

February 2006

Education Foundation Luncheon - February Meeting

Take Action!

Take two minutes to send a letter to the editor of your local paper to raise awareness of sexual harassment on campus in your community! Copy and paste the following URL into your browser window to compose a letter to the editor of your local newspaper:
<http://capwiz.com/aauw/issues/alert/?alertid=8406031&type=ME>

The **by-laws** have been amended to allow for undergraduates to be members. The changes were announced at the January meeting. Copies of the by-laws will be available at the February and March general meetings.



Medical mission In case you were unable to attend Diana and Ray Bauer's November slide presentation and talk about their medical mission trip to the Democratic Republic of the Congo in the summer of 2005 you are cordially invited to attend a similar presentation at **11 AM on Wednesday, April 15 in Sherrill Hall at Concord United Methodist Church, 1645 West Street in Concord.**

Plan to attend the Education Foundation Luncheon **at 11:30 a.m. on February 25** at the Brookview Mobile Home Park Clubhouse, 1201 Monument Blvd. Concord, CA.

Our speaker is Susan Dennehy, a doctoral student at U.C. program on Jurisprudence and Social Policy. Her Main area of research are the factors the courts consider in awarding custody and visitation rights. Please come and support our candidate and enjoy the fellowship of Clayton and Concord Branches.

Clayton's responsibility this year is to bring salads (enough to serve 8, last year we had 17 salads and they were a delicious variety). We also need to have camellias to decorate tables. If anyone is bringing a salad, please include a utensil (no serving silver at the place) If you need anymore information please ask Dee.

Please contact either Dee Totman or Dana McDaniel if you plan to attend. Suggestion: since the parking is limited at the clubhouse, please try to

carpool — same place as last year.

If you have camellias plan to come early or call Dee to come and Get the flowers so we can set up before 11:00. A box/basket will be available for check donations to the E.F. and/or L.A.F. fund.



Calendar

- February 3 - Bowling
- February 8 - Evening bridge
- February 13 - Great Decisions 1
- February 20 - Great Decisions 2
- February 22 - Lunch & Movie
- February 22 - Evening Literature
- February 25 - EF luncheon
- February 26 - Couples Bridge
- February 27 - Great Decisions 3
- March 3 - Bowling
- March 6 - Great Decisions 4
- March 8 - Evening Bridge
- March 11 - Gourmet
- March 13 - Great Decisions 5
- March 20 - Great Decisions 6
- March 22 - Lunch & Movie
- March 25 - Women N Governmt
- March 25 - Afghan Women
- March 25 - Couples Bridge
- March 27 - Great Decisions 7
- March 27 - General Meeting
- April 3 - Great Decisions 8

Meeting Date Change! Please reserve Saturday, **March 25th, at 10:00 a.m., for our March General Meeting.**

The program is "Women in Government", a most timely topic! Our speakers will be Laura Hoffmeister and Bette Boatman. Refreshments will be served. This program is co-sponsored by the Clayton and the Concord branches, with help from the Clayton Library Foundation

GREAT DECISIONS REMINDER

The briefing books are ordered and should be delivered by the middle of January. Anyone who still wishes to join this group for lively discussions of global affairs should contact Joanne Brown (jbrownaauw@astound.net) or JoAnn Caspar (gaycaspar@aol.com)

We meet on Mondays at 3:30 p.m. during February and March. The first session will be February 13, Monday. Joanne Brown 676-9048



See data on Interest groups on page 4.



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Greetings! you will find below additional ways to reach out to college students. We also hope that the current AAUW higher education initiatives, will serve as areas of collaboration with local campuses. There are also ways to approach CU's to consider AAUW

membership.

Reaching out to College Students

Many branches are reaching out to students to create the next generation of AAUW members!

Students are looking for mentoring and career development opportunities and AAUW members can offer just that. Branch members may even learn a thing or two from students, who are computer literate and internet savvy. Working with students offers something for everyone!

