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IRON JAWED ANGELS

with
Hilary Swank
Angelica Huston

Reverend Anna Howard Shaw
Ruza Wenclovska
Mabel Vernon

Suffragettes brought to life
in this Golden Globe Awarded Film

Tuesday, October 21
1:30 pm

Red Cross Office
5297 Aero Dr.

(Airport Blvd. & Old Redwood Hwy.)
RSVP by Fri., Oct. 17— Colleen 566-0514

"The machinery of democracy is a delicate thing. It is like a pair of scales in which a steady and continuous balance must be maintained between the powers of the people and the execution of those powers by its delegated representatives. A lax or uninformed people, an ambitious or indifferent representative body, and the necessary equilibrium is disturbed." —Editorial, AAUW Journal, Summer 1951

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

"CELEBRATE WOMEN'S EQUITY"

We are off to another great year with the help and thanks to our Program Co-VPs, Colleen Wilson and Sue Finan, and to our Interest Group Chair, Terry Howell, for making the Kickoff meeting and program a success. At the Kickoff meeting, we had the opportunity to meet a few of our Tech Trek girls who shared with us their unique experiences at Stanford. We were also surprised by the Vikings Girls Softball Team who presented us with a beautiful plaque in appreciation of our support.

Two speakers presented interesting programs. All members had an opportunity to learn more about a mentoring opportunity, Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID). AVID helps 7-12th grade students to be better prepared to enter college through a tutoring program at Montgomery High School. If you are interested in participating in this mentoring program or learning more about AVID, please contact Barbara Fisher at 573-3399. Additionally, our key speaker, Paul Hess from COPE, Citizen can be Organized to Prepare for Emergencies, gave a very informative presentation. Its focus was on setting up neighborhood teams to support each other during an emergency. Important information on how to be prepared was shared with members in attendance. If you missed this program or to get more information, please go to: www.cope.srcity.org.

This is a vital Election Year and we have many opportunities to celebrate Women's Equity. First on August 26th, we celebrated "Women's Equity Day". It was the 88th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution that gave women the right to vote. The passage of the 19th Amendment in 1920 capped the most extensive civil right campaign our nation had ever experienced. That amazing story of that grass roots campaign is a proud part of our shared history that is fascinating, full of brilliance, and daring heroism. With this in mind, don't miss the opportunity to see the movie,

"Iron Jawed Angels" that our program committee has scheduled for our membership on October 21st. It will dramatize the story of the brave suffragettes.

Another reason to celebrate Women's Equity during this Election Year is the recent House of Representative's passage of the *Paycheck Fairness Act*. AAUW fought tirelessly to pass this bill, which will provide a critical tool in the fight to close the sizable wage gap between men and women. Presently, women average 77 cents for every dollar their male counterpart makes. The Bill will now go to the Senate. Please contact your Senator and encourage her/him to pass the Bill when it comes to the Floor of the Senate. Concerns over pay equity will be one of the key issues that drive women to the polls.

This year our branch will again be a partner with the League of Women Voters to help bring information to you on important issues and Candidate Election Forums. Please plan on attending these informative forums. The dates are published on page 3 or go to: <http://www.lwvsonoma.org/Forums.html> for a complete listing of debates and forums.

But most importantly, please plan to vote on November 4th.

Most Sincerely,
Marianne Holt, President

BRANCH PUBLICITY & MARKETING HELP REQUESTED

Are you interested in helping to improve the visibility of our AAUW Santa Rosa Branch in the Community? Right now many people in the community are unaware of AAUW, of who we are, and what we do to help promote equity for women and girls. If you have an interest in this area or a background in marketing, we can use your skills and help. Our first public visibility event was on September 20th at the Sonoma County Book Festival. It was a lot of fun and had a great response. Others are tentatively planned, as well as with



BE AN INFORMED CITIZEN

The November election is a vitally important one for the future of our country. As members of AAUW we need to keep informed of the issues, the voting record and programs of all of the candidates. Free and fair elections are the pillars of our democracy. Recent examples of widespread election fraud, such as massive purging of voter rolls and the use of unreliable machines, are a matter of great concern. We need to urge our elected representatives to be vigilant. Encourage your family, friends and neighbors to attend the election forums and then get out and vote. If possible volunteer to help the candidates of your choice – it can be fun!

ELECTION FORUMS

Sponsored by The League of Women Voters of Sonoma County & AAUW Santa Rosa

<p><u>Monday, September 22</u> Candidates for County Supervisor Santa Rosa City Council Chambers 7:00 PM <u>First District</u> -- Oakmont Bennett Valley, & Rincon Valley 8:00 PM <u>Third District</u> – Central Santa Rosa & East Rohnert Park</p>	<p><u>Monday, September 29</u> Candidates for Santa Rosa City Council 7:00 PM Santa Rosa City Council Chambers</p>	<p><u>Monday, October 6</u> Advocacy Forum on Proposition 11: Redistricting 7:00 PM Santa Rosa City Council Chambers</p>	<p><u>Wednesday, October 8</u> Candidates for County Supervisor Graton Community Center 7:00 PM <u>Fifth District</u> – Lower Russian River Area, West & Southwest Santa Rosa, & Sebastopol</p>
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LAF WINTER WONDERLAND POTLUCK DINNER & SILENT AUCTION

