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KICK OFF

Saturday, September 8
10:30 a.m.

Rincon Valley Library Meeting Room



Speaker: Luz Navarette, SRJC Adult Reentry Counselor

**Learn about our new program:
Mentoring Reentry Women at Santa Rosa Junior College**

Meet our Tech Trek girls and hear their experiences.

Continental Breakfast

Interest Group Information & Sign Ups

BOARD MEETING

September 5

1:00 p.m.

1775 Brandlee Lane

**All members welcome
to attend.**

**Call Marianne Holt
(527-6797)**

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

With summer coming to an end, we all look forward to the fall as a time for new interests and beginnings. As your new president of AAUW Santa Rosa, I welcome you all back to a year ahead filled with new energy and opportunities. Our new board and committee chairs have been hard at work developing a new direction for our branch. I especially want to welcome our newest members: Membership VP Trina Corson Graham; EF/VP Terry Howell; LAF/VP Lillian Shelan; SSU Scholarship Chair Linda Trodden; and (the two positions of) Public Policy Chair/Public Relations Chair Bonnie Hasenbeck. Each board member and committee chair has developed goals to energize our branch and to make your membership more meaningful.

To begin with, AAUW has developed new Mission and Vision Statements to help guide our organization in a new direction and into the 21st Century:

New AAUW Mission Statement:

AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research.

New 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.

In order to fulfill our new mission and vision, **WE NEED YOU!** Each one of us has special talents, skills, interests, and experience that can enhance our branch's commitment to AAUW. As president, one of my main goals is to encourage every member to become active by participating more fully. Over the past, our membership has demonstrated great dedication and contributed greatly to AAUW. Now I invite everyone to come aboard and volunteer for one or two of our many events and committees. Our organization offers a myriad of opportunities for you to help by volunteering to enhance our mission. I ask every member to step outside their comfort zone and help create a more meaningful life for women and girls. If you haven't had an opportunity to sign up for a committee yet, additional opportunities will be available at our KICK OFF meeting on September 8th. We really can decide to change lives!

One of our newest opportunities to help enhance the life of women will be through the newly developed community partnership with the SRJC Adult Reentry Program. At the KICK OFF meeting you will have an opportunity to meet and hear from the SRJC Adult Reentry Services Director, Luz Navarrette. She will share with you the inspiring work she and the counselors do to help returning adults fulfill their career aspirations. It is interesting to note that the two SSU scholarship recipients this year were students in the SRJC Adult Reentry Program! At the meeting, you will also hear more about the mentoring program being developed between SRJC and our AAUW branch.

One goal you will see in this issue of the newsletter is a notice which is our attempt to reduce the cost of mailing all newsletters to members by offering all those of you with a computer and internet access an opportunity to download your issue via e-mail or from our web site. As you might expect, the savings to our branch would be substantial. With this cost savings, we could enhance our branch in many ways. For example, our meeting venues could be more attractive and comfortable, additional interesting speakers could be recruited, and we would be able to expand the visibility of our AAUW branch in the community. I encourage everyone who can, to seriously consider this option. Let's go green and save-a-tree!

In future newsletters, I will be sharing with you additional goals that were developed by the board and committee chairs to enhance our branch and to meet our commitment to the AAUW's Mission. All of us on the board and committee chairs are committed to seeing that each of you experience AAUW in the best possible way. I will be right along with you as we take this journey together. I know we'll have a wonderful and rewarding year ahead!

Marianne Holt

REPORT CARD EVENT

AAUW MEMBERS THAT ATTENDED OUR ANNUAL MEETING LAST MAY WILL REMEMBER OUR WONDERFUL SPEAKER, REBECCA HALLINGSWORTH, WHO PROVIDED US WITH AN OVERVIEW OF THE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN'S (CSW) "REPORT CARD PROJECT".

THE COMMISSION INVESTIGATED THE IDEAL POSITIONS FOR WOMEN'S QUALITY OF LIFE IN FOUR MAJOR AREAS IN SONOMA COUNTY. THESE INCLUDE:

- (1) REPRESENTATION AND ACCESS;**
- (2) EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION AND TRAINING;**
- (3) CHILDCARE, HEALTHCARE AND HOUSING, AND;**
- (4) CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PHYSICAL SAFETY.**

THE FINAL RESULTS OF THESE FINDINGS WILL BE PRESENTED AT THE "REPORT CARD EVENT" ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2007.

