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## Join Us for 2008-2009 Installation of Board & Officers

- On **Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup>**, the annual luncheon and installation of 2008-09 officers will be held at **Little Prague** restaurant on G Street in downtown Davis at **11:30AM – 2PM**.
- President Rhonda Reed will conduct the meeting/installation.
- Members and guests will be served a lunch of green salad, beverage, a choice of luncheon entrees (chicken schnitzel, goulash and dumplings, or a vegetarian item).
- The \$20 fee includes the beverage, salad, entrée, tax and tip; desserts may be purchased individually, as well.

Please contact Sarah Taylor, (530) 758-0355 or email her at [set-420@comcast.net](mailto:set-420@comcast.net) by **Monday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>** to make your reservation and indicate your choice of entrée. Payment will be accepted at the door. Let Sarah know if you need arrangements for transportation.

## An Invitation to the Candidates' Forum

AAUW Davis branch is co-sponsoring (with the League of Women Voters) the Yolo County Supervisors and State Legislature Candidates' Forum at 7:00 pm on Thursday, May 29, at the City Council Chambers, located at 23 Russell Blvd. All AAUW and LWV members are encouraged to support the forum.

**Don't Forget to Vote June 3!**

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

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- Saturday, June 7  
Installation Luncheon  
11:30 am  
Little Prague Restaurant  
330 G St, Davis  
*See article at left*  
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- Wednesday, June 11  
**Interest Group:  
Covell Gardens Book Club**  
3 pm  
Covell Gardens Library  
1111 Alvarado Av, Davis  
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- Wednesday, June 11  
**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, June 17  
**Meeting of Board  
& Officers**  
7:15 pm  
At the home of  
Rhonda Reed  
320 I St, Davis  
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- Thursday, June 19  
*(In commemoration  
of the 19th Amend-ment  
on the 19th of the month)*  
**Social Hour**  
5:30 pm  
At the home of  
Barbara Bower  
1330 Antelope Av #27,  
Davis

# President's Message



Rhonda Reed  
President, AAUW Davis  
2007-2008

## AAUW Mission Statement

**Advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research.**

AAUW has gone through many changes in the past two years. Are you aware of them? Many are subtle, such as the re-wording of our mission statement to make it punchier and easier to remember. And the logo is just AAUW, now. Others are structural, such as bylaws changes that change the Association and State convention voting to a member based system, rather than a Branch and delegate based system. The LAF has merged, structurally, with EF which means that one governing board guides both programs, cutting down overhead costs and allowing more of our contributions to serve the mission, rather than the structure.

Within these changes, the purpose of AAUW remains the same. The merging of LAF with EF won't change EF's commitment to grant typically \$4 million in

scholarships to women each year, because of contributions from branches and members. The LAF will continue to be a resource to pursue legal recourse to challenge gender inequities in the workplace, but AAUW is shifting the emphasis from supporting the cases of deserving individuals, to looking to make a difference in precedent setting cases. While I find the individual cases of litigants we have supported to be compelling, I am frustrated that we are still fighting these fights at all. So, I support the new direction to identify and support precedent setting cases, because they affect change faster and at a greater scale.

AAUW's changes are being implemented after 2 years of canvassing members and using that input to develop a strategic plan which is now being implemented. I know I got the surveys, although I didn't always respond! AAUW has developed these changes to serve members and the mission that draws us to AAUW. I think the new Value Promise says it well: "*By joining AAUW, you belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women have a fair chance.*"

And—since it's membership renewal time, I hope you will rejoin and help with this important work and I hope to see you at our installation of officers event in June!

*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 will release 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).

## What's Happening on June 19?

We get together every month on the 19<sup>th</sup> day to socially commemorate the passage of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment, which granted voting rights to women in the US. In June you are invited to gather at Barbara Bower's house in North Davis at 1330 Antelope Avenue, #27. If you need directions, call Barbara at 753-8279 or email her at [bebower@ucdavis.edu](mailto:bebower@ucdavis.edu).

