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A PANEL DISCUSSION WITH FINANCIAL PROFESSIONALS\*



EASE YOUR FEAR &  
CONFUSION ABOUT  
PERSONAL FINANCES

SUBMIT YOUR QUESTIONS IN  
ADVANCE FOR THE DISCUSSION TO:

- Colleen 566-0514  
cawilson@sonic.net
- Sue 540-2211  
suefinan@comcast.net

Date: Thursday, January 15

Time: 7:00 PM

Location:

First Presbyterian Church  
1550 Pacific Avenue  
Santa Rosa

*Parking is available in the lot on Spring Street*

BRING POTENTIAL MEMBERS  
& GUESTS

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- US Steel Corporation
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PRESIDENT'S  
MESSAGE  
NEW YEAR ~ NEW  
DIRECTION

As 2008 comes to a close, I sincerely wish everyone a most Happy New Year as we all look forward to 2009 with a renewed spirit for the year ahead. In retrospect we have observed a most extraordinary and historic year. We have seen a time of tremendous change and hope for a new direction for our country. Yet at the same time, we have witnessed a financial crisis that is unprecedented since the Great Depression. Because of these extraordinary times, it is especially appropriate to thank everyone who attended the LAF Winter Wonderland fundraiser and made it another success. I am happy to report that with your generosity, our branch will be sending AAUW-LAF \$1000.00 to support women who are sexually discriminated against. I and the LAF Committee sincerely thank everyone who attended the Winter Wonderland and to those who participated in the fabulous Silent Auction.

During these challenging financial times, expert advice is on the way! The branch's next scheduled program, "Recession Proofing Your Personal Finances," will give you an opportunity to reevaluate your personal finances with the assistance of a panel of financial planners. Special thanks to Colleen Wilson, Sue Finan, and Arlene Mandell for organizing this timely program. I encourage you to plan to attend this financial program on January 15<sup>th</sup>.

The year ahead holds historic promise for our country to renew its spirit and direction. As we watch the inauguration of our new president, Barack Obama, and his cabinet on January 20<sup>th</sup>, we hope he will continue his commitment and policies for women and girls that reflect AAUW's mission and legislative work. I refer you to the Public Policy article on page 3. It is an article adapted from, *The NOW Times*, "What the Next President Can Do for Women and Girls." It is thoughtful and reminds us all of why we work together through AAUW and other organizations to help *Break Down Barriers* for the advancement of women and girls.

I wish you all a happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year! I also hope everyone is looking forward to the year ahead with the many wonderful programs scheduled and the Crab Feed coming February 6th. All have been developed to enhance your branch experience.

Most Sincerely,  
Marianne



Jane Addams

THANK YOU  
FOR A JOYOUS LAF WINTER  
WONDERLAND PARTY &  
FUNDRAISER

What a wonderful LAF Winter Wonderland Holiday Party! Special thanks to everyone who came and for their most generous support of LAF. We are happy to report proceeds totaling \$1000. A joyous time was had by all who were able to attend. The music was festive, the food delicious, and the silent auction successful. Special thanks to Alice Crouch and Sharon Wright for their interesting and insightful LAF dialogue, and to several members who helped to decorate the *Women's Equity Tree*.

Sincere thanks to everyone who made Sand brought the delicious food and to Lillian Shelan and Marianne Holt for donating a portion of the turkey and tri-tip. Many members donated wine to start the party off in a festive mood. Thank you to: Harriet Palk, Marcy Clausen, Colleen Wilson, Ginny Benson, Alice Crouch, Carole Keiner, Rachel Zierdt, Judy Hudson, Lillian Shelan, Liz Sasek, Margaret Byrd, Sally Fee, and Marianne Holt for their generous wine donations. And a BIG thank you to Larry Fee for hosting the wine table.

