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Board Meeting

May 7 — 1:00 pm
at home of
Alice Crouch

Non-board members welcome
to attend.

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The Rose Branch



The American Association of University Women
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AAUW SANTA ROSA BRANCH

ANNUAL MEETING - MAY 17 - 12 noon to 2:30 p.m.

featuring

Terri Winston

Educational Foundation Community Action Grant Recipient
at the **515 Orchard Street Performance Gallery**

The meeting will begin with a potluck salad lunch and dessert,*
followed by the business meeting during which we will vote on
the board nominations for 2008-2009

Presentations will be made to the EF Gift Honorees
and other special branch recognitions.

After the business meeting we will be treated to a presentation by Terri Winston, an Educational Foundation Community Action Grant recipient. Terri has a unique combination of expertise and experience that led her to the creation of Women's Audio Mission in San Francisco. She has 20 years experience in the music industry as a major-label recording artist/engineer and producer, and is trained as an electrical engineer. Currently Winston is a tenured professor of Sound Recording Arts at City College of San Francisco.

In 2007, Ms. Winston received a two-year EF Community Action grant for **Project GROW (Girls Recording Outreach Workshops)**. This is a program that trains and mentors middle and high school girls by using music and media arts to encourage them to commit to studies in math, science, and computers. It also exposes the girls to non-traditional technology careers.

Due to limited and timed parking, you are encouraged to carpool to this event. There may be valet parking for carpools. Timed street parking is available on Seventh, Cherry and Orchard Streets and non-timed parking on College Avenue. The 5th Street Downtown Garage is a short distance south of the Performance Gallery.

Be sure to **RSVP** to Lucy Foster by May 12th.

Please join us for this exciting event! Guests are also welcome.

* *You are requested to bring a salad or finger dessert and ... a future member!*

President's Message
"AAUW's Value Promise"

First I would like to thank our branch for giving me the opportunity to attend the 2008 AAUW CA Convention and to represent you and our branch. After attending the convention, "It's All About the Mission", I want to share with you the new and exciting direction our organization is moving. In addition to our new organizational structure with 16 newly elected Board of Directors, AAUW is reinventing itself for the 21st Century. In a two-year strategic design project, we are virtually watching a new history of AAUW unfolding. With our new Vision and Mission Statements developed last year as a roadmap, AAUW now offers a critical piece that has never been articulated; it is the new "Value Promise" to all members.

The Value Promise, simply stated, promises the membership to break through educational and economic barriers so all women and girls have an equal and fair chance without gender assumptions. The Promise is action based with concepts that are measurable and quantifiable. These two main action components are empowered through our programs, advocacy, and research efforts. Let's examine two examples of this Promise in action:

- AAUW Action Network's hard work has paid off with the 2007 passage of the Higher Education Act Reauthorization and the America COMPETES Act to improve opportunities for women and decrease the teacher shortage in science, technology, engineering, and math.
- AAUW members provided 4.1 million dollars in fellowships, grants and awards to more than 250 women across the country in 2007.

Other changes ahead include a redesigned AAUW web site. On the web site, you will notice the new AAUW Dialog. Now we have our very own "Blog"! The site provides timely commentary on current events and the way they relate to the AAUW Mission. You can also respond to what others have written and stay abreast on topics of interest to all AAUW members. In addition to these changes, look for our new and redesigned AAUW Logo soon to be unveiled, as well as new DVD leadership training modules to help prepare our board to implement AAUW's Mission and the Value Promise.

Lastly, I would like to encourage all our members to attend our Annual Meeting on May 17th. You will have an opportunity to meet your new incoming 2008/09 Board who will be working hard for our branch next year to make the Promise a reality here at the grassroots. You will also hear and meet Terri Winston, a recipient of an EF Community Action Grant, for her innovative 'Project GROW.' This is another example of 'The Promise' in action. Do come and celebrate another very productive branch year and share in the community AAUW offers to all of us.

Most Sincerely,
 Marianne Holt, President

AAUW SANTA ROSA BRANCH
BOARD NOMINATIONS FOR 2008-2009

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| Sunshine Committee | Trina Corson Graham |
| Tech Trek Coordinator | Melinda Moir |
| Telephone Tree | Sara Leech |

