



# CLAYTON BRANCH NEWS

AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education and research. AAUW will be a powerful advocate and visible leader in equity and education through research, philanthropy, and measurable change in critical areas impacting the lives of women and girls.

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### EF/LAF Luncheon

**Saturday, 2/24/07 at 11:30 a.m.**  
Brookview Lodge Clubhouse  
1201 Monument Blvd., Concord

**Guest Speaker: Diana Holder**  
**AAUW Career Development Grant**  
**Recipient**

This meeting is free and open to the public.

If you are plan to attend and have camellias blooming in your garden, please bring some in to help decorate our tables.

Clayton members are asked to bring a dessert, while Concord members will bring the main course. If you can help with set-up or clean-up, contact Joan Chesterman at 672-1316.

AAUW membership is open to all people of any gender who hold an associate degree or higher. Students working toward a qualifying degree may become student affiliates. In principle and practice AAUW values and seeks members of every race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, and level of physical ability.

Newsletter Editor: Jennifer Jay

Members may submit articles, quips & photos, which are subject to editing and condensation. March issue deadline: 2/22/07 5:00pm. E-mail to JJay925@comcast.net or mail to: 366 Blue Oak Lane, Clayton, CA 94517.

## Clayton/Concord AAUW Educational Foundation Luncheon

*Joan Chesterman, VP EF*

On February 24, 2007 at 11:30am, Clayton and Concord branches of AAUW will be meeting for our annual Educational Foundation Luncheon. Our speaker will be Diana Holder, recipient of AAUW's Career Development Grant.

Diana joined the Peace Corp after earning a bachelor's degree in Political Science. After spending some time in El Salvador, Diana moved to Guatemala, where she taught English as a second language in an all girls' secretarial school.

She is currently completing her M.A. in English at San Francisco State University. Part of the funds of Diana's grant came from the Roseann Krane Endowment. (As many of you are aware, Roseann Krane is a charter member of Clayton AAUW and also a member of Danville-Alamo AAUW.)

Diana plans a career teaching English as a second language, which will enable her to interact with people from diverse cultural backgrounds and promote education and equity for women who are new to the United States.

This is our branch annual luncheon to raise funds for the Educational Foundation and Legal Advocacy Fund. Our AAUW EF monies have helped expand the educational and career opportunities for others like Diana. In turn, our recipients will forge new paths in scholarship, improve the quality of life for many, and tackle some of the educational and social barriers facing women and youth in the United States. Your AAUW EF donations are a wise investment indeed! There will be a basket marked for Clayton members to deposit their donation envelopes for EF & LAF. If you cannot attend the luncheon, you may mail your checks to the address on the form.

## Legal Advocacy Update

*Diane Rogers, LAF VP*

Michael Burch, AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund Plaintiff, was recently awarded \$725,000 in his sex discrimination suite against UC Davis. He filed suit against the university in 2004 for Title IX violations. Under settlement terms, he will not be reinstated as head wrestling coach at UC Davis or be permitted to pursue employment at any University of California schools. The UC Regents formally approved the settlement on January 19 after reaching a tentative agreement in November, just days before Burch's December trial Date.

Burch claims that UC Davis barred female participation in the wrestling program and terminated his contract after he showed support for the female wrestlers in 2001. AAUW also supports the female wrestlers in a separate Title IX suite against UC Davis.

### Save the Date /Spread the word

## Spaghetti Feed to raise funds for Tech Trek

Clayton members have been busy planning a Spaghetti Feed to be held Wednesday, March 7<sup>th</sup> 5:30-8pm in Endeavor Hall in downtown Clayton. This is to raise money for Tech Trek and our branch high school scholarship.

The ticket price is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 6-12 years and children under 6 are free. The dinner includes pasta, choice of sauce, garlic bread, salad, beverage and a dessert. Beer and wine will be available for purchase.

