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AAUW SANTA ROSA GENERAL MEETING & KICKOFF

Saturday, September 10, 2005

Episcopal Church of the Incarnation
550 Mendocino Avenue - Santa Rosa

(Parking available behind the church on Cherry Street - access from Mendocino)

10:00 a.m. CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

Come catch up with old friends and meet new friends. Meet our Tech Trek participants! Bring potential branch members to learn about our branch, the section activities, upcoming programs for our 70th year, and our important work supporting the Educational Fund, the Legal Advocacy Fund and Tech Trek. Section activities include: Book Groups, Bridge, Culture Vultures, Gourmet Luncheons, International Relations, Romancing the Vine and Public Policy.

10:30 a.m. MEETING

Welcome by Geraldine Carleton, Branch President

Greetings by Colleen Wilson, Program Vice President who will outline the coming events for our branch's 70th year.

"What It's Like to Be Involved in Education in Santa Rosa":

Dr. Marsha Vas Dupre, SRJC Trustee;
Kathy Coker, Santa Rosa Middle School Principal and
Mitalee Desai, a sophomore at Maria Carrillo High School

will describe their roles and experiences in meeting the educational challenges of the 21st Century. Then Marsha will moderate a short question and answer session.

Meet the 2005 Santa Rosa Tech Trekkers
Dr. Carol Dean, Tech Trek Coordinator, will introduce
our eight Tech Trek participants:

Laura Aquino	Cook Middle School
Daphne Chimas	Cook Middle School
Bianca Flores	Santa Rosa Middle School
Sarah Gant	Rincon Valley Middle School
Julia Krickl	Rincon Valley Middle School
Caitlin Lampe	Cook Middle School
Rena Wang	Slater Middle School
Katherine Zhang	Rincon Valley Middle School

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Welcome to the celebration of our 70th year as a branch in Sonoma County. We have gotten out the old albums and we plan to exhibit these records to the membership at one of our programs this year. We were, at one time, quite a presence in Santa Rosa. Perhaps we can be recognized this year as a positive force in the concern for women and girls.

Our Association Convention voted to allow us to take as members those women who have completed a two year course (AA degrees for the most part). We hope that this will encourage other women to join us in our program for this year "Education is the Focus."

Since many of our members were teachers - or still may be doing this - we thought it would be informative to find out what was happening in our schools today. We hope you will look over the information on our first program and plan to join us as we open a new year.

The Association Convention also addressed the IFUW (International Federation of University Women) situation. It was voted that we pursue our membership in this organization. We understand that dues negotiations are taking place now. We also have a connection with international women through the Virginia Gilder-sleeve Program. You must talk to Pat Oberg about this. She is an enthusiastic and informed member and will explain their program.

Our connection with the community remains strong. We give scholarships at Sonoma State and we have been extremely successful this past year with AAUW's Tech Trek program. We were able to send 8 girls to the Stanford Tech Trek. This required much dedication on the part of Carol Dean and tremendous generosity on the part of our members. Carol will introduce you to the girls. We hope to hear from each of them at our opening meeting.

Bridge event: this is our major fundraiser for branch programs and scholarships. Since Dorothy Zeiber and LaRue LaMar have said they would like some new people to take this over - we are looking for some help. If you enjoy bridge and would like to help, please let us know. (You can call me at 539-9521 to get started.)

Colleen Wilson has worked very hard to come up with a great year of programs. Please do put the dates for these on your calendars and come to the meetings! I look forward to a great year!

Gerry

AAUW CHANGES MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA

During the 2005 AAUW National Convention, the bylaws for membership in AAUW were amended. The AAUW Bylaws now admit to membership a graduate holding an associate or equivalent degree from a qualified educational institution. A qualified educational institution is defined as: "educational institutions that offer recognized associate, baccalaureate, or higher degrees and that have full regional or appropriate professional association approval.

"An equivalent of an associate degree is an academic degree or diploma awarded by a qualified institution such as a business college or a hospital. Examples of an equivalent degree are two or three-year RN diplomas."

For more complete information on this decision, please contact AAUW's web site at: www.aauw.org, in the "Member Center".

Although this change did not reflect the consensus of the Santa Rosa Branch as discussed and surveyed last November 2004, and reported to Association, it does provide an opportunity for our branch to increase membership. This change also provides an opportunity to respond to AAUW's mission of equal opportunity and its diversity policy. I would like to invite any interested member to join me in developing a strategy to contact this new group of prospective members.

