

# THE SPOKESWOMAN



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## AAUW's Educational Foundation Turns 50!

Celebrate the Foundation's long and distinguished history of advancing educational and professional opportunities for women in the United States and around the globe. Each year the Foundation provides about \$4 million in fellowships, grants, and awards for outstanding women around the globe and for community action projects. The Foundation also funds pioneering research on women, girls, and education. Learn how your branch/state can participate.

**Visit the Foundation's 50th Anniversary Scrapbook (at [www.aauw.org/ef50](http://www.aauw.org/ef50))**

Share stories, photographs, anecdotes, memorabilia, and other historical information about the Educational Foundation in the 50th Anniversary Commemorative Scrapbook which will be available until June 30, 2009

### What's Happening in Your Branch or State?

Branches and states have held their own unique celebrations in recognition of such an important milestone. Remember to share what you have been doing and will be doing in the AAUW Scrapbook, mentioned above.

The Foundation is 50 years young, with a rich history, having funded:

- Research in K-12, higher education, STEM, sexual harassment in schools and on campuses, as well as pay equity
- Over 10,000 women pursuing graduate study, as well as international and community projects

### Calendar of Upcoming Events Davis Branch AAUW August 2008

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Wednesday, August 13  
**Membership Tabling &  
Dinner Out  
aka Picnic in the Park  
At the Davis Farmers'  
Market**

5:30 PM

Community Park, Davis  
(Between B & C Sts, and 3rd  
and Russell)

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Tuesday, August 19  
*(In commemoration  
of the 19th Amendment  
on the 19th of the month)*  
**Celebrate the 19th**

At the home of  
Debi Lorraine  
419 Roos St., Davis

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Friday, August 22  
**Meeting of Board  
& Officers**

7:15 pm

At the home of  
Rhonda Reed  
320 I St, Davis

## AAUW's New Book Club

Would you be interested in a book club? I am wondering if there are few members that would like to read and discuss books. The group would decide on the selections, place and time of meetings and all other details. Please send me an e-mail at [bjpolk@cal.net](mailto:bjpolk@cal.net) or phone 758-5517. I would appreciate a reply by September 1. *Thank you, Betty Jane Polk*

# President's Message



*Rhonda Reed  
President, AAUW Davis  
2007-2008*

As many of us are enjoying these balmy days of summer - vacationing, visiting family and friends, catching up on projects – the world rolls on and AAUW is an active part of it. AAUW plays a unique role as a women's organization whose advocacy platform prioritizes educational issues and equity for women and girls. As a Branch we lend the credibility to the National and State advocacy by our member numbers, letters we write and other advocacy, and by the generous contributions to fundraising for the Educational Foundation –funding strategic scholarships for women- and the Legal Advocacy Fund – which provides funding assistance for legal cases of gender equity violations.

Our Davis Branch board has been working diligently this summer to create a slate of interesting, fun and thought provoking programs for this coming year and to ensure the fiscal solvency of our Branch operations. For the second year running, the Board has approved an

operating budget for the next AAUW year. Many thanks to our honorable Treasurer, Gail Johnson, for all her work in putting this together. We are pleased to present it to all members below to demonstrate where your branch dues go each year. This budget is based on our current membership, given below as of the date of our last Board meeting July 31. There is a line item for the President's needs which likely will be used to cover unplanned shortfalls in other strategic areas, as our budget is very lean. We have kept the Spokeswoman line item the same as last year, which usually was not sufficient for costs, given increasing postage rates, etc., and this amount does include the gracious contributions by our Spokeswoman sponsors. However, as we have transitioned to an on-line approach for the newsletter this year for members with e-mail, we hope that we may not need all the funds appropriated here. This budget also includes a prudent carry over of \$1,000 for next year, which is the recommended practice. If there are unused funds in any line item at the end of the year, those funds can be used for next year's carry over or transferred into Branch Projects. Also, if we realize sufficient cost efficiencies, next year's Board can assess if a change in our Branch dues. (Now – wouldn't you like to be the Branch President responsible for a dues reduction???) The office of President-Elect is still vacant!) If you have any questions about this budget please contact me or another Board member to discuss your concerns.

Thanks for your continuing support,

*—Rhonda Reed*

**American Association of University Women  
Mission Statement:**

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

**California AAUW  
Vision Statement:**

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

**AAUW's Value Promise:**

By joining AAUW, we belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women have a fair chance.

