



JUNE/JULY 2009

2009 SCHEDULE UPDATES

Centennial Events

Aug 2	Birthday Barbeque
Aug 20	EF Game Day
Sept. 12	Fall Event
Oct. 24	LAF
Nov. 7	Talents and Interests
Nov. 14	Local Scholarship Boutique
Dec 3	Gala Dinner Party

AAUW National Convention
June 25-28 in St. Louis, Missouri

Membership in AAUW is open to anyone holding an associate, baccalaureate or advanced degree from an accredited institution. Undergraduate college students are eligible as student affiliates.

AAUW's Mission

AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research.

AAUW San Jose Vision Statement
AAUW San Jose will provide visible leadership to support all women and girls, will vigorously recruit and retain a diverse membership, and will focus on education, equity, and positive societal change.

AAUW's Value Promise
By joining AAUW, you belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women have a fair chance.

COME SEE

FACEBOOK AND TWITTER AND BLOGS, OH MY!

Meet at Headquarters on July 8 at 7pm.

You've read about Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn and blogs but maybe you are still asking, "What are they?" Susan Patereau of the Gilroy Branch, who wowed us with her web-mobility at the IBC training in March, has agreed to return to define social networking and to explain the popular sites to all of us. You'll go home with lots of website references to try on your own computer.

We will delete some "cookies" the old-fashioned way (munch, munch) while Susan gives us a guided web-tour. RSVP to jjkreed@sbcglobal.net so we can plan the room set-up.

CELEBRATE 100 YEARS OF AAUW SAN JOSE AT THE "OLD-FASHIONED BARBEQUE"

Brenda Ladewig and Gloria Leonard, Past Presidents

August 2, 2009 – 12 noon to 2:00 pm – Parking Lot at HQ

Enjoy your AAUW friends, new and old, introduce them to your significant other, and celebrate our 100-year anniversary. The barbeque (hamburgers and hot dogs) will be in the parking lot. There will be tables and chairs and we can park our cars in the Library parking lot since it is a Sunday. Please contact Brenda Ladewig or Gloria Leonard if you are coming to the Barbeque. Please let us know which side dish or dessert you will bring so we have a wide variety of dishes. We have a proud legacy and an exciting future – let's celebrate!



IN MEMORIAM OF NOEMI ANDERSON Our Oldest Branch Member, by Bobbie Eckerman

Noemi Anderson passed away on April 20, 2009. She was 111 years and 204 days old. Her membership in AAUW extended over 70 years. She has been very special to me since she joined the duplicate bridge group when she was 99 years old. She graduated from Berkeley in 1918. She taught school in Hanford, California. Noemi loved bridge and was an excellent player. Her eyesight was not good but she would remember all the cards and would let me know when I goofed. Noemi was a master bridge player. She lived alone until she was 108. She met her husband Andy at Berkeley and married after graduation. He was also a teacher and they had an orchard in Hanford; they were married 67 years before he passed away in 1992. She left four grandchildren and six great grandchildren. Noemi loved to travel and visited many places. A few years ago, she donated a small bust she had treasured. I had it engraved for her. It is in the dining room at HQ. Noemi was one of a kind; I loved her very much and will miss her.

BRANCH UPDATES

OUR FIRST PRESIDENT CLARA HAYES
(pictured)
with our current president **Linda Snashall**



HAYES MANSION LUNCH

Saturday, April 18, seventy San Jose AAUW Branch members attended a luncheon at the Hayes Mansion. Attendees heard speaker Nancy Valby describe the man-

sion's fascinating history. Built in 1905, it was the residence of Mary Folsom Hayes Chynoweth and the families of her two sons. Mary died before the mansion was completed; after her death, her daughter-in-law Clara Lyon Hayes, wife of J.O. Hayes, became the mistress of the mansion.

It is Clara Lyon Hayes (1858-1932), San Jose AAUW's first President, whom we recognize during our 100-year celebration. She was an organizer and first President of the Association of Collegiate Alumni in San Jose (AAUW) in 1909, and served as its President for two years. AAUW members gathered at the Hayes Mansion for many luncheons, teas and group discussions until Clara's death in 1932.