We couldn't have done it without our most generous table hosts and their beautifully decorated tables. Many thanks to Sally Fee for coordinating the table hosts: Colleen Wilson & Ann Horne; Gail Ellestad & Hale Darby; Phyllis Lowe & Carol Jarvis; Lynda Hungerford & Linda Trodden; Lillian Shelan; Sally Fee and Marianne Holt. The room was absolutely beautiful!

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## WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBER

WILLADEAN HART

Willadean Hart, one of our newest members, is originally from Canada but now lives in Varenna in Santa Rosa with her husband. She reports that they love the delicious meals and many activities, including a Global Issues discussion group.

She has a B.A. in Psychology from the University of Saskatchewan, a B.S. in Social Work from McGill, and an M.A. in Social Work from Columbia University. Her husband's career brought them to Toronto, Montreal, India and Australia. She worked for many years in social service agencies.

Willadean belonged to the AAUW chapter in Westport, Conn. for 30 years, served as President of that chapter, and as Co-chair of the Public Policy group on the Connecticut State Board. She enjoys reading good fiction and traveling, often to visit children and grandchildren in Sydney and Harvey Bay, Australia. She has already joined our chapter's Public Policy group.

THANK YOU (continued from page 2)

The Silent Auction was most successful with many beautiful and interesting items donated. Joyce Adams and her daughter, Laura Ulter, did a wonderful job organizing and managing the Silent Auction. Extra special thanks to the following for their generous contributions: Lillian Shelan, Sally Fee, Joyce Adams, Marianne Holt, Hale Darby, Alice Crouch, Trina Corson-Graham, Liz Sasek, Marcy Clausen, Marsha Vas Dupre, Veronica Jacobi, Phyllis and Nancy Lowe, Sue Finan, and Colleen Wilson and the Wednesday Evening Book Group. Also many thanks to all that bid on the lovely donated items to help make it a great success.

Lastly, many thanks to everyone who pitched in and helped to clean up after the party, especially Linda Trodden, Ron Shelan, Larry Fee, and Len Holt.

Thanks to everyone & Best wishes for the New Year!

Lillian Shelan, Joyce Adams, Marianne Holt and Sally Fee, LAF Committee

## PUBLIC POLICY

### WHAT THE NEXT PRESIDENT CAN DO FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS

1) The next president needs to **Make Economic Equality a Priority**. This includes promoting educational opportunity and workplace equality to increase the economic advancement of women. That means ensuring equal pay for work of equal value, expanding family and medical leave access, ending job segregation and educational segregation, enforcing Title IX and promoting the participation of women and girls in STEM fields.

2) The next president needs to **Make the Alleviation of Poverty a Priority**. The administration must recognize that poor women and other vulnerable and underserved women are often left out of so-called "stimulus plans" and are trying to support themselves and their families at great odds. We need to repair the safety net and make sure every woman has a clear path to lift themselves and their families out of poverty.

3) The next president needs to **Make Universal Single-Payer Healthcare a Priority**. We call on the administration to acknowledge that reproductive health care is primary care for women. Full coverage of those services must be guaranteed, including pre-natal and maternal care, birth control, and emergency contraception, for women at every age and every income level. We must provide for mental health parity in healthcare, and recognize that our mental health is every bit as important as our physical health.

4) The next president needs to **Make Ending Violence Against Women a Priority**. The U.S. must take a leadership position in the effort to end violence against women and girls; we must hold public and private leaders accountable for enforcing zero tolerance for violence -- and we must do our part on a global scale to protect women from the violence of child marriage, bride burning, honor killing, genital mutilation, rape as an instrument of war.

5) The next president needs to **Make Validating Women's Civil and Human Rights a Priority**. These rights include the right to be free from discrimination based on gender, race, ethnicity, age, religion, disability,

immigration status, parenthood, sexual orientation or identity. One key step is to make certain that we have a judiciary that will ensure and protect all of these rights. We must include women in the United States Constitution, so that our rights are not subject to the whims of the administration, and we must join the rest of the world in ratifying the U.N. Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW).

