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Join Us for the 2009 Speech Trek Competition

When? January 31, 2009, from 2:30 to 5:00 pm

Where? Blanchard Room, Davis branch of Yolo County Public Library, 315 E. 14th

Featured speakers: High school students Avalon Harder, Katrina Sabatier, Lauren Glazer, and Manraj Dhesei

Prompted by AAUW's most recent research report, *Where the Girls Are: The Facts About Gender Equity in Education*, 2008-2009 Speech Trek participants will discuss whether the success of women and girls in the educational arena has been at the expense of boys - causing them to be seen as the disadvantaged gender in education.

High school students listed above will compete locally for cash, prizes and the opportunity to become one of three finalists to present at the AAUW CA convention, April 25, 2009, at the Hilton San Diego Mission Valley in San Diego, CA. The state-level first place winner will receive \$500, while the second and third place winners will receive \$300 each. At the local level, the first place winner will receive \$200.

Each speech will be no more than 5 minutes in length.

There will be 3 to 4 judges present to render the decision (1st place, 2nd place and 3rd place winners).

Come and provide an audience for talented young people — and be entertained and enlightened as well! Please note: to provide hospitality for ourselves and visitors, bring along a snack to share.

Calendar of Upcoming Events Davis Branch AAUW January 2009

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Monday, January 19

*(In commemoration  
of the 19th Amendment  
on the 19th of the month)*

**Celebrate the 19th**

3:30-6:30 pm

At the home of

Jan Bridge

869 A St., Davis

*See accompanying article*

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Tuesday, January 20

Book Group

noon

At the home of

Betty Jane Polk

39861 Barry Rd, Davis

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Saturday, January 31

**Speech Trek**

**Competition**

2:30-5:00 pm

Blanchard Room

Yolo County Library,

Davis branch

315 E. 14th, Davis

*See accompanying article*

### Celebrate the 19th of January

Come celebrate with us: January 19th will be held at Jan Bridge's house – 869 A Street, Davis (at the intersection with B Street). We will gather at 3:30 to 6:30 pm . We will play Presidential Trivia – with PRIZES – so study up!!

We will be serving refreshments that are in line with our New Year's Resolution to be HEALTHIER. All in preparation for the Inauguration on the 20th....

### December Holiday Party Recap

We had a small but fun group attending our December holiday party at the lovely home of Debi Lorraine. Attending were Rhonda, Irene, Dorothy, Nan, Doris, Marj, Debi and Kathy, a friend of Debi's. *Con't back page*

# President's Message



Rhonda Reed  
President, AAUW Davis  
2008-2009

Happy New Year! I hope that you all have enjoyed good company with friends and family over the holidays. Our AAUW calendar this month is exciting and includes a pre-Inauguration celebration on the 19<sup>th</sup> at Jan Bridge's and our second Speech Trek competition on the 31<sup>st</sup>. But January also marks the nomination season for our branch. Branch Leadership positions can be filled by an individual, co-leaders or a team, to help share the load. If you have an interest in charting the future for our branch, please contact me (297-0460) or Juliana Wells (758-3011). And when you get a call from a Nominating Committee member asking for your help, please be prepared with your thoughts on what skills you can offer the branch. It takes many branches to make a tree, and it takes members to make a branch. Make a New Year's resolution to volunteer for a branch position today!

Best wishes for 2009.

—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.

## AAUW to Congress: Keep the Change until Women Have Real Change

*Congress should pass pay equity legislation this week*

WASHINGTON -- AAUW is kicking off the new year with a new pay equity public awareness campaign called Keep the Change until Women Have Real Change --- a timely message to lawmakers who are expected to vote this week on important legislation that would help women challenge pay discrimination.

Developed in response to the latest data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, which shows that the wage gap between men and women has narrowed by just one cent, AAUW's Keep the Change message will appear on signs and stickers and in e-communications to legislators and the public.

"The new Congress has a mandate to address pay equity," said AAUW Executive Director Linda D. Hallman, CAE. "Women sent a clear message to Washington in the last election; it's time to close the wage gap."

Women on average make 78 cents to every dollar earned by a man. While this is the narrowest the wage gap has been, it's only one more cent on the dollar than the previous year's figure.

"AAUW calls that chump change, not real change," said Hallman. "Our Keep the Change campaign will engage members and coalition partners across the country in urging Congress and the new administration to make pay equity a priority."

As a part of the campaign, AAUW is urging the swift passage of both the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act and the Paycheck Fairness Act, which are expected to come up for a vote in the House this week.

"Together, the bills can help create a climate in which pay discrimination is not tolerated and give the new administration the enforcement tools it needs to make real progress on pay equity," said Lisa M. Maatz, AAUW director of public policy and government relations.

