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Board Meeting
Thursday, Nov 7
(Please note change of day)
1:00 p.m.

Home of Terry Howell
(see branch directory)
All members welcome.

The Rose Branch



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AAUW SANTA ROSA
GENERAL - MEETING

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8 - 7:00 P.M.

Speaker - Tom Arens

Topic: World Neighbors: Inspiring People, Strengthening Communities

First Presbyterian Church - 1550 Pacific Ave. - Santa Rosa

Tom Arens represented World Neighbors in South Asia for 28 years and lived in Kathmandu, Nepal. He was particularly involved in identifying local nonprofit organizations with capacities to utilize small amounts of funding support and training for local development - with focus on issues such as women's health, income, education and development.

Tom will be joined in his presentation by Madan Pun who is visiting the U.S. Madan operates a small trekking and tour agency and has organized tours and treks for many groups in Nepal, including groups of supporters from World Neighbors. Last march, one of our members, Linda Trodden, joined one of Madan's groups. Madan's Tours and Treks (Nepal Study Treks & Expeditions) try to balance "temple viewing" with opportunities to meet ordinary Nepalese and return with a richer understanding of Nepal and it's challenges.

Light refreshments will be available.

RSVP to: Lucy Foster *(see branch directory for contact information)* **no later than Nov. 6**

You and your spouse or friend
are cordially invited to our Santa Rosa Branch

HOLIDAY WASSAIL PARTY

Sunday — December 2 — 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

at the home of Harriet and Bernie Palk
6347 Meadowridge Drive in Oakmont

Raffle Prizes! Silent Auction! Delicious Refreshments! Music!

to benefit the Educational Foundation (EF)
and the Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF)

If you would like to donate a gift for the Silent Auction, please call

Alice Crouch; Lillian Shelan; or Terry Howell
by Monday, November 12.

President's Message "The Mentoring Bridge"

A community partnership between AAUW Santa Rosa Branch and the Santa Rosa Junior College's Adult Reentry Program is currently being formed. Our branch has a wonderful opportunity to make a difference in our community and the life of SRJC adult reentry students by *bridging* our vast knowledge and experience to help returning adult students succeed.

First you may be asking, "What is the Adult Reentry Program all about?"

The Adult Reentry Program is designed to assist new, returning, and continuing adult learners who have had a break in their formal education. They are over 25 years old, and have many career goals: from continuing their formal education, seeking a career change, developing or upgrading their job skills, to simply personal enrichment.

Mentors are those individuals who have the ability to inspire confidence in others, encourage them towards their goals, and continue to help them reach their greatest potential. As an AAUW mentor to a reentry student, there are a variety of ways you can select to interact with an adult reentry student. For example:

- Give professional advice
- Share Life Experiences
- If employed, offer a shadowing opportunity
- Share networking opportunities in your professional field
- Be available to provide encouragement
- Be available to just give an ear and listen.

This inspiring mentorship program, that is just now getting underway, can help *bridge* our Mission of equity and education to our local community with the help of our members' vast knowledge and experience.

If you didn't have an opportunity to attend our last program featuring Luz Navarrette (Adult Reentry counselor), who described this very valuable partnership initiative, it is not too late to come aboard and become a mentor to a SRJC reentry adult student. In the near future, mentors and students will be selected and matched for common career interests. They will then have an opportunity to get acquainted at a social gathering. If you haven't yet signed up, but are interested in mentoring a student, please contact Marianne Holt.

*Most Sincerely,
Marianne Holt, President*

**AAUW MOVES FORWARD IN ITS PARTNERSHIP
WITH CAWA-WIN
(California Women's Agenda)
&
(Women's Intercultural Network)**

AAUW has been a partner with CAWA since 1996 to follow-up the 4th World Conference on Women. Education is a priority of critical concern for the CAWA action network that now reaches a million women in the state. They welcome AAUW partners to 'mentor' and expand the possibilities for all women to have a voice in their communities.

