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## Join Us for a Special Luncheon Reservation Deadline: March 5, 2008

TIME: 12:30 PM, Saturday, March 8, 2008

LOCATION: Seasons Restaurant  
102 F St, Davis

PRICE: \$19

DEADLINE: Wednesday, March 5. RSVP to Irene  
Cameron (756-8018) or Marjorie  
Sorenson (758-4164)

Dr. Dan Braunstein, a former professor at Oakland University in Michigan, will discuss health care and how single payer insurance would help California. Please come, listen, and bring your questions!

Calendar of  
Upcoming Events  
Davis Branch  
AAUW  
Feb/March 2008

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Sunday, March 2  
**International Cuisine  
Group**  
5 pm  
At the home of  
Barbara Bower  
1330 Antelope Av, Davis

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Saturday, March 8  
**Special Branch Luncheon**  
*See article at left*

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Tuesday, March 18  
**Meeting of Board  
& Officers**  
7:15 pm  
At the home of  
Rhonda Reed  
320 I St, Davis

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Wednesday, March 19  
*(In commemoration  
of the 19th Amendment  
on the 19th of the month)*  
**Social Hour**  
5:30 pm  
At the home of  
Elaine Ginosar  
3726 Chiles Rd, Davis

**Interest Group News**  
The International Cuisine  
Group is looking for al-  
ternate members!  
Call Marjorie Sorenson  
at 758-4164  
The group meets every  
other month on Sunday  
evenings



**A Legacy of Leadership**

# President's Message



*Rhonda Reed  
President, AAUW Davis  
2007-2008*

The dictionary defines association as: “an organization of people with a common purpose and having a formal structure.”

But what *makes* an association? The simple answer? Members do! A simple 2 word answer, but less simple to make happen, because it requires all of us, as members to look to ourselves and ask, “What can I do?” No matter what stage in life we are at, we are all busy. But the Davis Branch exists because members will contribute our time – to organize programs and events, to manage our funds, to listen to our members’ needs and to communicate on issues and events relevant to our mission of equity for women and girls.

An association works best with many hands to the task to share the load. Could you spare 10 minutes a day for your AAUW Branch? Doesn’t seem like much, but that translates to 4 ½ hours a month, which can actually get a lot done! Our Branch jobs often are seasonal and all can be shared. You can take a leadership role or offer occasional help when needed. When our nominating committee members call you, please think about how you make AAUW Davis an association and how you can share in making us successful.

Thank you in advance, **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

## **Celebrate the 19<sup>th</sup>!**

**By Juliana Wells**

This monthly gathering is a social event that is scheduled on the 19<sup>th</sup> of each month, in honor of the Nineteenth Amendment, which grants women the right to vote in national elections.

For the January “Celebrate the 19th Amendment” social, Juliana had word games, easy and hard, and new to some members. We enjoyed food for the body and mind, as well as some conversation with Janice Bridge about her accident (Adam and she are doing well), with Rhonda Reed about LAF cases, and with Barbara Bower about Speech Trek. Barbara also organized Parto, Betty Jane, Char, Marjorie, and Irene into an assembly line to get the Speech Trek info and membership cards in the mail.

Our celebration on February 19<sup>th</sup> was at Rhonda Reed’s, 320 I Street, beginning with pot luck appetizers and Lasagna ala Rhonda, from 5:30 through 7:15. At 7:15 the regularly scheduled Board meeting began!

Join us for the March 19<sup>th</sup> social event: a St. Patrick’s Day bash at the home of Elaine Ginosar. Elaine will be treating us to an Irish dinner of corned beef and cabbage. Bring whatever you like to accompany this main dish! Elaine lives at 3726 Chiles Rd, and parking is either in her driveway or around the corner from her house. She would appreciate a call to RSVP in order to get an idea of how many people to expect: 756-6722

## **International Cuisine Group News**

On Sunday, March 2 at 5 p.m., the International Cuisine group will have its bi-monthly dinner at the home of Barbara Bower, 1330 Antelope Av, #27 in Davis. The menu will be Creole recipes. Our dinner in January—which featured German cuisine—was at Nan Yates’ home and was a fun time for all participants.

