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# The Rose Branch



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## THEATER PARTY

### "THE BIG BANG"

*A New Musical Comedy By Jed Feuer & Boyd Graham*

#### *6th Street Playhouse*

*52 West 6th Street - Santa Rosa  
(Downtown - Railroad Square)*

*Wednesday - March 7, 2007 8:00 p.m.*

*7:15 p.m. - social and complimentary beverages & desserts*

*A benefit performance for the  
League of Women Voters of Sonoma County &  
AAUW Santa Rosa*

*Reservations are required: \$25 per person*

*Send check made out to AAUW Educational Foundation to:*

*The League of Women Voters  
100 E Street, Santa Rosa CA 95404*

*Please include the names of those attending.*

This musical comedy will depict the entire history of the world - from the formation of the planets to the present: Adam and Eve, Nefertiti, Ceasar, Mrs. Ghandi, Attila, Columbus, Minnehaha, Tokyo Rose, Eva Braun and more.

**PRESIDENT'S LETTER**

Well - before we know it - Spring will be here!  
For some reason, this New Year seems to be going far faster than it should!

Carol Keiner and Colleen Wilson have exceeded all expectations with their programming so early this year! Our delightful tour at Buck Institute, followed by a terrific lunch at Hilltop Restaurant in Novato, was an unmitigated success!

Our wonderful Food and Wine Luncheon is in February and this is always such a special occasion - when we are treated to a "class" of why the food was chosen and why the wine accompanying these dishes was selected. We hope you were among the lucky few that fit into their special "Class - Dining Room" and got to share the experience. Santa Rosa JC Culinary School has been so consistent with good food and wine, it is always a pleasure to take part in this special event.

Yet another important event will be coming in March! The special Theater Party on March 7 is a first for our branch, and promises to be great fun as well as a painless way to raise money for our two important national funds. Do join us, as it promises to be great fun.

We **must** find a new board to run our branch! We **really** need some new faces! Step up and offer to be part of your AAUW Branch Board! Jenifer Jowsey, a very new member, has agreed to help us with our telephone tree! Can we get some other newer members to participate in the 2007-08 Board??? This is a great way to get acquainted with other members - and to feel a part of the process that provides women and girls with support, scholarships and association with those who feel as they do about women's issues.

Computer skills? Our computer based notification person would like some help! Interested in public policy issues - we can use a representative with input for the branch! There are other jobs which would suit

**UC REGENTS SETTLE WITH UC DAVIS  
WRESTLING COACH IN AAUW-SUPPORTED CASE**

Michael Burch, who is the former head wrestling coach at UC Davis, has settled with the University of California Regents for \$725,000. This settlement relates to his suit protesting his termination in the wake of his support for UC Davis women wrestlers whose program was terminated by the university in 2001 despite the fact that two former UC Davis female wrestlers won world championship medals.

Although he received a financial settlement, he was not reinstated in his position with the University, and he is barred from applying to other campuses in the University of California system. During his six year tenure at UC Davis, Burch was twice named Women's Coach of the Year and qualified numerous wrestlers to NCAA championships. He is currently wrestling coach at Brown University.

AAUW is very pleased with Mike's settlement, said AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund Interim Director Lisa Maatz. Mike stood up against discrimination [toward women] even when it cost him his job and today, justice has been served.

The AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund is the nation's largest fund focused solely on sex discrimination in higher education. AAUW is also supporting the female wrestlers in a separate Title IX suit against the school.

**WASSAIL PARTY AND SUBSEQUENT DONATIONS  
EARNS \$2,000 FOR EF AND LAF**

Thanks to generous donations from sponsors and strong support from Santa Rosa Branch AAUW members at this year's Wassail Party (and beyond), we are pleased to announce that we are able to award \$1,000 each to the Educational Foundation and the Legal Advocacy Fund.

Alice Crouch

Sharon Wright

Una Skelly

your special interests. Please investigate - we need all of you!

I hope your year is going well - I am still planning on attending the August IFUW Conference to be held in Manchester, England Are any other members going? Would love to hear from you!!!

Enjoy our next event - and by all means save our May meeting time to celebrate our 71<sup>st</sup> year.

All the best -- **Gerry**

## One & One-half Year Membership Incentive

It's that time of year to encourage friends who are thinking about joining AAUW to take advantage of the **one and one-half year membership** opportunity. New members that join AAUW after March 15th will receive an additional six months of membership and be able to enjoy all the benefits of membership until June 30, 2008! Dues for the coming year, 2007/08, will be \$84.00. Also, remember if you recruit a new member, you will have your name placed in the Hall of Fame and receive a Certificate of Recognition.

Please contact Marianne Holt, Membership VP, at 527-6797 or [peppy@sonic.net](mailto:peppy@sonic.net) for additional information on this value-packed opportunity for new members.

### ROMANCING THE VINE

March 14 - COPIA

10:00 Meet at Safeway parking lot close to the corner of Calistoga and Highway 12 to carpool to Napa. Directions will be provided.

