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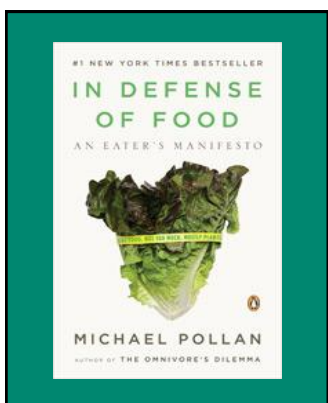
AAUW SAN JOSE BRANCH Established in 1909 'Because Education is the Key'

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Coming Up . . .
WEDNESDAY
EVENING PROGRAM
June 9th 7:00-8:30 pm
Book discussion
In Defense of Food: An
Eater's Manifesto
by Michael Pollan

As part of our "Wednesday Evening" programs at HQ the Wednesday night book group invites you to join the last book discussion of the year at its regularly scheduled meeting on **Wed., June 9, 2010.**

Before attending the book discussion June 9th participants are encouraged to either watch the interview with Michael Pollan on the Silicon Valley Reads website at <http://siliconvalleyreads.org/2010-11/> or attend a presentation by the author.



CALLING ALL EDUCATED WOMEN REMEMBER THE POWER OF ONE VOTE

2010 PUBLIC POLICY LEGISLATIVE POSITIONS

Gloria Leonard & Loren Reynolds, Co-Chairs, Public Policy

The AAUW CA Public Policy Committee (PPC) takes positions on bills that relate to both national and California Public Policy Principles and Priorities. 46 bills were reviewed this year and positions of "support" or "oppose" taken on five bills. Other bills fall into the "approve - disapprove" category which means the AAUW CA lobbyist will communicate AAUW's position to the author or to the hearing committee chair; further action will be taken as resources are available.

AAUW CA members are encouraged to communicate with Assembly Members and Senators and follow the progress of the bills at www.leginfo.ca.gov. The PPC will present information to members on the five bills in future issues of the Bonfire. The five (5) Bills are: "SUPPORT" - SB 929 - Hazardous Materials - Cadmium in Children's Jewelry; SB 1010 - Senate Budget and Fiscal Review; SB 1426 - State Budget - Two Year Spending Plan; AB 1900 Pregnant Inmates and Wards; "OPPOSE" - AB 2229 Mandated Child Abuse Report. (2010 Legislative Positions can be found on Public Policy Bulletin Board at HQ.) **Don't forget to vote on June 8!**



**CONGRATULATIONS SJ BRANCH MEMBER HARRIET TOWER,
ON YOUR ELECTION AS AAUW CA STATE DIRECTOR.**

SPRING BRINGS RENEWAL...OF MEMBERSHIP

Diane Trombetta Membership Co-VP

Spring brings us blue skies and the promise of renewal. Spring also brings the opportunity to renew our pledge to women and girls throughout the world: We will continue to support your struggle toward equity, education and empowerment. In spring, we renew our commitment to our Tech Excellence girls, to our local college students, to the people fighting legal battles to end discrimina-

tion and to the needy of our local community.

Your dues continue to be a great bargain – you support advocacy, education and research which will change the world. When you renew you can contribute to AAUW's Special Funds and help shape public policy. **Round up the \$91 regular membership to \$100 and make a significant difference in the quality of**

our programs.

Send in your application today and help us meet National AAUW's July 1st deadline for the branch dues report. Renewal letters and forms were mailed to each member in early May. **Contact Linda Goldberg if you need a copy of the application.** (p.s. \$46 of the \$49 AAUW National dues are tax deductible, as are all Special Funds donations).

AAUW's Mission Statement– AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research. **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.

BRANCH UPDATES

WHAT HAPPENED TO REBECCA?