### 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.

### MORE INFORMATION ABOUT PICNIC IN THE PARK

On June 11 at 5:30 PM, we will be setting up a membership table at the Davis Farmers' Market, located between 3rd and Russell Blvd and B and C Streets. There are a plethora of food options for dinner, as the vendor area has expanded since last year! Come and eat out with other AAUW members, as we share membership tabling responsibilities.

In future months, we plan to be at Picnic in the Park on the second Wednesday.

### AAUW CA Northern District Leadership Development, Saturday May 31, 2008 9:00 am – 2:30 pm

- An Opportunity for Learning about Leadership from AAUW Leaders, Sharing Best Practices, and Gaining New Ideas for Your Branch
- Location: Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, 6365 Douglas Boulevard, Granite Bay, CA 95661
- Who Should Attend: Incoming Branch Officers, Branch Committee Chairs, Future Branch Leaders
- Fee: \$20, includes Continental Breakfast, Lunch, and Handouts

#### Agenda

9:00 – 9:30	Sign-in, Continental Breakfast
9:30 – 11:00	“Leadership in AAUW”, Video Presentation and Discussion, led by Kathleen Cha, Association Board Member, and Gloria Taylor, Incoming Co-President, AAUW CA
11:00 – Noon	Workshop Session – Choose One: A - “Mission-Based Programs” B - “AAUW Financial Leadership”
Noon – 12:45	Lunch
12:45 – 1:45	Workshop Session – Choose One: C - “Fund Raising Ideas” D - “Practical Tips for Presidents”
1:45 – 2:30	Sharing and Evaluation

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Please complete a separate registration form (attached) for each person attending. Make checks payable to Roseville/South Placer AAUW and mail with form to Sue Miller, 3760 Clover Valley Road, Rocklin CA 95677.

Northern District Leadership Development

Registration – Must be postmarked by May 23, 2008

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Branch \_\_\_\_\_

Branch Office/Position \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Circle Workshop #1 Choice:     A         B    

Circle Workshop #2 Choice:     C         D    

     Require Vegetarian Food

Workshop Fee: \$20

Make checks payable to Roseville/South Placer AAUW and mail with form to Sue Miller, 3760 Clover Valley Road, Rocklin CA 95677.

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Please bring several Program ideas your branch has successfully offered in the past two years, along with successful Fundraising programs or events your branch has held. Please type brief descriptions in a large font, and include the name and email / phone of a contact person. We will be posting these for all to read.

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Directions to the Lutheran Church: Follow highway signs to Roseville. From Interstate 5 proceed east on I-80 to Roseville, taking the Douglas Boulevard East exit. Go east on Douglas to Granite Bay for 5-6 miles. After you cross Barton Road, proceed approximately one mile more to church on the left side of Douglas Boulevard.

From the east on Interstate 80, Exit I-80 at Douglas Boulevard, turning left at the traffic light onto Douglas eastbound. Go east for 5-6 miles on Douglas to Granite Bay. After you cross Barton Road, proceed approximately one mile more to church on the left side of Douglas Boulevard.

From Route 65, after you pass the Galleria Mall (Stanford Ranch Road) proceed to the entrance to I-80 westbound. Exit I-80 at Douglas Boulevard, turning left at the traffic light onto Douglas eastbound. Go east for 5-6 miles on Douglas to Granite Bay. After you cross Barton Road, proceed approximately one mile more to church on the left side of Douglas Boulevard.



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

**June 7**—Installation of Board and officers of Davis branch,  
lunch at Little Prague  
**July 19**—BBQ at Juliana Wells' house

**You are Invited**

**To the Northern District Leadership Workshop  
Sponsored by the Inter-branch Council (IBC)**

Inside this issue of the Spokeswoman is an agenda and registration form for the workshop. To carpool to Granite Bay, please call Rhonda Reed (297-0460) or email salmonlady@sbcglobal.net—and let Rhonda know that you are interested in attending!