ALL AAUW MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO HEAR THE FINDINGS AND THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF CSW'S "REPORT CARD PROJECT" ON THAT DATE. THE EVENT WILL BE HELD AT THE SONOMA MOUNTAIN VILLAGE IN PETALUMA. THE FULL DAY'S PROGRAM WILL INCLUDE LUNCH, FOLLOWED BY BREAK OUT DISCUSSION SESSIONS.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING THIS WORTHWHILE EVENT, OR WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT MARIANNE HOLT AT PEPPY@SONIC.NET OR 527-6797 BY SEPTEMBER 17TH.

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND AND THE COST TBA. ONCE MEMBERS' INTEREST AND ATTENDANCE ARE DETERMINED, CAR POOLS WILL BE FORMING AT CONVENIENT LOCATIONS.

Membership Matters

On July 19th a coffee gathering for was held for new and prospective members at the home of Marianne Holt. New and prospective members in attendance had the opportunity to meet each other and learn about AAUW through board members.

Also, plans for a working member's interest group, meeting in the evenings and/or weekends, got underway. Look for a sign up sheet at the September 8th Kick Off. In response to feedback from new members, an additional new member evening event will be hosted in the fall.

Now is the time to encourage friends and family who have considered joining AAUW to do so. Some exciting incentives include an opportunity for one free membership to be raffled off by all in attendance at the September 8th Kick Off meeting.

In addition, new members can receive half price membership to AAUW, (Association only, branch and state still apply) through the ***Shape the Future Membership Incentive***. With these savings incentives it is the perfect time for friends and colleagues to join and partake in an exciting year of programs and events.

**See you in September,
Trina Corson Graham, Membership VP**
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GETTING TO KNOW OUR NEW MEMBERS:

Rebecca Hollingsworth graduated from Indiana University with a B.A. in economics and political science and earned a M.A in early childhood development from Hunter College. For many years she taught in elementary public schools and for the past 12 years has worked as an educational consultant for individuals, sort of as a 'life coach' as she has characterized it. Since 2004 Rebecca has been a member of the Sonoma County Commission on the Status of Women and is currently serving her second term as chair. She is an avid 49ers fan and can't wait until the fall season begins. She loves to read and she has been a Girl Scout leader for 15 years. She also volunteers at her daughter's elementary school. Last spring during Women's History Month she taught 22 sections of Women's History at Sonoma County Day School. Rebecca was the featured speaker at our AAUW branch meeting in May and was pleased to be invited to join AAUW because of its commitment to issues of women's education.

*Thumbnail Sketches submitted by
Judy Hudson, Membership Assistant*

Lynne Durrell graduated from the University of Washington with a B.A in english literature. She is a human resources generalist. She worked in human resources and recruiting in Washington for nine years, and then at Phillips Academy in Massachusetts for the past year and a half.

Lynne moved to Santa Rosa in January. She enjoys book clubs, theatre, wine and good food. But her real passion is equestrian dressage.

Lynne joined AAUW to integrate in to the community and meet new people. She appreciates AAUW's philanthropic and social activities.

(Ed Note: Apologies to Lynn and Pat Driscoll for omitting paras 2&3 in the May/June Rose Branch.)

Interest Groups Gear Up

September. For many of us it has long been the beginning of a new year, and its onset has been far more important than the official Nnew year that begins January 1. September starts a new school year after a long summer as student, teacher, traveler, or hostess. Many organizations composed primarily of women have an official startup event in September.

With our "Kick Off Meeting" on September 8, our AAUW branch is no exception. At the meeting, you will be able to sign up for one of the existing interest groups, which include three book groups (morning, afternoon, and evening), the Gourmet Luncheon Group, Romancing the Vine, and Global Issues. In addition, Culture Vultures has provided a number of interesting evening excursions to cultural events in the North Bay, and is in the process of reorganizing. For each interest group there will be information about the group, a member from each group to answer your questions, and a sign-up sheet.

What is a new year without resolutions? For yours, consider joining one of our interest groups, or better yet consider starting a new one simply by submitting a sign-up sheet with the names of at least three interested members. The interest groups fit into the AAUW Mission by contributing to our own lifelong education and by supporting our efforts to promote education and opportunity for women and girls. They also encourage new friendships and strengthen long-standing ones.

The interest groups are for you.

Lynda Hungerford
Interest Group Chair

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS WHO RECENTLY JOINED OR REJOINED AAUW SANTA ROSA:

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Contact info is for your branch directory.

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 Phyllis Miller (Tel: 575-7890) or Lucy Foster (Tel: 538-3507) for information and arrangements.

