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The Rose Branch



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**DAN SIEGEL
NATIONALLY KNOWN LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT ATTORNEY**

WILL SPEAK AT

AAUW SANTA ROSA GENERAL MEETING — SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12

**Location: Fountain Grove Golf and Athletic Club
1525 Fountain Grove Parkway**

(Up the hill on Fountain Grove Parkway less than one mile from Mendocino Ave. you will see a sign for Varenna as well as Golf Club, then follow the road up the hill to Club.)

Time: 11:00 a.m.

Cost of Luncheon: \$20 (includes tax and tip)

- Choice of Entrée:**
- 1) Shrimp Louis with Avocado
 - 2) Chicken Marsala & Penne Pasta

Santa Rosa Branch is honored to welcome Oakland attorney Dan Siegel as our program presenter on November 12. Among the many Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF) related cases which Dan has successfully served as counsel have been:

Jenny Harrison vs. University of California (Berkeley) for sex discrimination and denial of tenure. As a result of Dan Siegel's advocacy, the University agreed to a settlement which led to Dr. Harrison's appointment as a tenured full professor and also provided her with a substantial financial settlement.

Colleen Crangle vs. Stanford University for gender bias and retaliation. The verdict, later increased to over \$1 million when the trial judge awarded attorney's fees and costs to Dr. Crangle, was the first loss ever for Stanford in a civil rights case.

Mr. Siegel, who writes and lectures frequently on trial practice, labor and education law, and other legal matters, will speak about the LAF-related cases for which he has been an advocate. He teaches education law at Mills College and is a member of the Board of Education of the Oakland Unified School District. He recently completed terms as Chair of both the Oakland Housing Authority and the Greater Oakland YMCA.

**FOR RESERVATIONS CALL: Alice Crouch (537-1939) or e-mail alcrouch@sbcglobal.net
(or) Sharon Wright (542-3230) or e-mail lands33@sbcglobal.net**

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS & PAYMENT: FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4

**Mail your check to: Alice Crouch
7463 Oak Leaf Dr.
Santa Rosa CA 95409**

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I was so very sorry that many of you missed our first meeting! The girls were just delightful - full of busy schedules and reports of their adventure during their Tech Trek experience.

Our speakers were excellent - and it was very clear that the schools of today do not match the schools most of us remember. Carol Dean has done a fantastic job with Tech Trek and she reminded us all that their process of selection is coming on fast. Our applications will go to the teachers soon and she is looking for those of you that wish to contribute to our Tech Trek fund so that we can send as many girls as possible - to share this great opportunity!

Our October meeting will deal with an important new law regarding prescription medicine. I hope you will be able to attend. Although there is a limitation on the number of people they can serve at the SRJC Culinary School there still may be room for one (or two) more! So if you have not made a reservation by the time you receive this newsletter, give Sharon Wright a call. Don't miss this interesting program, especially if you are one of the Medicare recipients who will be affected by this new change in the coverage for providing medications.

Colleen continues to work on our programs for the year and Marianne is wonderfully active - finding new members for us. As Colleen and Marianne work to build our membership back up I hope you can express - in your own way - your appreciation for the great job these two are doing for our branch. They both need help, so an offer to be part of the program planning and member recruiting is out there - just contact them!

We had a very good discussion at the October board meeting regarding what we could do to "fix" our image - and attract those 2 year degree people - and to bring in more of our college graduates in the area. One idea was a "Sister-to-Sister Summit." Our branch would arrange a one day summit open to all middle school girls. They would be given the opportunity to talk about things that are really on their minds and their concerns about going on to high school. Their high school 'sisters' would be enlisted to talk to them about the high school

years and what it takes to make that a successful experience. And, of course, the encouragement of continuing their education even beyond high school could be part of that summit.

Ann Horne has some ideas we hope to explore as we learn more about this exciting venture. (A brief description of the "summits" follows.)

I hope each of you will find some part of our branch activities that will interest you - and make you part of a dynamic organization here in Santa Rosa.

Let's go to work!

Gerry

Sister
-to-
Sister

A SUMMIT FOR AND ABOUT GIRLS

A few years ago the AAUW Educational Foundation (Research & Development) offered to award grant funds to branches that could come up with an outreach program to middle school girls in a one-day "summit" background. The summit would provide opportunities for the girls to talk about things near and dear to them, and a big part of the program is providing opportunities for the younger girls to talk to young women already in high school about any concerns or fears they might have. The objective of the summit is to provide encouragement and information in a friendly, non-threatening environment.