11:45-12:15 Introduction to Wine and Food Pairing

12:30: Lunch at Julia's Kitchen, named for the patron saint of the pantry and featuring French-California cuisine

2:00-2:30 Wines of Portugal and Spain, including one tasting

Admission is \$5.00, \$4.00 for 62+  
Call Harriet at 537-8662 for this event  
no later than March 7  
to make lunch reservations.

### IN APRIL

the group is planning to visit the Benzinger Family Winery for a tractor-pulled tram tour through the estate vineyards, gardens & wildlife sanctuaries. Also a visit to their underground estate caves and then wine tasting in the Glen Ellen tasting room. Cost: \$10.00  
Date and Time to be determined.

Call Lynda Hungerford (539-5770) for reservations and more information for this event.

## MEMBER NEWS

Welcome to our new member , Lynne Durrell. Please add the following information to your address directory.

Lynne Durrell  
230 Bicentennial Way, #425  
Santa Rosa 95403  
Tel: 528-3910  
[billandlynne@comcast.net](mailto:billandlynne@comcast.net)

Directory telephone change for  
Beth Bowman should be 838-6186

*Pat Driscoll is looking for members who would like to be featured in a Thumbnail Sketch. Call her at 527-9706 or email [P.Driscoll@comcast.net](mailto:P.Driscoll@comcast.net) for more information.*

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### CALIFORNIA ENDOWMENTS PROVIDE FUNDING FOR WOMEN SCHOLARS

Each year the endowments established by California branches in honor of state presidents, branches, or branch members who have made outstanding contributions to the Educational Foundation fund women with fascinating and challenging projects. To mention just a few: this year Stacey VanDahm who has a Ph.D. in Comparative Literature and is at UC Santa Barbara is working on a project entitled "Outside in America: Soviet and Cuban Exile—Narration of Belonging in the United States during the Cold War."

Former Santa Rosa Branch President (now a Petaluma Branch member) Sue Cochran's Research and Development Endowment funded Patricia Marzec in 2004-05. After seven years as an outreach worker assisting homeless individuals, she became aware of the power of art. She hopes to reduce the negative impact of prejudices and sexism by encouraging individuals to find their own voice and sense of identity through the creative therapeutic process.

Laurie Pearce is a post doctoral fellow looking at Hellenistic Cuneiform Archives and Names: A Digital Who's Who of Hellenistic Babylonia. Congratulations to all these women scholars.

**PUBLIC POLICY****AAUW Action Network Successes in 2006**

AAUW's advocacy on specific issues helped to make an impact on a number of important public policy issues in 2006. To name just a few: AAUW urged Congress to reauthorize the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act with improved provisions for women; helped defeat attempts to repeal the estate tax; increased awareness of the wage gap between men and women; helped to persuade the Food and Drug Administration to approve over-the-counter emergency contraception; and campaigned to urge women to register to vote and go to the polls on Election Day. With the support of all its members, AAUW can continue to be an important force in our nation's public policy.

Jackie McDonald  
Public Policy Chair

**AAUW California Tech Trek**

The committee is in full swing beginning our selection process. The first order of business was to find a compatible meeting time & that is harder than selecting the girls! I am honored to work with a group of women who have so many interests and activities that makes this scheduling challenging. This year's committee members are:

Beth Bowman,  
Marcy Clausen,  
Anne Facto,  
Jean Hanks,  
Harriet Palk and Marsha Vas Dupre.

Carol Dean is on a trip around the world but still remains on the committee as our fund developer.

This year we will be sending seven Tech Trek girls, with scholarships, to Stanford University and Mills College. Thank you for supporting this great project to keep girls interested in math and science at this vulnerable age.

Melinda Moir  
Tech Trek Coordinator

*Culture Vultures Event*  
*Mustard Festival at COPIA*

*Sunday, March 18, 2007, 11:00 -  
5:00 p.m.*

*The Culture Vultures are  
planning to attend  
the Mustard Festival at COPIA  
in Napa.*

*All AAUW Santa Rosa members &  
guests are invited to attend this  
fun event.*

*If interested in attending it is  
recommended that you purchase  
your own ticket at  
HYPERLINK  
"http://www.mustardfestival.org"  
www.mustardfestival.org  
or by calling 944-1133.*

*Advance tickets are \$30 or \$35.00  
at the door.  
Your ticket includes admission, a  
wineglass, and a wine & food-  
tasting package.*

*Additionally, mustards and an  
array of gourmet products will be  
showcased alongside sensational  
Wine Country cuisine, world-  
famous wines, hearty craft brews  
and fine arts and crafts.*

*For more information on this  
event go to HYPERLINK  
"http://www.copia.org"  
www.copia.org.*

*For additional questions  
regarding the Culture Vultures  
or this event call  
Marianne Holt at 527-6797 or  
Sue Finan at 837-9965.*

