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January Program



Join AAUW in a truly phenomenal experience as “The Force” behind “the force,” Gilroy’s top cop, Chief Denise Turner, shares with us, her arrival, survival and adventures in a truly alien environment.

Westside Grill
Santa Teresa & First St.

Wednesday, January 25
6:00 - No Host Cocktails
Complimentary soft drinks

6:30 Dinner
7:00-7:30 Program

\$38 per person, includes tax & tip

Dinner with Chief of Police Denise Turner

RSVP to Jeri Allen,
408.607.4067
by Monday, January 23

Save the Date for 2012 Convention

April 13-15, 2012
Santa Clara Marriott Hotel
\$199 or \$135 if you volunteer 5 hours

Gilroy AAUW will pay for ONE delegate who will attend all sessions. Contact Jeri Allen if you would like to be the delegate.



Portraits of the Past - February Program

Groups



**Friday
February 3
5:00 - 7:00**



Target Shopping Center
6805 Camino Arroyo, Gilroy

**2nd
Wednesday
Lunch BUNCH**



**February 8
12:00 - 1:30**



55 Fifth Street, Gilroy

Are you interested in history, fashion, or comedy? History San Jose's *Portraits of the Past* will present a show that is visually stunning, educational, historically accurate, and amusing. The friendly, fun-loving, and talented volunteers make this program an entertaining and educational look at days gone by in Santa Clara Valley.

Museum volunteers assume the roles of locally significant citizens, after careful biographical research to ensure historical accuracy, and portray these characters in interesting and often amusing sketches dealing with notable events in Valley history. Performers do exercise some license for entertainment value, but the commentary of the vignettes is based on factual local history. Appropriate background music adds additional atmosphere to each segment.

Beautiful period costumes, made and worn by performers, make the presentations particularly effective. POP conducts intensive research to ensure that the costumes are both appropriate to the era and authentically constructed. The costumes reflect all facets of life in our early history. Nearly every type of women's garment is included, from delicate underclothing to the most elaborate ball gown, from ingénue costumes to mature dowager ensembles. Men's clothing ranges from that of early miners to elegantly attired gentlemen escorting ladies to The Ball.

The program will be presented to Gilroy and Morgan Hill AAUW, and is open to the



public. It is scheduled for Sunday, February 12th at the Morgan Hill Grange Hall.

The performance begins at 2:00, but get there early so you have time to look around the historic building.

Please make it a point to attend this very special program that has been arranged by Connie Rogers. She has seen the program before and highly recommends it.



Morgan Hill Grange, 40 East Fourth Street, Morgan Hill

The address is 40 East Fourth Street, Morgan Hill.

Refreshments will be served and there is a \$5 per person donation requested, but not required. Bring your family and friends, both men and women. The performance is open to children, too, as long as they are attentive to the performance.

This program is the first this year to be co-sponsored by both Gilroy and Morgan Hill AAUW. It's a great time to get to know our Morgan Hill colleagues.

If you have any questions about the program you can contact Connie Rogers at 842-8494, or email her at jrogers@garlic.com.

Lani Yoshimura - 2012 Woman of the Year



The following is from *The Gilroy Business Focus*, the Gilroy Chamber of Commerce's newsletter.

Undeniable dedication to the literacy and education of our community best describes Lani Yoshimura, Gilroy Chamber of Commerce's 2011 Woman of the Year.

Some examples of the accomplishments through Lani's leadership include:

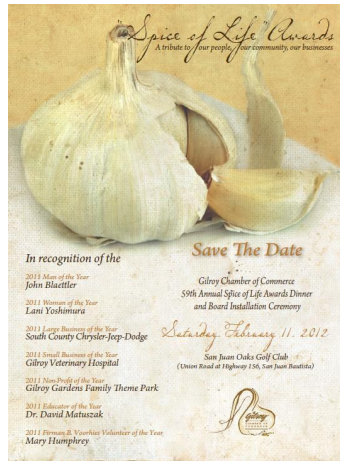
- Adult Literacy programs for the county library system with the creation of reading (adult and youth) and ESL programs
- Implementing the "Silicon Valley Reads" program in Gilroy.
- For 20+ years the Library and Mt. Madonna Continuation High School collaborated on a student art show and the publishing of a poetry book.
- Working on several Library elections over the years ranging from a parcel tax to help fund operations to a bond issue that is the funding for the new library currently under construction. Her tireless aid went a long way in

ensuring that those needed library measures passed.

Lani has a long list of organizations that she is or was involved with in Gilroy. A board member of the South County Collaborative, one of the first members of the Network for a Hate-Free Community (South County Speak Out), the south county representative on the Silicon Valley Arts Council, and a member of AAUW-Gilroy Branch are just a few of the many groups in which she has actively participated and made worthwhile and lasting contributions. Most interestingly, she was part of a small group of women that began an informal "get together for lunch" women's support group, which ultimately led to the creation of the La Isla Pacifica organization. She is a member of the American and California Library Associations, where she served on or chaired committees on Intellectual Freedom, is a member of the Public Library Association and the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators

Lani is credentialed as a California Community College librarian and teacher. In her spare time, Lani is a practicing artist (painter), and she loves to write. Lani has brought her personal touch to our Library for well over 30 years. It is a safe and wonderful place to be for our citizens, young or old. As she has helped and guided

so many of our citizens, and with the new City Library's opening this spring, it is only fitting and timely that this community recognize Lani Yoshimura for the impact she has made to make Gilroy the special place it is.



Join Gilroy AAUW members in honoring Lani by attending the Gilroy Chamber of Commerce Spice of Life Awards night at San Juan Oaks on Saturday night, February 11th.

The dinner costs \$65 per person and Gilroy AAUW has a table and will unite in offering congratulations to Lani as well as all the other award recipients.

Contact Susan Murphey Patereau if you would like to be part of the celebration. Call Susan at 981-2799, or email her at spatereau@charter.net. Get your reservation in before January 23rd to be seated at the AAUW table.

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.

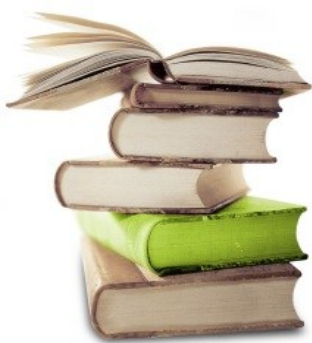
Equal Times encourages members to advertise by purchasing a business card size ad, available by contacting Communications Director, Susan Murphey Patereau.



Women's History Month Program - March 10

Groups

BOOKS GROUP



Tuesday, February 14 -
Kathy Eshnauer's house
Thursday, February 23 -
Bonnie Carroll's house



**March is Women's History Month
AAUW Gilroy invites you to celebrate**

Centennial of California Women's Suffrage

Speaker:
Robert P. J. Cooney, Jr.,
author of

Saturday, March 10

11:30 to 1:30




\$25

Entree from the menu, soft drinks & dessert.

*Open to the Public!
Invite your friends and family*

RSVP to Jeri Allen, 607-4067

February Calendar of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 	3 Wine & Whine	4
5	6 Board of Directors	7	8	9	10	11 Chamber of Commerce Dinner
12 Portraits of the Past Program	13	14 	15 2nd Wednesday Lunch Bunch	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 	23 Books Group	24	25
26	27	28	29	1	2 Wine & Whine	3