



Clayton American Association of University Women

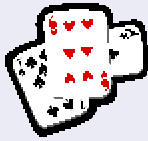
... promoting equity for all women and girls, lifelong education and positive societal change

May 2006 Newsletter

www.claytonaauw.org

Bowling is the first Friday of the month. Join us on April fools day. Call Marcia Hart to attend.

Couples Bridge will be held on Saturday, May 27 at the home of MaryAnn Hayes.



Evening Bridge meets at 7:30 on the second Wednesday of the month. Call MaryAnn Hayes to join

Gourmet - September 30 is the French dinner. RSVP Roseann Krane — rkrane@yahoo.com
Menu and recipes at www.claytonaauw.org/French/

Lunch & Movie Meets on the 4th Wednesday, May 24. The selected movie and lunch locations will be announced on May 22. To RSVP call Julia at 925-671-0467.

Evening literature:
The Book for May is: "Leaving Mother Lake" by Yang Erche Namu & Chrisine Mathiew. The meeting will be at MARY ANN HAYES' home, 7:45, May 31.



The installation Luncheon, our last meeting of the year, will be held on May 20th at Dee Totman's home at 11:30 a.m. Each person attending is asked to bring either a dessert or a salad. Please call Jeanne Boyd to let her know you are coming and what you plan to bring. It will be a lovely event with a fun skit with the theme of Rubber Duckies written by Luz and Jeanne. We encourage all members to attend. We celebrate our the 2006-07 AAUW Clayton Branch slate of Officers

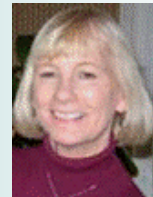
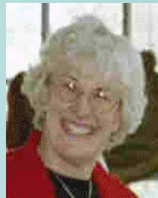


President:
Rosemary Harwood



President Elect:
Dana McDaniel

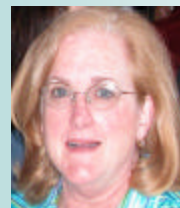
Program VPs: Marcia Hart, JoAnn Caspar, Dee Billeter



Membership VPs:
Mary Ann Hayes, Jeanne Cain



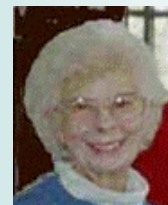
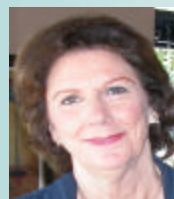
EF VPs: Corinne Noonan
Joan Chesterman



LAF VP: Diane Rogers

Secretary: Barbara Fogerson

Treasurer: Jill Day



A huge thank you to all who contributed so generously to LAF during our recent drive for donations. Our grand total so far is \$595.00! We can accept additional contributions until December 1, so there is still time to make a donation. As we all know, equity is still a critical issue in our state. To read more about current issues before California courts, visit the California website at www.aauw-ca.org. Thank you again for your support! Diane Rogers, LAF VP.

DUES RENEWAL TIME

It is time to send in your dues renewal. Please send a check in the amount of \$85 (made payable to Clayton Branch AAUW) by June 15 to Carol Wolfe, 5650 Lewis Way, Concord, CA 94521.

The dues amount reflects the recent increase adopted by the Branch. The breakdown is as follows:

Association Dues	\$45.00
State Dues	16.00
Branch Dues	<u>24.00</u>
	\$85.00

Dual branch members who pay their Association and State dues to another branch need only submit the Branch Dues portion of \$24.00



Clayton Gardens Tour



The 14th Annual Clayton Gardens Tour is May 12 and 13 from 10 am to 4 pm. There are 5 gardens plus some interiors. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. The tour begins at the Museum and tickets purchased ahead will be held at the Museum.

Refreshments will be available at Mary's Garden Party - open from 2:30 to 5 pm both days for an additional donation of \$10. No children under 12. For tickets and information, call Sally Turner at 672-2117 or the Clayton Museum at 672-0240. This benefits the Clayton Museum.



How will congressional proposals affect YOU?

Join a network committed to mobilizing voters on issues affecting women. Discover what's happening in Washington and what you can do to influence the outcome!

- » [Join the network](#)
- » [Check out the latest network activations and get involved.](#)
- » [What are AAUW's issues?](#)
- » [Explore AAUW's online grassroots resources](#)



The **joint Board meeting** will be June 26 at the Mill's. It will be a dinner potluck and all board members incoming and outgoing need to attend to exchange their job information. More data will be sent by the current presidents soon. Mark your calendars.

Rosemary will be posting a list of the incoming board members in about ten days so please check this newsletter on this web site for more information after May 18.