Ideas for reaching out to students:

Have at least one branch member who is a student or faculty staff member serve as a liaison and advisor for your student efforts.

Hold an informational meeting: invite students, faculty and local MALs as well as branch members. Discuss the community action projects occurring in their neighborhood, and AAUW's mission. Tell them AAUW's student affiliate program. Tell them about the important work of the Legal Advocacy Fund, mentioning the recipients who have received support. Let them know about the Educational Foundation's groundbreaking research.

- Sponsor and encourage student membership in AAUW or AAUW events such as the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders.
- Use of campus email system to publicize your event and your branch.
- Sponsor a Student Affiliate Group. We have materials to help you, just call the member HELPLINE (800/326-AAUW). Take steps to establish the group as an organization on your local campus so they have recruiting privileges and the ability to hold activities on campus.
- Contact campus women's groups and women's studies departments—they have their pulse on the heart of the campus and can help you connect with students. Invite them to attend a branch event as well.
- Work with students to develop a voter registration program on campus. Have students set up tables on campus and in residence halls to register students to vote.
- Sponsor campus seminars on resume writing, interviewing or any other career-related topic.
- Contact children's organizations and set up a student-mentoring program.
- Involve students in planning a Sister-to-Sister summit for girls or Woman to Woman Dialogue.
- Offer a mentoring program. Pair up students with professional branch members who work in a field potentially of interest to the students.

Building a Harassment-Free Campus New Research: <http://www.aauw.org/research/dtl.cfm>

Student Conference: <http://www.aauw.org/nccwsl/2006/index.cfm>

Campus Action Projects: <http://www.aauw.org/nccwsl/2006/index.cfm>

AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund presents its Progress in Equity Award

PIE nomination forms: <http://www.aauw.org/laf/pie/index.cfm>.

A Quick How to Guide for recruiting College and University Partners

Learn the value of engaging a College or University as a Partner. Make sure to visit our website and learn of the benefits of membership- to the College/University and for their students (www.aauw.org/join/value/colleges.cfm). Call the contact listed below for further information.

Seek a contact on the College or University. Write or call any of the contacts below on a campus and seek their support for membership: the Women's Center, the Women Studies Department, the Dean of Students, the Vice President of Student Affairs, Student Services or Leadership Office, Dean of Academic Affairs or President. Share with them the benefits of membership for students, faculty and staff (www.aauw.org/join/value/colleges.cfm)

Work to engage them in a partnership and collaboration with AAUW. Review our community programs and consider other national months as opportunities for programming on campus at http://www.aauw.org/community_programs/index.cfm. Work with them to participate or attend branch/state activities, national conferences/programs, review publications and web-events, etc. to the extent they provide personal and institutional benefit.

Encourage C/U's to complete the membership application. Work with the campus contact to complete the on-line membership form and submit their dues. Dues are based on full-time student enrollment. Annual membership extends from July 1 through June 30. The application form is located at- <http://www.aauw.org/join/renew/cuapp.cfm>.

Assist them with identifying a C/U Representative. This staff member serves as the secondary contact for AAUW and is usually appointed by the campus president, Vice President or Dean.

Send AAUW communications. Provide outreach to the campus. Initiate efforts to partner and collaborate regarding AAUW models or research and encourage them to participate in the activities of the Association to the extent they provide personal and institutional benefit.

Follow-up with them regarding their membership packet. A new member welcome packet will be sent to the campus. Check with your campus contact to ensure that they access to the information.

Consider involvement of interested students, faculty and staff. Work with them to identify women and men of diverse backgrounds and cultures. Include traditional and non-traditional students. Mention that individual membership is also available for college graduates through a local branch, as an individual (members-at-large) or for students (student affiliate) working toward their first college/university degree.

Share the news. Share AAUW activities, publications, benefits and member only discounts with students, faculty and staff on the campus. Seek out those interested in education reform, equity issues, community involvement, reproductive freedom, civil rights, women's health, pay equity and international affairs.