Tickets can be purchased in advance. Call JoAnn Caspar 672-7680, Dee Billeter 672-6379 or Marcia Hart 827-9540. Tickets will also be available at the door. All AAUW members are asked to help sell tickets as well as volunteer to help with the dinner. Please contact Marcia if you can help.

## President's Message

*Rosemary Harwood, President*

For those of you not able to attend the January 22<sup>nd</sup> General Meeting, you missed an enlightening program, organized by Dee Billeter, one of our able Program co-chairs. Eleven organizations were represented. The meeting was well-advertised and we were delighted to see many of our own Clayton Branch AAUW members in attendance as well as numerous others from our community who were not associated with AAUW.

In fact, the program was so well received that we might consider making it an annual or biennial event. It was surprising to see just what a variety of volunteer opportunities are available in our area. At the end of this column is the contact information for the volunteer organizations that participated.

Each member should have received an envelope either in the mail or in person from our EF or LAF chairs Joan Chesterman or Diane Rogers. Please plan to come to our annual EF luncheon on Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup> at the Brookview Club House. If you need directions, please contact either Joan or Diane. This year our speaker is Diana Holder, a recipient of the Clayton Branch Roseann Krane Career Development Grant. To be best of my knowledge, we have never had the opportunity to hear a speaker who has directly benefited from money raised by the Clayton Branch, so we would like as many members as possible to come and enjoy the lunch with the Concord Branch members.

I would like to thank the Nominating Committee, chaired by Allegra Mills for an outstanding slate of officers for the 2007-2008 year. Others on the committee were Luz Argyriou, Diana Bauer, Liz Hansen and Diane Rogers. Thanks to all of them for agreeing to serve. The new nominees will be presented at the April 23<sup>rd</sup> General Meeting, so please mark your calendars. Also, Dana McDaniell, next year's president, will probably be asking several of you to serve as her appointed officers for the coming year. Please say "yes" if she calls you.

On March 3<sup>rd</sup>, there will be an Expanding Your Horizons Conference at Diablo Valley College. This is a career information program for middle school girls sponsored by DVC, AAUW and the

Girl Scouts, although DVC faculty is doing most of the planning. Workshops will be led by women engineers, architects, geologists and computer scientists. Volunteers are needed on the day of the event to help with registration, to assist the speakers during their presentations and to help with lunch. If you would like to help, contact Dona DeRusso at dderusso@dvc.edu or call her at (925) 685-1230, ext 2722.

And, last but not least, our Program Committee is working to organize a Spaghetti Feed fundraiser to be held in Endeavor Hall on Wednesday, March 7<sup>th</sup>. Please plan to attend and invite your friends. The money raised will go to support our Tech Trek girls and may enable us to give a scholarship again to a worthy Clayton Valley High School graduate. More information on this event is listed on page 1 of this newsletter.

### Volunteer Contact Info

We encourage all members to use these names numbers as a reference for future personal volunteer activities, and to promote them in our community.

#### **American Red Cross**

Martina Rose 925-825-3380

#### **Assistance League of Diablo Valley**

Joanne Caspar 925-672-7680

#### **Caring Hands**

Carol Louisell 925-952-2999

#### **Clayton Community Library**

Arlene Nielsen 925-673-9777

#### **Clayton Historical Museum**

Mary Spreyer 925-876-3520

#### **Diablo Valley Literacy Council**

Dottie Birmingham 925-685-3881

#### **Family Stress Center**

Joan Carolan 925-672-5954

#### **John Muir Medical Center Concord Campus**

Gayle Lewis 925-798-5921

#### **Habitat for Humanity**

Jackie Whitehurst 925-672-5584

#### **Hospice of Contra Costa County**

Steve Snow 925-524-0565

#### **Prevent Blindness Northern California**

Phyllis Fairclough 925-687-3537

## Membership

Membership Vice Presidents Jean Cain and Mary Ann Hayes are planning to have a membership tea for present, new and perspective members in March or April. Please seek new member prospects and submit their names and addresses to us within the next few weeks so that we may send these ladies invitations to the event.

