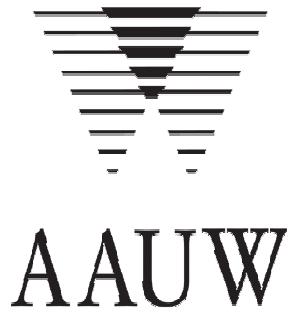


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Annual July BBQ

On **Saturday, July 19th**, we're combining social with more social for the annual BBQ at Juliana & Char's home. Starting at 4:00 pm we'll lay out food and get the grill fired up. **The continuous eating begins close to 5:00.** Water and soda will be provided. Light alcohol is OK. **When you call to RSVP**, you'll be asked what supplemental item you can bring (cold salad or veggies, bread, dessert, ice).

Juliana & Char will be providing and cooking chicken, ribs, turkey and beef burgers, and hot dogs. If you are differently vegetarian, please discuss this with Juliana or Char when you call to RSVP. The backyard and house are wheelchair accessible.

Bring a friend or guest for another relaxing AAUW event. **The BBQ is at 1102 Eureka Avenue** (running north to south into Davis Senior High school, between 8th and 14th Street). Please RSVP to Juliana Wells at (530) 758-3011 or carwells@thegrid.net by Thursday, July 17th.

Report on Installation Luncheon, by Juliana Wells

Little Prague was the setting for the Installation Luncheon on June 7, 2008. President Rhonda Reed acknowledged some of Davis AAUW's achievements this past year. *Con't on page 3*

Calendar of Upcoming Events Davis Branch AAUW July 2008

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Wednesday, July 9  
**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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Saturday, July 19
*(In commemoration
of the 19th Amend-ment
on the 19th of the month)*
**Annual July
BBQ**
At the home of
Juliana Wells
1102 Eureka Av, Davis
See article at left

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Thursday, July 31  
**Meeting of Board  
& Officers**  
7:15 pm  
At the home of  
Rhonda Reed  
320 I St, Davis

## President's Message



*Rhonda Reed*  
President, AAUW Davis  
2007-2008

July is a notable month for many reasons. It marks the birthday of our country, it marks the beginning of a new year for AAUW, and it marks a recent "tradition" of our summer barbeque at Juliana's. How are these connected?

I recently heard a reading of the Declaration of Independence and was struck at the skill and perception about human values of the people who authored that document. While there are only men's signatures on the document I have no doubt of the influence of many women on those authors, particularly Abigail Adams. That document laid the groundwork for our new nation and our constitution, which to this day we are refining and clarifying the meaning of. But through and all, the tenets of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution have laid a foundation that has allowed the refinement of the concept of "equal protection under the law." As you are well aware, that refine-

ment still continues with respect to equity for women and girls, and we need to keep that process moving forward through AAUW programs like the Legal Advocacy Fund.

July 1, 2008 started a new AAUW California year and I urge you all to look at the briefing of Linda Hallman, our Association's new Executive Director, on the new Value Promise:

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

It is part of one of the AAUW current Topics Briefings found on the Association website. For the complete briefing, go to AAUW.org and if you don't have a computer, pick up the phone and call someone who does and get together and read it.

Then come to Juliana's barbeque on the 19th to connect with members of our AAUW community and talk about how we can continue to break down the barriers for women and girls. Let us value the freedom and independence that we have gained in this country!

Equitably yours,

*—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

## **New Report from National AAUW to be Released**

*Where the Girls Are: the Facts About Gender Equity in Education* is now complete, and AAUW released the report at the National Press Club on Tuesday, May 20, 2008 at 10:00 am. This research puts to rest the myth of a boys' crisis, and proves once and for all that AAUW's efforts to help girls don't come at boys' expense. Indeed, by most indicators of educational achievement, both boys and girls have made solid gains in recent decades. Nevertheless, our work is far from complete, as many girls and boys are emerging from our educational system without the skills that they need to succeed in the 21st century workplace. Members can download a free copy of *Where the Girls Are: The Facts About Gender Equity in Education* at [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org), or purchase copies of the report through ShopAAUW (800/225-9998).

AAUW Davis branch Board & officers  
 2008-2009: from left to right  
 Harwant Khush (Publicity), Barbara  
 Bower (Newsletter Editor), Chithra  
 Lakshmanan (Program VP/committee);  
 Nan Yates (Secretary), Gail Johnson  
 (background: Membership Treasurer),  
 Rhonda Reed (President), Eleanor Lake  
 (EF/LAF VP) and Marj Sorenson  
 (Program VP/committee)



**There are more photos on our  
 website!  
[www.aauwdavis.org](http://www.aauwdavis.org)  
 Click on:  
 Photo Gallery**

*Installation Luncheon report, con't*

-Our "Celebrate the 19<sup>th</sup>" gatherings have been well-attended and will hopefully continue. She thanked Irene Cameron, Janice Bridge, Barbara Bower, Chithra Lakshmanan, Deborah Lorraine, Juliana Wells and herself for hosting.

-Speech Trek was represented well in Davis by Jasmine Segall. Soap bubbles and a flower were given to that committee of Shirley Rolewicz, Gail Johnson, Barbara, and thanks given to Michele Clark and Kathleen Groody.

-Rhonda also thanked outgoing officers: Jini Scamell-Tinling for Public Policy, LAF VP Eleanor Lake, EF Co-VPs Carolyn Cliver and Shirley Rolewicz, Nan Yates (Publicity), Program Co-VPs Sarah Taylor, Marjorie Sorenson, and Betty Jane Polk, and general help from Juliana Wells.

-Our named gift EF Honorees were Irene Cameron and Eleanor Lake.

-State EF contributors were Karen Manelis, Rhonda, Barbara, Janice, Gail, Betty Russell, and Mary Seabury.

-Rhonda reminded us that the President-Elect position is open. She is also President of the Interbranch Council. The EF Luncheon will be in March.

-Membership VP position is also open. Gail takes care of most of the details, but each person has a job to recruit. Program VPs are a committee of Marjorie, Chithra, and Parto Aram. Gail remains as our hard-working Membership-Treasurer, and Barbara continues as *Spokeswoman* Editor. Nan will do duty as Secretary, and Harwant Khush will take over for Publicity. EF/LAF VPs are Eleanor and Parto.

After lunch, Rhonda distributed AAUW gifts from her mother's closet to the 2007-8 Board. Barbara won the early renewal prize. Gail then presented Rhonda's mother's AAUW President's pin to Rhonda.

Clapping for all recent past and new board members attending were Marti Abbott (new), Gale Chapman (new), Lois Baer, Elaine Ginosar, Dorothy Brazelton, Doris Hass, Debbie Nichols-Poulos, Phyllis Hall, Pat Snyder, and Mariana Henwood.



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*Newsletter patrons 2008-2009:*

Will be listed in next month's issue of the Spokeswoman



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

◆ August 19—social gathering at member Debi Lorraine's house,  
◆ 419 Roos in Davis