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TIME TO PLAY! (BRIDGE!)

Come to this year's annual BRIDGE LUNCHEON!

It will be held from 11:30 to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 15
at the Bridge Gallery, 3401 Cleveland Avenue
(same parking lot, but look for us in the back right,
a slightly different storefront).

Enjoy a lunch of our traditional taco salad...bridge...raffle.

Join us for an afternoon of fun!

All profits will go to our branch's special projects,
like the SSU and Tech Trek scholarships.

For questions, please call Dottie Zieber or
Colleen Wilson (please check branch tel/directory for contact information.)

For donations of (new) raffle items, please call Colleen.

To volunteer (we need help setting up, cleaning up, and
serving) or to donate homemade cookies, please call Dottie.

Here is my reservation for the BRIDGE LUNCH - SATURDAY, March 15th

Name _____ Phone _____

Guest(s) _____

I will play as a: couple with _____
foursome with _____

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

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

Dottie Zieber
(address in branch tel/directory)

Reservation Deadline: March 8

Board Meeting
March 5—1:00 pm
at home of
Lillian Shelan

(check branch tel/directory for address)

Non-board members
welcome to attend.

Contact Marianne Holt.

President's Message
"Be a Team Player"

It's that time of year when the branch will be nominating their officers and committees for the 2008/09 year. But first I need to thank all the wonderful and dedicated members that have so graciously served the branch this year with their volunteer efforts. A special thanks is in order to Carole Keiner and Colleen Wilson for the most interesting Author's Luncheon on February 9th. Additionally, a big thank you goes to Marcy Clausen, Joan Dickerson, Lillian Shelan and the many Crab Feed helpers for once again organizing the delicious Crab Feed on February 16th. This year the proceeds from the Crab Feed will go the Educational Foundation. The backbone of any organization is the volunteer commitment of its members.

This year the branch is restructuring and trying a new approach to fill many of the 2008/09 open board and committee positions. In the past, many talented members have declined an invitation to help serve the branch due to tight and busy schedules. I do understand, since living here in Sonoma County has so many tempting and enjoyable activities to offer us. So this year, we will be trying a TEAM APPROACH to fill some board and committee positions. What this means is that we will have a TEAM of several members for some open positions. Thus, when a member has travel plans or a personal conflict, the work can be shared as needed. This lightens the load for many members that have served for many years and need a break.

Within the next few weeks, you may receive a phone call asking you to be "A Team Player" for one of our team positions. Please say "Yes" by offering your skills and knowledge to one of the teams. The main teams forming are: Program, Membership, Educational Foundation, Legal Advocacy, Tech Trek, and Public Policy/Public Communications. The branch will also be trying to find replacements for The Rose Branch Editor and Special Interest Groups Chair.

I especially would like to see our many new members come aboard and be a part of the many team opportunities we will be forming. It is a fabulous opportunity to work together with some very talented women, and develop your leadership and team-building skills. When the work is divided, as I suggest, we can plan and develop a wonderful and enjoyable year ahead for all members.

I need to say a few more words about our Rose Branch newsletter. For many years, Ann Horne has provided us with a most informative newsletter. Now it is time to pass it on to one or two members that have the interest and some computer experience. We will gladly help improve your skills by providing a FREE class on Newsletter Development on March 14th. If this is an area you would like to volunteer for and at the same time receive a free and valuable computer skills' class, please contact me before March 10th.

Do remember that we are all working together to advance AAUW's Mission by helping to improving the life and equity for women and girls. Do become a "Team Player" and help make a difference.

Most Sincerely,
Marianne Holt, President



Save on Convention 2008 Registration!

If you are interested in reducing your registration fee for the CA State Convention, you can volunteer to work 4 hours at the registration desk and pay a fee of only \$160; that's a savings of \$125. Please contact Joyce Adams for more information.

Do Mark your calendar and plan on attending this year's Convention. It's right in our neighborhood:

Theme: ***It's All About the Mission***

Dates: April 4-6, 2008

Place: Sonoma County Doubletree Inn
Rohnert Park, CA

Convention 2008 focuses on the new Association mission: ***To advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education and research.***

The March 2008 CA Perspective contains everything you want to know about the convention.

WATCH FOR YOUR ISSUE, or go to www.aauw-ca.org and save the dates!