SAVE THE DATE

Friday, December 12, 2008, 5:30 – 9:00 PM

Luther Burbank Art and Garden Center, 2050 Yulupa Ave

Start your holidays off with family and friends at this fabulous LAF fundraiser. The evening begins with a social hour of lively holiday music and an open wine-bar followed by a delicious potluck dinner with a carving station of turkey and roast beef for just \$25.00 per ticket. For reservations and information, please contact Lillian Shelan at: 577-0477. Donations of new silent auction items and wine are most graciously appreciated and will be happily picked up at your home or can be dropped off at the home of Marianne Holt, 1775 Brandee Court and Lillian Shelan, 1250 Wikiup Drive.

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

September 20th is the Sonoma County Book Festival from 10-5 in Courthouse Square. Our Branch will be participating in this event with a booth to increase our visibility in the community. Our volunteers will be passing out wonderful bookmarkers that explain AAUW's mission and describe interest groups. There will also be contact information for prospective members. The bookmark was designed by our president, Marianne Holt. Please stop by and say hello to the volunteers. Our booth will be in front of the Cantina, on 4th street. Look for our new AAUW top hats! I want to thank everyone for generously donating books and valuable time for this exciting event. Special thanks to: Jo Schultz, Pat Driscoll, Hale Darby, Phyllis Lowe, Linda Trodden, Marianne Holt, Carole Keiner, Kathy Frishberg, Marie McKinney, Lillian Shelan, Sharon Wright, Suzanne Bonnet, and Sue Finan.

See you in November, Trina Corson Graham, Membership VP

AAUW NEW MEMBER TEA

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND A TEA HONORING NEW SANTA ROSA AAUW MEMBERS

Mark your calendar and come join the fun!

Date: Friday October 3rd
Time: 10:30-12:00
Place: Home of Trina Corson Graham
2209 Grace Drive
Santa Rosa, CA 95404

RSVP: Please respond by
September 26th
Trina Corson Graham
Membership VP
526 4982

corsongraham@sbcglobal.net

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

MARY ANN WOOD
RACHEL ZIERDT

Mary Ann Wood is a third generation Californian. She earned a B.S. from San Francisco State and later a Certificate in Respiratory Therapy from Merit College. She then practiced and taught at Ohlone College in Fremont. Now she tutors at the Santa Rosa Junior College in Biological Science and ESL. Mary Ann loves to travel all over the world with her husband, most recently to China and Cambodia. She keeps fit with swimming and spinning. She joined AAUW because her stepmother was a member and she likes the idea of encouraging young women to get a higher education. She hopes to join one of our book groups.

Rachel Zierdt recently moved to Sebastopol where she and her husband are establishing a vineyard and tending to 40 apple trees. She graduated from San Francisco State during the Vietnam era with a teaching degree in Elementary Education and taught for the next 38 years, retiring in June 2007. Rachel now describes herself as "a farmer's wife," experimenting with various chutneys. She's active in Kitchen Kut Ups, a performing group of 55+ age seniors, takes ballet and tap dancing lessons, and is an active hiker. Already a member of Romancing the Vine, Rachel would like to start an AAUW hiking group.

Thumbnail sketches provided by Arlene Mandell, Membership Assistant.



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MAY 21, 1922

AVID AND OTHER TUTORING PROGRAMS

AVID TUTORING AND MORE

At Saturday's AAUW meeting I spoke to the need for tutors for Montgomery High School's AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) program.

The days and hours are Wednesday & Friday p.m. If you can only do one day and one hour that's OK. You will be welcome. In addition to the AVID program and the high school need, there are many other opportunities for tutoring. K-6th grades need help with reading; 4-6th grades need help with reading and with math. Also after-school programs need help with Algebra 1 (Santa Rosa High School group meets on Tuesday and Thursday's p.m.). Please, if you have any interest in tutoring at any level give me a call and let's talk about the opportunities that fit your interest and availability. Call Barbara Fisher 573-3399 X122

Barbara L. Fisher
Literacy Connection Program
Volunteer Center of Sonoma County
153 Stony Circle, Ste. 100
Santa Rosa, CA 95401
707-573 3399 X122
email: bfisher@volunteernow.org

SRJC ADULT RE-ENTRY STUDENT MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

I am pleased to announce that the SRJC Adult Reentry Mentorship Program is being considered for implementation after a year hiatus. The program has a new coordinator with a background in mentoring and is very interested in working with AAUW. Many members had previously expressed an interest in this program and will be re-contacted as program plans develop. Also, if you have a new interest and would now like to be considered as a mentor for this most worthwhile program, please contact Marianne Holt at 527-6797 or peppy@sonic.net.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS BRANCH CALENDAR ~ OCTOBER 2008

BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, October 1, 2008, 1:00 PM at the home of Terry Howell, 1953 Terry Road, Santa Rosa. All interested members are welcome to attend. For directions please contact Terry at 542-1135 or tjhowell@sonic.net.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Wed. Oct. 15 9:30 - 11:30 AM International Affairs will meet at the home of Alice Crouch, 7463 Oak Leaf Dr. in Oakmont, 537-1939. We have finished the Great Decisions topics for this year, but will view *Life in Occupied Palestine* (2007), a documentary by a young Jewish American, Anna Baltzer, who spent several years filming the difficult living conditions of Palestinians in the West Bank. Bring other readings for the discussion.