Directory updates:

Please note an email correction for Sheila Driscoll is

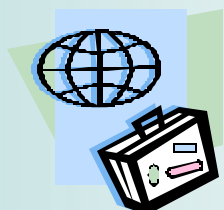
sheiladewey@juno.com.

Do check your directory now and send updates and new photos. We will be printing the 2006-2007 directory the first of October 2006.

Send changes or suggestions to rkrane@yahoo.com.

Travel Anyone?

We have a group going to China on October 12 returning November 1. If you are interested in joining us, please email rkrane@yahoo.com for details. We especially need another single to share a room with another woman.



Share a volunteer job?

Is there anyone interested in working on our web site and/or our directory?

Do you have a little computer expertise and would like to learn more? I'd like to share the jobs. If anyone is interested, please contact Roseann at rkrane@yahoo.com.



THE EF FUND RAISER

TWO DAYS OF GARDEN SPLENDOR

By popular demand, the AAUW GARDEN TOUR has been expanded to a two-day format. Now you can mark your calendar for Friday, May 12, and Saturday, May 13, from 11 AM - 4:00 PM. Tour eight splendiferous gardens in the San Ramon Valley and enjoy light refreshments. The cost is \$25 per person if postmarked by May 5 or \$30 thereafter.

Gather your family and friends; pass the word to your co-workers and neighbors. Heck, tell everyone you know about this important event! For tickets with garden locations, mail a check by May 5 payable to: **Danville-Alamo AAUW EF** with a business size, stamped self-addressed envelope to:

AAUW Garden Tour, 310 Alviso Way, Danville, CA 94526.

After May 5 or questions? Call Tena Gallagher. All proceeds benefit AAUW's Educational Foundation, which supports aspiring female scholars through grants and fellowships.

April 28, 2006 to April 30, 2006 AAUW Economic Summit and State Convention

By Dana McDaniel

The 2006 Convention began on Friday morning with the Third Annual Economic Summit. The Summit began with a Keynote Address from Dr. Marjorie Blanchard. She and her husband run a Managing Consulting Business. Her speech was very motivational. She co-authored *The One Minute Manager Balances Work and Life*, and *Working Well-Managing For Health and High Performance*. Many years ago, I read the *One Minute Manager*. It was nice to hear her speak.

After her address, the Summit split into individual workshops. These consisted of six break out sessions. The break out sessions consisted of the following topics: Bringing Life & Meaning To Money, Gain While You Learn, New Frontiers for Women, Leadership & Empowerment, Managing Finances and Smart Women Finish Rich.

I went to the Smart Women Finish Rich. In this session, we discussed women and finances. The topic throughout the sessions was that young men and women need to plan for the future. The recommended guidelines for saving was that the minimum investment for women should be at least 12% of income should be saved in a 401K employer sponsor plan.

The afternoon session ended with a ice cream social. The evening session consisted of a business meeting with a chance to meet the candidates.

Saturday's session began with a business session and voting. During the day there was time to bid on EF/LAF Baskets in the silent and auction and lots of AAUW and other donated items to buy. There were also Special Business Groups/Caucuses for Networking that met in the late afternoon.

After the morning business meeting, the individual districts conducted their meetings. There were two workshops after lunch. Workshop A had the following options: Revitalizing Branch Membership, Say Goodbye to Computer Anxiety, The Continuing Battle For Title IX and Gender Equity, Maximize Your Return on Your Branch Investment In Education & Equity, Smart Women Finish Rich; Building Your Financial Security, College/University Connection and Public Policy: Getting Women Involved in Government.

I went to the Computer Anxiety Workshop. We learned that if men and women do not take courses in math and science they will be left behind. It is estimated that the technological boom will change tremendously in the next 10 to 13 years. Workshop B had the following options: Open the Gates to the Media for Your Branch, EF: Inspire Your Branch to More Activism for Women and Girls, EF & Association" Town Hall: Q&A/Open Dialogue", Smart Women Finish Rich, Language of Choice, International Relations in Global Perspective and Consumer Fraud. I choose Open the Gates to the Media. We learned how to prepare a press packet to give to the editors of our local newspapers.

There was something for everyone. I met a lot of people in each workshop. Everyone had a good time while learning a lot. The evening session began with a No Host Reception and Gala Dinner. The theme was Celebrating Women: Making A Difference." The event sponsored the Educational Foundation/Legal Advocacy Fund.

On Sunday, we heard from Keynote Speaker Eleanor Clift. Ms. Clift can be seen on the local PBS stations. She spoke about her personal experience of becoming a reporter. The conference ended around 1:45 p.m. We learned a lot in such a short time. Everyone should try to attend a convention. There are so many informative workshops to attend.