Membership Matters

Now is the time to encourage friends and family who have considered joining AAUW to do so. Remind them that whether in spirit, online, or in person, they will belong to a community of people who value education and equal rights and who believe in taking action. Wherever they go, they will find a community of friends and professional contacts.

Further, after March 1st, they can join AAUW and receive 15 months of membership 2008-09 for the regular 12 month price of \$86.00. With this saving incentive it is the perfect time for friends and colleagues to join AAUW's wonderful Santa Rosa branch.

Also, graduation is fast approaching and you may want to think about the "Give a Grad a Gift" program. AAUW members can now give a recent graduate—a friend, daughter, granddaughter, or niece—a free national AAUW membership. To join our branch she will only need to pay state and branch dues.

Trina Corson Graham, Membership VP

WORKING WOMEN'S INTEREST GROUP

THE WORKING MEMBERS INTEREST GROUP HAS SOME NEW MEMBERS AND OF COURSE, ALL CURRENT MEMBERS ARE WELCOME.

OUR SECOND GET TOGETHER WAS HELD AT SASSAFRAS RESTAURANT ON FEBRUARY 7TH. THERE WERE SEVEN MEMBERS ATTENDING AND MARIANNE HOLT BROUGHT A DELIGHTFUL GUEST. CONVERSATION WAS LIVELY AND IT WAS NICE TO SHARE IDEAS, FOOD AND STORIES. WE ARE ENTHUSIASTIC AND ARE PLANNING ANOTHER GET-TOGETHER:

SAVE THE DATE:
THURSDAY, MARCH 27TH

LOCATION TO BE ANNOUNCED.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE ON THE INVITE/ CONTACT LIST FOR THIS GROUP CALL OR E-MAIL:

TRINA 526-4982
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Volunteer for Expanding Your Horizons Conference

The 16th annual Expanding Your Horizons Conference is looking for workshop leaders and assistants. If you are interested in helping, here is the contact information:

- EVENT:** Expanding Your Horizons Conference
- WHAT:** To foster awareness of career options to junior high students in math, science, technology, and business.
- WHERE:** Sonoma State University, Rohnert Park
- WHEN:** Saturday, April 12, 2008, — 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM

CONTACT: Donna Spilman, 577-6466 or donna_spilman@agilent.com

PUBLIC POLICY NEWS
Chipping Away at Reproductive Rights

As I was scanning the AAUW Washington Updates to get ideas for the newsletter, I came across an alarming trend. There appears to be a rather insidious, ongoing effort on the part of anti-choice politicians to limit reproductive rights. What follows is a recap of some of these activities.

Anti-family Planning Assistant Appointed

“President Bush has appointed Susan Orr as Acting Deputy Assistant for Population Affairs at the Department of Health and Human Services. She will be responsible for the Department’s \$283 million reproductive health program as well as a \$30 million abstinence only education program. Orr previously held a senior position at the Family Research Council, which opposes family planning and was quoted in a 2000 article opposing requiring health insurance plans to cover contraceptives as saying, “It’s not about choice. It’s not about health care. It’s about making everyone collaborators with the culture of death”. As Orr was appointed “acting” secretary, she is not subject to the Senate confirmation process”. (AAUW Washington Update Oct. 19, 2007)

Bill to Combat Rising Birth Control Costs

“Deficit reduction legislation passed by Congress in 2005, which took effect in 2007, ended the practice of

many pharmaceutical companies charging campus clinics only nominal prices for birth control. This has resulted in a sharp rise in the cost of birth control dispensed by college campus health centers and clinics serving low-income women. Bills have been introduced in the House and Senate (HR4054/S2347), but more support is needed to move these bills forward.” (AAUW Washington Update Nov. 9 and AAUW Action Network Nov. 29, 2007)

Other issues of importance include attempts to limit access to emergency contraception-related services to victims of sexual assault. (AAUW Washington Update Sept. 21, 2007) Efforts to expand comprehensive sex education (HR 1653/S 972) beyond the current federally supported abstinence-only-until-marriage program. (AAUW Action Network Sept. 5, 2007) And finally, AAUW’s continuing commitment to encourage Congress to “improve – rather than impair – women’s access to reproductive health care services”. (Prevention First Act S21/HR819)

There’s a lot to think about!