Gloria Leonard,

Local Scholarship Committee

The 2009 100 Year Centennial Local Scholarship was awarded to a worthy and inspiring applicant, Rebecca Alvarez. We contacted Rebecca, a senior at SJSU, to find out if she was going to fulfill her dream of a BA in Social Work this spring. Rebecca is a single mom raising two young children, working, and going to school full time this year. Senior year hasn't been easy. She lost her part time job with a non-profit organization due to cut-backs. Living with her mother is helping with the bills but in the middle of the school year, they had to move. Rebecca persevered. She is on the Dean's List and carried 14-15 credits each semester. She is looking for a job with a non-profit to gain experience in her field. Before going on to study for an advanced degree in social work, Rebecca wants work experience to determine her focus.

Rebecca was one of the many qualified and inspiring candidates interviewed each year for a scholarship. The financial assistance she received from AAUW San Jose members and donors to the Local Scholarship Fund helped to keep Rebecca moving forward to her goal. Thank you San Jose Branch for your donations and for attending the Holiday Boutique fundraiser. It makes the dream of women to become educated and financially secure come true.



Neighbors Helping Neighbors members @ Second Harvest food sort

Julian Street Inn, a shelter serving men and women with mental illness and substance abuse problems. The residents truly appreciate the fun and many prizes.

On Wednesday, June 16, we will sort food at the Second Harvest Food Bank beginning at 6:00 pm. Please contact Jean Wyatt 262-3372 if you would like to help.

On June 7 at 6:30 pm, we will gather to make blankets for Project Linus prior to our monthly meeting. No sewing skills are required! Please join us for this fun project. Our regular monthly meeting will begin at 7:30 pm at HQ. New members are always welcome. NHN will not meet in July.

TECH TREK

Mary Ellen Madden and Jane Guinther Tech Excellence will finish another successful year with our 30 John Muir girls in May. March was a look inside the heart of Silicon Valley microchips. New member Kate Mayer who has spent her career designing circuit boards shared her knowledge and passion in a hands-on lab. We all learned about power supplies, assembled circuits, and discussed where past problems began as well as design failures. The girls enjoyed our April field trip to SJSU. Just watching 1,000 students change classes with no glitches was amazing! Member Alyce Athanasiou, a graduate of SJSU's nursing program organized our visit to the Nursing and Occupational Therapy labs for hands-on experiences.

Members of Tech Excellence have selected seven seventh grade girls to attend the AAUW Tech Trek Science/Math

Camp at Stanford University, July 11-17 and July 18-24, 2010. The girls submitted essays entitled, "How I Would Use Math and/or Science to Make My World a Better Place". Each girl also had recommendations from their math or science teacher. Before the final selection was made, members of Tech Excellence interviewed each girl. The seven girls selected this year are Leonor Contreras and Katina Ngo from August Boeger Middle School; Savannah Sherard and Carmelita Sanchez from John Muir Middle School; Emily Cox from Old Orchard School; and Hilde-liza Ortiz and Loren Gutierrez from Our Lady Of Grace Nativity School.

We were greatly impressed with these girls and know they will be wonderful representatives from the San Jose Branch at Tech Trek Camp. We appreciate everyone who donated towards the scholarships for these girls to attend Tech Trek. We thank you for your support for this worthwhile AAUW project.

Please contact Jane Guinther at 408-995-0500 if interested in exploring science with us.



Kristen Pendleton & Elaine Benoit w/ 2009 Tech Trek campers



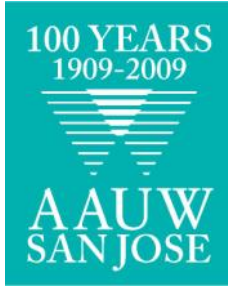
Jean Wyatt @ Second Harvest food sort

NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

Diane Canby and Anne Wustrow

In May, NHN hosted a Bingo night at the

BRANCH UPDATES

**AAUW HISTORY FOR SALE**

Peggy Maibaum and Jean Reed

The first copies of the History of the San Jose Branch were available at the general meeting in April and all 50 copies from the first printing were sold by the end of the day. It's an inspiration to hold 100 years of history in your hand and to browse through the activities of women like ourselves. To order your copy, send \$25 to Peggy Maibaum, 16310 Azalea Way, Los Gatos CA 95032.

