



April Program Includes Elections

OFFICERS

<i>President's Council</i>	<i>Margie Enger</i> 842-9996 <i>Lyn Hackett</i> 842-4946 <i>Carol Smith</i> 848-2475
<i>Program Chair</i>	<i>Lani Yoshimura</i> 379-7964
<i>Membership Chairs</i>	<i>Marianne Peoples</i> 842-9022 <i>Arti O'Connor</i> 847-0451
<i>Recording Secretary</i>	<i>Vacant</i> <i>Can you do it?</i>
<i>Treasurer</i>	<i>Cindy Hughes</i> 847-6868
<i>Public Policy</i>	<i>Vacant</i> <i>Can you do it?</i>
<i>Publicity Chair</i>	<i>Connie Rogers</i> 842-8494
<i>Communications Chair</i>	<i>Susan Murphey Patereau</i> 981-2799
<i>International Studies Chair</i>	<i>Lyn Hackett</i> 842-4946

Election of officers for Gilroy AAUW happens annually, and it's that time again. At the April 29th General Meeting members will be given the opportunity to vote.

All members are encouraged to attend the meeting, to be held at Carol Smith's home, 830 West Sixth Street.

The slate of candidates presented by the board includes the women listed to the right. There will be an opportunity at the meeting to nominate from the floor, so if you would like to be a candidate for one of the offices, or you know another member who would make a good officer, and they have agreed to serve if elected, you will have the opportunity put up that person's name at the meeting.

There is still one position open on the Executive Council. Currently, Carol Smith has another year on her term.

Arti O'Connor is also a carry-over officer and will serve another year as a Membership Co-Chair.

There are many opportunities for participation in the chapter, including several committee chairs and special event chairs. If you are at all interested in a leadership position please contact Carol.

Executive Council:



Susan Murphey Patereau

Membership Co-Chair:



Suzanne Barrett

Secretary:



Marianne Peoples

Program Co-Chair:



Charleen Arnberg

Treasurer:



Penny Lockhart

Program Co-Chair:



Jeanette Dickens

HOW-TO:



Contact Carol to let her know you will attend, and how many guests you are bringing:
848-2475
csmith_5141@yahoo.com

April Program

Tuesday
April 29, 2008
7:00 PM

Carol Smith's house
830 West Sixth Street, Gilroy

Sandra Schindler, an experienced eBay buyer and seller, will share her experiences.

Quilt Show Planning Gears Up

The Second Annual Quilt Show is fast approaching. Scheduled for Saturday, May 17th, that leaves just a few weeks for planning and implementation.

Weekly Wednesday evening Quilt Show meetings begin on April 16th. The meetings will be held at Marianne People's home, 1176 Hacienda Drive, and they will begin promptly at 7 PM.

Quilts need to be identified, collected, catalogued, and displayed. Do you have a quilt to enter into the show? Can you help with the Quilts Committee?

The Willey House has some furniture, but additional vignette pieces will be needed, as well as decorator pieces like potted plants and accent items. Do you have items you think will enhance the quilt display? Can you help with the Logistics Committee?

Lyn Hackett is chairing the Luncheon Committee. The menu will be set and recipes selected. Members are needed to prepare the recipes and work with Lyn to get the food to the



show at the appointed time. On Show Day help is needed to assemble and serve. Can you help with the food? Please contact Lyn within the next week to let her know. You can reach her at 842-4946, or e-mail at lhackett@garlic.com.

Help is needed the day of the event, too. Many people will be needed to make the show a success and Gilroy AAUW is counting on your participation. Please attend the planning meetings! If the meeting time doesn't work for you, please contact Marianne to let her know how you will help. You can reach Marianne at 842-9022, and you can e-mail her at quiltldy@garlic.com.

Quilt Show Member packets have been mailed. Members are asked to sell at least five tickets, and to distribute two flyers to public places to announce the show. If you need more tickets, please contact Lyn Hackett.

Marianne and the Executive Committee are counting on the support of every Gilroy AAUW member to make this fundraising event a success. Please don't put it off—Call Marianne today!

Links

Gilroy AAUW:
www.gilroyaauw.org

California AAUW:
www.aauw-ca.org

National AAUW:
www.aauw.org

These links are also available on the local website, so make it easy on yourself and bookmark the page:

www.gilroyaauw.org/html/links.html

Annual Garage Sale Scheduled

The date is Saturday, June 7th. The location is Bonnie Colbert's carport, 7601 Church Street. The time is 7:00 AM until 2:00 PM, and it's just the one day.

All that is needed is your donations! Clean out your closets and ANYTHING that is useless to you or you don't want - put it in the sale. Don't throw anything away. People will buy just about anything. You'd be surprised.

What is one person's trash is another's GOLDMINE!



Garage sale items from the 2006 Garage Sale held at Carol Smith's house.

Garage sales are work—a lot of hard work, but the returns more than justify the effort.

Member participation will make all the difference. Now is the time for you to speak up because a Garage Sale Chair is needed. Organizers, sorters, pricers are also needed.

Please call Margie Enger to let her know that you are willing to take on this position. You can reach Margie at 489-1324.

Garlic Festival Sign-Ups

Here's your chance to volunteer at a fun and interesting job at the Garlic Festival, and earn money for Gilroy AAUW.

