installing the new offices, which will close from 21 December through 3 January for the end of the year break.

Staff restructuring: The salary budget has been reduced by 37% compared to 2004. Two much appreciated members of the staff will leave us at the end of 2005: Rosemary Scott-Woods, who has been with IFUW since 1974 and Stephanie Bolder, who started in 1998. They have contributed significantly to the International Federation over the years and will be missed, both for their skills and their commitment. The remainder of the staff will be working part-time.

The international staff wishes to continue to provide quality service despite these drastic cuts. This will need full support, understanding and enthusiasm of everyone within IFUW.

Archives moving to the Netherlands: As announced previously, IFUW's archives are now to be stored at the International Information Centre and Archives for the Women's Movement (IIAV) in Amsterdam. Thanks to the staff and a group of Dutch volunteers, the preparation and transfer of documents through 1989 will be completed by the end of year. The oral and visual archive of IFUW will also be sent to Amsterdam, e.g. audio tapes, photos and videos of past presidents and leaders as well as videos of Conferences.



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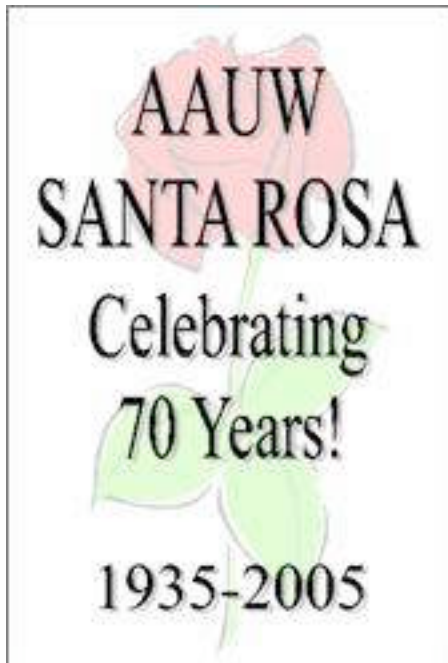
AAUW MISSION STATEMENT

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



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS
MARCH 18, 2006
INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY PROGRAM**

Carolyn Donovan, AAUW's Representative at the United Nations in New York will be the keynote speaker at the Santa Rosa Junior College (Newman Auditorium.)

This program will be jointly presented by the United Nations Association, Sonoma County Chapter, the Santa Rosa Branch of AAUW, the Women's Intercultural Network (WIN) and California Women's Agenda (CAWA).

A full day program is being planned with many other speakers, lunch and events. You will not want to miss this one, so be sure to save the date!

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