Eight branches dived right in and presented planning for programs and were awarded grant funds to help pay for their summits. Some branches have continued to hold their one-day summits on an annual basis. AAUW Petaluma just held its third summit. You can see what they have done by going to their website:

www.aauwpetaluma.org

The program has grown and many more branches are now engaged in Sister-to-Sister Summits. It not only provides wonderful encouragement to the girls, but many opportunities for branch members to have a meaningful hands-on experience with young women.

Are you interested? Call Ann Horne (526-6631) or e-mail me at aphorne@sonic.net.

DON'T BE AN INNUMERATE!

Innumerate is defined by the Oxford English Dictionary as "unacquainted with the basic principles of mathematics and science." Kathy Morris, an Assistant Professor of Elementary Mathematics Education at SSU, says we have made it culturally acceptable (even endearing) for otherwise functioning adults to be somewhat helpless in mathematics. Have you ever heard an adult woman confide that she has never been good at math? Kathy argues this stance has serious implications for girls who more frequently than boys opt out of more advanced courses considering math inaccessible and unimportant.

Tech Trekkers have the opportunity to spend a week with women and girls who are competent and confident in mathematics. Can we transmit the belief that math is important for your future? Announcing one's innumeracy is all too commonplace and should be shunned!

Carol Dean
AAUW Santa Rosa
TechTrek Coordinator

WANT TO HELP WOMEN AND GIRLS IN YOUR COMMUNITY?

Tired of seeing your EF contributions being sent far away? Worried about single moms getting opportunities for further education or about something else in your community that needs improving? Develop a project to benefit women and girls and get it funded by one of the AAUW Educational Foundation's Community Action Grants.

Here are a few examples of the results of successful grants:

- A. Women professionals mentored girls in building and programming a robot.
- B. Helped students recognize the efforts of significant female role models.
- C. Provided girls with opportunities to sample a variety of engineering technologies.
- D. Involved preteen girls and their mothers in a program designed to prepare the girls to make good decisions in high school and beyond
- E. Produced videotaped workshops for teachers on gender equity and sexual harassment.

The money you donate to the Foundation **can** come back to the branch. Design a project and apply for a grant. Applications are available now for one and two year grants.

Call Carole Keiner EF/VP, 546-7745, or e-mail me at ckeiner@att.net for an application.

Deadline: January 15, 2006

Welcome to Our New Member

Georgia Radford attended Vassar and then graduated from the University of California at Berkeley with a degree in English. Later she received a Master of Art (art research focus) from the J.F. Kennedy University.

She and her husband Warren lived in Berkeley for 37 years. She was a docent at the Oakland Museum and a chairperson of painting acquisitions for the Collectors Gallery at the museum. For a year and a half in the mid-seventies, the Radfords lived in Honolulu where Georgia was a docent at the Honolulu Academy of Art. While living there Georgia and Warren co-authored *Sculpture in the Sun*, a book about outdoor sculpture in Hawaii, published by the University Press of Hawaii. In 2002, they published another book on a similar subject *Outdoor Sculpture in San Francisco*, an illustrated history of sculpture in the city.

From 1992 to 2003, the Radfords lived at The Sea Ranch where she was very active in a number of community activities, including Gualala Arts, a community art center. They moved to Oakmont two years ago. Georgia has recently joined a book section of AAUW. She is also a member of the Newcomers where she has been active with the Art Appreciation group and has also participated in the Art Appreciation group of Oakmont.

Thumbnail Sketches provided by
Pat Driscoll
Membership Assistant

WE ALSO WELCOME:

Maris J. Peach
Frances M. Kohn
Pamela Chaffin
Trina Vorson Graham



John G. Roberts, Jr., Confirmation as Chief Justice of the United States (AAUW action network: October 11, 2005)

AAUW members and supporters were very active in urging their Senators first to thoroughly review the record of John Roberts, and then to oppose confirming him to chief justice of the Supreme Court because of Roberts' judicial philosophy on matters critical to equity and education for women and girls.

Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) of 2005 (S. 1197) (AAUW action network: October 7, 2005)

Thanks to all of the e-mails and calls from our activists, the (VAWA) passed the Senate by unanimous consent on Tuesday, Oct. 4. The House had voted (415-4) on Sept. 28 to approve VAWA as part of the Department of Justice Authorization Act (H.R. 3402).