**BRANCH CALENDAR - SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS**

**MARCH**

- | <b>Date</b> | <b>Time</b>     |   |
|-------------|-----------------|---|
| 7           | 1:00 p.m.       | Board Meeting at home of Gerry Carleton 43 Oak Forest Place, Tel: 539-9521, gjc4@earthlink.net. Open to all members. Contact Gerry if you would like to attend.   |
| 12          | 1:30 p.m.       | Monday Afternoon Book Group meets at home of Iris Sabelman, 2100 Grace Dr. Tel: 545-8783 to discuss My Cousin Rachel by Daphne Du Maurier. Glenice Anderson will be the discussion leader.  |
| 14          | 7:30-9:30 p.m.  | The Second Wednesday Night Book Group meets at the home of Marianne Holt, 1775 Brandee Lane, Tel: 527-6797, to discuss The Might and the Almighty: Reflections on America, God and World Affairs, by Madeleine Albright. Marianne will lead the discussion.   |
| 15          | 12 noon         | The Gourmet Lunch Group will dine at the home of Betty Workman, 2028 Stonefield Lane. Call cohostess Nina Lowell, Tel: 544-6373 if you would like to attend.  |
| 20          | 9:30 a.m.       | The Tuesday Morning Book Review Group meets at the home of Grace Adamowicz, 2460 Melbrook Way, Tel: 527-5015, to discuss Miss Julia Speaks Her Mind by Ann B. Ross. Delia Nistler will moderate. [If meeting place changed, group will be notified by phone.] |
| 21          | 9:30-11:30 a.m. | The Global Issues Group will meet at the home of Charlotte Gilmor, 8829 Hood Mt. Circle, to continue their discussion of Great Decisions topic 8: Endangered Children. RSVP 833-1510.   |

**APRIL**

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| 4  | 1:00 p.m.   | Board Meeting. Meeting place to be determined. Call Gerry Carleton for information.   |
| 9  | 1:30 p.m.   | Monday Afternoon Book Group meets at home of Georgia Radford, 520 Deerfield Pl, Tel: 538-2452, radford@mcn.org to discuss The Master Butchers Sing Club by Louise Erdrich. Georgia will lead the discussion.                                  |
| 11 | 7:30 - 9:00 | Second Wednesday Night Book Group meets at home of Suzanne Bonnet, 3640 Alta Vista Ave, Tel: 526-9545 - jebseb@sbcglobal.net to discuss Oracle Bones: A Journey Between China's Past and Present by Peter Hessler. Suzanne will also present. |
| 17 | 9:30 a.m.   | Tuesday Morning Book Review Group meets at home of Delia Nistler, 250 Mockingbird Circle, Tel: 538-2965 to discuss The Bookseller of Kabul by Asne Seierstad. Mary West will moderate.  |
| 18 | 9:30-11:30  | The Global Issues Group will meet at the home of Lindy Buchanan, 4501 Wallace Road, (Foothill Ranch) to discuss Great Decisions Topic 1: The U.S. in the Middle East (still or again). RSVP: 539-1510.  |
| 19 | 12:00 noon  | The Gourmet Luncheon Group will dine out. Contact Ann Horne Tel: 526-6631 - aphorne@sonic.net for more information or if you want to join the group.  |

Deadline for **MAY/JUNE** issue of the Rose Branch is **APRIL 10**.

Please send submissions to Editor Ann Horne via E-MAIL: aphorne@sonic.net POST: 2424 Compadre Dr SR 95405

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**AAUW CALIFORNIA  
STATE CONVENTION  
APRIL 27 - 29, 2007**

**ONTARIO - CALIFORNIA  
HILTON HOTEL**

**Need a Ride?**

If you find you need a ride to branch meetings and events. Don't fret - - a ride can be arranged for you.

Call Marianne Holt 527-6797 for information and arrangements.

The phoenix is rising in Arizona  
**June 29-July 2, 2007**  
**SAVE THE DATE!**



Engage, learn, network, experience, transform, and celebrate at the 2007 AAUW National Convention

Herald Regency and the Phoenix Convention Center



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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**

**TIME TO PLAY! (BRIDGE!)**

Come to this year's annual BRIDGE LUNCHEON!  
 It will be held from 11:30 to 4 on Saturday, April 14 at the  
 Bridge Gallery, 3401 Cleveland Avenue.

Enjoy lunch! Bridge! Raffle!

All profits from your \$20 will go to our branch's special projects...  
 SSU and Tech Trek scholarships and a softball team sponsorship.

Join us for an afternoon of fun!

Reservation deadline April 7.

For questions, please call Dottie Zieber (546-8152) or  
 Colleen Wilson (566-0514).

For donations of (new) raffle items or to volunteer or donate cookies,  
 please call Colleen.

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**Here is my reservation for the BRIDGE LUNCHEON -- SATURDAY, April 14th**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Guest(s) \_\_\_\_\_

I will play as a: single \_\_\_\_ couple with \_\_\_\_\_

foursome with \_\_\_\_\_

Check enclosed for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$20 per person)

Please send your check, payable to **AAUW Santa Rosa**, to:

**Dottie Zieber**  
**3238 Cobblestone Dr**  
**Santa Rosa, CA 95404**