As a 'flagship' project of WIN, CAWA is connected to 19 other states in the U.S. Women Connect, a national action network and AAUW is working along with them to amplify women's choices on critical public policy issues & elections that affect all women.

**On Friday November 2, from 6:00-9:30 pm
WIN-CAWA will hold a festive evening of
celebration:**

**Celebrating 12 years of connecting and
amplifying women's voices across cultures -
locally & globally.**

**This celebration will be held at the Delancey St.
Town Hall, 600 Embarcadero, San Francisco.**

For full details about this event, and all the other programs for women involved in this partnership - go to their web site: www.win-cawa.org

Membership Matters

Sharon Wright generously offered her home for a new member coffee gathering on October 18th. This gathering was held in the evening to accommodate our members who have full-time work or volunteer schedules. New and prospective members had an opportunity to meet each other and learn about AAUW's mission through our board members.

In addition, the *Working Members Interest Group*, has some new members and all current members are welcome.

Our first meeting of the *Working Members Interest Group*, was canceled due to a lack of members, but we are enthusiastic and are planning another date which will be on Wednesday November 28th, from 5:30-6:30 at John Ash in the front room for Happy Hour.

The appetizers are free, and cocktails are discounted. We will plan future events as we get to know one another, our interests, and schedules.

Hope to see you at one of these events, or both!

Trina Corson Graham,
Membership VP

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IN MEMORY OF — JODY ORLICK

We recently lost a dear AAUW friend. Jody Orlick passed away September 13. Jody was an active member of our branch for many years. She served as president of this branch from 1992-93. She made the mailing labels for our newsletter for 10 years, and could be counted on to give of her time and energies for other projects when needed. Jodi was always a big supporter of the Education Foundation Crab Feed.

Jody was born in Eugene, Oregon. She graduated from Lewis and Clark College in Lake Oswego, Oregon in 1970. She obtained her Masters in Library Science at the University of Washington. She began her career as a children's librarian in Seattle. After living in Michigan for three years with her husband, Steven, they moved to Rohnert Park, and then to Santa Rosa where she worked in the Sonoma County Library system until she retired as Branch Manager of the Central Branch of the County Library system in 2006. She was in charge of the reference department for many years.

Jody was held in high esteem by everyone who new her for her wealth of knowledge, her sharp intellect and her calm demeanor. She will be missed by her many AAUW friends.

Welcome to Our New Members:

Linda S. Allen

Paulene Goddard (returning)

Hale Darby

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GETTING TO KNOW OUR NEW MEMBERS

Jo Ann Wilson earned a bachelor's degree from the California State University at Bernardino and a master's degree from the University of California, Riverside in Business Administration with an emphasis in marketing. After working 10 or 15 years in the private sector she went to work for the County of San Bernardino, first managing recycling education, and then working in contract compliance for the Behavioral Health Department. She then worked as Business Manager for the County Probation Department. She and her husband retired in 2003 and moved to Healdsburg. They have been busy since then working on their house and garden and putting in a vineyard. Jo Ann was active in AAUW in southern California, participating in the Great Discussions group and the Gourmet group. Here in Santa Rosa she is currently chairing the Public Policy Group.

*Thumbnail Sketches submitted by
Judy Hudson, Membership Assistant*

Two New Committees Forming

Can you help with either of these committees?

SUNSHINE: Remember members with a card if they are experiencing an illness, a challenging situation or one of celebration such as a birthday or a special anniversary. Cards provided.

HISTORIAN: Take photographs as special meetings and events. Arrange in photo albums to preserve our branch history and to share with the membership.