To read more about AAUW's Keep the Change campaign, go to [http://www.aauw.org/advocacy/issue\\_advocacy/actionpages/](http://www.aauw.org/advocacy/issue_advocacy/actionpages/)

## Heads Up!

EF silent auction items (baskets, secluded retreats, event tickets, hosted dinner, whatever) are going to be needed, so put a little creative energy into coming up with ideas now, and save the date: March 21. Thanks in advance!

## Book Group News...by Betty Jane Polk

We are meeting on the third Tuesday in January which is the 20<sup>th</sup>. Bring your lunch at noon and join us. New people, we need you... The book is "The Good Teen: Rescuing Adolescence from the Myths of the Storm and Stress Years" by Richard M. Lerner. This is the book that the parents of Davis secondary Schools parents are discussing this spring. We no longer have children this age, but thought we should learn the latest as grandparents and great grandparents. Please join us at Betty Jane Polk's, 39861 Barry Road, and 758-5517.

## National Convention Announcement

AAUW-MO (Missouri) and the Local Arrangements Committee (LAC) in St. Louis are hard at work planning the details of hosting the 2009 AAUW National Convention at the Renaissance St. Louis Grand and Suites Hotel, June 26-28, 2009. This historic convention, themed "BREAKING through BARRIERS," will discuss and vote on issues related to membership requirements, dues payments, public policy issues, and much more. The results will have a momentous impact on who and what AAUW is to be in the coming years. You don't want to miss it! Check out the AAUW website for full details on the issues, the convention, and things to do in St. Louis: [www.aauw.org/convention](http://www.aauw.org/convention).

Convention registration began on December 1st and you DON'T want to miss out on Best Value Registration!\* Hundreds of AAUW members are making plans to head for St. Louis next June to shape the future of our organization. The hotel has ample convention space, lovely rooms, great restaurants and is right in the heart of downtown St. Louis. The Cardinals will be playing ball, the Zoo is free, the Art Museum is world class, as is the Missouri Botanical Garden. Theater, opera and a great children's museum also await you.

At the convention we'll have welcoming activities on Thursday, stimulating workshops on Friday morning, First Timers' briefings, lively business sessions each day, dynamic keynote speakers, an exciting CEO Women Leaders luncheon, bylaws briefings, Meet the Candidates reception, elections for new officers, Taste of Success displays, the elegant banquet on Saturday night, and a final business session on Sunday morning. All this surrounded by the popular CyberStop, AAUW merchandise sales, our friendly AAUW Missouri hospitality and much more. We want YOU to have a GREAT time at the convention!

Please join us in St. Louis! Plan now to send branch members and delegates to convention by budgeting for it, appointing delegates early, discussing the issues and bylaws. Treat yourself to a mini-vacation at the historic Renaissance Grand Hotel where spa treatments, great restaurants, and lots of extras await you. Don't forget to invite your AAUW family and friends from across the country to "meet you in St. Louis" as we continue to "break through barriers" for women and girls.

For additional information, you may contact the Local Arrangements Committee:

Lynne Roney, chair ([lynneroney@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lynneroney@sbcglobal.net)), Diane Ludwig - local sponsorships ([dbludwig22@aol.com](mailto:dbludwig22@aol.com)), Pat Shores - volunteers/hospitality ([apatriciashores@charter.net](mailto:apatriciashores@charter.net)), and Julie Triplett - volunteers/hospitality ([julietrip@charter.net](mailto:julietrip@charter.net))

*\*There is a SPECLAL Best Value registration fee of \$375 for those who register between December 1, 2008 and January 15, 2009. This is the same rate as the 2007convention two years ago! PLAN AHEAD and take advantage of this great deal!*



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

**January 31, 2009--Speech Trek competition, Blanchard Room, Yolo Co Public Library, 315 E. 14th St, 2:30-5:00 PM**  
**February 21, 2009--Bob Sommer, speaking on "Emergence of Farmers' Markets" in the Blanchard Room, Yolo Co Public Library, 2-5:30 PM Also: Feminist film festival at UCD**  
**March 21, 2009 (confirmed)--EF Luncheon & Silent Auction (organized by IBC)**  
**April--AAUW Annual meeting at University Retirement Community**  
**May 9, 2009--author Liberty Kovacs, Blanchard Room, Yolo Co Public Library, 2 to 5 PM**  
**June--Installation of Board & Officers**  
**July--BBQ (Juliana & Char's home)**

*December holiday get-together, con't* We enjoyed scrumptious snacks, played Victorian parlor games and did a lottery-style gift exchange. Don't miss it next year!