April 28, 2006 to April 30, 2006 AAUW Economic Summit and State Convention

By Allegra Mills

The 2006 AAUW State Convention was held in San Jose on April 28-30. We had five of our members in attendance: Jennifer Jay, Sue Kelson, Sandi Watson, Dana McDaniel and myself (Allegra). The theme of the convention was Gateways to Economic Security. Jennifer spent most of her time working because she created and ran the power point programs for many of the meetings and speakers. Sandi, Dana and Sue also worked most of Sat. morning as hostesses, directing people to appropriate rooms for meetings.

I attended the President's breakfast while everyone else was working.

The highlight of these conventions is always the outstanding, inspiring speakers. We made it to San Jose on Fri. morning just in time to hear Dr. Marjorie Blanchard, the keynote speaker, talk about how to "Make the Rest of Your Life the Best of Your Life". That was followed by a panel of four successful women talking about their career paths. After that we broke up into workshops on various aspects of financial planning.

The after-dinner speaker that night, Liz Murray, was a young woman with a fascinating story to tell. Her life has been the subject of a TV movie called, "From Homeland to Harvard". She was the child of cocaine-addicted parents who spent all their welfare money on drugs. By age 15 her mother had died, she was living on the streets, and had dropped out of school. Determined to turn her life around, she managed to get into an alternative high school, graduate and earn a scholarship from The New York Times to Harvard. She spoke for at least an hour at a rapid pace and never looked at a note. Her story has been made into a TV movie and she has written a book.

Between all the excellent speakers and gala dinners, we did attend several business sessions where we heard reports from all the state officers, elected new officers, and amended by-laws. We also each choose two workshop sessions to attend. I attended Revitalizing Branch Membership and The Language of Choice (about our dialogue when speaking about reproductive rights).

The Keynote speaker for the closing lunch was Eleanor Clift, a political analyst for Fox News Network and a panelist on the show The McLaughlin Group. She held us spellbound for over an hour and received a long, standing ovation. She began her career as a secretary to Newsweek Magazine's national affairs editor in New York. She was one of the first women at the magazine to move up to reporter where she covered Jimmy Carter's bid to the presidency and became Newsweek's White House correspondent. She also covered Bill Clinton's campaign and was named deputy Washington bureau chief. She is the author of three books and has played herself in a number of movies and TV shows. By the way—she never went to college.

If you have the chance next year, be sure to attend convention. I know you'll enjoy it and you will gain a new appreciation for the mission and accomplishments of the AAUW.



Please see the Clayton Branch AAUW Board Meeting Minutes of March 6, 2006 on line at <http://www.claytonaauw.org/march06boardMinutes.html>

Clayton Branch AAUW Board Meeting Minutes April 3, 2006

Present: Allegra Mills, JoAnn Caspar, Jean Cain, Mary Ann Hayes, Dee Totman, Jill Day, Dana McDaniel, Rosemary Harwood, Barbara Fogerson, Carol Wolfe, and Joan Chesterman

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 7:40 P.M. by co-president JoAnn Caspar.

Minutes: The March board and general meeting minutes were approved as corrected.

Treasurer's Report: The beginning balance as of 2/28/06 was \$3284.92.

There were expenses of \$87.00. \$552.00 is set in reserve for the national convention, leaving cash available of \$2681.26. The report was excepted and filed for audit.

Program: April 24th will be the next general meeting at Diamond Terrace at 7:30 P.M. Members should bring scissors and about \$9.00 for materials. The craft will decoupage clay flower pots. Let Luz Argriou know if you plan to attend.

Membership: We have a prospective new member, Anne Cahn.

LAF: \$595.00 were raised this year by our membership to send to the national LAF.

Library: The bi-annual Clayton Library Branch book sale will be held April 28th thru April 30th. All who would like to help setting up, sorting books or helping on the actual sale days should contact Jeanne Boyd.

Old Business: The attendees will have fees reduced from \$150 to \$80.

They must work at least four hours at the convention sometime from 5:00 P.m. Friday through Sunday lunch. The All day women's Economic Summit on Friday costs \$85.00 which includes speaker and lunch.

New Business: Allegra Mills presented a motion that \$500 designated for the convention expenses be transferred to the scholarship fund and the rest split between the delegates. After discussion the motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

An idea for a future fundraising was presented. A Jacqueline Berger would be a speaker to talk on Presidential Wives. Other future program ideas were discussed.

The next board meeting will be held on May 1, 2006 at Allegra Mills' home at 7:30 P.M. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan Chesterman, co-secretary



Please check the web site next month for a copy of the May and the June board minutes.