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The Rose Branch



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SEPTEMBER KICKOFF



Featured Speaker

Susan Swartz

Newspaper Columnist

and

Author of

**The Juicy Tomatoes Guide to
Ripe Living after 50**

Saturday, September 9, 2006

10:15 am-12:30 pm

Sonoma County Central Library

Meeting Room

3rd and E Street - Downtown Santa Rosa

(Parking is available in the lot across the street. Be sure to bring quarters to feed the meter.)

**Come for a continental breakfast and meet our
Tech Trek girls!**

(SEE PAGE 4 FOR MORE DETAILS ABOUT THIS GENERAL MEETING.)

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Welcome back to our AAUW year!

Your hard working Program Committee, ably shared by Colleen Wilson and Carol Keiner, have worked up a exciting program for September and also explored what we could do during the year. Our Wassail Party is to be repeated, but at another home. (See box this page for more information.)

We hope that you will find time to join us when we fix a date when we can all go out and cheer on our **Girl's Fast Pitch Softball** team. Watch for an announcement! The girls have already received their T shirts with **AAUW** printed on the back.

Carol Dean, Colleen Wilson and I have been doing the "Dorm Mom" thing with our Tech Trek girls. Carol and I went to her old alma mater, Mills College - then Colleen and I were at Stanford and I will be going to Santa Barbara. The girls are always fun and ever a surprise! They were enthused about the program, and we had the wonderful speakers at Stanford who simply inspired all the girls. Some changes this year offered more mathematics, some variations with architecture, and the girls had a course in astronomy - which helped them when they had a chance to use those marvelous large telescopes at the observatory. Please do come to our September **KICKOFF (September 9)** and meet some of the girls we have sponsored at these wonderful camps. You will all be delighted!

"Romancing the Vine" has gotten quite well organized this past year and has become one of our most important social sections. Colleen has a list of potential destinations and will be glad to share them with you. Check with her and join us on these art and wine tasting adventures.

We are always on the lookout for some of you that will help us on the board. Please let us know if you have some time to do Public Policy, or be on the Nominating Committee for the coming year. Better yet, volunteer to help the Tech Trek interviewers and maybe offer to be a "Dorm Mom" next year.

Dorothy Zieber and LaRue LaMar have agreed to do the Bridge Luncheon again next spring. This has been a fun event for our bridge players, their friends and their spouses. It is one of the most important sources for our funding of the girls' softball team, our SSU scholarships and for our Tech Trek sponsorship. Offer to help!

Looking forward to seeing you all on September 9 at our Kickoff! Help us make this a banner year for program and help us to recruit some new members!

You might want to take a moment to write or call Peg Devine, she has had knee surgery and is home bound! She was the hostess who provided her lovely home and garden space for our special 50th year anniversary celebration last June. Get well soon, Peg!!!

Gerry

**WASSAIL PARTY TO FEATURE
"SILENT AUCTION"**

This year's Wassail Party, to be held on Sunday, December 3 at the home of Harriet Palk, will expand the opportunity to donate to and purchase gifts at the Silent Auction. Since the board has decided not to have a Crab Feed this coming year and has agreed that the proceeds from the Wassail Party will be split between the Legal Advocacy Fund and the Educational Foundation—we are eager to increase the income that is realized from the raffle and the silent auction.

Please begin thinking about what you may have to donate to the silent auction. I have some beautiful Laotian dolls and plan to donate two of them. Perhaps you would like to donate a brunch or a lunch for two or four. If you are a baker, could you donate a special cake or dessert? Have you collected something in your travels that you are now ready to part with? We look forward to a creative and exciting silent auction and a delightful party. As usual, we will have delicious food, terrific raffle gifts and a good time to socialize with our AAUW friends.

Una Skelly (539-0942) is Chair of the Silent Auction, and she will arrange to receive or pick up your gifts whenever you are ready to contribute them. You may also contact Alice Crouch (537-1939) or Sharon Wright (542-3230) concerning your donations.

PLEASE SAVE THE DATE—DECEMBER 3!