JoAnn Wilson
Branch Public Policy Officer

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**WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH EVENT**

Tuesday, March 18

Lunch: 1 pm--Marie Callender’s on Mendocino

2:30 pm-- Carpool to SRJC

3-5 pm-- Doyle Library Room 4246 (First Floor)  
Santa Rosa Campus ***The Impact of Eleanor Roosevelt***

The year 2008 is the 75th anniversary of the inauguration of Franklin Delano Roosevelt. Join SRJC historians Marty Bennett, Anne Donegan, and Anne Exton as they discuss the legacy of Eleanor Roosevelt before, during, and after her time in the White House.

RSVP by Friday, March 14 to Colleen Wilson: [program@aauwsantarosa.org](mailto:program@aauwsantarosa.org)



**SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS**  
**BRANCH CALENDAR - MARCH 2008**

*(Please consult your branch telephone directory for addresses, tel #s, etc.)*

| <b>Date</b> | <b>Time</b>    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
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| 10          | 1:30 p.m.      | Monday Afternoon Book Group meets at home of Helga Spizman, to discuss <i>Suite Francaise</i> by Irene Nemirovsky. Helga will lead the discussion.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 12          | 7:30-9:00 p.m. | Second Wednesday Book Group meets at home of Susanne Bonnet, to discuss four books: <i>Animal, Vegetable, Miracle: A Year of Food Life; The Omnivore's Dilemma: A Natural History of Four Meals; The Way We Eat: Why Our Food Choices Matter; What to Eat</i> . Suzanne will overview each title and readers of those books will elaborate on content.                                                                                                                                                |
| 18          | 9:30 a.m.      | Tuesday Morning Book Group meets at home of Ruth Hucklebridge. Charlotte Dondson will co-host, to discuss <i>Angels in Africa</i> by Beth O'Donnell. Gerry Carleton will moderate.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 20          | 12 noon        | Gourmet Luncheon Group dines at home of Anne Facto. Una Skelley will co-host. Contact Una for reservation and menu.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 28          |                | Romancing the Vine Group is planning a visit to Spring Mountain Winery. (www.springmtn.com) Visitors to the vineyard will experience a unique sense of place and history through an informative walking tour of the original 1885 estate that includes the winery, caves, vineyards and gardens. The tour finishes with a private tasting. There is a \$25 tasting fee, applicable to wine purchase. If you are interested in joining this wine tasting event contact Liz Sasek for more information. |

\*\*\*\* Global Issues Interest Group. No meeting in March due to a conflict with spring holidays. We look forward to the April meeting and a guest speaker.

Deadline for APRIL 2008 issue of the Rose Branch is MARCH 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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**FREE Computer Class**  
 for Newsletter Editor Volunteer

The Santa Rosa Branch is offering a **FREE** computer class  
 in Newsletter & Brochure Development

for a volunteer who is willing serve as Newsletter Editor for the coming 2008/09 year.

If you are interested in this position and the opportunity to learn a new skill, please contact  
 Marianne Holt **by March 10th** for more information at [president@auwsantarosa.org](mailto:president@auwsantarosa.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 LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF SONOMA COUNTY  
THE SONOMA COUNTY JUVENILE JUSTICE & DELINQUENCY PREVENTION COMMISSION  
ARE HOLDING A TOWN HALL FORUM

**“JUVENILE JUSTICE IN SONOMA COUNTY– BUILDING PRESSURE: LOOKING AT ALTERNATIVES”**

Saturday, March 1, 2008  
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 (noon)  
The Charles DeMeo Teen Center (CHOPS)  
509 Adams Street, Railroad Square  
Santa Rosa, Ca 95401

Keynote Speaker is Ms. Jessalyn Nash, the Director of the Restorative Justice Initiative for the American Humane Association. Ms. Nash is the Founder of Restorative Resources in Sonoma County located in Sebastopol, California.

Moderated discussions will target topics such as prevention, intervention, support services including education, restitution, rehabilitation and accountability.

The morning event will highlight how we can best support our youth in Sonoma County:

How do we effectively intervene when a juvenile has offended?  
When is it necessary to incarcerate an offending youth?  
What works?  
What is missing?  
How do we prevent delinquency and foster positive citizenry?

*For more information,  
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Sanchez at 579-5141.*