Check out our website for all the latest of branch news and if you would like to see and download the color edition of the newsletter :
www.aauwsantarosa.org

**AAUW SANTA ROSA
Proposed Budget
July 2007 through June 2008**

Income

Balance Forward	2,775.00
Branch Dues	1,688.00
 Total Income	 4,463.00

Expense

Administration	650.00
Contributions	25.00
Membership	390.00
Newsletter	1,300.00
President's Gift Program	75.00 500.00
 Total Expense	 2,940.00
 Net Income	 1,523.00

**To be approved by branch members at the
KICK OFF meeting on September 8.**

SSU SCHOLARSHIPS - 2007

Linda Trodden received thank you letters from our two scholarship recipients, Ann Carranza and Antoinette Hoffman. Highlights from those letters are shared below.

Ann has been accepted to Sonoma State University Degree Completion Program. Her area of study is liberal arts and she will be writing a minor in interdisciplinary studies that will include English, Spanish and environmental writing. She was in the SRJC mentoring program and her 22-year old son is now a student there. She plans to continue mentoring women herself during the coming years. Ann states in her letter that "Education opens wide the doors to achievement and fulfillment for both women and men and it is an opportunity not to be missed."

Antoinette, also a former participant in the SRJC Mentoring Program, writes that it is her goal to become an English teacher within [the field] of disabilities resources and in general English studies, utilizing her background working in vocational rehabilitation. Antoinette has been challenged with daunting medical problems, such as breast cancer but she states, "I am doing fine now, and knowing that I have the encouragement and support of organizations such as yours is a real boost to my journey to reach my goals."

This year they each received a scholarship of \$750 from AAUW Santa Rosa Branch. Thank you so much to those who "gave" to this fund, making this possible. If you would like more information about the branch SSU Scholarship Fund or would like to make a donation please contact:

Linda Trodden

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**AAUW California Biennial Public Policy Action
Priorities 2007-2009**

Legislative activism has a long history in AAUW. Members first lobbied for women's suffrage in 1892 and have continued to be responsive to critical issues of the times.

The AAUW California Public Policy program supports its mission to advance equity for women and girls, through advocacy, education and research and complements the Association Public Policy program. AAUW California's priorities for action are chosen according to the criteria of viability, critical need, and strong member support. Priorities are:

Equity for All Women and Girls:

Recognizing that equity for all women and girls requires an application of legal definition, AAUW California supports:

- Constitutional protection for the civil rights of all individuals
- Legislation that addresses current inequities in compensation and benefits for all working women
- Vigorous enforcement of California Title V and Federal Title IX regulations on gender equity

Lifelong Education:

Believing that public education and lifelong learning are the foundations of a democratic society, AAUW California supports:

- Equitable funding for quality public education in preschool through secondary schools that supports all students of any culture, race, ethnicity, special needs or sexual orientation
- Opposition to the use of public funds for school vouchers
- Continuing educational research and reform that improves student achievement
- Programs that provide women with education, training, and support for long-term success in the work force and the community
- Medically accurate health curriculum, including comprehensive sex education

Positive Societal Change:

Promoting the social, economic, and physical well-being of all individuals, AAUW California supports:

- Right to determine one's reproductive life, including the right to privacy and access to quality family planning services
- Access to health care and the expansion of patient rights
- Greater availability and access to high quality, affordable family care giving services, including rigorous oversight
- Respect for diversity and the rejection of all forms of discrimination
- Access to decent, affordable housing
- Promotion of safe, healthy work environments free from sexual harassment and intimidation
- Freedom from violence and fear in homes, schools, workplaces, and communities

TECH TREK UPDATE

Tech Trek 2007 was a grand success. Two girls went to Mills and five went to Stanford. Dorm moms – Colleen Wilson and Anne Facto – have recovered after a very enthusiastic week.

Some of the girls will attend the September 8 branch meeting, so please come and meet with them and hear what they have to say about their experiences.

On July 17, one of our past campers, Rena Wang, was the subject of the Teen Face section in the Press Democrat. She mentioned AAUW Tech Trek in her interview with the reporter. So you can see that we do make an impression on our campers.

Thank you for all your support of this spectacular program – this is truly a fine example of supporting the mission of AAUW.