If interested in either of these committees please contact Marianne Holt at: president@aauwsantarosa.org

2007-2009 AAUW PUBLIC POLICY PROGRAM

As they say, timing is everything. I selected, as the topic of the October newsletter, a summary of the 110th Congressional Agenda, as articulated by AAUW's national organization. A few weeks later I received notification of the publication of the "2007-2009 AAUW PUBLIC POLICY PROGRAM" which details AAUW's "Public Policy Principles for Action" and the "Biennial Action Priorities". Ideally, a discussion of the "Public Policy Program" would have preceded the review of the 110th Congressional Agenda. So, with a nod to having the "horse before the cart", I would like to share with the membership a portion of the "2007-2009 Public Policy Principles for Action" and the corresponding "Action Priorities". In next month's newsletter, I will complete the process and hopefully provide everyone with the tools needed to make sense of legislation and public policy that is important to us as AAUW members.

Public Policy Principles for Action (in bold) and Biennial Action Priorities (in italics):

AAUW supports constitutional protection for the civil rights of all individuals, including the right to privacy.

-Choice in the determination of one's reproductive life

-Vigorous protection of and full access to civil and constitutional rights

AAUW firmly believes in the separation of church and state.

-Opposition to the use of public funds for nonpublic elementary and secondary education

AAUW supports a fair and balanced judiciary. We support affirmative action to improve racial, ethnic and gender diversity.

-Vigorous enforcement of Title IX and all other civil rights laws pertaining to education

-Vigorous enforcement of employment anti discrimination statutes

AAUW believes that quality public education is the foundation of a democratic society.

-Adequate and equitable funding for quality public education for all students

-Protection of programs that meet the needs of girls in elementary and secondary education

-Increased support for, and access to, higher education for women and other disadvantaged populations.

This information was taken directly from the newly published "2007-2009 AAUW Public Policy Program". In the December newsletter, I will complete the list of "Policy Principles and Action Priorities"

JoAnn Wilson
Public Policy Chair

Mark your calendars now!

January 7 & January 14

Our branch is planning to cosponsor with the League of Women Voters a discussion of some of the ballot propositions.

This discussion will take place in the Santa Rosa City Council Chamber in the evening.

More information on this meeting as it becomes available.

The Time Has Come.....
to think of finding a new editor for the branch newsletter.

I have been doing the newsletter for 6+ years, and I think it is time for me to give it over to different hands. The new editor will take over full responsibility in August of 2008 (for September 2008 Kick Off edition.)

The production of the branch newsletter is monthly (except July & August) and requires someone who is computer literate and, ideally, has some experience in newsletter layout on their computer.

The time frame required is from the 10th of the month until it is completed. Most copy businesses receive the original as an attachment to an e-mail, or they work from CDs, which are delivered to them. Some businesses will deliver the finished copies; others require pickup.

Is anyone out there interested?????
If yes, call me, Ann Horne at 526-6631 or let me know by email: aphorne@sonic.net

(Cut out and keep handy for reference.)

HOW TO MAKE OUT YOUR **PERSONAL DONATION** CHECKS

For EF: To: Educational Foundation
Memo Line: AAUW Santa Rosa

For LAF: To: Legal Advocacy Fund
Memo Line: AAUW Santa Rosa

For Tech Trek To: AAUW-CA, SPF Santa Rosa
Memo Line: Tech Trek

SSU Scholarship: To: SSU Scholarship Foundation
Memo Line: AAUW Santa Rosa
(All of the above are tax deductible funds.)

Donations to the branch for its special local projects should be made out to: AAUW Santa Rosa
(Donations to the branch are not tax deductible.)

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS BRANCH CALENDAR - NOVEMBER - 2007

(For addresses/contact information please consult your branch telephone directory.)

