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Public Policy Program

Mark your calendars for a great area program being put together by your Inter-Branch Council. Gloria Leonard from the San Jose Branch has arranged for Charlotte Newhart, the AAUW California Advocate (formerly called Lobbyist) to speak at headquarters on Saturday, February 6th. Charlotte's topic will be, "Public Input—Better Output, Legislation You can Support for California Women and Families."

The program starts at 9:30 for

coffee, and Charlotte's presentation will be from 10—12, with plenty of time for questions and interaction.

Gloria is not only a member of the San Jose Branch, she is the California State AAUW Public Policy Co-Chair. Gloria has worked for many years championing AAUW Public Policy.

Please plan to attend this informative program. Public Policy is a core ingredient of AAUW, but is not completely understood nor readily em-

braced by all branches. Attending this program will help all AAUW members better understand the importance of Public Policy.

Carpools are forming! Contact Susan Murphey Patereau at 981-2799, spatereau@charter.net, to get a spot, or to let her know you can drive. Headquarters is the San Jose Branch house at 1165 Minnesota Avenue, in the heart of Willow Glen.

This will be a great program and worth your effort!

Raffle Quilt Ready

The Gilroy AAUW 2010 "Opportunity Quilt" was unveiled at the Christmas Party. In quilter terms, an opportunity quilt is one that is made by a person in a group, or a group of quilters, then raffled. The quilt will be raffled at the 2010 Gilroy AAUW Quilt Show, to be held on May 8th.

Tickets are now on sale. They can be obtained at The Nimble Thimble at Garlic City Mercantile, 7550 Monterey (next to the bowling alley). Tickets can also be purchased by contacting Lyn. In January members will receive quilt flyers

and tickets which they will be asked to sell. Watch for those in the mail.

The quilt was made by Lyn Hackett, with materials selected at Marianne and Dave People's shop, The Nimble Thimble at Garlic City Mercantile. The resulting quilt is gorgeous.



Lyn and Terry show the 2010 Opportunity Quilt at the top of the Rosso's stairway during the Christmas Party.

Christmas Party Fun

Fellows Alumnae Network

Since 1888, AAUW has awarded fellowships and grants to more than 10,000 women from around the world! To connect these alumnae, we are proud to announce the launch of AAUW Exchange, an online community for AAUW fellowship and grant alumnae to exchange ideas, stories, resources, professional development opportunities and more! This site is a closed community and only former AAUW fellows and grant recipients can become members. If you are an alumna, we invite you to join; the site is free, no commitment, and easy to use. If you have any questions or comments about the site, feel free to e-mail us at fellowships@aauw.org.



Host Evelia, with Estber and new member Susan Meyers.



Marianne has a laugh with the other Host, Jaime.



Susan, Connie & Terry.



Ruby & Charleen.



Connie with Michael Osban.



The Gilroy High School Choir, led by Phil Robb.



Bonnie and Sandy.



Bill Hart with Suzanne.



Sandy, Margie and Suzanne.



Dolores Booth, guest of Connie.



Judy.



Lyn & Randy.

Interest Groups

Gourmet

The Gourmet Group enjoyed their November event at Silver Mountain Winery. "November in the Vineyards" featured gourmet appetizers and desserts paired with various wines. Wine-maker/owner Jerold O'Brien gave us a tour of the winery and provided us with historical overviews on wines he was serving us. The group toasted the setting of the sun from the deck of Jerold's home. Each attendee was given a Silver Mountain wine glass as a memento of this event. The participants are from left to right: Jeff Edfors (friend), Hugh and Carol Smith, Jan Patterson and friend Joe, JoAnn Cardwell (friend) and Charleen Arnberg. Jeri Allen also attended but alas was taking the photo.



Symphony

The schedule is out. Get your tickets, and contact Suzanne Barrett, 683-2400, or Margie Enger, 489-1324, to let them know how many in your party. The next concert is Sunday, March 14th, 4:00, at Gavilan College Theater.



The October symphony group included Suzanne, Jeri, Eileen and Betty.

Books

Regular, twice monthly gatherings are scheduled. Call Carol Smith for the location, 848-2475.

Wine & Whine

Charleen, Marianne and Susan found time to stop by Bamboo Village on the first Friday of December to Wine & Whine, or vice versa. The group will start off the new year on the SECOND Friday of January, the 8th, at La Hacienda Restaurant, on First Street. Remember, all members are welcome—even if you don't have anything to whine about.



December Wine & Whiners: Charleen, Marianne, Susan.

Adopt-A-Family Christmas Project



Donations were taken at the Gilroy AAUW Christmas Party for the family that was assigned through Community Solutions Adopt-A-Family Christmas Project. Members gave generously and all donations were greatly appreciated.

Marianne and Carol shopped for the adopted family on December 10th. They were able to get several presents for each family member plus donated food items. They also purchased gift cards for each family member and wrapped all the presents. On Saturday morning Hugh and Carol delivered all presents to Community Solutions in Morgan Hill.

Community Solutions says, "We are so happy you have decided to help us by participating in our Holiday Giving Program again. Your generosity helps local families in need have a holiday season that is filled with hope and good cheer."



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.

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

A Matter of Justice

Legal Advocacy Fund Luncheons

January 30, 2010
Crow Canyon Country Club
Danville

Luncheon features Michelle Jaureguito Henley, current California LAF supported litigant from Feather River Community College in Northern California. Michelle is the former Director of the Upward Bound Talent Search at Feather River. She sued the college for retaliation for complaining of sex discrimination in violation of the California Fair Housing and Employment Act.

Michelle was raised in Southern California where she lived until 1996. She moved to

Reno, Nevada to further her education while working part time at Truckee Meadow Community College. After



Michelle Henley, LAF supported litigant.

completing her degree she began working at Feather River College first as a college recruiter and eventually as the Upward Bound Director.

Michelle was forced to leave her home and career in 2006 after turning in a subordinate employee for the abuse of underage female students. Michelle is currently working at Washington State University as a Visitation Coordinator.

Show your AAUW spirit! Don't miss this exciting opportunity to hear Michelle's compelling story and see your LAF dollars at work.

I look forward to seeing you at this exciting event. Reservation forms are available on the AAUW CA website, www.aauw-ca.org. If you have any questions I can be reached at aaufundsdire@aauw.org.

Rozanne Child, AAUW Funds Director

AAUW CA Board Elections Changed

At their October meeting, the AAUW CA Board of Directors voted to accept amended bylaws proposed by Jo Harberson, Bylaws Director, and her committee. One of the important changes in these bylaws is the election of state officers by the members of AAUW CA.

Under the previous bylaws, the sixteen directors were elected by the members (eight each year), and the officers were elected by those directors among themselves. The amended bylaws call for the four officers (President, Vice President, Secretary, and Chief Financial Officer) to be elected directly by the members. The amended bylaws can be found on the website in the Forms & Documents section, Under Governance. www.AAUW-CA.org.

Gilroy AAUW Calendar: January, 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	29	30	31	Jan 1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
					5pm Wine & Whine La Hacienda 1160 First St.	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	7pm Books Group			7pm Board Meeting Intero 790 First St.		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
				7pm Books Group Benita Reimal 7551 Kentwood Ct		