Establish connections with other member institutions or branches. Initiate dialogue to foster collaboration and partnerships with other member institutions and AAUW branches in your local area.

Contact the AAUW National Office with questions or for programmatic technical support. Please do not hesitate to contact Mariama S. Boney, Associate Director, Programs and Partnerships at 202-785-7712 or pro-gram@aauw.org or Erica Santiago, Associate Director, Program Constituency Support.

Visit AAUW's website at www.aauw.org for more detailed information. For frequently asked questions on AAUW's College/University Partnership Program please visit (<http://www.aauw.org/join/value/cuqa.cfm>).

Lunch & Movie.

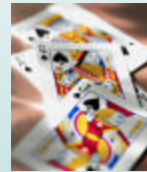
We meet on the 4th Wednesday of the month. For February and March, the 4th Wednesday is the 22nd. I will be announcing the selected movie and lunch locations on Feb. 20th and March 20th. Any questions, should be directed to me at 925-671-0467. Thanks, Julia



Gourmet - March 11 is the date. Come join our Irish dinner celebration. RSVP Jean Cain or JoAnn Casper. You will be sent the menu and recipes. Go here to get an idea of what we are considering on the menu.

<http://www.claytonaauw.org/irishGourmet.pdf>

Couples Bridge will be held on Saturday, February 25 at Joyce Atkinson's



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Evening Literature The book is: "In the Company of Cheerful-Ladies", by Alexander McCall Smith.

The Meeting is at Sandi Watson's, February 22, 7:45 P.M.



Bowling is the first Friday of the month. Contact Marcia Hart.

Clayton's First Poetry Reading

For the first time in its 10-year history, the Clayton Community Library hosts a poetry reading. Featured are published poets Joseph Chaiklin, Sylvia Rosenthal and Elaine Starkman whose brief works range from humorous to poignant, and include a few surprises. Sylvia is one of Clayton AAUW's new members. **Monday, February 6 at 6 p.m., Wednesday, February 8 at 11:30 a.m., Wednesday, February 15 at 11 a.m. and Wednesday, February 22 at 11:30 a.m.**

Danville-Alamo AAUW presents:

War on Terror: Winning the Hearts and Minds of Afghan Women through Education
Speaker: Edna Mitchell, Ph.D.,
Professor Emeritus, Mills College
Saturday, March 25, 9:30am-12:30pm,
Shadowhills Cabana Club, 1001 El Capitan Dr., Danville



Dr. Edna Mitchell has many years experience as a professor of education and an administrator in higher education including institutional leadership in educational program planning, development, and evaluation; and creation of the internationally recognized Women's Leadership Institute at Mills College, which is recognized as an official NGO of the United Nations. Her international experience includes three years as a consultant to the Ministry of Education in Nepal, a year as a Fulbright Professor in Hungary, a year as a professor and Associate Dean at Zayed University in the UAE working in both Dubai and Abu Dhabi. She was employed as an Education Specialist in 2004-2005, working for Creative Associates, Inc., a USAID project in Kabul, Afghanistan, on assignment to the Ministry of Higher Education to assist on projects of priority in restoring infrastructure in higher education. In October 2005 she returned to Kabul on special assignment as a consultant to the newly created American University of Afghanistan to create an academic master plan for the University. If you have any questions, please contact Asha at 736-7969.

At the heart of AAUW's mission is a belief in promoting education and equity for women and girls. Making sure women have access to a college education is a core part of this mission. In order for future generations of women to make a college education a reality, we must not let Congress pass a budget reconciliation bill that puts the dream of a college education further out of reach for more Americans. We urge you to keep the pressure on Congress and tell them now is not the time to cut services for the most vulnerable in our country while simultaneously cutting taxes for the most fortunate and adding an estimated \$35 billion to the federal deficit.