NO RESPONSE IS NO RESPONSE

Jean Reed, Sports Equity Chair

Thanks to the dedication and leadership of AAUW and AAUW members, [a major victory was won for Title IX](#) — and girls and women in sports — on April 20. AAUW attended a [White House ceremony](#) at which the Department of Education's [Office for Civil Rights](#) issued new guidance for Title IX, rescinding the deeply flawed March 2005 policy that allowed schools to use e-mail surveys to gauge the athletic interests of female students. This change means that no response to a spam-like email survey cannot be used to demonstrate that there is no interest. AAUW has fought for the rescission of e-mail policy since it was issued.

The Sports Equity group has started to use the LAF program "[Title IX Compliance: Know the Score](#)" to find out if our local high schools are Title IX compliant. Working in teams of two, we will be interviewing athletic directors and principals, attending high school games and using school web-sites to gather information. This is a fun and simple project. If you would like to help, please contact Jean Reed at jjkreed@comcast.net. Watch for coming Sports Equity reports on our findings.

SUPPORT EQUAL PLAY

Jean Reed, Sports Equity Chair

During the school year we encourage you to attend university women's sporting events to show support for the student athletes who volunteer with underserved girls through the Bay Area Women's Sports Initiative (BAWSI) after-school programs at local elementary schools. While the students are on their summer break, we have a chance to support professional women athletics. FC Gold Pride plays home games on **June 5th at Castro Valley and July 11th and 17th at CSU-East Bay**. Contact Jean Reed at jjkreed@comcast.net if you would like to attend games. Tickets are about \$25.



SJ Branch members @ a recent game

LOCAL WALK - LOS GATOS TO LEXINGTON

Jean Reed, Hikes and Walks Chair

On **Saturday June 12th** we will repeat a route we enjoyed last fall, walking through St Joseph Open Space to Lexington Reservoir. The walk from Los Gatos to Lexington is sunny, and the return is on a shady hillside. Bring your hats, sunscreen and water bottles. **Meet at HQ at 8am to carpool or rendezvous with us at 8:30 at the Los Gatos Coffee Roasting Co** (101 W. Main St. at University Ave). Expect to be back to HQ by 11:30am. Please RSVP to Jean Reed at 297-2691 or jjkreed@sbcglobal.net.

Local Walk - Historic Willow Glen

Casey Cozzolino for Hikes and Walks

On **Saturday July 17th**, we will explore the historic neighborhoods of Willow Glen to learn about the architectural styles as well as the people that built this charming neighborhood. The walk will focus on the areas closest to downtown. Anyone with local historical knowledge or interest is encouraged to join and contribute to the

group. Please join us for a 3 mile loop around the neighborhood. Meet at HQ for an 8 am start. For further information, call Casey Cozzolino 293-8816.

MYSTERY LOVERS GROUP

Diane Canby

Mystery Lovers Thursday June 17th: When Inspector Alan Grant is hospitalized after a serious fall, he finds himself with nothing but time on his hands. A good judge of the human face, Inspector Grant becomes enthralled with a portrait of Richard III who, in history, has been accused of murdering his young nephews. Grant sets out to find out the truth and, in turn, rewrites history. Join us **June 17 at 7pm** to discuss "The Daughter of Time." The discussion will be led by Jean Reed.

Mystery Lovers Thursday July 15th: Lady Georgiana, a descendent of Queen Victoria is whisked to the family castle in Scotland to avoid scandal when her recently failed business casts the royal family in a bad light. Several serious accidents befall the castle guests before someone is murdered. Is the royal family the target? Super sleuth Lady Georgiana is determined to find out. Last in our theme of historical mysteries is "Royal Flush" by Rhys Bowen. Join us **July 15 at 7pm**. Wanda Wilson will lead the discussion.

ART APPRECIATION VISITS ROSI-CRUCIAN EGYPTIAN MUSEUM AND MUNICIPAL ROSE GARDEN

Mary Clare Hopkins

On **Wed., June 16**, we will visit the Rosicrucian Egyptian Museum which houses the largest displayed collection of ancient Egyptian artifacts in Western North America. General admission is \$9; seniors over 55 are admitted for \$7. For a preview of the museum and it's grounds, visit their website at www.egyptianmuseum.org.