Marianne Holt
Membership VP

The 2005-2006 branch telephone directory is being assembled using information provided by member renewals plus our new members. It is planned to get the updated directory out as early as possible this year.

Don't be left out - pay your dues now.

**If you have lost your renewal letter and form call Peg Devine at 576-1014 or send your check for \$80 (made out to AAUW Santa Rosa) to her:
3040 Hartley Dr. SR 98408**

Welcome to Our New Members

Donna Autrey received a degree in communications from San Francisco State University. She taught water aerobics for 17 years and was the aquatic director at the Airport Club where she oversaw the swim program. She has also worked at a veterinary clinic and has taught modeling classes. She presently teaches AARP safe driving classes at local senior centers and volunteers at the Luther Burbank Center and for the Santa Rosa Police Dept. She is presently very involved in repair and restoration of her home in Santa Rosa.

Donna joined AAUW because she is interested in meeting other women. She is looking forward to learning about the activities that AAUW has to offer.

Marcy Clausen received her B.S. and P.H.N. certificate at UCLA. She worked for many years in hospitals, including Sutter before she became Supervisor of California Children's Services for Sonoma County. She retired from this position in 2001. She has been very involved in adoption and was a founder of a local agency and board president of a national parents organization. At present, Marcy works part time for the Sonoma County Teen Parent Connection. She also serves on the board of directors of The Living Room, a daytime drop in center for homeless women and their children.

Marcy and her husband, Jerry, love to travel and have recently purchased a motor home. They have 9 children and 9 grandchildren. She joined AAUW because she wants to be part of an organization that supports women. She views her membership as an opportunity for new experiences with other women. She is interested in finding out about other AAUW activities and has already volunteered to help Carole Keiner with the January Crab Feed.

*Thumbnail Sketches provided by
Pat Driscoll
Membership Assistant*

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE & REDESIGNED BROCHURE

I am happy to report that the Santa Rosa Branch has been very fortunate with an excellent steady increase in membership. Last year (2004/05) our branch was fortunate to enroll 17 new members. This current year (2005/06) is off to a great start with eleven new members.

In an effort to welcome and meet our current new members, a "New Members' Coffee" has been planned for Tuesday, August 30th. It is my goal to continue this outstanding interest in AAUW membership. Each member can help in meeting this goal by promoting our organization. Your enthusiasm and personal contact with perspective members is our best recruitment tool.

In this current newsletter, you will find a copy of the beautifully redesigned Membership Brochure (thank you, Lynda Hungerford). I'm inviting each of our current members to help increase our membership by passing along this brochure (after folding into three sections) to an interested friend.

Marianne Holt
Membership VP

WE ALSO WELCOME :

**Ruth Bamesberger
Barbara Battenfeld
Lalita Desai
Joy Haskell
Mildred Hirsch
Nancy Luttropp
Harriet Palk
Jeanne Robinson
Linda Trodden**

We look forward to getting to know our new members, and to those who might be returning members, we give a most warm welcome back!

A NEW VISION FOR LAF

AAUW President Nancy Rustad sent a message recently about important changes in the Legal Advocacy Fund. She stated that this year while LAF reached the important milestone of supporting its 100th plaintiff, AAUW merged LAF with the Educational Fund and launched a new vision for LAF that includes:

- Broadening the focus of case support. . .to select cases which are likely to have a durable impact on the law.
- Expanding the networks of legal and social scientist advisers available to support plaintiffs.
- Exploring the possibility of training and other proactive strategies to allow women to steer their academic careers successfully without litigation.

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MARK YOUR DECEMBER & JANUARY CALENDARS!

Save the date -- **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11** -- for our **Holiday Wassail Party** to support the Legal Advocacy Fund at the home of Gerry Carleton.

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Our **AAUW Annual Crab Feed** to benefit the Educational Foundation, will be held on **Friday January 20, 2006.**

**Thank you! Thank you!
All you donors!**

Last summer AAUW Santa Rosa sponsored 8 girls for the science/math camp (Tech Trek) at Stanfor University. Five girls were awarded scholarships from the branch. The branch also supported the three alternates by paying the \$50 family fee.

Now our committee is planning for the 2006 camp. To award five scholarships from the branch again we will need a total of \$3250. As of now our fund has \$1900. Thus, we will need \$1350 more before the reservations are due in November.

