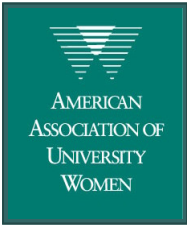


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by Carol Smith

Over 50 people viewed the documentary film **The Invisible Mexicans of Deer Canyon** Saturday afternoon, February 17, at Gilroy Public Library. Gilroy AAUW was a co-sponsor of this event, one of a series of programs in the *Silicon*

Valley Reads 2007 program.

Filmmaker John Carlos Frey lived and visited for over a year among the hidden immigrants of San Diego's Deer Canyon, near some of the most valuable real estate in the country. Many of the immigrants have lived without shelter, to hide their

existence, for more than twenty years.

Frey's purpose in making this film was to help the public get to know the people who are in these circumstances – to give a face to these undocumented workers. After the 1 hour, 13 minute film, there was time for discussion and to ask John Carlos Frey questions.

Thanks to these AAUW members who contributed cookies and drinks: Connie Doty, Esther Forman, Marianne Peoples, Arti O'Connor, Matilda Butler, Lyn Hackett, Vicki Baksa, Margie Enger, Eileen Barret, Jan Paterson, Bonnie Colbert and Carol Smith.

Thanks also to Lani Yoshimura and Esther Forman, Program Chairs.

Quilt Show Help Needed!

A very important event for Gilroy AAUW needs your assistance. The fundraiser the Board identified for 2007 is a Quilt Show. The date has been set for Saturday, May 19th.

Here's where you fit in: HELP! Marianne Peoples is

forming committees and looking to every member for help. Marianne says, "Some of the tasks are: Tickets, lunch or lite refreshment, raffle prizes, tables/decorations, quilts, put up and take down, awards if any. Just to name a few!"

Action is now required. Please

contact Marianne TODAY. Call her at 842-9022, or e-mail her, quiltldy@garlic.com.

Please help with this project so that Gilroy AAUW can continue to give to the AAUW Funds and local scholarships that make a difference in women's lives.

Silicon Valley Reads 2007



The Tortilla Curtain

By T. C. Boyle

The lives of two different couples—wealthy Los Angeles liberals Delaney and Kyra Mossbacher, and Candido and America Rincon, a pair of Mexican illegals—suddenly collide, in a story that unfolds from the shifting viewpoints of the various characters.

Wine & Whine goes Mexican!

Margarita—It's more than just a girl's name!

Wine & Whine will meet on the first Friday of March, the 2nd, at La Hacienda Restaurant, 1160 First Street, near the corner of First and Westwood (next door to the IOOF Cemetery!)

All members are welcome!

To perk up interest, and perhaps attendance, here's the history of the drink of choice at most Mexican Restaurants, the Margarita:



Inventor of the Margarita, Margarita Sames.

Winter, 1948. A fabulous hostess and Dallas socialite, Margarita Sames, hosted a pool side Christmas party at her vacation home in Acapulco, Mexico. The party game of choice for Margarita was to get behind the bar and see what concoctions she could develop and let her



party guests test and rate the results. That evening she mixed three parts tequila with one part Cointreau and one part lime. The result was a success among her guests and quickly traveled through the elite in Texas and soon Hollywood under the name of the one who created it. Or at least, that's the legend...

Recipe

Here's the official Margarita recipe:

- 1 lime
- 1/2 orange
- 1/4 lemon
- 1 shot tequila
- 1/2 shot orange liqueur
- coarse kosher salt
- ice

Squeeze the contents of 1 lime, 1/2 orange, 1/4 lemon, 1 shot tequila, 1/2 shot orange liqueur (such as cointreau or grand marnier) and pour into a shaker full of ice. Next, prepare your chilled receptacle by running a lime wedge around the edge then dipping it into your coarse salt. Reach for your shaker and then shake with vigor. Pour the contents, while straining the ice, into your receptacle. (190 Calories per serving.)

National AAUW News

Fox News—The Big Story with John Gibson

On Jan. 26, AAUW Director of Public Policy and Government Relations, Lisa Maatz, appeared on Fox News's *The Big Story with John Gibson* to discuss AAUW's view on single-sex education.

"The Bush Department of Education just last year came out with its own research and said that it was inconclusive, that it's equivocal as to whether single-sex education is actually helpful or not," stated Maatz.

AAUW Applauds Harvard's Appointment of Faust

Washington, D.C. – The American Association of University Women applauds Harvard University's appointment of Drew Gilpin Faust as its first female president.

"AAUW has been advocating on behalf of women for 125 years by working to remove educational and professional barriers and we applaud Harvard's decision and extend our congratulations to Dr. Faust," said AAUW President Ruth Sweetser. "After former president Summers' controversial comments about 'innate differences' between the sexes, there was a heightened awareness of the need for changed attitudes about women in higher education and the appointment of Dr. Faust indicates that awareness was not only raised, but resulted in positive action."

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March 2007: National Women's History Month

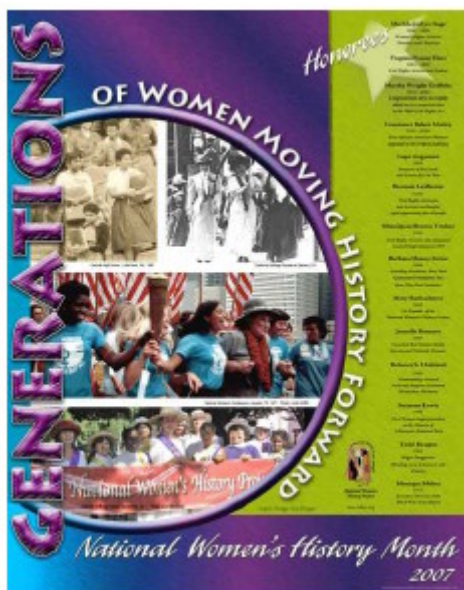
Generations of Women Moving History Forward

Each year, March is designated as National Women's History Month to ensure that the history of American women will be recognized and celebrated in schools, workplaces, and communities throughout the country. The stories of women's historic achievements present an expanded view of the complexity and contradiction of living a full and purposeful life.