IN MEMORY OF LILY GREER

We recently lost one of our dearest and oldest AAUW members. Lily Greer passed away on August 28, 2008, at the age of 104 years young. Lily's true love was music. She graduated from UCLA and USC with a Bachelor and Masters Degree in music and had a 42 year career in music education. She was a life member of the California Teachers Association and the Association of Music Educators. In addition to her love of teaching and music, Lily was very active in the community and a member of numerous organizations. Lily was a life member of AAUW and joined in 1942. Lily was an avid reader and had the honor to have The Lily Greer Reading Conference Room named after her in Faith Lutheran Church. Lily was also the founding organizer of two service and professional organizations in Santa Rosa: The Women's Business and Professional Club and The Soroptimist International Club. Lily will be dearly missed by the community and many AAUW friends.

BOOK GROUPS

Monday October 13, 1:30 PM. The Second Monday book group will meet at the home of June Brown, 4752 Stonehedge Dr. 537-9436, to discuss *O Pioneers* by Willa Cather.

THIRD TUESDAY MORNING BOOK GROUP

October 21, 9:30 AM Third Tuesday Morning Book group will meet at the home of Lucy Foster, 245 Mocking Bird Circle, to discuss *Ladies of Liberty* by Cokie Roberts. Gerry Carleton will co-host; Lucy Foster will moderate.

ROMANCING THE VINE

Saturday, October 4, 12:30 PM Romancing the Vine members and guests will meet by the ticket booth at the Sonoma County Fairgrounds for the Harvest Festival. Wines will be poured by each individual winery and you can learn about the wines from the winery owners and winemakers.

WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY

Our thoughts are with Linda Hungerford, valued and long standing AAUW Santa Rosa Board Member, who lost her beloved husband, Harold Hungerford.

IN MEMORY OF ANN HUDGINS

Anne Hudgins passed away on August 8, 2008 at Parkview Gardens Nursing Home after complications from a long illness. Anne was a valued past member of AAUW Santa Rosa. She was also a member of numerous environmental and community groups including the Sierra Club for many years. As a member of the Sierra Club Sonoma Group, she was active on numerous committees including the Conservation Committee and also served as Chair of their Executive Committee and as Delegate to The Redwood Chapter. Anne was a skilled gardener and landscape consultant throughout the Area. Anne will be missed by her friends in the community and AAUW.

Monday October 20, 10:30 AM Harriet Palk is making reservations for Romancing the Vine members and guests at Cline Cellars (24737 Arnold Drive, Hwy 121, Sonoma) to tour the site of the first camp of the Sonoma Mission and proceed to the winery for complimentary tastings. Then we will venture over to Gloria Ferrar Caves and Vineyards for \$10 samplings of their bubbly on the terrace. Contact Harriet to reserve your spot.

IMPORTANT NEWSLETTER NOTICE

We are going GREEN to save the planet and our dwindling budget. The printing and mailing of The Rose Branch newsletter is estimated to be about 75% of our Branch's budget. Due to these budget constraints, little is remaining to bring you quality programming, events, and branch visibility. Thus, this is the last issue you will receive via US Mail. It was a Board decision to start sending the newsletter by way of your email for all members that have an email address starting with the November issue. If you do not have an email address, you will continue to receive your newsletter by US Mail. You are encouraged to print out the newsletter when you receive it to refer to easily for upcoming events and timely notices. If you have any difficulty opening your beautifully redesigned newsletter, please contact our web-master, Lynda Hungerford at 539-5770. Thank you for your support for this strategic move to enhance the quality of our Branch and to help save the planet.

Sincerely, The AAUW Santa Rosa Board of Directors

BRANCH PUBLICITY & MARKETING HELP REQUESTED (Continued from page 2) our sights on becoming more visible at Sonoma State University and Santa Rosa Junior College. Please contact Marianne Holt (527-6797) if you can share your knowledge and skills with the branch or are just willing to jump in and help as a novice. With your help and active participation, we can look forward to our branch becoming a recognized organization in the community and at our local higher educational institutions.



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EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION LUNCHEON

ALL MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE NORTHERN CALIFORNIA EF LUNCHEON ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2008, 12:00 NOON AT CROW CANYON COUNTRY CLUB, 711 SILVER LAKE DRIVE, DANVILLE. THE LUNCHEON IS \$30 AND RESERVATIONS ARE REQUESTED BY OCTOBER 13, 2008.

Please Circle your entrée choice:

CHINESE CHICKEN & PRAWN SALAD

AZTEC CHICKEN SALAD

SUNBURST VEGETARIAN SALAD

Name: _____

Branch: _____

Reservations _____

Amount _____

SEND RSVP CHECK PAYABLE TO AAUW-CA:

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P.O. Box 160067

SACRAMENTO, CA 95816

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