**Budget Worksheet: AAUW Davis 2008-2009**

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|--------------------------|-------|
| 34 members—              |       |
| Newsletter               | 350   |
| City of Davis A-Z Guide  | 40    |
| Insurance                | 150   |
| EF Assessment            | 35    |
| PO Box                   | 56    |
| Rosters                  | 80    |
| Women's History luncheon | 75    |
| April brunch             | 200   |
| Programs                 | 200   |
| Membership               | 50    |
| President + misc         | 306   |
| Int'l House membership   | 100   |
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|                          | 1642  |
| Beginning budget         | 2642  |
| Carryover                | -1000 |
| Final budget             | 1642  |

**THE WONDERS OF INDIA**  
Report on May 14 program  
By Juliana Wells

- Program co-coordinators Betty Jane Polk and Sarah Taylor set up six round tables festooned with yellow and purple tablecloths with a few Indian statues from Chithra. Side tables were filled with six different dishes: Wheat Paratta, Vegetable Pulau, Kerala Aviyal, Garbanzo Chole, Tomato-Chicken Tandoori, Spinach Lentil Curry, all cooked by Chithra. There was also a dessert.
- Chithra gave us an overview of India's geography and history. She explained how the waves of various immigrants, traders, and scholars made for a great ethnic blending. The British brought in English and transportation but took minerals and left damaged spirit.
- Gandhi worked peaceably for years and the population drove England out without violence, becoming independent on August 14, 1947. Pakistan was split off. Much has come from India: the math concept of zero, our decimal system, beautiful art, wonderful spices, innovative architecture, and a model of gaining freedom through non-violence. Chithra was proud that India never invaded another country.
- Photographer Laurie Friedman continued our learning by sharing her photography from her trip to India. She showed slides of incredible temples, rice flour art, sacred animals and colorful markets.
- Eight more AAUW members (Nan Yates, Barbara Bower, Pam Krug, Marjorie Sorenson, Juliana Wells, Gail Johnson, Elaine Ginosar, Eleanor Lake) joined 18 other audience members in a very enjoyable experience. Thank you, Chithra and the Indo-American performers.

**Woodland Branch AAUW EF BBQ**

On Sunday, September 28, from 4 pm until 7 pm, Woodland AAUW will hold its annual Barbecue fundraiser for EF. Cost is \$25. For more information call Juliana at 758-3011 or email [carwells@thegrid.net](mailto:carwells@thegrid.net).

**Report on July 19 BBQ**  
By Juliana Wells

- ✕ The social BBQ at Juliana and Char's home was as comfortable and successful as usual. Tasty ribs, chicken, burgers, and hot dogs were consumed with gusto, and the many delicious side dishes provided by attending members were gobbled up. Little was left of the desserts.
- ✕ Families attending were those of Julie Tillman, originator of our local web site, and Anna Leslie, who gave a music workshop for us last Fall. Regular members, Onida, Dorothy, Doris (and husband Ed), Irene, Lois, Elaine, Mariana and Betty Jane were present. Attending also were board members Nan, Gail, Chithra (with husband Lux and cousin Vimala). We welcomed new members Marti Abbot and Sheri Hosking.
- ✕ If you have yet to attend this annual event, talk to a member who did, and join us next year.

**Celebrate the 19th of August**

At Debi Lorraine's house (419 Roos St in Davis) from 5:30-7:30 pm. Debi recently visited the art exhibition in San Francisco featuring many unrecognized female French impressionist painters....and she thinks having a French-themed potluck would be a good idea for our social get-together this month. French wine, French bread, French cheese—bring whatever inspires you—hope to see you there!



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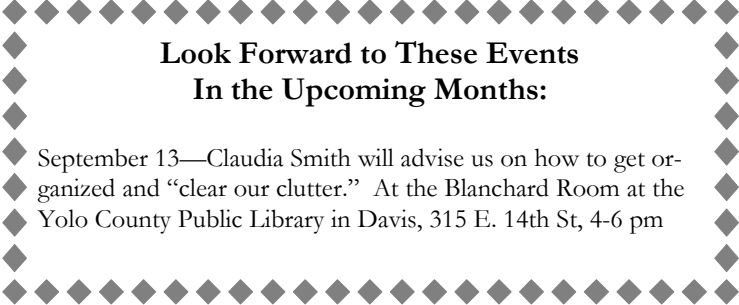
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*fiscal year July 2008-June 2009*

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**Look Forward to These Events  
In the Upcoming Months:**

- September 13—Claudia Smith will advise us on how to get organized and “clear our clutter.” At the Blanchard Room at the Yolo County Public Library in Davis, 315 E. 14th St, 4-6 pm