## AAUW Speech Trek Winner Advances To Regional Competition

The Davis Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) is pleased to announce the winner of their inaugural year of Speech Trek, a speech competition for high school students. Jasmine Segall, a junior at Davis High School, successfully presented her speech to a notable panel of judges, consisting of Mayor Sue Greenwald, Martha West, professor emeritus of the UC Davis School of Law and author of research on gender representation in faculty hires, Harwant Khush, a leader in the Town and Gown Toastmasters of Davis, and Dr. Jan Murray Garcia, a pediatrician and leader of Blacks for Effective Community Action. The judging occurred on February 1, in the Blanchard Room of the Davis Library. The public was invited and AAUW members hosted a soup supper following the judging.

Speech Trek is a statewide competition. AAUW focuses on the link between education and life-long economic security for women. Speech Trek challenges students to learn about 'women's issues' while practicing the important skill of public speaking. As the Davis winner, a DVD of Ms. Segall's speech will be judged at the district level and three district level winners will be selected to compete for the State honors at the AAUW California annual convention in April at Rohnert Park. Travel expenses will be covered by AAUW and winners receive cash prizes. At the local level, AAUW Davis offers cash prizes and other items including gift certificates and an AAUW tote bag.

All competitors must research and prepare a 5 minute speech on the theme "What's Behind the Pay Gap?", relating to the 2007 study by AAUW that shows women still earn 21% less than their male counterparts, and not because of life-style choices. In her speech, Ms. Segal emphasized a college education is vital to ensuring economic security for women and that women of all ages need to improve their financial literacy. She told of asking a high school friend if she knew what a 401(K) was, and the friend thought it was a kind of gun. Her presentation style and blending of personal experience with researched facts made for a captivating speech and AAUW Davis is proud to have her represent us in this statewide competition.

## The Atria Covell Gardens/AAUW Davis Book Club

The Atria Covell Gardens/AAUW Davis Branch Book Club meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 3:00 p.m. in the library of Covell Gardens. Some very interesting books have been chosen for the next few months.

March 12, 3 p.m.

*Grace (Eventually): thoughts on faith*, Anne Lamott. Anne Lamott is the author of several novels and works of nonfiction (*Traveling Mercies*). This book is her most recent autobiographical essay. Lamott examines the way we are caught in life's most daunting predicaments: love, mothering, work, politics, and evolving from who we are to what we were meant to be. Lamott turns her wit and insight inward to describe her own intimate, bumpy and unconventional road to grace and faith.

April 9, 3 p.m.

The choice for April 9 is *Healthy Living from the Inside Out*, by Mariel Hemingway. Mariel is the granddaughter of Ernest Hemingway. She became famous at the age of the 13 for her part in the movie **Lipstick**. Four years later she earned an Oscar nomination for her part in Woody Allen's film, **Manhattan**.

## CITRUS HEIGHTS/AMERICAN RIVER BRANCH INVITES YOU TO FASHION MEMORIES

**Saturday March 1st, 2008 at 2 PM**

**Sacramento Fine Arts Center 5330-B Gibbons Drive, Carmichael**

Plan to attend a "vintage" fashion show featuring fashions from the 1800's to the present. Tempting homemade desserts made by CHAR members will be served. You will also have the chance to visit the art gallery and gift shop at the Sacramento Fine Arts Center before the fashion show. The cost is \$15 per person with profits going to our local scholarship fund. For more information call Louise Lockhart at 988-9434. To make a reservation for the fashion show send your check to Jean Bronner at 7643 Vasos Way Fair Oaks, CA 95628.



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

- March 8**—Saturday luncheon on Health Care upcoming legislation by Dan Braunstein at Seasons restaurant
- April 4-6**—AAUW California annual convention in Rohnert Park, Sonoma County
- April 12**—Davis branch annual meeting (brunch) at University Retirement Community
- May 14**—Indian-themed presentation by Chithra Laskshmanan, at International House, time TBD
- June 7**—Installation of Board and officers of Davis branch, lunch at venue TBD
- July 2008**—BBQ at Juliana Wells' house