6) The next president needs to **Make it a Priority to Change Societal Attitudes** that stereotype and constrain women and girls, including denouncing the sexism and "soft hate speech" on the airwaves, in classrooms and workplaces, and on city streets, that targets and demeans women.

By Kim Gandy

Adapted with permission from:  
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### IN MEMORY OF LARUE LAMAR 1935-2008

LaRue LaMar was an avid believer in AAUW, enthusiastically promoting its aims and concerns. She originated the Bridge Luncheon and continued to work tirelessly for some years, helping to raise money for our branch's scholarships. She also ran the Crab Feed for some years. When there was a job to be done for AAUW, LaRue was always a willing participant.

La Rue was a teacher at Ridgeway High School for 34 years. She was named Teacher of the Year in 1997 and named the California 1997 Woman of the Year.

A Memorial Service is scheduled on Sunday, January 25, 3:00 PM at the First United Methodist Church, 1551 Montgomery Dr. A Reception is scheduled following the service. In lieu of flowers, contributions in her memory are being accepted for AAUW Scholarship Fund at Sonoma State University. To contribute, please make your check payable to Sonoma State University with AAUW Scholarship on the subject line and mail to 1801 E. Cotati Avenue, Rohnert Park, CA 94928.

La Rue will be remembered for her warmth, humor, and devotion to her friends and family. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her.



## AAUW ANNUAL CRAB FEED

BURBANK ART AND GARDEN CENTER  
2050 YULUPA AVENUE, SANTA ROSA

TO BENEFIT SCHOLARSHIPS FOR WOMEN AT SONOMA STATE UNIVERSITY

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2009  
6: 00 TO 9:00 PM

\$35.00 Per Person

ALL YOU CAN EAT CRAB, SALAD, BREAD, DESSERT  
WINE & BEVERAGES  
LASAGNA WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE

RAFFLE ~ FUN PRIZES  
FRIENDS & FAMILY WELCOME

Want to help? We need items for the raffle, donations of wine and volunteer help.

Give Marcy Clausen a call at 566-7265

*Cut Here*

## RESERVATIONS FOR AAUW SANTA ROSA CRAB FEED

TO BENEFIT SSU SCHOLARSHIPS

FRIDAY ~ FEBRUARY 6, 2009 ~ 6: 00 TO 9:00 PM

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

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

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed @ \$35.00 per person x number \_\_\_\_\_ attending = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make your checks out to AAUW Santa Rosa and mail to:

Linda Trodden  
1637 Terrace Way  
Santa Rosa, CA 95404  
Phone 523-1943

## SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS BRANCH CALENDAR

### JANE ADDAMS

(September 6, 1860 – May 21, 1935) was a founder of the U.S. Settlement House movement, and the first American woman to be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.