Following our tour of the museum, we will have lunch near by then proceed to the Municipal Rose Garden, which should be in full bloom.

We will **meet at HQ at 9:30 a.m.** to form carpools. If you can join us, please contact Mary Clare Hopkins or Cheryl Markman. Also, please let us know if you are willing to drive.

BRANCH UPDATES

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Unless otherwise noted, events are held at Headquarters.

JUNE CALENDAR		JULY CALENDAR	
<p>Hikes & Walks meets most Sat. & Sun. @ 8am for an hour-long walk on the Los Gatos Creek Trail. To receive regular e-mail notices about the walks, contact Jean Reed jjkreed@comcast.net</p>	<p>June 9 – Wed. 7pm Second Wed. Program Discussion of In Defense of Food by Michael Pollan See front page article.</p>	<p>June 16 – Wed. 9:30am Art Appreciation See page 4 article.</p>	<p>Hikes & Walks meets most Sat. & Sun. @ 8am for an hour-long walk on the Los Gatos Creek Trail. To receive regular e-mail notices about the walks, contact Jean Reed jjkreed@comcast.net</p>
<p>June 2 – Wed. 6pm Joint Board Meeting SJSU International House RSVP by May 26TH Call Marilyn Jackson for details</p>	<p>June 10 – Thurs. 7:15 Bridge Members’ Homes <i>Bobbie Eckerman</i></p>	<p>Second Harvest Food Sort 6:00 pm at Second Harvest 750 Curtner Avenue, San Jose CA. <i>Jean Wyatt</i></p>	<p>July 12 – Mon. 6:30pm Light Gourmet <i>Joan Hildebrand</i></p>
<p>June 4 – Fri. 10am Family History Contact Fran Sneed for info. <i>Susan Brundage & Sue Eichenbaum</i></p>	<p>June 11 – Fri. 10am Bridge <i>Lida Kluzek & Jean Ritchie</i></p>	<p>June 17 – Thurs. 7pm Mystery Lovers Group “The Daughter of Time” by Josephine Tey led by Jean Reed See page 4 article.</p>	<p>juillet 13 – mardi 11 French Conversation Chez Rosemary Busch Potluck pour la jour de la Bastille <i>R.S.V.P. à Rosemary Busch</i></p>
<p>June 5 – Sat. 8am Hikes & Walks See page 4 article.</p>	<p>June 12 – Sat. 8am HQ Hikes & Walks See page 4 article.</p>	<p>June 18 – Fri. 10am Bridge <i>Lida Kluzek</i></p>	<p>July 15 – Thurs. 7pm Mystery Lovers Group “Royal Flush” by Rhys Bowen Led by Wanda Wilson See page 4.article.</p>
<p>June 7 – Mon. 7pm Neighbors Helping Neighbors Project Linus 6:30pm Regular meeting 7:30pm <i>Diane Canby & Anne Wustrow</i></p>	<p>Couples Gourmet Members’ homes <i>Margaret Bard</i></p>	<p>June 19 - Sat 6:30pm AAUW Singles <i>Jean Wyatt</i></p>	<p>July 17- Sat. 8am HQ Hikes & Walks See page 4 article.</p>
<p>June 8 - Tues DON'T FORGET TO VOTE</p>	<p>June 14 - Mon. 10am Bridge <i>Rosemary Busch</i></p>	<p>June 20 - Sun. afternoon Film Fans See article below.</p>	<p>July 18 - Sun. afternoon Film Fans See article below.</p>
	<p>Mon. 6:30pm Light Gourmet <i>Joan Hildebrand</i></p>	<p>June 22 – Tues. 7:15pm Bridge Members’ homes <i>Bobbie Eckerman</i></p>	
	<p>juin 15- mardi 11am French Conversation chez Barbara Snyder <i>RS.V.P. à Barbara Snyder</i></p>	<p>Lunch Bunch - 11:30am See article below.</p>	
		<p>June 28 – Mon. 6:30pm Gourmet Vegetarian <i>Mary Ann Roberts</i></p>	

LIGHT GOURMET

Cheryl Markman & Barbara Bettencourt
Light Gourmet is seeking several new members to expand our group to eight or ten. We currently **meet each month on the 2nd Mon.** Each member hosts a dinner once during the year at her home. The hostess plans the menu, provides the recipes for each of the other members, and prepares the entrée. We also dine out, light of course! twice during the year. Please join us.