Clara was the mother of five children, an

artist and community supporter. She organized what was then called "Mothers' Clubs", which became the PTA of Santa Clara County. She was eventually district president of the PTA. She served on the Women's Board of the Pan Pacific Expo in San Francisco in 1915 and was Director of Associated Charities of Santa Clara County for many years. In 1919, she was the foreman of the grand jury in Santa Clara County, and may have been the first woman foreman of a grand jury in the United States.

"My interest now is in educational matters both intellectual and spiritual for I would desire the highest education in the best sense of the word for my children, and if through my experience I can benefit those outside of my family it would give me the greatest happiness to do so."



Hayes Mansion Luncheon guest speaker **NANCY VALBY**, San Jose City Councilman **ASH KALRA** & president-elect. **VIRGINIA BECK**

AAUW CA'S 2009 PUBLIC POLICY LEGISLATIVE POSITIONS

The "2009 Bill Package" relates to AAUW's Public Policy principles and AAUW CA's Public Policy priorities. The Public Policy Committee of AAUW CA has studied and selected the bills we will support (approx. 23 legislative bills in this session), oppose (3), and watch (4). Each bill concerns equity (civil rights), education, societal change, and the health and well-being of women and their families. Charlotte Newhart, AAUW CA Legislative Advocate in Sacramento, will represent us at legislative committee hearings and report to us. A copy of the "2009 Public Policy Legislative Positions" is posted on the Public Policy Bulletin Board at HQ. The next meeting of the Public Policy Committee will be at HQ on June 25, 6:30 pm. All are welcome.

SPORTS EQUITY - SUPPORT EQUAL PLAY – SUMMER SPORTS

The 42nd Santa Clara International Invitational Swim Meet plays an important role in the preparation for many of the world's top swimmers. Swimmers from throughout the U. S. and from other parts of the world will be competing at the George F Haines International Swim Center June 11-16. For details check www.santaclaraswimclub.org.

The Bank of the West Classic is the longest-running women-only professional tennis tournament in the world, held this year on July 27-Aug. 2 at Stanford University's Taube Family Tennis Stadium. Qualifying will be July 25-26 and is free to the public. Tickets for preliminary rounds start at \$20. Log on to www.BankoftheWestClassic.com for more information.

FC Gold Pride Women's Professional Soccer season continues through the summer with matches on June 7 & July 5, 19, & 23. Enter the code BAWSI for a discount when purchasing Bronze tickets at fcgoldpride.com.

If you are interested in any of these events, contact Jean Reed and we'll choose a day to attend as a group. Remember to report women's sports events that you attend so we can add toward our goal of attending 100 events during the year.

NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

We will not meet in July, but please note our important August meeting, Monday August 3 at 7:00 at HQ. This is our annual organizational meeting.

IMPORTANT PROPOSED ASSOC. BY-LAW CHANGES—WOULD YOU VOTE YES OR NO?**CA CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS**

**AAUW CA co-Presidents
Judy Pfeil and Gloria Taylor**

This year's convention was alive with great networking. It was exciting to see all of our 9 candidates for the eight director positions. The following directors were voted in for 2009-2011 terms.

(from L to R) Kris Downey, Sue Miller, Shelly Mitchell, Carlyne McDonnell, Cathy Foxhoven, Megan Smock, Anne Henke and Jo Harberson



Saturday morning began with a Public Policy Breakfast, led by our Public Policy Advocate, Charlotte Newhart. This was followed by a wonderful array of workshops designed to provide information as well as stimulate us to a call to action.

The convention ended Sunday with an exciting vote on a resolution brought to the assembly by the Oakdale-Riverbank-Escalon Branch (see resolution noted below.)

DEAR AAUW-CA MEMBERS:

The following resolution was presented by the Oakdale-Riverbank-Escalon Branch and passed by the AAUW CA members at the Annual Meeting business session at CA State Convention on 4/25/09.

