

“Rosie’s Daughters” Program A Hit

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The day was clear and crisp. Women and men interested in hearing authors Matilda Butler and Kendra Bonnett discuss their book, ***Rosie’s Daughters, The First Generation To Tells Its Story***, gathered at the Westside Grill to listen.



AAUW members, family, and friends attended the Women’s History Month program presented by Gilroy AAUW.

The authors had their book and the Rosie’s Daughters Bandana available for purchase. When the program was over, they signed books and talked with attendees.

Matilda showed slides and talked about the process of putting the book together, gathering the stories from the women, and the layout of the book.

Matilda chose six Gilroy AAUW members from the audience to read excerpts from her book. Each reader took on the role of a storyteller, and read a portion of her story to the audience.

Marianne Peoples became Katherine Campbell, a woman who started medical school later in life, and at 41 was ready to enter into practice.

Margaret Thompson came to life in the voice of Lyn Hackett. She told the story of waiting twenty years after getting her college degree to use it for a career.

The challenging law school experience of Vickie Baker was told by Jan Paterson. Vickie struggled to pay off her tuition even though a fellow woman student suggested she threaten to cry and throw herself on the floor if the Dean didn’t waive her tuition balance.

Connie Rogers told the challenges that Pamela Ratcliffe faced. Her life became too much for her to handle at one point, and she left her husband and children.



Christine Dowling’s story was about a woman breaking through in a sales career. Carol

Smith told of the “heady time” that Christine lived through.



The sixth and final story was told by Susan Murphey Patereau. This was the experiences of Georgia Lafferty. Georgia’s career started at the telephone company, and took many twists and turns, until her most recent career of college professor.

All of the stories represented the triumphs and challenges of the daughters of Rosies.

Matilda’s presentation was interesting and very professionally arranged, with pictures, animation, music and narration.

Kendra joined Matilda for the final part of the presentation, and talked about the special bandana project that has come up as a result of the book. For information on the book and the bandana, go to www.RosiesDaughters.com.

April Program is How-To and General Meeting for Elections

There will be a program and general meeting on Tuesday, April 29th.

e-bay is the topic that Sandra Schindler will talk about. She has extensive experience and some colorful stories to share. Sandra and her husband have done over 200 transactions on e-bay, and some of the things she has sold include Pfalzgraff china, train cases, Tupperware and other measuring items, vintage linens. She also found an old sewing box at a garage sale that she bought for under \$5 and took home and cleaned it up. She listed it on e-bay and sold it for around \$30!

Most of the things Sandra has sold are old, or as they say on e-bay, "vintage" items. She had a collection of very early airline stickers and she was able to sell them for a nice return.

Sandra's talk will cover an overview of the process, how to register and list an item to sell, the paying and receiving of money, particularly with PayPal, and the very important feedback process.

Buyers will learn how to search, get the best price, and protect themselves from fraud. Sellers will learn about creating great listings that get their products

sold. The important facts about the fees will also be discussed.

Sandra is retired now. In her career she taught ESL at Gilroy High School.

The evening will also include a general meeting, with the main topic of chapter elections. A slate of candidates will be presented, and members will be given the opportunity to vote.

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



Officer Nominations Presented

The slate of candidates presented by the nominating committee include:

Executive Council: Three positions, one currently filled by **Carol Smith** who will continue for another year. The nominee for the second position is **Susan Murphey Patereau**. There is a third position available, no nominee has been put forward.

Secretary: The nominee is **Marianne Peoples**.

Treasurer: **Penny Lockhart** has agreed to allow her name to be put forward as the nominee.

Membership Co-Chairs: **Artie O'Connor** is continuing on the committee. The nominee for the other position is **Suzanne Barrett**.

Program Co-Chairs: **Charleen Arnberg** and **Jeanette Dickens** are the nominees, and **Margie Enger** has agreed to continue on the committee for another year.

That's all of the positions that require a vote. There are many other committee and activity chairs needed, so if your name isn't here, you're eligible for an appointment. We need a Tech Trek Chair, and chairs for the Educational Foundation and Legal Advocacy Fund.

Please contact Carol Smith to let her know where your talents lie. Carol can be reached at 848-2475, or e-mail her at csmith_5141@yahoo.com.

Interest Groups: Wine & Whine



Wine & Whine attendees in March: Jan Paterson, Rose Barry, Charleen Arnberg, Carolyn Schell, Mairanne Peoples, Carol Smith, Lyn Hackett, and Susan Murphey Patereau. Not pictured: Suzanne Barrett.

The Claddagh, an Irish Restaurant & Pub in Gilroy, was the site for the Wine & Whine gathering on the first Friday of March.

Although it was a little early, the group celebrated St. Patrick's Day, and their Irish heritage by drinking various Irish brews like Bud Light and Turning Leaf Chardonnay. In March everyone and every drink is Irish!

Next month the first Friday is April 4th, and the meeting place is the Longhouse.