LUNCH BUNCH

Rene Walter
Our **June 22nd** lunch will be in a new Saratoga restaurant called **Casa de Cobre**. We will kick off summer by eating outside

at this charming Mexican restaurant located at 14560 Big Basin Way. Please RSVP to Rene Welter or Pat Mikolic.

APRIL BRIDGE WINNERS

2nd Mon.: Pat Mikolic, Bobbie Eckerman, Denise Kwan. 2nd Thurs.: Gay Gale. 2nd Fri.: (Dup.) Jean Kudlick, Mary Clare Hopkins, Kelly Moore. 3rd Fri.: Lida Kluzek, Rosemary Busch, Judy Kumagai. 4th Tues.: Judy Hart, Virginia Beck.

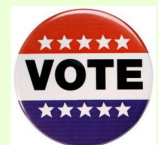
FAMILY HISTORY

Susan Brundage, Family History Co-Chair
Family History will meets at **10am Friday June 4 for a planning session and potluck lunch at a member’s house.** Call Fran Sneed or Susan Brundage for details.

FILM FANS

Linda Snashall for Film Fans
If you like movies come join us. We meet the **3rd Sunday of each month** at a predetermined movie theater in the early afternoon. Group members take turns selecting the movie. Exact time and location is decided a few days before our meeting when the latest movie choices are published in the Mercury News. Please call or email me if you’d like us to include your name on our email list.

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE ON JUNE 8TH!



UPCOMING AUGUST GENERAL MEETING



Game Day 2010 AUGUST 19TH!

Jean Reed Educational Fund -VP

Mark your calendar now for GAME DAY 2010 on August 19th. This year we will again gather at the Firehouse at History San Jose to enjoy a day of fun and games. Bring a favorite game like Bridge, Scrabble or Mahjong, or learn to play a new one like Pass the Pigs or Farkle. Games are from 10am to 2pm with lunch served at noon.

Tickets are \$30 of which \$25 is a tax-deductible donation to AAUW Educational Funds. EF supports research that advances equity for women, such as this year's "Why So Few?" report that investigates the reasons why promising young women do not pursue careers in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. Your donation will help fund the San Jose Centennial Fellowship which will provide an annual grant to a woman pursuing a non-traditional profession.

Tickets must be purchased in advance. Send your check to Jean Reed at 1547 Huddersfield Ct, San Jose CA 95126 or contact Jean at 297-2691 or jjkreed@comcast.net if you have questions. You'll also have a chance to explore History Park with a docent and to visit the museum exhibits and gift shop. Plan to end the day with a stop at the traditional O'Brien's Ice Cream Parlor. History Park is at 1650 Senter Road.

BEST GRADUATION GIFT EVER!

Barbara Van Arsdale,
Membership Treasurer

AAUW members can give a recent graduate friend, daughter, son, granddaughter, grandson, niece or nephew a free AAUW membership within two years of graduation at no cost to you or them! The grad receives a one-year member-at-large (MAL) membership, a \$49 value. They can join a branch at any time but are responsible for paying branch and state dues. The membership application can be completed online or a PDF version can be downloaded, filled out and mailed to the national office. Full details are on the national web site under Membership Campaigns in the Member Center, or contact Barbara Van Arsdale, Membership Treasurer.

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-Send an e-mail with a Microsoft WORD attachment to Judy Kristofferson at doinel@earthlink.net, or

-Mail a typed copy of your information to
Judy Kristofferson
1003 Bennett Way
San Jose, CA 95125

Include the meeting name, date, time, location, contact name and phone.

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