RESOLUTION:

— Whereas, after discussion the Oakdale-Riverbank-Escalon Branch found itself opposed to the Open Membership Proposal and seeks to forestall the implementation of this change until after the one member-one vote is enacted at the Association level: and
— Whereas, open membership would not reflect the achievement of members of AAUW; and
— Whereas, Open Membership is not a time sensitive proposal; and
— Whereas, every voting delegate should inform themselves of the varied opinions

related to the proposal of Open Membership before casting their vote, and

— Whereas, open membership is a proposal that should be voted on by every member, rather than just the voting delegates present at the 2009 Association convention; now therefore be it

— Resolved that AAUW California recommend to all voting delegates to the 2009 Association Convention to consider postponing any vote on open membership until one member - one vote provisions are enacted so that all members can vote on this weighty issue.

AAUWCA Pres. Judy Pfeil & Gloria Taylor

**HIGHLIGHTS OF PROPOSED
AAUW BYLAWS**

*Sandy Kirkpatrick,
AAUW-CA Parliamentarian*

AAUW's strategic planning process began in 2005, with a restructuring approved unanimously at the 2007 AAUW Convention. To complete this restructuring, newly revised bylaws will be presented for approval at the 2009 AAUW Convention at St. Louis. These bylaws:

- streamline the current bylaws and move administrative details to policies and procedures;
- provide more flexibility on all levels (branch, state, and national); and
- provide more avenues for all members to participate in the organization, in particular giving every member a vote on national business.

What will NOT change:

- mission-based activities and programming, including the work of the Educational Foundation, Legal Advocacy Fund, and Leadership Training Institute;
- public policy advocacy through the newly named "AAUW Action Fund;" and
- the unique mission and grassroots strength of AAUW.

Summary of Proposed Major Changes:

1. ONE MEMBER-ONE VOTE. Instead of using a delegate system, every member will have a vote.

Members who cannot attend meetings and vote in person will be able to vote by all methods approved by the corporate code of the District of Columbia and the Board (i.e., mail, phone, FAX or electronically).

2. ONE BOARD. AAUW & EF boards are merged into one board with authority over all aspects of AAUW activity, including:

- delivery of the mission through programs and policies;
- setting membership dues (part of financial administration oversight);
- appointment of the directors of the AAUW Action Fund, for voter education and related political activities; and
- appointment and oversight of AAUW committees and task forces, including determining the process for the awarding of fellowships and grants.

3. MEMBERSHIP OPEN. Membership is open to any individual supportive of the mission, without regard to college degree status, and to partner members. Partner membership broadens the current college/university membership category to include the possibility of other institutions or organizations that meet the criteria. Open individual membership provides an equal opportunity for all to join, in recognition that one does not need to have educational credentials to work for women's education.

4. STRUCTURAL FLEXIBILITY.

Branches and states will not be required to make any changes if their current structure works well for them. However, the new bylaws mandate only an administrative and financial contact person from each branch/state, allowing the branches and states to create the structure and leadership positions that make the best use of their resources to fulfill AAUW mission.

The full bylaws, with rationale for each article is published on the AAUW website, along with a detailed list of frequently asked questions, visit:

http://aauw.org/About/bylaws/index.cfm?cs_LoginTime=225332

(Membership number is required to login to this webpage) For more information about the structural changes to AAUW, read the AAUW Briefing #18:

http://www.aauw.org/member_center/briefings/briefingRestructure_021009.cfm

**SJ BRANCH PRES. LINDA
SNASHALL WILL CARRY 13 VOTES
TO JUNE 2009 ASSOC. CONVENTION.
HOW SHOULD SHE VOTE?
IT'S UP TO YOU!**



**INTRODUCING YOUR WONDERFUL NEW MEMBERSHIP CO-VPS (from L to R)
DIANE TROMBETTA, CHERYL MARKMAN, LINDA GOLDBERG, & ELAINE McMAHON**

NEW MEMBERS

Karla Hodgson graduated from UCSB with degrees in Political Science and English, after which she worked at Santa Barbara Bank and Trust. Several years later she and her family moved to Seattle, WA where she volunteered with a Youth and Family Service group. Later, she worked for a development and home building company before finally returning with her family to California. Karla enjoys walking, biking, travel, crossword puzzles and her two adult sons.