**Alice Crouch and Sharon Wright
Co-Vice Presidents
Legal Advocacy Fund**

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

It is with great enthusiasm that I welcome both old and new AAUW members to our Santa Rosa Branch for the coming 2006/07 year. I know we are all looking forward to a stimulating and interesting year ahead. Membership to AAUW runs from July 1 through June 30th. So, if by chance you have not yet rejoined, it's not too late to come aboard and partake in the wonderful opportunities for friendship, stimulating programs and events, and our on-going interest groups.

I would like to share with you an update on the current status of membership renewal as of August 1, 2006:

- 100 active members
- 15 members not rejoining
- 13 members with no response.

Unfortunately, as you can see, our overall membership for this year has decreased. I encourage all past members to reevaluate their decision not to rejoin. Membership is the KEY to continue the legacy of 125 years of working for the equity for all women and girls, lifelong education, and positive societal change. It also seriously impacts the quality of the branch's programming and activities. For those unable to actively participate in our branch for various reasons, I encourage you to possibly consider becoming a "Member-at-Large" so the great work of AAUW can continue. If you are interested in this membership category, please contact me for further information.

On the positive side, we have enrolled eleven new members for this coming year. On June 8, 2006, a luncheon for new members was hosted at my home. New members in attendance had an opportunity to meet each other and to learn about AAUW through key members of the board. We welcome each new member and look forward to getting to know them better as the year unfolds.

Best Regards,
Marianne Holt
Membership VP

AAUW KEYS TO THE FUTURE A MEMBER-GET-A-MEMBER CAMPAIGN

Great news! At our September 9th kickoff meeting, you will have an opportunity to learn more about AAUW's new Member-Get-A-Member Campaign, "Keys to the Future."

By participating you can earn a membership into AAUW's *Hall Of Fame*.

Other surprise incentives will also be announced at the September 9th meeting. Don't miss out on the fun and this opportunity

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Welcome to Our New Members

Sally Fee grew up as an "army brat" and attended 22 different schools in the U.S. and Europe. She received a B.A. in English Literature from the University of Maryland.

She worked for Delta Airlines for 30 years in reservations and ticketing. She followed that with 5 years as a travel agent.

Sally, her husband and two cats moved from San Francisco to Santa Rosa (Oakmont) two years ago. She loves to cook, needlepoint and read. She takes water aerobics. She joined AAUW so that she could participate in a book group.

Janet Cusick was born in Brooklyn, New York. She graduated from NYU (Washington Square) with a BA in Psychology. She also studied at New School working toward a Masters Degree. Her studies were interrupted by her marriage to a member of the diplomatic corps. In 1953, with their 6 week old baby they moved to Beirut, Lebanon where they lived for one year. After that, they lived in many countries, including Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Libya, Morocco, Italy, France and England. Janet speaks French, Italian and some Arabic.

They came back to the U.S. to retire and moved to Santa Fe, New Mexico. In 1995 they moved to Santa Rosa.

Janet has been involved in extensive volunteer work. She has taught unwed mothers to make patchwork quilts in Mauritius and English as a foreign language in several Arab countries. She is presently mentoring an 11 year old girl. She plans to help out at the Book Fair in September.

Janet loves to write and belongs to a writing group She is an active member of Alliance Francais. She takes exercise classes and Yoga. She likes to garden and read. She has already joined an AAUW book group.

*Thumbnail Sketches provided by
Pat Driscoll
Membership Assistant*

KICKOFF!

On September 9th, AAUW Santa Rosa will hold its first General Meeting of the new season. (See page 1.) In addition to our dynamic program, a short business meeting will be held and members attending will be requested to vote an approval of the proposed branch budget for 2006-2007 (see enclosed box - this page.)

A continental breakfast and information about our branch's interest groups will be available prior to the meeting start at 10:45 am. Our Tech Trek girls will also be available to discuss their experiences and share pictures of their week at the Stanford camp.

