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# The Rose Branch



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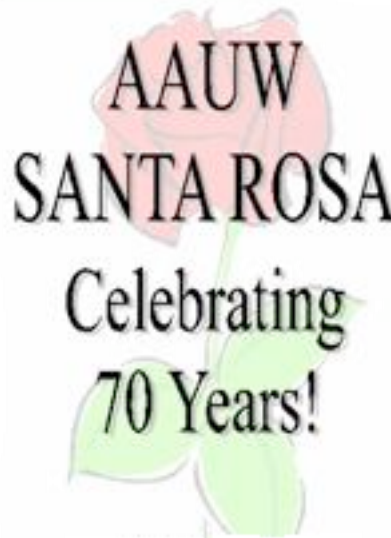
\*\*\*\*\* **POTLUCK SALAD LUNCHEON** \*\*\*\*\*

**&  
ANNUAL MEETING**

**Saturday -- May 6**

**11:30 am - 2:30 pm**

**Peg Devine's Garden  
3040 Hartley Drive  
Santa Rosa**



**Come celebrate the culmination of our 70th program year!  
We will be voting on the 2006-2007 Branch Board and this is a  
good opportunity to meet board members.**

**Browse branch scrapbooks, history and memorabilia.**

\*\*\*\*\* **Dessert & beverages will be provided.** \*\*\*\*\*

**RSVP by Wednesday, May 3rd by calling Sara Leech, 538-3918**

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Twenty-one of our members were part of the March 18 program. A great deal of work and planning went into the program. Pat Oberg and Ann Horne worked very hard to set up this event. Total AAUW membership attendance ran at about 43, with members from Healdsburg, Humboldt, Marin, Napa, Petaluma, San Jose and Sonoma branches attending. It was a good program, and provided an opportunity to meet others from our area who are also involved in non-governmental organizations. Santa Rosa Junior College Culinary School put on a great lunch. Our own Membership VP, Marianne Holt, produced an excellent membership recruitment program and managed to recruit 6 new members!

On April 1 there was a good turn out of members and their friends to play bridge. Dorothy Zeiber and LaRue LaMar did an incredible job of gathering players, serving lunch, and raffling off a great selection of prizes. (See the donor list on page 4.) Through their efforts our branch has gained \$1400 for our special needs - like scholarships help to SSU students, money to sponsor the Maria Carrillo Girls' Softball Team, and some of the other special things we do during the year.

I cannot stress enough that your participation is a very important part of making these events possible. Several of you have been most generous to Tech Trek, and it has allowed us - with Carol Dean getting donations from outside AAUW - to send **seven** girls to the camps this year. For all of you that have donated - and helped with the Tech Trek program - you should be so proud! Try to set aside the first meeting of our new program year (which will be in September) to come meet these girls and find out what a difference it has made in their lives - you will be terribly impressed!

We also need your participation in the formation of our board for the coming year. Mary Anne Grady has performed her magic again - but she has hit a formidable barrier. She has been Nominating Chair for five years and is resigning as of this year. So .... we need a new Nominating Chair, along with some of you to step up and fill the board positions.

We are presently in need of a Co-Program Vice President and we have no one for Educational Foundation Vice President. Our annual Crab Feed

in January is in jeopardy of continuing. This event, which is enjoyed by many of our members and their families and friends, raises funds for EF scholarships that are awarded by Association to young women studying at the graduate level. We also need someone to step in as the Legal Advocacy Fund Vice President. Like the EF/VP, the LAF/VP is responsible for keeping us informed about LAF and to, hopefully, provide an activity which will raise funds that will go towards supporting the grants which are awarded to women who are fighting discrimination in the academic environment.

For our new members and our very loyal "old timers," please do remember that we really do have a **purpose** in AAUW - and we want all of our members to be aware of the variety of AAUW programs and to become an active part of our branch. We are more than book groups and gourmet lunches. So won't you please become more active in our branch and help out by sharing the work, as well as the pleasures, of being an AAUW member?

I will be attending the State Convention in San Jose April 28 thru the 30<sup>th</sup>. I hope to bring some new ideas and thoughts from this. Marianne Holt and I will be attending the Regional Meeting in Eureka in May. We hope to get some ideas for membership recruitment and other programs from this meeting of North Coast branches.

I look forward to meeting and talking with all of you at our meeting in May at Peg Devine's home.



*Gerry*

We thank these ladies for their generous donations to EF in memory of Eleanor Whipple:

Gail Ellestad  
Charlotte Gillmor  
Alice Crouch  
Sharon Wright  
Grace Adamowicz

Carole Keiner - EF VP

Gwendalyn B. King  
In Memorium

Our sincere condolences go to the family and friends of Gwen, who many of us knew well. She will be truly missed.

**“SHAPE THE FUTURE” MEMBERSHIP  
CAMPAIGN A SUCCESS!**

I am very happy to report that the “*Shape the Future*” membership campaign, held in conjunction with the International Women’s Event, “Building Global Networks” was a tremendous success. We were fortunate to enroll 6 new members to our Santa Rosa Branch, one Member-at-Large, and two Student Affiliates. With this success, our branch should be awarded two or three FREE memberships to Association. We can use these free memberships for many purposes, e.g., to award a special honoree, to assist a current member who is having financial difficulty, or to raffle at one of our benefits. The decision is up to our branch. How very fortunate we are to have this opportunity.

In addition to this wonderful increase in our membership, I have been invited to convene the Membership Section at the North Coast California District Leadership Training Conference on Saturday, May 20, 2006 (in Humboldt). Attendees will have an opportunity to review our success strategies and receive a copy of the original presentation to use as a model for their own branch.