### JANUARY, 2009

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|---------|---------|--|
| Jan. 7  | 1:00 PM | The Board meet will meet at the home of Lillian Shelan, 1250 Wikiup Dr., 577-0477. All members are welcome to attend.  |
| Jan. 12 | 1:30 PM | The Second Monday Book Group will meet at the home of Sally Fee, 7561 Oak Leaf Dr. 539-7348, stuartdfee@hotmail.com to discuss Mr. Pip by Lloyd Jones. Glenice Anderson will moderate.   |
| Jan. 14 | 7:30 PM | The Second Wednesday Evening Book Group will meet at the home of Judy Hudson 2204 Springwood Ct., 568-5010. to discuss <i>The Double Bind</i> by Chris Bohjalian. The optional reading, <i>The Great Gatsby</i> by F. Scott Fitzgerald, is suggested to accompany this selection.  |
| Jan. 15 | 12 noon | The Gourmet Lunch Group will "Eat Out" at the Latitude Restaurant, 5000 Roberts Lake Road, Rohnert Park. Those wishing to carpool will meet at the home of Iris Sabelman, 2100 Grace at 11:30 AM. For reservations, call Ruth Hucklebridge, 538-1096. Guests are welcome.  |
| Jan. 15 | 7:00 PM | January Program, "Recession Proofing Your Personal Finances," First Presbyterian Church, 1550 Pacific Ave. SR. Please contact Colleen Wilson, 566-0514, or Sue Finan, 540-2211, for information and reservations.  |
| Jan. 20 | 9:30 AM | The Third Tuesday Morning Book Group will meet the home of Delia Nistler, 250 Mocking Bird Circle, 538-2965, to discuss <i>Mary</i> , by Janis Cooke Newman. Mary West will moderate.  |
| Jan. 21 | 9:30 AM | Global Issues will meet at the home of Willadean Hart, Apt. 327, 1401 Fountaingrove Expy, 546-5405. Willadean will meet us in the lobby (go to the top of the hill) at 9:30 AM. The Group will discuss <i>The Obama Presidency, a World View</i> . Please bring readings for discussion. This is not in the Great Discussions booklet.   |
| Jan. 22 | 5:00 PM | The Working Women's Group will meet at the Flamingo Lounge. RSVP to Trina Corson-Graham, 526-4982, corsongraham@sbcglobal.net  |
| Jan. 28 | 6:30 PM | Romancing the Vine members and guests will dine at La Charcuterie, 335 Healdsburg Ave., Healdsburg for a wine and food pairing dinner. The cost is \$60.00/person, plus tip and tax. If you would like to participate, please call the restaurant, 431-7213, to make your reservation and ask to be seated with the Finans. Please call Sue Finan, 540-2211, for additional information. |



Jane Addams

## AAUW INTEREST GROUPS 2008 - 2009

Global Issues ~ Gail Ellestad  
546-0562

Gourmet Luncheon ~ Ruth  
Hucklebridge 538-1096

Culture Vultures - Need Organizer

Let's Dine In ~ Need Organizer  
566-0514

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

Second Monday Book group ~ Sally  
Fee, 539-7348

Wednesday Evening Book Club  
Colleen Wilson 566-0514

Walking-Hiking Group ~ Phyllis  
Lowe 573-1125

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 Interest Sections Coordinator, Terry Howell 542-1135.

### Are you interested in hiking?

Those interested in the Hiking Group, please call Phyllis Lowe, 573-1125. Possible upcoming dates are January 2, 16, 30 and February 13 and/or 27.



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**A WALL-MOUNTED QUOTE BY JANE ADDAMS IN THE AMERICAN ADVENTURE IN THE WORLD SHOWCASE PAVILION OF WALT DISNEY WORLD’S EPCOT CENTER.**

Addams was a member of the NAACP, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, and the first vice-president of the National American Woman Suffrage Association in 1911. In 1901 she founded the Juvenile Court Committee which has since become the Juvenile Protective Association, a private nonprofit organization in Chicago that protects children from abuse and neglect. She was also actively involved with Pi Gamma Mu, the social science honor society, from the 1920s until her death, because of its emphasis on social service and the humanization of the social science disciplines.

**“WHAT AFTER ALL  
HAS MAINTAINED THE  
HUMAN RACE ON  
THIS OLD GLOBE DESPITE  
ALL THE CALAMITIES  
OF NATURE AND ALL  
THE TRAGIC FAILINGS  
OF MANKIND, IF NOT FAITH  
IN NEW POSSIBILITIES AND  
COURAGE TO ADVOCATE THEM.”  
JANE ADDAMS**

**COAT FOUND**

A black leather coat was found at the Luther Burbank Art and Garden Center after the LAF Winter Wonderland event on December 12th. If you are missing a coat matching this description, please contact Marianne Holt, 527-6797 or [Peppy@sonic.net](mailto:Peppy@sonic.net).

**BRANCH DIRECTORY  
CORRECTION**

When you receive your 2008/09 Santa Rosa Branch Directory, please note the following correction on page 2. The correct email address for the newsletter editor, Heather Dawn, is: [hdawn13@comcast.net](mailto:hdawn13@comcast.net). Thank you.