Susan Swartz, Press Democrat columnist and author of *The Juicy Tomatoes: Guide to Ripe Living after 50* will be our keynote speaker and then be available to autograph books at the end of the meeting. Books may be purchased at Copperfield's Bookstores and other local bookstores as well as online at <http://www.juicytomatoes.com/>

Parking is available in the lot across the street from the library. Bring at least \$2 worth of quarters to feed the meter (\$ 0.75 an hour) and park on the inside rows with 10 hour parking. Place your newsletter or a paper with a large AAUW printed on it on the dashboard and we can send someone to feed the meters if you need more time.

We will provide transportation for those who need it. Please call Colleen at 566-0514 to make arrangements.

PUBLIC POLICY

AAUW WOULD LIKE TO SEE PROPOSITION 85 DEFEATED.

PROPOSITION 85 IS THE NEW VERSION OF THE PARENTAL CONSENT INITIATIVE WHICH WOULD PROHIBIT AN ABORTION FOR AN UNEMANCIPATED MINOR UNTIL 48 HOURS AFTER A PHYSICIAN NOTIFIES THE MINOR'S PARENT OR GUARDIAN, EXCEPT IN THE CASE OF MEDICAL EMERGENCY OR WITH A PARENTAL WAIVER.

AAUW, ALONG WITH THE CALIFORNIA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, THE CALIFORNIA NURSES ASSOCIATION, AND THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRICS - CALIFORNIA DISTRICT, STRONGLY OPPOSES PROPOSITION 85 BECAUSE IT PUTS THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF TEENAGERS AT RISK. THOSE TEENAGERS WHO COME FROM VIOLENT OR ABUSIVE HOMES COULD DELAY SEEKING NEEDED MEDICAL CARE OR HAVE ILLEGAL OR SELF-INDUCED ABORTIONS UNDER SUCH A LAW.

JACKIE McDONALD

BRANCH PUBLIC POLICY OFFICER

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN SANTA ROSA BRANCH BUDGET 2006-07 PROPOSED

REVENUES			
BRANCH DUES	(112 members x \$21 each)		\$2352
<u>TOTAL REVENUES:</u>			\$2352
EXPENSES			
ADMINISTRATION			
CONFERENCES/CONVENTIONS		\$200	
SUPPLIES		80	
INSURANCE		325	
<u>SUBTOTAL:</u>			\$605
MEMBERSHIP			
WEB DOMAIN		\$ 80	
BROCHURES		20	
POSTAGE & SUPPLIES		72	
DIRECTORIES (PRINT. & POS.)		175	
<u>SUBTOTAL:</u>			\$347
PROGRAM			
RENT/SUPPLIES		\$425	
<u>SUBTOTAL:</u>			\$425
COMMUNICATIONS			
NEWSLETTER			
PRINTING		\$400	
POSTAGE		\$250	
<u>SUBTOTAL:</u>			\$650
CONTRIBUTIONS			
VIRGINIA GILDERSLEEVE		\$ 25	
GIRLS' SOFTBALL TEAM		\$300	
<u>SUBTOTAL:</u>			\$325
<u>TOTAL EXPENSES:</u>			\$2352