State Convention in Rohnert Park

The excitement begins on Friday evening, April 4th, at the Doubletree Hotel in Rohnert Park.

California State AAUW President Ruth Sweetser has much to share involving the strategic process of AAUW, the mission, and the role all members play. The focus of the 87th convention will be MISSION.



Ruth Sweetser, President, AAUW California

In the fall of 2006 a report titled, "Leading Together: A Roadmap for the Future," was circulated by AAUW. It is this report and the new mission statement that was crafted from the report that prompts the focus this year.

Saturday morning focuses on public policy. President Sweetser keynotes the opening business session with findings from the recent strategic planning process: mission, program opportunities, external funding, and member recruitment and retention.

The luncheon that day is a special wine-tasting and celebration of success for the Educational Foundation and Legal Advocacy Fund.

On Saturday afternoon AAUW Director of Research Catherine Hill, Ph.D., will speak.

Saturday night is for celebrating outstanding individuals and branches of AAUW California—from philanthropy to mission and program to membership.

On Sunday you can hear a panel of widely acclaimed activists talk about their work in

different parts of the world empowering women to better lives.

The AAUW California convention will celebrate women who are role models and women who will become role models with our support.

President Sweetser says, "Please accept this invitation to have a grand time amongst a wonderful group of women who share your dreams of the future."

A complete agenda and all registration information can be found in your current issue of *California Perspective*, or online at www.AAUW-CA.org.

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.

Think QUILT SHOW!

The Second Annual Gilroy AAUW Quilt Show is scheduled for Saturday, May 17th. The date is approaching quickly!

Marianne Peoples, the chair of the event for the second year, has started planning and has submitted to the board a list of committees she needs to fill in order to have a successful event.

A fundraiser can't be successful unless members participate, and your participation is not only needed, it is vital. Please look over the committees and contact Marianne to let her know which ones you can be a part of.

Sorting & Selection Committee.

Prior to the show, selecting quilts to be displayed, making a display plan, and construction of sleeves for hanging.

Food Committee.

Lyn Hackett is serving as chair. She needs members to make the assigned food items at home and bring them, then help prepare plates and serve.

Tickets Committee.

Susan Murphey Patereau is making the tickets and each member will receive a packet to sell. Lyn Hackett will take calls and sell tickets to the public. Your job here is to SELL SELL SELL!

Opportunity Quilt Committee.

Marianne and Carol are in the idea stage of this. If you have input, please contact them.

Raffle Prizes and Sponsors Committee.

Marianne is sending out sponsor letters, and she needs members to call on those potential sponsors and collect their artwork for the program and their raffle prizes.

Set-Up Committee.

The morning of the show will be a busy one. Can you help here?

Take-Down Committee.

At the end of the day we'll all be tired, but help is needed to clean up and clear out.

"Rovers" Committee.

During the show we will need members to talk to visitors, answer questions, and keep an eye on the displays and the property.

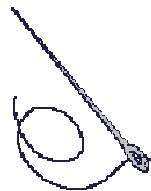
Ticket Taker Committee.

At the front gate, tickets and money need to be collected.

Because we are a small (but powerful) group, we need members to participate on at least one committee, and two or three would really help.

The committees will meet every Wednesday, starting on April 16th, from 7-8 PM at the Intero office, 790 First Street, at the corner of First and Wren.

To get on a committee all you have to do is contact Marianne. Her phone number is 842-9022, and her e-mail is quiltldy@garlic.com.



Quilting Facts

Amongst famous quilts in history is the AIDS Memorial Quilt, which was begun in San Francisco in 1987, and is cared for by The NAMES Project Foundation.

The Museum of the American Quilter's Society (also known as the National Quilt Museum) is located in Paducah, Kentucky. The museum houses a large collection of quilts, most of which are winning entries from the American Quilter's Society festival and quilt competition held yearly in April.

Many historic quilts can be seen in Bath at the American Museum in Britain, and Beamish Museum preserves examples of the North East England quilt-making tradition.

The largest known public collection of quilts is housed at the International Quilt Study Center at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in Lincoln, Nebraska.

The second Saturday of each July, the town of Sisters, Oregon hosts the Sisters Outdoor Quilt Show, which features more than 1,200 quilts on display throughout the town.

E-Mail Reminders Automatically Sent

You may have noticed a new e-mail that you are receiving about Gilroy AAUW activities. The e-mail says that it is a reminder that you requested, and the subject line says, "Reminder from localendar.com: Books Group at 7:30 PM Mar 11, 2008," or "Reminder from localendar.com: Wine & Whine

Group at 5:00 PM April 4, 2008."

The body of the message has a link to our very own Gilroy AAUW calendar.

Well, you probably didn't, in fact, request this e-mail, but our Communications Chair Susan Murphey Patereau, set it up for you. You will now receive a

reminder of all of our Gilroy AAUW activities, delivered to your e-mail about three days prior to each event.

It is the Susan's hope that with a reminder a few days ahead of events, you will know that you are invited, and choose to attend some that you might not now regularly attend.

How's it working?