Our Trekkers will be on hand September 10 at the Kick Off General Meeting on September 10. Come and learn how important this experience is to 7th grade girls. Knowing this, I hope you will want to make a tax-free donation. Your check should be made payable to:

AAUW Santa Rosa Tech Trek.

Please send it to: Carol Dean
Tech Trek Coordinator
6349 Stone Bridge Road
Santa Rosa CA 95409

Your donation is tax deductible!

IRIS SABELMAN

OUR 2005 EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION (EF) NAMED GIFT HONOREE

Since I did not get to be at the meeting where we honored Iris Sabelman as our EF Named Gift Honoree for 2005, I do want you all to know what a great lady she is!

Iris has been a member of this branch since 1962. Our branch had nearly 300 members at that time! The attraction was the continuing education program AAUW had at that time on current international and national issues, plus they were deeply involved in community events.

She is still in the same house she moved into with her growing family in 1962. They came to Santa Rosa after her husband got out of the service. She was a social worker for Sonoma County for a number of years. She mentioned that she has been playing in the bridge groups for 43 years - at first, with her husband in couples bridge - where they made many friends. She continued on with her bridge after she lost her husband. She has been a member of one of the book

groups since she joined. As her children grew, she found time to be involved in other sections.

Willing to help with any special project - you can find her baking cookies, or helping in the kitchen whenever there is a special program for the branch. She joined Luncheon Gourmet after her grandchildren were in school (she was the baby sitter!).

Iris said that she thought so much of AAUW that she gave her daughter, Karen, a membership for a graduation present. Karen Famini is still a member of our branch, even though she lives now in Sonoma.

Iris has been a wonderful member over the years..... quiet, but always there when needed. We are so proud of her, and honoring her as our branch EF Gift Honoree for this year was a long overdue recognition of a proud and loyal AAUW member.

Gerry Carleton

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AAUW MISSION STATEMENT

AAUW promotes equity for all women and girls, lifelong learning and positive societal change.

AAUW DIVERSITY STATEMENT

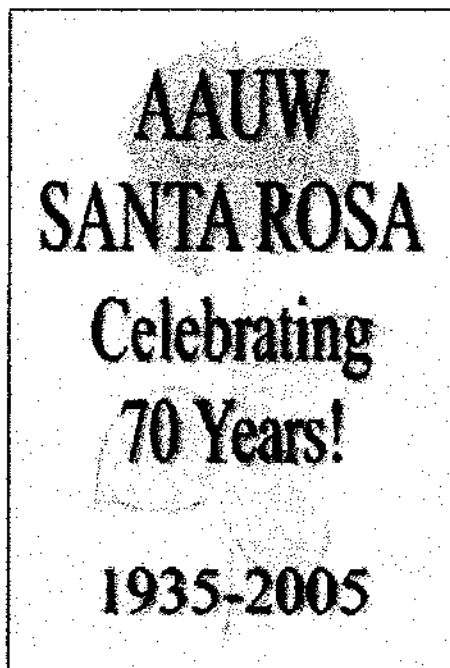
In principle and practice, AAUW values and seeks diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, or class.

MEMBERSHIP IS OPEN TO ALL GRADUATES OF A 4 YEAR COLLEGE

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**WHAT HAS BEEN SCHEDULED AND WHAT IS BEING PLANNED FOR AAUW
SANTA ROSA'S 70th ANNIVERSARY YEAR**



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| | 2005 |
| Sept 10 | KICKOFF General Meeting |
| October | Annual Bridge Fundraiser for branch scholarships and programs. Details to be announced in October newsletter. |
| November | Program planned will feature a speaker who has received a Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF) grant. Details to be announced. |
| December | <i>Sunday December 11</i> - Annual Wassail Party and LAF Fundraiser in the home of President Gerry Carleton. |
| | 2006 |
| January | <i>Friday January 20</i> - Annual Crab Feed and Educational Foundation (EF) in the Santa Rosa Arts & Garden Center. |
| February | <i>Friday February 24</i> - Wine & Food Educational Class & Lunch at the SRJC Culinary Center and Restaurant. |
| March | Program is being planned which will feature March as International Women's Month. Theme of the program: The Status of Women - Beijing +10 |
| April | Program being planned which will feature Santa Rosa City School Superintendent Sharon Liddell. |
| May | <i>Saturday May 6</i> - Gala 70th Anniversary Celebration
A luncheon event, we will honor our past presidents who will present a brief history of the branch during their terms. There will be a business meeting, election and installation of 2006-2007 officers. |