Alisemarie Stuart is busy being an Education graduate student and starting her student teaching. Actually, she is earning her second master's degree. She graduated from SFSU's School of Creative Arts with a BA in Radio and TV. Her MA in Education is also from SFSU. She worked for a time with a computer hardware company, coaching teachers in network design and problem solving. For breaks, she walks her two dogs and does a bit of gardening. Her interest in photographic art is on hold for now.

Patricia Brie has many interests: reading, gardening, cooking and learning German. Her BA in French is from Pomona College. Patricia spent three years in Paris, the first year on a Fulbright. She met and married her husband Alain there. Back in California, her work life involves teaching language and communication skills to foreign-born professionals. The Bries and their daughter travel regularly to France.

Beverly Bassett found her career in logistics and international trade rewarding. After

graduating from Pepperdine University, she worked in San Diego and Los Angeles and now in San Jose where she is with Cisco systems. Among her interests are wine collecting (and tasting), gardening, cooking and theatre. Her dream vacation would combine cooking classes and hiking.

Linda Lou Lamb spent two years in Bolivia after graduating from Bowling Green State University and teaching for three years. She and her family returned to Ohio but later moved to San Jose where both she and her husband were teachers. Here she earned her Masters in Early Childhood Education from SJSU. The Lambs also spent another year abroad, this time in Mexico. Linda sings in a women's group and volunteers at a school reading lab.

INTEREST GROUP ROUNDUP

A.M. Book Discussion - Final meeting for the Tuesday Morning Book Group is June 9 and it is our annual luncheon. We will also deliver our books and bookcase to the Battered Women's Shelter in Sunnyvale. Call Maggi Benson or Fran Sneed for details.

Art Appreciation - Since several of our members are interested in meeting through the summer months, please save the dates June 17, July 15 and Aug. 19. We will try to plan something fun! If anyone has any suggestions, please let us know; your help in planning would be appreciated. Possible ideas include a tour of the Ainsley House in Campbell or the Zanger House in Santa

Clara. We are also considering a trip to the De Young to see the King Tut exhibit. We can change our meeting day if that works better. Please contact Cheryl Markman or Diana Taylor with your thoughts.

Bridge April '09 AAUW bridge winners - Second Monday: Margery Epperson, Rosemary Busch; Second Thursday: Virginia Beck, Darlene Wilson; Second Friday: (Duplicate) Pat Mikolic, Jean Kudlick, Joan Benedetti; Third Friday: Judy Kumagai, Lida Kluzek; Fourth Tuesday: Darline Wilson

Family History - We will meet on Friday, June 5 for our yearly planning session and potluck lunch; meeting begins at 10 a.m. Call Fran Sneed or Susan Brundage for location.

Hikes & Walks -Join us, come see Art and Trees. For our June walk we will head to Villa Montalvo in Saratoga and hike the trail above the estate for a great view of the valley. Back at the Villa, we'll stop to see the Project Space exhibit KALPA: TIME by one of the resident artists. Meet at HQ on June 20 at 8 am to carpool or be at the Villa Montalvo Carriage House Theater by 8:30. We should be back at HQ before noon.

On Saturday July 11, a local tree expert will lead us on a walk through a Palo Alto neighborhood pointing out heritage trees and other notable specimens of various species and discussing proper placement and care of trees. Check canopy.org for information about the walk's sponsor. To carpool, meet at HQ at 9am. We'll want to stop for lunch after the 2-hour walk.

It's a good idea to RSVP to jjkreed@sbcglobal.net so we don't leave without you.

Lunch Bunch - This month's lunch is at the Fish Market on Blossom Hill Road. We meet there at 11:30 and will order off the menu.

