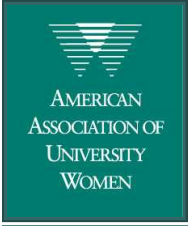


December, 2007



Gilroy AAUW



## *Holiday Spirit Abounds*

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*Gilroy High School Choir.*

A cheerful group of Gilroy AAUW members, along with family and friends, gathered on December 4th at Al Slechta's home for the annual Christmas party. Al had able hosting help from his granddaughter, Saarah. Members contributed appetizers and desserts, and the chapter provided the drinks.

To top off the evening, the

Gilroy High School Choir, led by Phil Robb, entertained the group with seasonal music.

The group gave donations for the Christmas Shopping project that was adopted by the board. The beneficiaries of this year's shopping were three single seniors. There was \$200 in money, and many gifts donated. This made it possible to give eight gifts to each recipient. They received pajamas, slippers, socks, soaps & lotions, pans, calendars, groceries and gift cards to Safeway and Target, holiday decorations, and one even got a haircut.

Thanks to Carol Smith for spearheading this project. The arrangements are made through Community Solutions.

Thanks, also, to Margie Enger who worked with Al on the refreshments.



*Eileen Barrett, Perry Barrett, Ruby & Bill Hart, Sabra Dupree.*



*Carol Smith, Marianne Peoples, Bonnie Colbert.*



*THANKS AL!*

# Interest Groups

## Books

The schedule for Books Group was set at their December 14th meeting.

All members are welcome to attend any of these meetings.

Call Eileen Barrett at 842-3507 for answers to any of your Books Group questions.

Date	Day	Host
Jan. 8	Tuesday	Penny Lockhart
Jan. 24	Thursday	Susan Sturgi
Feb. 12	Tuesday	Jean Marie Derry
Feb. 28	Thursday	Sabra Dupree
Mar. 11	Tuesday	Vicki Baksa
Mar. 27	Thursday	Benita Reimal
Apr. 8	Tuesday	Eileen Barrett
Apr. 24	Thursday	Carol Smith
May 13	Tuesday	Connie Doty
May 29	Thursday	Suzanne Barrett

# Sunshine Report

Sadly we report that Jan Paterson's husband, Bill, passed away in early December. Jan had devoted her energy to caring for Bill for many months because of his illness. You can send a card to Jan at 7771 Princevalle, or call her at 842-3737. You can also e-mail her at bellpaterson@aol.com.

Margie Enger has become the major caregiver for her aging father, who has had some health problems this month. Margie has moved in with him at his home in Gilroy, but if you want to send her some cheer she still picks up her mail at her house, 8580 Culp Drive Gilroy.

Longtime member Megan Adamsky passed away in November. Megan was a member for many years and regularly participated in Books Group until about a year ago. Megan's health had deteriorated over the last several years.

Michele Ing sent a card to Gilroy AAUW reporting that she continues to receive treatment for cancer. This keeps her from becoming active in the chapter but she is hopeful that when her treatments are done she will be able to reactivate. You can send cheer to Michele at her office address, 7877-A Wren Ave., Ste. A, Gilroy. You can call her during business hours at 847-8823.

## Links

**Gilroy AAUW:**  
[www.gilroyaauw.org](http://www.gilroyaauw.org)

**California AAUW:**  
[www.aauw-ca.org](http://www.aauw-ca.org)

**National AAUW:**  
[www.aauw.org](http://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](http://www.gilroyaauw.org/html/links.html)

## Culinary

A "Roots Dinner" was hosted on December 8th by Charleen Arnsberg. She gave out recipes for root vegetables, and the results were surprising. There was Scalloped Potatoes with ham, Minted Carrots, and a 3 onion casserole. It was a small but hungry group in attendance. The next dinner is scheduled for March 1st and Carolyn Schell is the hostess. She will be picking some recipes, so all you have to do is give her a call and get a recipe to prepare for the dinner. You can reach Carolyn at 847-1022, or e-mail her at cschell44@aol.com.

This group is like all other AAUW Interest Groups, all members are invited to participate.

## Wine & Whine

Regular First Friday meetings of Wine & Whine will begin again in January. On January 4th the group will gather at Johnny Carino's restaurant, in the Gilroy Crossing Shopping Center. The time is 5:00—7:00.



## Upcoming Programs

Wednesday, January 9, 2008—  
Tentative, evening program.

**State of the City** address by Mayor Al Pinheiro.

This will be a dinner event. When location and cost are confirmed members will be notified.

Wednesday, February 13, 2008—Tentative, evening program.

**Women's Heart Health**, presented by Sue Oliveira, former Gavilan College instructor, and heart attack survivor.

This will be a dinner event. When location and cost are confirmed members will be notified.

Saturday, March 16, 2008—  
Tentative, afternoon program.

**Women's History Program**, "The Tipping Point in American Women's History," by author of *Rosie's Daughters: The "First Woman To" Generation Tells Its Story*, and Gilroy AAUW member, Matilda Butler. (See story on page 4.)

This is an afternoon event at Westside Grill. Program charge will include refreshments and book signing. Books will be available to purchase, or you may bring your previously purchased copy. Members will be notified of cost of tickets as soon as confirmed.

If you would like to help on any of these programs, contact Lyn Hackett at 842-4946, or e-mail her at [hackett@garlic.com](mailto:hackett@garlic.com).

## Calling All Quilts



It's time to register quilts to show in the 2nd Annual Gilroy AAUW Quilt Show.

The Quilt Show is planned for Saturday, May 17th. Be sure to mark your calendar and save the date so that you can participate in this fundraising activity.