Date	Time	
12	1:30 pm	Monday Afternoon Book Group meets at home of Sally Fee, to discuss <i>The Widow of the South</i> by Robert Hicks. Phyllis Lowe will lead the discussion.
14	9:30-11:30 am	The Global Issues Group meets at home of Sharon Wright. The topic will be Mexico. <u>Note change from 3th Wed. to 2nd Wed.</u>
14	7:30-9:00 pm	Second Wednesday Book Group meets at home of Phyllis Lowe to discuss <i>The Widow of the South</i> by Robert Hicks.
15	12 noon	Gourmet Luncheon Group dies out at the SRJC Culinary Restaurant/Brickyard Center. For reservations call Betty Workman.
20	9:30 am	Tuesday Morning Book Group meets at home of Ruth Hucklebridge to discuss <i>Middlesex</i> by Jeffrey Eugenides. Delia Nistler will moderate.
25	12:00-4:30 pm	Romancing the Vine Group plans to join the Heart of Sonoma Valley Wineries for the 24th Annual Holiday Open House. Enjoy award winning wines pares with delicious holiday treats and lots of holiday cheer at several wineries along Hwy 12. Ticket Prices: 1-day pass \$20, designated driver \$10. Contact Marianne Holt, president@aauwsantarosa.org for more information and to reserve your spot for this festive Annual Holiday Winery Open House Event.

Deadline for **DECEMBER 2007** issue of the Rose Branch is **NOVEMBER 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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**THE NAPA COUNTY BRANCH OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN
INVITES YOU TO ATTEND A DAY MARKING
THE 35TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PASSAGE OF TITLE IX LEGISLATION.**

On Saturday Nov. 17, 2007 from 11:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m.
at the Napa Valley College Cafeteria, 2277 Napa-Vallejo Highway,
our keynote speaker, Alicia Hetman, from AAUW/CA, will address gender equity in girls athletics.
A panel discussion will follow with representatives from each of the local high schools and college to debate
the impact of Title IX on local girls athletic programs.

The meeting is open to members of all branches of AAUW as well as the general public.
Cost of \$16.35 includes box lunch of meat and/or cheese, condiments, green salad, dessert, and water.

Sandwich choice: ___ turkey /w cheese
 ___ roast beef w/cheese
 ___ vegetarian (cheese/avocado/sprouts)

Send check payable to AAUW Napa County Branch to: Carole Keiner

No later than November 9



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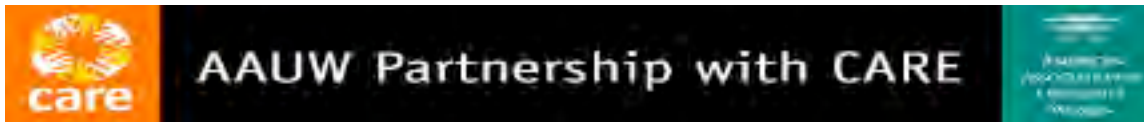
AAUW MISSION STATEMENT

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



Dear AAUW Members:

We are excited to share our new and exciting partnership with **CARE**, as announced at the **AAUW** National Convention in Phoenix in June! This partnership strengthens **AAUW's** ongoing commitment to supporting global development issues.

CARE is a leading humanitarian organization fighting global poverty. **CARE** places special focus on working alongside poor women, because equipped with the proper resources, women have the power to help whole families and entire communities escape poverty. Women are at the heart of **CARE's** community-based efforts to improve basic education, prevent the spread of HIV, increase access to clean water and sanitation, expand economic opportunity and protect natural resources. We urge you to learn more about **CARE's** work by visiting their website at **www.care.org**.

CARE and **AAUW** have several ways for our members to "join the movement" of global women's empowerment in the fight against poverty and unequal access to education!

Show your support of this new partnership by:

- Hosting an **Education Awareness Day**: To learn more about **CARE's** work with girls' education visit **www.care.org**
- Joining the **CARE-AAUW "Education is Powerful" Short Story Contest**. Details will be posted on **AAUW's** website in September at **AAUW's International Corner**.
- Supporting the **Education for All Act of 2007**. More information and the full text of the legislation can be found on **AAUW's** website at **AAUW's International Corner**.

Thank you for your support of this new and exciting partnership between **AAUW** and **CARE!**

Ruth Sweetser, AAUW President
Bonnie Lincoln, Chair, AAUW International Affairs Committee

FOR FULL DETAILS OF THIS NEW PARTNERSHIP GO TO: www.aauw.org/postcards/CAREpartnership.cfm