Lunch in July will be at Opa on Lincoln Avenue in Willow Glen. We will meet there at 11:30 as well. If you would like to be added to our email list and get all the latest info contact Rene Welter.

Great Decisions – Each year our Great Decisions Groups examine selected topics of current political and social significance. The founding of San Jose AAUW precedes the Great Decisions program by many years. If there had been a Great Decisions group in our founding year, here are some of the topics members might have discussed: the discovery of the North Pole, the founding of the NAACP, the granting by the Raj of the first steps toward a self-governing India, the construction of the Titanic and the founding of Tel Aviv.

ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Note: unless noted otherwise all calendar meetings and events are held at HQ.
 To contact someone in charge of an event, consult your AAUW Membership Directory

Hikes & Walks meets most Saturdays and Sundays at 8am for an hour-long walk on the Los Gatos Creek Trail. To be added to an email list for weekly updates, contact jjkreed@sbcglobal.net.

JUNE

**June 1-Monday 7:00
 Neighbors Helping Neighbors**
 Virginia Beck & Diane Canby

**June 3 Wednesday 6:00
 JOINT BOARD MEETING
 San Jose State International House**
 Linda Snashall

**June 5-Friday
 Family History**
 Susan Brundage
 Sue Ann Eichenbaum
 See Interest Groups

**June 8 – Monday 10:00
 Bridge - Rosemary Busch**

**June 8 – Monday 6:30
 Gourmet Light**
 Joan Hildebrand

**June 10-Wednesday 7:00
 P.M. Book Discussion**
 Laura Manthey

June 12- Friday 10:00 Bridge
 Lida Kluzek & Jean Ritchie

**June 13- Saturday
 Couples Gourmet**
 Margaret Bard

**June 14-Tuesday 9:30
 A.M. Book Discussion**
 Maggie Benson & Fran Sneed
 See Interest Groups

**June 15 – Monday 9:15
 Exploring World Literature**
 Sue Ann Eichenbaum

**June 15 – Monday 6:30
 Gourmet International**
 Pat Moorhead

**mardi le 16 juin à 11 heures
 French conversation**
 chez Sharon Potter
 6580Whispering Pines Dr, SJ
 Apportez votre sandwich
 RSVP à Sharon