Recall that this year the Member Get a Member campaign entitles you and our branch to recognition and awards. If you would like information or brochures for your guests, please let us know and we will get them to you. We hope that you will also contact the new members who joined our branch in September. Remind them of upcoming events, meetings and interest groups. Help them to become involved and feel more a part of our branch. We're hoping to hear from you soon.

## Gourmet Group

In February, the Clayton AAUW Traveling Gourmet group will be combining with the Danville-Alamo AAUW traveling gourmet section. We will be meeting at a Danville home on February 10<sup>th</sup> for the Polish dinner.. Please RSVP to Roseann Krane at [rkrane@yahoo.com](mailto:rkrane@yahoo.com) or call 925-552-9799. Find menu at [www.aauw-da.org/Poland/](http://www.aauw-da.org/Poland/). We will double up on main items so if you see a name by an item and you still want to make it, don't hesitate to request it. Everyone is welcome to join us. Members attending will receive directions to the house and the number of people to prepare their item for in a later mailing.

## Great Decisions

The Great Decisions group will have the first of eight meetings on Monday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at the home of Joanne Brown, 4125 Sacramento St., Concord at 3:30pm. For further information, call Joanne Brown at 676-9048.

The beginning topic for discussion will be *The U.S. in the Middle East*. Following that, topics will include *Climate Change and Global Warming*, *Mexico*, *International Migration in a Globalizing Economy*, *South Africa*, *War Crimes*, *Central Asia*, and *Helping the World's Endangered Children*.

## Education as a Gateway to Women's Economic Security Financial Literacy

Jennifer Jay

Around age five, I remember my father bringing me to Home Savings of America to open my first savings account. Whenever I received a cash gift, I just loved going up to the teller to make my deposit and watch the number on my savings passbook grow, as well as receiving a piece of candy from the teller.

I also remember learning addition and subtraction in elementary school by receiving checkbooks and learning how to keep it balanced. I also watched how my dad documented financial records.

Entering college and living away from home for the first time, I realized how fortunate I was to have had that early education in finance in comparison to other students who didn't and were quickly incurring credit card debt.

When my dad suddenly passed away at the end of second year in college, I quickly learned about property management, mortgages, taxes, and all the other stuff that I never thought that I'd be responsible for at age 20.

It seems that there is a lot of news and talk show topics lately on excessive personal credit card debt, increase in home foreclosures, consumers not understanding the type of mortgage loan that they locked into, married women who always depended on husband to take care of all finances and end up with nothing if divorce occurs and for the first time late in life trying to figure out how finance works.

This shows me that not everyone had a dad who taught them financial literacy like mine did. I remember recently reading an article that compared financial education to sex education. Lots of people aren't comfortable talking about it. And some who are willing to talk about it don't know enough about the subject to be good sources of information.

Our government and financial institutions and financial associations have a lot of assessable material to educate consumers about budget planning, credit basics, home buying, mortgage shopping, preventing fraud, saving for retirement and more. Many financial institutions

partner with nonprofit organizations or schools to teach financial literacy to children. I believe that a good foundation must begin at an early age at home.

The following websites provide FAQs, articles and interactive tools for every aspect of money management and financial planning. Share these sites with your children and grandchildren.

<http://www.mymoney.gov/> United States Literacy and Education Commission's website that provides financial education resources for all Americans.

<http://www.360financialliteracy.org/Women/> The American Institute of Certified Public Accountants created 360 Degrees Financial Literacy for Women to provide solid information about personal and business finance.

<http://www.homeloanlearningcenter.com/default.html> Mortgage Bankers Association created the Home Loan Learning Center site to include a comprehensive, unbiased resource for prospective home buyers. You'll find tools, tips and information on getting a mortgage that is right for you.

<http://www.financial-education-icfe.org/default.asp> Institute of Consumer Financial Education has simple to read information on topics such as Children and Money, Financial Education, Credit Card Tips, Credit File Correction, Mending Spending and links to more resources. There is a section especially for parents/ grandparents to teach children or grandchildren the Value of Money.