Please join me in celebrating this success as we begin our 2006/07 membership enrollment. I personally invite any interested member to consider joining the Membership Committee. You will have an opportunity to help develop additional membership incentives, as well as nurture and help orient our new members.

***Remember - members are the life of our branch.***

Sincerely,  
Marianne Holt, Membership VP  
527-6797  
peppy@sonic.net

***Welcome to Our New Members***

*Lillian Shelan* was born in Mexico, attended primary school in Spain and graduated from the University of Texas at El Paso when it was still called Texas Western College with a B.A. in liberal arts. She taught school for one year in Texas then moved to California where she was a resource teacher specializing in migrant education. She taught for seven years in Manteca and Modesto. She was a county school administrator and summer school principal in Merced county. She retired in 2001 after 32 years in the teaching profession.

Lillian moved to Santa Rosa with her husband, about one year ago. She is active in many clubs and is enjoying her retirement by attending local performances, wine tasting, gardening and reading. She is a volunteer with the Welfare League.

Lillian was aware of AAUW as an organization but it was her husband who saw a notice of the AAUW crab feed which they attended and enjoyed. She is looking forward to meeting new people and joining in more AAUW activities in the future. (*Directory information given in April Rose Branch.*)

*Myra Kramer* was born in Brooklyn, New York and received a BA in education from Brooklyn College. She later completed 2 years of course work at Adelphi University.

After graduating from college, Myra taught for a few years and then took some time off to raise her children. When she returned to the work force she worked as a claims examiner for New York State Worker's Comp and then as a insurance claims litigation specialist for about 20 years.

Myra and her husband moved to Santa Rosa ten years ago to be closer to their children and grandchildren. She enjoys reading, exercise, travel and going to museums and the symphony. She cares for her husband and belongs to a Parkinson's support group.

Myra wanted to join a book group and heard about AAUW through Lynda Hungerford. She supports the efforts AAUW makes to help young women. *Myra's directory information:*

**Myra KRAMER**  
**6447 Mesa Oaks Court**  
**Santa Rosa CA 95409 Tel: 537-9529**

***Thumbnail Sketches provided by***  
***Pat Driscoll***  
***Membership Assistant***

*Welcome also to the following new members who we hope to meet soon (please add to your branch telephone directory):*

**Virginia BENSON**  
***(Returning Lapsed Member)***  
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**Guerneville, CA 95446**  
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**Abby LEBBERT**  
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**Correction: Anne Facto's address should be: 4990 Lakepoint Circle, SR, 95403**

## Our April Fool's Bridge Luncheon

*Thanks to our members (and a number of non-members) who contributed so much, the bridge luncheon was a great success. Colleen Wilson especially did such a good job of assembling raffle items in most difficult circumstances...thank you, Colleen! A number of members were most kind in offering their help not only with raffle items but with all the wonderful cookies and much-appreciated help on the day of the event. Due to our 52 generous bridge players (including, for the first time, six men!), we made an even \$1400 to be used for our different local projects.*

*My personal thanks especially to La Rue La Mar, with whom it has been my good fortune to work with for the last five years!*

**Dottie Zieber**



### THANK YOU TO OUR BUSINESS DONORS

Please join us in patronizing the following businesses that were so generous in their donations to our Bridge Luncheon raffles to support our branch's local programs: Maria Carrillo High School girls' softball team, Tech Trek and the Sonoma State University scholarships.

Cafe Europe	104 Calistoga Rd.	538-5255
Favorite Things	1500 Fourth St.	541-7380
Marie Callender's	2460 Mendocmo Ave.	547-0747
North Bay Theater Group		
	for the Theater Express Card	548-4148
Pearson & Co. Fine Food To Go		
	2759 Fourth St.	541-3868
	2500 Mendocmo Ave.	570-3700
See's Candy	Montgomery Village	525-8703
	Coddington Mall	545-0790
Stems Floral Design	864 Fourth St.	546-7522
Sur La Table	2323 Magowan Dr.	566-9820
The Bottle Barn	3331 Industrial Dr.	521-1161





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**[www.aauwsantarosa.org](http://www.aauwsantarosa.org)**

**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***

**Congratulations!**

**You have been selected by AAUW Santa Rosa Branch  
to go to**

**Tech Trek 2006 at Stanford University from  
Sunday, July 23 to Saturday July 29.**

**Five 7th grade girls recently received this message. They are:**

**Jenny Chum (Comstock MS)**

**Victoria Buschman (Cook MS)**

**Jessica Lord (Rincon Valley MS)**

**Melanie Mazza (Slater MS)**

**Ariel Moreo (Cook MS)**

**Two girls were selected to go to Mills College from  
June 25 to July 1. They are:**

**Maria Campos (Cook MS)**

**Sophia Kobus-Pigg (Santa Rosa MS)**

**The only way to attend a Tech Trek camp is by: 1) a teacher nomination; 2) a completed application and essay, and 3) an interview by the Tech Trek Committee.**

**The word about the AAUW CA camps is out in Santa Rosa and we had some fierce competition this year...21 girls applied and went through this process. We are very proud of the girls who will attend this coming summer. The help and cooperation of the 5 principals, the math/science teachers and the school staffs were very heartwarming.**

**Two teachers who had recommended a girl were concerned to the point of providing the \$50 family fee! We know these girls can look forward to a memorable experience.**

**Tech Trek Committee: Susanne Bonnet - Gerry Carleton - Lalita Desai - Marsha Dupre -  
Melinda Moir - Harriet Palk - Carol Dean (Chair)**