However, the versions of VAWA passed in the House (H.R. 3402) and the Senate (S. 1197) are different, and now must go to conference where the differences between them will be resolved. We will need your voices again in the coming months to ensure that the needs of victims are met in the final VAWA that is signed into law.

Thank you again for your continued commitment to AAUW's policy agenda of equity and education for women and girls.

For complete reading of these action alerts and more about issues of interest to all women and girls go to:

<http://www.aauw.org> & link to Issue Advocacy



Did you know that AAUW has a Capitol Hill Lobby Corps in Washington, D.C.? Since its formation in 1972 the Lobby Corps has made tens of thousands of visits to congressional offices, making AAUW a familiar and respected name among members of Congress and their staffs.

Once a week volunteer members and college students give AAUW a voice and a face on Capitol Hill. Every Thursday morning Congress is in session - about 30 Thursdays a year - the Lobby Corps is briefed on that week's priority and then proceed to a selected congressional office to educate policy-makers. Corps members make more than 1,200 visits each session, reporting back to AAUW staff with helpful information for follow-up and grassroots activities.

**AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN
PROPOSED SANTA ROSA BRANCH BUDGET 2005-06**

REVENUES

BRANCH DUES (112 members X \$21) 2352
SONOMA EXPRESS (Estimate) 240

TOTAL REVENUES: 2592

EXPENSES

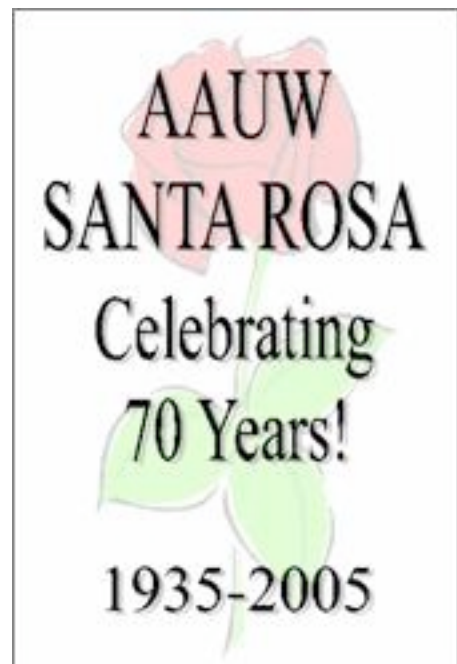
ADMINISTRATION
CONF. & CONV. 200
SUPPLIES 80
INSURANCE (Mandatory) 250
SUB-TOTAL: 530

MEMBERSHIP
WEB DOMAIN 80
BROCHURES 18
POSTAGE & SUPPLIES 60
SUB-TOTAL: 158

PROGRAM
RENT & SUPPLIES 365²⁵
SUBTOTAL: 365²⁵

COMMUNICATIONS
NEWSLETTER
PRINTING 750
POSTAGE 462⁵⁰
DIRECTORY
PRINTING 225
POSTAGE 101²⁵
SUBTOTAL: 1538⁷⁵

TOTAL EXPENSES: 2592





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Branch Web Site:
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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW FOR OUR
ANNUAL CRAB FEED

FRIDAY - JANUARY 20, 2006

at

LUTHER BURBANK ART & GARDEN
CENTER

If you can donate a bottle of good wine for this event, it can be left at the November general meeting, the December wassail party or call me for pickup.

Proceeds from this event will go to support the

AAUW Educational Foundation.

Thank you!

Carole Keiner

Tel: 546-7745

Educational Foundation VP



**United Nations Association
Film Festival**

Saturday - October 29, 2005
Newman Auditorium, Santa Rosa Junior College
1:00 - 5:30 P.M.

Tickets: General Public \$8.00 Students \$ 5.00
Advance Ticket purchase Recommended

For further information contact: UNA/Sonoma County Chapter
(537-1577) or World Affairs Council/Sonoma County (573-6014)

FILMS

DYING TO LEAVE: slaves of the free market (Albania/Australia
Colombia/Japan/Mexico/Moldava/Turkey)

THIRST (Bolivia/India/USA)

SADAKO'S CRANES (JAPAN/USA)

COMING TO SAY GOODBYE: Stories of Aids in Africa
(Kenya/Tanzania/USA)

PARADISE LOST (Israel)

(All festival profits will go to the SRJC Social Science Department for a scholarship in international affairs.)

Parking \$3 - From Mendocino Avenue turn onto Elliot Ave, then right at first entrance into the college parking lot behind Newman Auditorium.