## Upcoming Events

**Fri. Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Bowling @ Clayton Valley Bowl**

Please call Marcia 827-9540 if you like to bowl! Spouses and friends welcome.

**Mon. Feb.5<sup>th</sup> 3:30pm**

**at Joanne Brown's  
Great Decisions**

See article for details.

**Mon. Feb.5<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm**

**at Rosemary Harwood's  
Clayton AAUW Board Meeting**

**Sat., Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>**

**at Barbara Nexsen's  
Gourmet Group**

RSVP to Roseann at rkrane@yahoo.com or call 925-552-9799.

**Sat., Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> 11:00am**

**at Brookview Lodge Clubhouse  
Educational Foundation Luncheon**

See page 1 for details.

**Sat., Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> 7:30 p.m.**

**at Sandi Watson's  
Couple's Bridge**

**Wed. Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> 7:30 p.m.**

**at Sandy Watson's  
Evening Literature**

*Birds of a Feather* by Jacqueline Winspear. All are welcome. Just arrive! You don't even have to read the book to participate in the discussion.

**Wed. Mar 7<sup>th</sup> 5:30-8pm**

**at Endeavor Hall, Clayton  
Spaghetti Feed**

See page 1 for more details.

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**Directory Correction**

Barbara Fogerson e-mail address is  
bfogerson@comcast.net

### AAUW-CA Legal Advocacy Fund Donor Form

Yes, I want to support the AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund. My tax-deductible contribution of

\$100  \$75  \$50  \$25  Other

is to be used for the

Gloria Weston Campus Outreach Fund

Progress in Equity Award

Any LAF litigant or program  California Litigants or Programs

Do not designate my contribution

Branch credit to: **Clayton Branch AAUW.**

Name:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Check enclosed made payable to **AAUW LAF.**

Charge it. Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Expires \_\_\_\_\_

Circle one: Visa / MasterCard

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Return this form at EF Luncheon or mail to Diane Rogers (1757 Berrywood Drive, Concord, CA 94521)



Gifts to the AAUW Educational Foundation are tax deductible.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_
Address: \_\_\_\_\_
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Branch credit to: Clayton Branch AAUW

Date submitted: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Check enclosed. Please make checks payable to AAUW EF.

\_\_\_\_\_ Charge it.

Card number: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Visa \_\_\_\_\_ Mastercard

Required signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Today's date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please designate my gift to: (see below for a list of open endowments)

CA Endowment # \_\_\_\_\_ for \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Eleanor Roosevelt Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Mooneen Lecce Giving Circle \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Undesignated: use as needed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

My total gift today is: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

If you cannot attend Clayton's EF Luncheon, mail this form to Joan Chesterman at 1205 Redlands Way, Concord, CA 94521.

AAUW California Open Endowments:

American

- Martinez Branch 50th Anniversary American # 4120
Vivian Lamont Coe American # 4046 (West Contra Costa)
Marie Wolbach American #4288(Palo Alto and San Carlos)

International

Redlands Branch #4217

Research & Projects

- Connie Cady R & P # 4266(Danville-Alamo)
Valentina Valena R & P #4201 (Bakersfield)
Gloria Scanlon/La Palma-Cerritos R & P #1891
Sonoma Branch R & P # 4081
Barbara Taylor Reimer R & P #4271
Mary Hively/Oakland-Piedmont Branch R & P # 4129
Barnhardt/Betts San BrunoBranch R & P #4199
Autumn Bea/Helen Christensen R & P # 4285
(2004-Sunnyvale-Cupertino Branch)
Long Beach Branch R & P # 4289 (2004)
Berkeley Branch/Florence Noyce Wirtz R & P #1615
Dr. Zoe Liles Treguboff R & P # 4240
Half Moon Bay/Ruth Rafello R & P #4254
Fritzi Martin R & P #4190 (Pasadena)
Rowene Medina/Tustin Branch R & P # 4284