THIS PROPOSED BRANCH BUDGET FOR 2006-2007 WILL BE VOTED ON AT THE KICKOFF GENERAL MEETING - SEPTEMBER 9, 2006

BRANCH CALENDAR

Date	Time	
<u>SEPTEMBER</u>		
6	1:00 p.m.	Board Meeting at the home of Gerry Carleton, 409 Oak Brook Place (Oakmont) Tel: 539-9521. Members are welcome to attend.
11	1:30 p.m.	Monday Afternoon Book Group meets at home of Liz Martin, 1604 Deer Run, Tel: 535-8722, lizmartincb@yahoo.com. Group will discuss <i>Savage Beauty: the life of Edna St. Vincent Millet</i> by Nancy Milford. Sally Fee will lead the discussion.
13	7:30-9:00 p.m.	Second Wednesday Night Book Group meets at home of Sue Finan, 357 Wood Ridge Ct. Windsor Tel: 837-9965, suefinan@comcast.net to discuss <i>The Shadow of the Wind</i> by Ruiz Zafon. Sue will also lead the discussion.
20	9:30 - 11:30 a.m.	Global Issues Group will meet at the home of Gerry Carleton, 409 Oak Brook Pl. to discuss Great Decisions Topic 5: "Human rights in an age of terrorism."
<u>OCTOBER</u>		
4	1:00 p.m.	Board Meeting at the home of Gerry Carleton. (Same info as given for Sept.)
6	1:00 p.m.	Romancing the Vine will attend the Sonoma County Harvest Fair to taste Sonoma County gold and silver award winning varietal wines. Meet at fairgrounds at 1:00 p.m. Admission \$6 (Seniors \$4); \$7 for a souvenir glass and two taste tickets. RSVP: Colleen, 566-0514 or email cawilson@sonic.net
9	1:30 p.m.	Monday Afternoon Book Group meets at home of Harriet Palk, 6347 Meadowridge Dr., Tel: 537-8662, hpalk@sbcglobal.net to discuss <i>Snow Flower and the Secret Fan</i> by Lisa See. Harriet will also lead the discussion.
11	7:30 - 9:00	Second Wednesday Night Book Group meets at home of Linda Trodden, 1637 Terrace Way, Tel: 523-1943, lindatrodden@sbcglobal.net to discuss <i>The March</i> , by E.L. Doctorow. Linda will also lead the discussion.
17	9:30 a.m.	Tuesday Morning Book Review Group meets at home of Lucy Foster, 245 Mockingbird Circle (Oakmont), Tel 538-3507 to discuss <i>Snow Flower and the Secret Fan</i> by Lisa See. Ruth Hucklebridge will moderate the discussion.
18	9:30-11:30	Global Issues Group will meet at the home of Grace Adamowicz, 2460 Mellbrook Way, Tel: 527-5015, to discuss Great Decisions Topic #6: "India and China: competition and cooperation."
19	12:00 noon	The Gourmet Luncheon Group will dine at the home of Delia Nistler, 250 Mockingbird Circle. Call Harriet Palk (537-8662) for reservation and menu assignments.

Deadline for **November/December** issue of the Rose Branch is **October 10.**

Please send submissions to Editor Ann Horne via E-MAIL: aphorne@sonic.net POST: 2424 Compadre Dr SR 95405

WEDNESDAY - AUGUST 23 - 5:30 P.M.

Romancing the Vine will meet at the home of Anne Facto (4990 Lakepointe Circle, Santa Rosa) for wine and appetizers before going to **Paradise Ridge Winery** to view the outdoor sculptures. Anne has reserved a table for eight for a sunset picnic on the deck. Bring your own picnic supper to enjoy.

There is a \$5 per person fee which is applied to the wine purchased to accompany the picnic meal.

Spouses and significant others are invited to attend. To RSVP: Call Anne 577-7998 or email her at afacto@comcast.net

In **September** the group will have a private wine tasting at the Siduri Winery, a small family owned winery located in a warehouse. Siduri specializes in high quality Pinot Noirs. Call Colleen Wilson (566-0514) to sign up & get more info.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 24 - 7:00 P.M.**CULTURE VULTURES**

will hold a planning meeting at the home of Susanne Bonnet, 3640 Alta Vista Ave, SR.

All are welcome. Please RSVP and call or email Susanne if you need directions: Tel: 526-9545 or em: jebseb@sbcglobal.net.

Please bring your ideas for future events.

Need a Ride?

If you find you need a ride to branch meetings and events. Don't fret - a ride can be arranged for you.

Call Marianne Holt 527-6797 for information and arrangements.



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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

The Peace Corps Experience in Uzbekistan



Ginny Benson, branch member, will share her Peace Corps experiences and a variety of old and modern artifacts of both the Muslim and Russian cultures of Uzbekistan in Central Asia.

**2:00 pm
Tuesday, October 17, 2006
Baker's Square Restaurant
Farmer's Lane at Vallejo Street
Santa Rosa**

**\$6 for pie and coffee
RSVP by October 11
Colleen 566-0514**