**SPECIAL THANKS TO
 OUR CONVENTION VOLUNTEERS**

AT THE AAUW CA CONVENTION ON APRIL 4-6TH, OUR SANTA ROSA BRANCH VOLUNTEERS DID A FANTASTIC JOB. JOYCE ADAMS HEADED-UP REGISTRATION AT THE CONVENTION BY BEING PART OF THE CA LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS TEAM. A BIG THANK YOU TO HER FOR ORGANIZING THE TEAM AND TO THE WONDERFUL VOLUNTEERS THAT SO GRACIOUSLY HELPED OUT AT THE REGISTRATION DESK: JUDY HUDSON, MARCY CLAUSEN, LINDA TRODDEN, MELINDA MOIR, ALICE CROUCH, GERRY CARLETON, COLLEEN WILSON, AND ANN HORNE. SPECIAL THANKS TO MARIANNE HOLT FOR DEVELOPING OUR BRANCH DISPLAY BOARD FOR THE "CONNECTIONS CORNER" AND TO TRINA CORSON-GRAHAM FOR UPDATING AND DEVELOPING OUR NEW BRANCH BROCHURE TO ACCOMPANY THE DISPLAY. ALSO THANKS TO ALICE CROUCH AND MARIANNE HOLT FOR DONATING A BEAUTIFUL SONOMA COUNTY WINE BASKET TO HELP BENEFIT LAF.

WAY TO GO AAUW SANTA ROSA!

Membership Matters

Dues Renewal Time

Fellow members, you will find your membership dues notice enclosed. Please take the time to fill it out today and update any information necessary. In addition, take the time to fill out the volunteer survey on the back and find some projects to join that interest you. Getting involved makes a big difference for our branch and is a wonderful way to make new friends. A pre-addressed envelope to our branch treasurer is also enclosed for your convenience.

Renewals are due by June 15th which will ensure that you are in the branch 2008-2009 telephone directory. Membership runs from July 1st to June 30th. Total membership dues this year are \$86.00 which includes Association, State and Branch.

We look forward to your timely response. Your membership dues are helping to continue AAUW's legacy of change for equity of women and girls.

Thank you,
Trina Corson Graham

Give a Grad a Gift

AAUW members can now give a recent grad—a friend, daughter, granddaughter, or niece—a free AAUW membership. At no cost to you or her!

Expose her to the power that comes from belonging to a national women-led organization of more than 100,000 members who believe in and advance equity and education for women and girls. Expand her networking opportunities through career development opportunities and community action projects. She will experience the rewards of working with and learning from successful AAUW mentors. Keep her current on the events and people that affect her life as she receives Mission in Action, AAUW Outlook, Action Network alerts, and more. Increase her buying power with access to discounted health and dental insurance, auto insurance, AAUW research reports, education loans and other members-only benefits

Your grad will receive a one-year member-at-large membership—a \$49 value. She can join a branch at any time but will be responsible for paying branch and state dues.

Trina Corson Graham, Membership VP

Working Women's Interest Group-April 30th

The Working Members Interest Group has some new members and of course, all current members are welcome. Our third get together was held at the Brasserie and was very enjoyable. Our group has grown to nine members. We are enthusiastic and are planning another date:

John Ash- Front Room - Crush the Rush
Wednesday April 30th - 5:30-6:30 p.m.

\$2 Off Signature Cocktails - Complimentary Appetizers
4330 Barnes Road - Santa Rosa

Checkout their web-site for directions and menus.
<http://www.vintnersinn.com/frontroom.html>
RSVP Trina Corson Graham **membership@aauwsantarosa.org**

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS:

- Victoria Vidak-Martinez
- Phyllis J. Fitzgerald
- Mary Ann Wood

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GETTING TO KNOW OUR NEW MEMBERS

Phyllis Fitzgerald graduated from Ohlone Junior College in Fremont with an A.A. degree in sociology. She received a B.A. in psychology and a M.S. in counseling and educational psychology at California State University at Hayward. She worked mainly in counseling, as a school psychologist and as a licensed marriage and family therapist. Although she is currently retired, she works part-time for the Gravenstein School District in Sebastopol as an educational psychologist and counselor.

Phyllis likes to hang out with her grandson and she is a docent at Jack London State Park at the cottage and the museum. She belonged to AAUW some time ago in Davis and has rejoined because she supports the program and wants to meet interesting people.

*Thumbnail Sketch submitted by
Judy Hudson, Membership Assistant*

Tech Trek 2008

The committee has made the selections for Tech Trek 2008. It was a fun process and we wish we could send every girl that we interview but we had to narrow our choice down to seven girls. All the girls are nominated by their math or science teachers; must demonstrate an interest and aptitude in science or math; must be able to work collaboratively and be self responsible. We suggest that the teachers nominate some girls who are disadvantaged and would benefit from this experience. Listed below are the schools and the selected campers for 2008:

Comstock - *Samantha Calderon*
Allison Lopez

Cook - *Ramanjot Kaur*

Rincon Valley - *Shana Ruth-Seminara*

Santa Rosa - *Martha Fast, Kristen Garcia*

Slater - *Michelle Sweeney*

This years' hard working committee members are: Marcy Clausen, Carol Dean, Anne Facto, Jean Hanks, Melinda Moir, Harriet Palk and Marsha Vas Dupre.