**June 17 – Wednesday
 Art Appreciation**
 Diane Taylor
 See Interest Groups

**June 18- Thursday 7:00
 Mystery Lovers
 Puzzled Heart**
 Jean Boyden & Diane Canby

**June 19 – Friday 10:00
 Bridge—Lida Kluzek**

**June 19 – Friday 6:30
 AAUW Singles**
 Jean Wyatt

**June 20 - Saturday
 Hikes and Walks**
 Jean Reed
 See Interest Groups

**June 22 – Monday
 Gourmet Vegetarian**
 Mary Ann Roberts

**June 23 – Tuesday 11:30
 Lunch Bunch**
 Pat Mikolic & Rene Walter
 See Interest Groups

**June 23 – Tuesday 7:00
 Great Decisions**
 Shelley Powers

**June 25 – Thursday 6:00
 Public Policy**
 Gloria Leonard
 See article

JULY

**July 8 – Wednesday 7:00
 Social Networks Workshop**
 Computer Club, Jean Reed
 See article

**July 8 – 7:00
 P.M. Book Discussion**
 Laura Manthey

**July 10 – Friday 10:00
 Bridge**
 Lida Kluzek & Jean Ritchie

**July 11 – Saturday 9:00
 Hikes and Walks**
 Jean Reed
 See Interest Groups

**July 11 - Saturday
 Couples Gourmet**
 Margaret Bard

**July 13 – Monday 6:30
 Gourmet Light**
 Joan Hildebrand:

**July 13 – Monday 10:00
 Bridge—Rosemary Busch**

**July 13 – Monday 6:30
 Gourmet Light**
 Joan Hildebrand:

**mardi le 14 juillet à 11 heures
 French conversation**
 chez Rosemary Busch
 2264 Monitor Ct

La fête de la Bastille
 RSVP pour quelque chose à apporter

**July 15 – Wednesday 10:00
 Art Appreciation**
 Diana Taylor

**July 16 – Thursday
 Mystery Lovers – 7pm**
 A Restless Evil &
 The Other Side of the Door
 Jean Boyden & Diane Canby

**July 17 – Friday 10:00
 Bridge - Lida Kluzek**

**July 17 – Friday 6:30
 AAUW Singles**
 Jean Wyatt

**July 20 – Monday 9:15
 Exploring World Literature**
 Sue Ann Eichenbaum

**July 20 – Monday 7:00
 Gourmet International**
 Pat Moorhead

**July 27 – Monday 6:30
 Gourmet Vegetarian**
 Mary Ann Roberts

**July 28 – Tuesday 11:30
 Lunch Bunch**
 Pat Mikolic & Renee Walter
 See Interest Groups

**July 28 – Thursday 7:00
 P.M. Great Decisions**
 Shelly Powers

**AUG 2 - Sunday 12-2pm
 Old Fashioned Barbeque**
 See front cover article

SAN JOSE BRANCH PRESIDENT TO CAST HISTORIC VOTE IN JUNE. SHE NEEDS YOUR POLL VOTE 1ST!

As Branch Pres. it is my job to represent you at the National Convention June 25-27 in St. Louis. Based on our overall Branch membership I have the honor of carrying 13 delegate votes. Because of the very heated debate at State Convention this year I feel obligated to poll Branch members before casting our votes. Please review the Summary of Proposed Major Changes on page 3 of this issue and at www.aauw.org.

How do you feel about this historic change? Should we open membership to everyone who believes in the mission, removing degree requirements? Assoc. has proposed removing any education barrier to membership based on a survey conducted by an outside polling firm to non-members. Our current degree requirement was deemed elitist by the non-members surveyed.

Assoc. does not feel this change will affect the organization as long as we remain focused on our core mission of advocacy, education, and research. Assoc. also argues admission of members with AA degrees have not been detrimental to the organization. THANK YOU for your thoughts and opinions on this heated subject.

Linda Snashall

It is time to join the **Game Day Celebration! Thursday, August 20, at the Firehouse at History San Jose** in the park the Educational Foundation of AAUW will host this event. Between the hours of 10 AM and 2 PM, members and nonmembers alike are invited to enjoy a relaxing diversion.

Games will begin at 10 AM with lunch being served at noon and we will finish about 2 PM. Suggested games are Mahjong, Bridge, Dominoes, Scrabble, Rummicube - please bring your favorite!

Again, this year, a docent led tour of History Park will be offered at the end of the event and we are adding a tour of the Archives and Collections. There will be a signup when you arrive - first come, first served - for those wishing a tour of either site as the tour group size is limited. In addition, the museum exhibits, the gift shop, and O'Brien's ice cream parlor will be open.

History Park is located at 1650 Senter Road and is part of the City of San Jose's Kelly Park complex. Parking is available at the east end of Phelan Road, to the left and past the Trolley Barn (the area for staff and volunteers). Another parking lot exists north of History Park between the Park and the Japanese Friendship Garden (it may also be free on that day).

Reservations for Game Day must be made in advance. We will have flyers available at Headquarters. **Checks for \$30 a person, made payable to AAUW/EF, should be sent to Jean Boyden, 18695 Carriage Hill Drive, San Jose, CA 95120, no later than August 13.** Your reservations may also be placed in the EF Folder at Headquarters. Again, this year, \$25 of the \$30 is a donation to EF. We look forward to seeing you all on August 20. If you have questions, please call Barbara Shaffer or Jean Boyden.

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To submit articles and calendar dates, send an e-mail message in Microsoft WORD attachment to Judy Kristofferson by the first of the month before the **Bonfire** is published at doinel@earthlink.net.

If you do not have access to a computer, please mail a typed copy of your information, by the deadline, to Judy at 1003 Bennett Way San Jose, CA 95125 with the following information: meeting name, date, time, location, and contact name and phone.

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