Marianne Peoples, an avid quilter, and co-owner of Nimble Thimble at Garlic City Mercantile, a quilters paradise, has agreed to chair this fund-raising project again this year.

Marianne is calling for quilts. This year the entries will be limited to members only. Members can register any quilt they



own, whether they made it, bought it, acquired it, inherited it, or received it as a gift.

By limiting the quilts entries to members, each quilt will be able to be displayed appropriately.

Last year's Quilt Show, the first

for Gilroy AAUW, was very successful. It was held at the historic home of member Bonnie Colbert. The day was lovely, the member-made light luncheon was scrumptious, and the quilts were stunning.

Everyone who attended enjoyed the show and many said they would come again and bring friends.

The 2008 Quilt Show will be very similar to the first one. Quilts will be displayed inside and outside. Luncheon, pre-



pared by members, will be served by members. Members will be on duty at the entrance as well as in every room. There will be a new location, and while it has not been confirmed, it is hoped that it will happen at the Wiley House, on Fifth Street, in downtown Gilroy.

Marianne is looking for people to work on the Quilt Show Committee, too. There is much to do, so no matter what you are good at, and how much or little time you have, please contact Marianne to find out where your talents can best be used.

Marianne's contact information is: 842-9022, or [quiltldy@garlic.com](mailto:quiltldy@garlic.com).

### The Rules

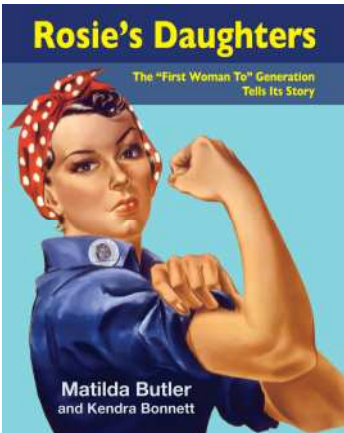
**Equal Times** will be published approximately monthly in 2007-2008. The sole purpose of this publication is to convey the association's business to its membership. Only articles and announcements related to branch business will be considered for inclusion.

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](mailto:spatereau@charter.net).

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

## Member Authors Book About Women

### ROSIE'S DAUGHTERS GO BEYOND THE ACHIEVEMENT OF PERSONAL FIRSTS TO ESTABLISHING A TRADITION OF "FIRSTNESS"



Gilroy, CA— For as long as people have sought opportunity, fought injustices, explored uncharted frontiers and striven to accomplish more, a few men and women have always earned the position of being The First: First Man on the Moon, First Woman Nobel Laureate, First Female Senator and First African-American Graduate of a Major University. But it takes more than one individual's achievement to change perceptions at the societal level.

Since the country's founding, women have achieved firsts. But they achieved them primarily as isolated distinctions. That is, when a woman achieved "firstness" of a particular kind, other women did not immediately follow. When Elizabeth Blackwell became the first woman physician in 1849, she was not soon followed by a large number of female physicians. Belva Ann Lockwood's achievement in 1872 to become

the first woman admitted to practice law before the U.S. Supreme Court did not spur numerous female lawyers to follow. When Jeannette Rankin was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1916, women across the country did not follow her into Congress. As important as their achievements were, these individuals did not break down barriers or change societal perceptions.

Matilda Butler and Kendra Bonnett's analysis, explored in *Rosie's Daughters: The "First Woman To" Generation Tells Its Story*, shows that women's "firsts" result in real change when they achieve two milestones. First they involve a critical mass of women. Second, they occur under ordinary circumstances. Rosie's generation achieved the first milestone but not the second. Millions of Rosies stepped into traditional male roles. They did change societal perceptions of women's abilities, but in the extraordinary circumstances of wartime. Rosie's daughters have been able to achieve both milestones.

The "First Woman To" Generation, or FW2-Generation as Butler and Bonnett have titled them, broke the actual and perceived barriers to female participation in society. They succeeded in turning their firsts into accepted roles for themselves and subsequent generations of women.

#### From the Author: Matilda Butler

Speaking not as an author but as one of Rosie's Daughters, I know firsthand the ups and downs, the steps forward and

push backs we endured as we broke with traditional female roles. The change was gradual and not always on purpose. It took time to reject the voices saying we only had four options, housewife or one of the "three T's," - teach, type, or take temps. I wanted to document what we accomplished and how it came to pass.

In interviews with 100+ women, I heard variations on the same stories. The common theme was the struggle of breaking with the traditions and values of their mothers and defining new roles. They were redrawing their life story options. Our older sisters in the Silent Generation don't talk this way, and our younger Boomer sisters have expectations we never took for granted.

My co-author, Kendra Bonnett, and I found putting the story of *Rosie's Daughters* on paper was the most fun and greatest challenge. We wanted the women interviewed to speak for themselves, but we needed to include six decades of events and iconic visuals to give their stories a context. That required a different kind of format, in truth a different kind of book. We hope you'll agree that *Rosie's Daughters* has achieved our goals - honoring the stories we were told, showcasing the iconic photos and events of the times that shaped these narratives, and featuring our analysis of the why and how of the FW2 Generation.



### Check Your Mailbox!

**The 2007 AAUW Every Member Poll, included with the forthcoming Fall/Winter edition of the AAUW Outlook magazine, is your chance to help shape the future of our organization. The poll is easy to complete and can be returned in the pre-addressed return envelope provided. If you prefer, you can complete the poll online when it becomes available on December 18. The strong response to the 2005 poll was instrumental in shaping AAUW's strategic initiative, and your input is needed again as we move forward. Please show your support for AAUW by making your voice heard and encourage other members to do so as well!!**