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No Board Meeting
in June

The Rose Branch



The American Association of University Women
June 2008
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Theater Party Fund Raiser

featuring

*Leading Ladies



Wednesday, June 11, 2008
6th Street Playhouse
52 West 6th Street
Santa Rosa

7:15 PM, Social time with complimentary
beverages and refreshments

8:00 PM, curtain

Reservations are required; tickets are \$25.00/person; checks should be payable to AAUW. Please include the names of those attending because name tags picked up at the door will serve as tickets.

Send your check to: The League of Women Voters
100 E Street, Ste 209
Santa Rosa, CA 95404

* *Leading Ladies* by Ken Ludwig features two contemporary Shakespearean actors who undertake to pass themselves off as the nieces of a rich old lady about to die. In the process, we see them engaged in a comedy of errors of Shakespearean proportions, complete with disguise, mistaken identity, gender reversal, and, of course a happy ending.

Questions? Contact Lynda Hungerford.

President's Message

"Reflections on our 2007/08 Year"

First, I want to wish everyone a most enjoyable summer ahead. It is a time to relax, rejuvenate, and to have more time for personal reflection.

Reflecting on our past year, I want to thank everyone who participated to make this one of our most fun, interesting and profitable years. First, "Hats Off" to Colleen and Carole for a year filled with outstanding programs. I hope many of you had an opportunity to attend some of these most worthwhile programs. Our Annual Meeting on May 17th, "Successful Women Make it Happen", was most enjoyable and recognized the branch's accomplishment this past year. Members also enjoyed hearing the EF speaker, Terri Winston, who discussed her "Project Grow" program.

Special thanks goes to our Membership VP, Trina Corson Graham. She has infused new life into membership by hosting various New Members' gatherings, thus giving them and opportunity to meet each other and learn more about AAUW. She has also developed new interest groups, and has taken the initiative to have our Membership Brochure redesigned. Trina was the recipient of the "Rising Star" award at the Annual Meeting.

This year our philanthropy efforts enabled us to make a significant contribution towards AAUW's Mission. Thanks to everyone's generosity and hard work, we raised significant funds for EF, LAF, SSU Scholarships, Tech Trek, and Maria Carrillo's Girls Softball Team. For example, for the year 2007, our AAUW branch has been credited with \$2910 for EF, and \$1945 for LAF. The Crab Feed raised another \$1500 for EF that will be credited for the coming year. Tech Trek raised almost \$5000 and will send seven girls to Stanford for a memorable experience at the math and science camps. Additionally, our annual Bridge Luncheon raised over \$1000 for our local projects: SSU Scholarships and Maria Carrillo High School Girls' Softball Team. We are looking forward to the Theater Party on June 11th where the proceeds will also benefit SSU scholarships for two worthy women. Please plan on attending this festive event. A special thank you to all these committee chairs and individuals that helped to make our fundraising events a huge success, "Hats Off" to: EF: Terry Howell, Marcy Clausen, **Joan Dickerson** and Lillian Shelan; LAF: Alice Crouch, Sharon Wright and Lillian Shelan; Tech Trek: Melinda Moir; SSU Scholarships: Linda Trodden; and Bridge Luncheon co-chairs: Dottie Zieber and Colleen Wilson.

A BIG thank you to our communication teams. To Ann Horne and Hester Perani for getting 10 issues of our most informative Rose Branch Newsletter out to all of us each year. Ann has worked diligently as the editor for the past six years to provide us with a newsletter that was stylish and filled with updates and pertinent information. To Lynda Hungerford for designing and maintaining our excellent web site. And to Sara Leech for keeping us all on track through the Telephone Tree Committee.

With this year's political elections, our Public Policy chair, Jo Ann Wilson, was busy collaborating with the League of Women Voters to provide very informative debates and forums to help our membership make informed election decisions.

Our Interest Groups were outstanding, well attended and growing. "The Working Women's Group" is up and running. Two new interest groups are currently being planned: a "Walking Group": and a "Writers Circle Group". Look for more information on these new groups in the months to come.

I look forward to the 2008/09 year ahead and working with our new Board and Committees to develop a meaningful and productive year for our branch. We will soon be asking you to come aboard and help by becoming part of one of the many teams presently forming. We are off to a great start with a beautiful new Santa Rosa Branch Brochure that was redesigned with the help of our Membership Chair, Trina-Corson Graham. We are also looking forward to working with our new newsletter editor, Heather Dawn, who has outstanding skills to provide for our branch a professionally developed newsletter.

Again, I wish you all a wonderful summer ahead, and I encourage you all to come back recharged in the fall and ready for another great year ahead - - we need you all.