All you have to do is contact Nancy Fohner and let her know what four hour shift you are available to cover. The work is at the Miller Avenue Volunteer

Entrance, giving information and answering questions. For your effort, you get free admission to the 2008 Gilroy Garlic Festival!

Contact Nancy for all the details and available shifts: 848-3465, or fohn4@garlic.com.



Interest Groups: Wine & Whine



Susan Murphey Patereau, Marianne Peoples, Charleen Arnberg, Lyn Hackett, Carol Smith, Jan Paterson, and Suzanne Barrett.

The Longhouse Restaurant provided the setting for the April Wine & Whine group meeting.

It was a cultural experience, and all attendees adapted nicely.

The discussion moved from Quilt Show details, vacations and trips, membership recruiting ideas, Culinary Group dates, politics, karaoke (and the possibility of starting a new interest group), and the division of the bill.

Those in attendance left at seven o'clock promptly, and they were all smiling.

Next month's meeting is at Happy Dog Pizza, 55 Fifth Street, downtown

Gilroy. Everyone is welcome. If you haven't attended a Wine & Whine, it's time you stopped by to see what everyone is smiling about!



Wartime Memories, Oral History Program

Gilroy AAUW is proud to co-sponsor another community program with the Gilroy Library.



The people who lived through World War II were known as the Greatest Generation. Whether they served in the military, or waited at home, all of them were affected in life-changing ways.

A Gilroy High School History Class, taught by Darren Yafai, has recorded the Wartime Memories of Gilroy residents. Those oral histories will be presented to the community on Thursday, May 22nd.

The community is invited to attend this presentation. The stories have been preserved, and the people who made this program possible will be in attendance to explain it.

As part of the sponsorship, Gilroy AAUW will provide refreshments. Nothing complicated, just a few cookies. If you can help please contact Carol Smith at 842-2475, or e-mail her at csmith_5141@yahoo.com.

The Rules

Equal Times will be published approximately monthly in 2007-2008. The sole purpose of this publication is to convey the association's business to its membership. Only articles and announcements related to branch business will be considered for inclusion.

Submissions, articles and notices are due by the 15th of each month and should be e-mailed, posted or hand delivered to Susan Murphey Patereau, 7470 Crawford Dr., Gilroy 95020, 981-2799, spatereau@charter.net.

Equal Times encourages members to advertise by purchasing a business card size ad, available by contacting Communications Director, Susan Murphey Patereau.

California AAUW Convention Report

The 2008 California AAUW Convention was held April 4-6 at the Sonoma County Doubletree Inn in Rohnert Park. The theme for this year's gathering was, *It's All About The Mission*.

Information about the Convention is posted on the California AAUW Blog, <http://aauwca.blogspot.com/>.

Here are some excerpts:



Jo Harber-son, AAUW CA Bylaws Chair, said in her presentation:

This is the 20th anniversary

of the Eleanor Roosevelt Fund. The fund has produced 24 research reports—the latest being “Behind the Pay Gap”—since its founding.

Ruth Sweetser, President, American Association of University Women, provided a preview of the



new leadership development DVD. The DVD introduces AAUW Executive Director

Linda Hallman

making these points:

Those who are great leaders are ambitious for the

benefit for the organization, not themselves.

We believe that education is the

door to opportunity, and women are the purveyors of this value. But our work is far from over. We have not done enough. AAUW's value promise includes:

- We expect a fair chance to compete.
- We seek measurable change.
- Equity is not a privilege; it's a right.



Catherine Hill, Ph.D., AAUW Director of Research: Advancing Equity through Research: .

Our research keeps AAUW in the limelight. AAUW has made recent headlines at *cnn.com*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Washington Post*, *NPR*, and other media outlets.

As AAUW members, we need to make AAUW reports our own. Three points the new studies shows:

- When girls' scores go up, so do boys'. The report looks at high school graduation rates, SAT and ACT scores, and other sources.
- In states where girls do well, boys do well. There is no evidence that girls are hurting boys' achievement.
- A majority of low income girls are low in math proficiency in high school. Higher income girls are proficient. Therefore, family income remains impor-

tant in the achievement of proficiency.

We are asked to make our general branch membership aware of new reports. Share the reports, then ask for responses from membership. The research reports have served as the basis for AAUW programming for the last 15 years.

Charlotte Newhart, AAUW

CA's legislative advocate, presented the Public Policy Briefing.



Of particular note in the new AAUW CA bill package:

- **SB1712 (Midgen):** Adulterated Cosmetics. This “lipstick bill” is one of our most important bills. The bill would permit the marketing of *only* lead-free lipstick in California. Lead is a neurotoxin which could have a variety of negative side effects.
- **SB1578 (Florez):** California Title IX - support if amended. This would be an audit bill to see if public institutions are in compliance with Title IX. This may lead to an additional bill next year: requiring that public universities have gender equity offices.
- **AB2159 (Brownley):** Education Funding. This bill proposes fewer strings on money allocated to school districts.

These are priority bills. Charlotte works on lower priority bills, too.

Convention 2008

An invitation to Convention 2009: Come to the Hilton San Diego Mission Bay, Friday to Sunday, April 24-26, 2009.