The knowledge of women's history provides a more expansive vision of what a woman can do. This perspective can encourage girls and women to think larger and bolder and can give boys and men a fuller understanding of the female experience.

The theme for Women's History Month 2007 is "Generations of Women Moving History Forward." This theme celebrates the wisdom and tenacity of prior and future generations of women and recognizes the power and impact of generations working together. Moving History Forward is a process of individuals coming together for the greater good of the society and confirming the idea that individuals working together can be effective in building a better, more compassionate

world. The 2007 Honorees represent generations of women who have moved history forward and who have created new possibilities for the future. This year, 14 women whose lives and work span over 150 years and eight generations,



as well as a wide-range of occupations and accomplishments, are being honored. Although from different regional, educational, cultural, racial, religious, and economic backgrounds, each of the 2007 Honorees have, with skillful and courageous actions, helped move history forward.

The 2007 Honorees are:

- Lupe Anguiano** (b. 1929) Protector of the Earth and Activist for the Poor
- Virginia Foster Durr** (1903-1999) Civil Rights Activist and Author
- Matilda Joslyn Gage** (1826—

1898) Women's Rights Activist, Theorist, and Historian

Martha Wright Griffiths (1912—2003) Congresswoman

Rebecca S. Halstead (b.1959) Commanding General, 3rd Corps Support Command

Barbara Haney Irvine (b.1944) Founding President, Alice Paul Centennial Foundation, Inc.

Brownie Ledbetter (b. 1932) Civil Rights Advocate and Activist

Suzanne Lewis (b.1956) First Woman Superintendent of Yellowstone National Park

Constance Baker Motley (1921 -2005) First African American Woman Appointed to the Federal Judiciary

Monique Mehta (b. 1973) Executive Director of the Third Wave Foundation

Toshi Reagon (b. 1964) Musician and Songwriter

Joanelle Romero (b. 1957) Launched Red Nation Media Internet and Television Channel

Mary Ruthsdotter (b. 1944) Co-Founder of the National Women's History Project.

Minniejean Brown Trickey (b.1941) Civil Rights Activist

For information about National Women's History Month or the 2007 NWHM Honorees, visit www.nwhp.org.

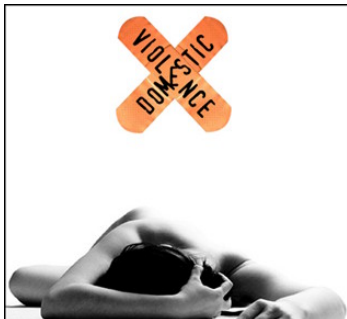


The Rules

Equal Times will be published approximately monthly in 2006-2007. 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.

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New Community Action Project

Court Watch: Help stop domestic violence

In 2005, the Victim/Survivor Advocacy Committee (VSAC) of the Santa Clara County Domestic Violence Council approached the American Association of University Women to see if they would be interested in establishing a Court Watch Program in Santa Clara County. Court Watch programs monitor the courts as they try domestic violence cases to ensure victims are safe and perpetrators are held accountable.

In the summer of 2006, San Jose AAUW adopted **Court Watch** as one of their Community Action Projects.

The mission of **Court Watch** is to make the courts more effective, responsive, and accountable in their handling and sentencing of cases of domestic violence, and to create a more informed and involved public through individual and systemic monitoring and public education.

Court Watch has changed the way in which judges and prosecutors treat domestic violence cases. Examples include specialty courts, special days for domestic violence court, more safety for survivors, collaboration with **Court Watch** to improve the system, automatic orders for protection for domestic violence cases, and improved treatment for perpetrators.

Court Watch's primary activity is to train volunteers who monitor felony or misdemeanor domestic violence cases as they move through the criminal justice system. Volunteers track arraignments, pre-trial hearings, sentencings, and probation revocation hearings. They analyze data to identify patterns and long-term trends within the judicial system and make the system more accountable for its policies and actions.

This is not an advocacy

program, but a program designed to encourage judges and prosecutors to handle these cases thoroughly and respectfully.

The result is that **Court Watch** and judges learn to work collaboratively. In addition, **Court Watch** programs develop community awareness through newsletters, public forums, and testimony on legislative issues. Position papers or periodic newsletters which include factual findings of the courts' actions are powerful tools for community education and have been instrumental in stimulating changes within the court system.

VSAC is committed to domestic violence victim safety, ensuring that victims are treated with respect and dignity, and that systems are responsive to victims' needs.

The Domestic Violence Council was created by the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors in 1991 and serves as an advisory to the Board.

If you would like to be involved with this program in the South County Courthouse, contact program organizer Loren Reynolds, (831) 335-5572, or e-mail her at lorenvet@yanoo.com.

Different Faces of Violence Against Women

On March 10th, San Jose City College will host a conference titled **Different Faces of Violence Against Women**. The conference is being organized by Amnesty International, Kavosh Women's Group, Santa Clara County Domestic Violence Advocacy Consortium, Santa Clara County Office of Women's Policy and San Jose City College Women's History Month.

It is from 12 noon until 10 PM and includes discussions about Female Genital Mutilation, Stoning to Death, Human Trafficking, Women in War Zones, Women's Disappearances and Violent Deaths, Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence and Report on CEDAW.

There will be women's dance, music, art and a book sale. There will be an evening concert with Niyaz, an internationally acclaimed band, featuring Azam Ali.

General admission is \$30; students and senior citizens are \$15.



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