Most Sincerely,
Marianne Holt

AAUW NORTH COAST LEADERSHIP MEETING SATURDAY, MAY 31, 2008

AAUW HEALDSBURG IS HOSTING THIS MEETING WHICH STARTS AT 10:00 A.M. AND WILL CONTINUE THROUGHOUT THE DAY UNTIL 3:00 P.M. WITH DVD PRESENTATIONS AND BREAKOUT SESSIONS. AAUW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LINDA HALLMAN AND CA/AAUW CO-PRESIDENT KRYS WULFF WILL BE FEATURED SPEAKERS.

THE MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE HEALDSBURG SENIOR CENTER. CONTACT MARIANNE HOLT IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING.

**CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME
TO OUR NEW
AAUW SANTA ROSA BRANCH
BOARD 2008-2009**

PRESIDENT	Marianne Holt
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Tech Trek Coordinator	Melinda Moir
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WORKING WOMENS' GROUP

Next meeting will be in the Nectar Room at the
Hilton on the Hill.

Date and time to be set.

Contact Trina if you are interested in attending &
want more information.

Renewing Your Membership

Remember to renew your membership to AAUW by
June 15th.

You don't want to miss out on the great programs,
events, and interest groups being planned
for the coming year.

***You also want to be sure to have your name and
other contact information listed
in the branch directory.***

WELCOME — WELCOME — WELCOME

Introducing Our New Newsletter Editor

It is with great pleasure that I introduce to you **Heather Dawn**, our new Rose Branch Newsletter Editor. Heather comes to us as a new member and with a vast background in graphic design, including: Adobe InDesign, Photoshop, and Creative Suite. She is also proficient in Microsoft Word, Power Point and Excel. Heather graduated Summa Cum Laude from SRJC receiving her Certificate in Graphic Design. She has also received her BA and MA from John F. Kennedy University.

Heather has been hard at work redesigning our newsletter. The first issue of the new design will be September, 2008. Just a quick reminder, please be sure to have all entries for the newsletter sent to her **no later than** the 10th of the previous month (August 10.) All articles, announcements (including schedules for the Special Interest Groups) must be electronically transmitted to: hdawn@comcast.net.

Thank you, Marianne Holt

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Victoria Vidak-Martinez attended Sonoma State University, earning a B.A. in Sociology and a Master's degree in Public Administration. She founded and for 10 years administered the Foster Care Education Program at Santa Rosa Junior College. She also taught for 5 years at the College of Marin as an adjunct faculty member. Following that she worked for 7 years as Program Director for the Therapeutic Foster Care Program at the Catholic Youth Organization in San Rafael. In 1983 Vicki and Marcy Clausen founded an adoption agency in Santa Rosa. For the past 16 years Vicki has served as an elected official in Rohnert Park. She served on the School Board from 1992 to 1996 and since 1996 has been a member of the City Council.

In addition to her 5 children Vicki has included special-needs foster children in her household. At present she cares for her brain-injured husband.

Vicki joined AAUW because she wanted to broaden her activities, she supports the organizational objectives and she wanted to meet bright and interesting women. She is interested in the Public Policy Committee and the program for Mentoring Reentry Women.

Thumbnail Sketch submitted by
Judy Hudson, Membership Assistant

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Also welcome our new member Mary Ann Wood.

In Memory Of

Members of the AAUW International Affairs, Great Decisions discussion group mourn the loss of Charlotte Gillmor. Her intelligent and insightful comments were appreciated and sought after by members of the group. Her absence during cancer treatment was deeply felt as her vast knowledge of world affairs added so much to group discussions where her opinions, compassion, and good humor were valued. Her appreciation of family and friendships served her, and all of us, well

.....Gail Ellestad
Chair of International Affairs Group.

Also to be remembered is Elynor Weeks, who some of our members will remember as an active participant in our AAUW branch activities for many years. She was also a member of the branch International Affairs Group as well as a branch book group when she was able to be active. She was a long time member of our branch and AAUW.

Leonor Mott was also a long time and active member for many years before she was unable to continue her active pursuits of AAUW branch activities.

Condolences to the families and friends of these lovely ladies from all our branch members who knew and remember them.

CORRECTION NOTICE

If you are planning to make a donation to our branch for the Tech Trek program please note that:

Personal contributions to Tech Trek should be made out to:

AAUW-CA, SPF

Memo Line should read: Santa Rosa Tech Trek

Greetings AAUW Global Issues Members
(International Affairs Group)

Although I missed the deadline for the May announcement, hopefully, this June issue of the newsletter will reach all of you in time to let you know that the May 21 meeting will be at Sharon Wright's, 2028 Stonefield Lane, (542-3230), GD Topic 7: "U.S.-China--Economic relations, evolving rivalry."