Tech Trek has two camps at Stanford University in July. The camp directors are offering tours to AAUW members on Thursday, July 17 or 24. The tours will run from 8-11 a.m. and you can visit classes, attend the staff meeting, tour the dorms and walk around the campus so you can see where your money goes when supporting Tech Trek. If you wish to sign up for a tour, please contact Melinda Moir.

Thank you for all the wonderful member support of this program. Tech Trek is a great exhibition of AAUW's mission.

Melinda Moir
Tech Trek Coordinator

June 3rd Primary Forums

The League of Women Voters, in sponsorship with the Community Media Center and AAUW, is hard at work on a series of forums addressing issues and candidates on the June 3 State Primary Ballot.

The following is a schedule of events in Santa Rosa:

***April 28** from 7-8 p.m. at the Santa Rosa City Council Chambers an informational forum will take place to discuss Propositions 98 and 99 (Imminent Domain).

***May 5** from 7-8:30 p.m., also at the Council Chambers, four District 3 County Supervisorial candidates will debate.

***May 5** from 7:15-8:30 p.m. an event will be held in Oakmont for members and guests only. The four District 1 County Supervisorial candidates will debate.

The two forums at the City Council Chambers will be broadcast live on Santa Rosa Community Access and ComCast Channel 69. Rebroadcast times may be obtained at www.communitymedia.org.

I hope you can attend these forums and support the important work of the League of Women Voters. This is a critical time in our community, state and nation and it is vital that we all approach the voting booth armed with the best information available.

Come Out to Support the Girls' Softball Team

Each year our AAUW Branch has raised funds to help support the Maria Carrillo High School Girl's Softball Team. Wouldn't it be great to see the team in action? Thus, we are planning to go out and support the team on Tuesday, May 6th, game time 4:00 PM.

We will be carpooling to Maria Carrillo HS and going out for pizza after the game for those interested.

Friends and family are also invited to help cheer the girls as they play a home game with their opponent, Ursuline High School.

If you are interested in joining in the fun for this event, please contact Marianne Holt for more information and to help plan for pizza reservations:

president@aauwsantarosa.org

Assistance Needed!

The League of Women Voters in is need of one "timer" to assist Sharon Wright at the May 5th District 3 Supervisorial Debate. If you can help, please contact me at

publicpolicy@aauwsantarosa.org

Thanks!
JoAnn Wilson
Public Policy

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SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS
BRANCH CALENDAR - MAY 2008

PLEASE USE YOUR BRANCH TELEPHONE DIRECTORIES FOR CONTACT INFORMATION.

| Date | Time | |
|-------------|----------------|--|
| 12 | 1:30 p.m. | Monday Afternoon Book Group meets at home of Lynda Hungerford to discuss <i>Gilead</i> by Marilynne Robinson. Lynda will lead the discussion. |
| 14 | 7:30-9:00 p.m. | Second Wednesday Book Group meets at home of Kathy Frishberg to discuss <i>You're Wearing That?; Understanding Mothers and Daughters in Conversation</i> by Deborah Tannen. |
| 15 | 12 noon | Gourmet Luncheon Group dines at the Union Hotel Restaurant. This restaurant primarily serves Italian cuisine, but there are other choices on the menu. Contact Ann Horne for reservations. |
| 20 | 9:30 a.m. | Tuesday Morning Book Group meets at home of Viola Brown to discuss <i>Gestronomical Me</i> by MFK Fisher. Dorothy McCray will moderate. |

Deadline for JUNE 2008 issue of the Rose Branch is MAY 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)

SNAPSHOTS FROM CA-AAUW CONVENTION - APRIL 4-5, 2008



Marianne Holt, Joyce Adams, Ann Horne, Alice Crouch volunteer at the registration table.



Marcy Clausen & Linda Trodden share duties at the registration table.



Alice Crouch, Gerry Carleton & volunteer from another branch.



Harriet Palk shares a meal with friends.



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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

**Sonoma State University Scholarship Fundraiser
A Theatre Party featuring “Leading Ladies”**

**Wednesday - June 11
6th Street Playhouse**

Social time: 7:15 p.m. (refreshments provided)

Curtain: 8:00 p.m.

Ticket price: \$25.00

**Make checks out to AAUW Santa Rosa and send to: League of Women Voters, 100 E St.
Santa Rosa 95404 **RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED & your check is your reservation.****

A comedy by Ken Ludwig, “Leading Ladies” features two Shakespearean actors who masquerade as the nieces of a wealthy dying woman. A case of mistaken identity, the action features quick entrances and exits, and a bit of cross dressing. “Leading Ladies” is consistently funny and increasingly hilarious as the story progresses.

Proceeds from this event will support our branch scholarship program at SSU and enable us to give a scholarship to two worthy local women who are now attending SSU. Help to make this a reality and please know that your continued support will make a difference in their lives by assisting them in the pursuit of their dreams. *(Full details of the event will be available in the June Rose Branch.)*