**Melinda Moir
Tech Trek Coordinator**

Please note: The Rose Branch will resume monthly publication this year. Submittal instructions are given below.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS BRANCH CALENDAR - SEPTEMBER - 2007

Date	Time	
5	5:30 p.m. (until sunset)	Romancing the Vine: "WINES & SUNSETS" in PARADISE: Paradise Ridge Winery. Hors d'oeuvres at Anne Facto's home, carpool from there. Tour the new exhibits in the sculpture garden before picnicking on the deck. Organizer: Anne Facto.
10	1:30 p.m.	Monday Afternoon Book Group meets at home of Myra Kramer, to discuss <i>The Glass Castle</i> by Jeannette Walls. Myra will lead the discussion.
19	9:30-11:30 a.m.	The Global Issues Group meets at the home of Geraldine Carleton, to discuss Great Decisions topic 2: <u>Climate Change & Global Warming</u> .

(Other groups will begin to meet in October.)

Please note: Contact information removed from electronic copy only. Printed copies mailed to members contain complete information for Special Interest Groups.

Deadline for **October 2007** issue of the Rose Branch is **September 10**.

Please send your 2007-2008 schedule & group membership Editor Ann Horne via
E-MAIL: aphorne@sonic.net - POST: 2424 Compadre Dr SR 95405.

When changes are necessary please notify me by email or post (no telephone calls, please.)

AAUW Santa Rosa 2007-2008 Program & Fundraising Events Schedule - Mark Your Calendars Now !!!

September 8	Saturday KICK OFF	(details on page 1)
October 12	Friday - 7:00 p.m.	Reception for SSU Scholarship Recipients
November 8	Thursday - 7:00 p.m.	General Meeting: Speaker: Tom Arens Topic: World Neighbors: Inspiring People, Strengthening Communities
November 17	Saturday (all day event)	Title IX Thirty-fifth Anniversary - Napa Community College (Joint meeting/activity with Napa and Sonoma AAUW branches)
December 2	Sunday 2 - 4 p.m.	Wassail Party: EF & LAF Fundraiser - Location TBD
January	(date TBD)	Candidates' Forum (Cosponsor: League of Women Voters)
January	(Tentative - need chair)	Crab Feed
February 8	Saturday - 11:30 a.m.	Authors' Event - Fountaingrove Athletic Club Luncheon. Speaker to be announced.
March Friday	(Date TBD)	Wine & Food Friday at SRJC Culinary Cafe
March	All month	Women's History Month - Branch will participate in WHM activities at SRJC
April 4-6	Fri/Sat/Sun	AAUW California State Convention at Doubletree Inn in Rohnert Park. AAUW Santa Rosa will co-host with other Sonoma County branches.
April	(Date TBD)	Annual Bridge Luncheon - Fundraiser for local branch projects : Maria Carrillo High School Softball Team; Tech Trek Scholarships; SSU Scholarships.
May	(Date TBD)	Annual Meeting - Garden Potluck - Vote /Install new board - EF/ LAF speaker
June 10	Tuesday evening	6th Street Playhouse - Theatre Party - " <u>The Leading Ladies</u> " SSU Scholarship Fundraiser - Northern California Premier of this comedy

Further information for all planned events will be announced in The Rose Branch when the event draws near.
Contact Colleen Wilson for additional information or if you would like to volunteer to help with any of these events/activities
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MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR MEMBERSHIP: AN ASSOCIATE OF ARTS (A.A.) DEGREE OR ITS EQUIVALENT

AAUW Educational Foundation (EF)

EF Mission

In principle and practice, the AAUW Educational Foundation values and seeks diversity. 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.

EF is the world's largest source of funding exclusively for graduate women. It supports aspiring scholars around the globe, teachers and activists in local communities, women at critical stages of their careers, and those pursuing professions where women are underrepresented. The Foundation funds

- Groundbreaking Research
- Fellowships and Grants
- Special Awards
- Vital Community Action Projects
- Symposia, Roundtables, and Forums
- AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund

The Foundation's cornerstone has always been the remarkable energy and commitment of AAUW members, other individuals, corporations, and foundations that make contributions and help raise money for the Foundation's work.

For more information about AAUW/EF go to:
www.aauw.org/ef

AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF)

LAF Mission

LAF provides funding and a support system for individuals seeking judicial redress for sex discrimination.

The AAUW LAF, a program of the AAUW Educational Foundation, is the nation's largest legal fund focused solely on sex discrimination in higher education.

Since 1981 the AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund has helped students, faculty, staff, and administrators in higher education challenge discriminatory practices such as sexual harassment, denial of tenure or promotion, pay inequity, and inequality in women's athletics programs.

For more information about the AAUW/LAF go to:
www.aauw.org/laf

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