The June meeting will be at my home (details page 5 calendar) where you will find new stairs and a handrail from the street. We decided to combine Topic 3 "Blacklisting the Enemy," and Topic 5, "U.S. Defense Policy." As the meeting may run a little longer, I'll have a hearty snack.

At the April meeting, I mentioned the UNA film series. We are welcome to attend, no charge, some really good films. They are shown at the YMCA on College Ave, in the conference room at 5:00 PM (snacks can be purchased or you may bring your own). If interested, call me 546-0562 for possible ride-sharing.

The purpose of this program is to show how the United nations is portrayed in the media and to discuss the role of the U.N . in important social, political and economic issues.

Gail Ellestad, Chair - International Affairs Group

Help Wanted

The branch's web site is overdue for an overhaul. Could you/would you volunteer to work on a committee to consider the intent and organization of the site as well as the presentation?

Work should begin in mid June and finish before Labor Day. Volunteers will browse web sites for ideas, share their thoughts electronically, and meet two or three times over the summer.

Please contact Lynda Hungerford 539-5770. My email address is in the directory.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS
BRANCH CALENDAR - JUNE 2008

Date	Time	
9	1:30 p.m.	Monday Afternoon Book Group meets to select titles for 2008-2009. Contact Sally Fee, (539-6145) for more information.
11	7:30-9:00	Second Wednesday Book Group will meet to discuss selection of books for 2008-2009. Contact Sue Finan, (837-9965) for more information.
19	12 noon	Gourmet Luncheon Group will picnic at a local winery. Call Ruth Hucklebridge (538-1096) for more information.
17	9:30 a.m.	Tuesday Morning Book Group meets at home of Lois Patterson, Spring Lake Village, 5555 Montgomery Dr. to discuss <i>Most Famous Man in America</i> by Deboy Applegate. Shirley Lavell will moderate.
18	9:30 a.m.	The International Affairs Group meets at home of Gail Ellestad, 2540 Grosse Ave, (546-0562) to discuss <u>Great Decisions Topic 3: Blacklisting the Enemy</u> & <u>Topic 5: U.S. Defense Policy</u> . (See p.4 for details.)
		The Romancing the Vine group is planing to attend the Healdsburg Jazz Festival. Contact Sue Finan (837-9965) for more information. This group will meet in July to plan for 2008-2009.

FOR ADDITIONAL LISTINGS OVER THE SUMMER
contact the group chairs (info in front of your branch directory.)



**SOME NEW GROUPS THAT WILL BE STARTING UP -
SIGN UP SHEETS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE
SEPTEMBER KICK OFF**

A WALKING/HIKING GROUP
is being proposed by Trina Corson Graham.

A WRITERS' CIRCLE proposal by Arlene Mandell:

How many of our Rose Branch members are writers? Secret poets, essayists, memoirists perhaps even published writers?

Arlene L. Mandell, a retired English professor from New Jersey, would like to form a Writers' Circle which would meet one afternoon a month (possibly the third Monday from 1:30 - 4:00 p.m.) We would read excerpts of our work and offer gentle, helpful critique. A sign-up sheet will be available at our September meeting.

To learn more about the writers' Circle, please call Arlene at 537-7562 or e-mail her at poetessxyz@sbcglobal.net.

ATTENTION BOOK GROUPS!

Please check with the Program VPs before reserving a library facility for your book group meeting. There is an annual limit for the use of the library for nonprofit groups, so Program needs to make use of that option first for general meetings.

Thank you.



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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

AUGUST GARAGE SALE FUND RAISER FOR THE BRANCH

Ann Horne is offering to sponsor a garage sale sometime in August outside her home & in front of her garage. A minimum of three people are needed to assist with: 1) pricing of items before the sale; 2) putting items out & arranging on the day of the sale; 3) during the sale, taking payments & above all; 4) assisting people who are interested in purchasing. An assist with taking care of unsold items also needed ***AFTER*** the sale is over.

Donations from branch members are welcome. However, a limit of ***two*** items per member is preferred & please, ***NO*** items of clothing, including shoes. All items, ***if not sold***, will be given to one of the major charities that collect.

All proceeds from this garage sale will be given to the branch for funding of its projects and programs.

If you can assist, contact Ann (526-6631) or email: aphorne@sonic.net. Provided there are enough volunteers, organization will begin mid-July. Items for drop off will not be accepted by Ann until that time.



AAUW Santa Rosa gratefully appreciates the following donors to the Bridge Luncheon Fundraiser:

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Judie & Peter Wolken
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