

Woman to Woman Summit: Groundbreaking Dialogue Opens 2004 Convention

Sue Cochran, AAUW-CA President and
Kathleen Cha, AAUW-CA President-Elect

The California Women's Community will be coming together...woman to woman. You have the opportunity to be part of this groundbreaking dialogue during AAUW California's 2004 Annual Convention. Scheduled from 9:30 to 4:00 pm on Friday, April 23, the Woman to Woman Summit will begin the convention in a unique fashion.

AAUW members will join other California women representing different organizations, professional and grassroots groups, with more than 350 women expected to participate. The goal is to explore together the needs, priorities, perceptions, and challenges to women in California—professionally, personally, locally and statewide. Your involvement is a crucial part. Your words and dialogue insights will chart our course throughout the state.

The summit will kickoff with a roundtable discussion by women leaders representing social equity and research, and the arenas of legal and political policy, education, health and business, followed by small, medium and large face-to-face interactive sessions identifying common concerns. You can expect the dialogue will range from healthcare to the economy, from economic self sufficiency to social security, from housing and education to leadership crisis and women in transition, and more. Strategies and partnerships for the future will also be part of the discussion.

This event is just the beginning of the dialogue. The outcomes of the roundtable and discussion sessions will be presented in a "white paper," chronicling the results and

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2004 AAUW-CA CONVENTION:

Women Marching Forward

All eyes will be on Sacramento April 23 through 25 when AAUW California gathers for its annual convention at the Sheraton Grand. As women marching forward we will experience three days of dynamic dialogue and action to promote and preserve women's rights, as well as to grow our organization. We are reaching out to women across the state to join us for two landmark events tied to our convention: *A Woman-to-Woman Summit* and the *March for Women's Lives – Sacramento*.



Convention attendees should come prepared for an experience that explores our personal and collaborative potential, offers us opportunities for stimulating dialogue on issues of concern to California women, and motivates us to move forward, advancing women's rights for education and equity.

Thirty years after the Roe v. Wade decision, a woman's right to choose and our reproductive freedom hangs by a thread. AAUW has joined other women's organizations across the nation as a co-sponsor of what promises to be the largest rally for women's lives in history. The nationally sponsored rally is taking place in Washington, D.C. on Sunday, April 25th.

Recognizing that this is a landmark event and that there are many women in California who will not be able to travel east for the national march, AAUW California is sponsoring a parallel rally in Sacramento on Sunday morning as part of our march forward. Women's groups from across the state are being invited to join us.

"Where in the World is Carmen Sandiego?" Breaking the Glass Barrier – A Woman's Journey into a Male Dominated Field



Meet software designer Janese Swanson and her daughter Jackie at the beginning of the Saturday Business session. Janese is a respected and well-known professional, noted for expertise in development of educational toys, software and tools, as well as electronic toys specifically designed for girls. She is a creative, award winning and innovative professional educator with a background in information technology, product design and development. In addition she has over twenty years' experience with organizational and leadership skills as an educator, business consultant, film producer, editor and writer.

Ms. Swanson has an Education Doctorate in Organization and Leadership

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AAUW, founded in 1881, is open to all graduates who hold the baccalaureate or higher degree from a regionally accredited college or university.

In principle and practice, AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barrier to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability or class.

AAUW promotes equality for all women and girls, lifelong education and positive societal change.

AAUW is California's most active and diverse organization for women offering action for equity, personal and professional growth, community leadership, and friendships.

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PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE:

Stop Walking and Start Marching

Sue Cochran, AAUW-CA President (president@aauw-ca.org)

It only takes three simple steps: caring, commitment and courage to make sure that women's rights move forward and not backward. Every woman must **care** enough to **commit** to advancing women's rights and have the **courage** to speak up to make sure our voices are continually heard, acknowledged, and supported. Unfortunately, the current political environment in our country and state are presenting all women with challenges that threaten to take us many steps backwards from the precious steps forward that we have achieved. It is time we stopped walking and start marching to keep the motion forward.

When we gather in Sacramento on April 23rd through 25th for our annual state convention we will all have the opportunity to speak out for women's lives. The state Program Development Committee has planned a groundbreaking convention program that welcomes women from across the state to join AAUW California members in making our voices heard.

Our *Woman-to-Woman Summit* will be an opportunity for California's women to exchange ideas and to dialogue on the issues critical to the women in our state. Our *March for Women's Lives* on Sunday is the time for all of us to stop walking and start marching to be sure our public voice is heard to insure a women's right of choice. Both events will open our doors for all of us to work with our statewide sisters to be sure women's rights are protected.

The traditional business and break out sessions planned for the core time of convention will be the opportunity for convention attendees to actively participate in the decision making processes and celebrate our accomplishments. The state leadership team and I look forward to welcoming each of you to this dynamic convention and having you join us, as we march forward.

As I read the many branch newsletters that arrive in my e-mail and mailbox each week, I am always delighted to see your broad involvement in our communities. AAUW branches across the state are making a difference in women and girls lives

through community action programs and the coalition work we do to advance our commitment to our mission. Every member of AAUW California should be proud of the difference they are making for women and girls.

We are approaching the time of year that we begin seeking leaders for the next AAUW year. Catherine Follett, president of the Newport-Mesa-Irvine Branch, recently wrote in her branch newsletter:

"You may have heard the parable of a flock of geese. Geese fly in a V-formation with the leaders in the lead and the others drafting behind. However, as the leaders become tired, new leaders fly to the front of the formation and the former leaders drop to the back where they can draft for a while. That is really what volunteer organizations are all about: rotating leadership and AAUW is the same. If you make yearly resolutions our board hopes that you will resolve to make 2004 your year to take on a new responsibility for our branch. Leadership opportunities are plentiful, both large and small and we need a wide variety of helping hands. The reward is the feeling of satisfaction you will experience of contributing to the branch."

My personal thanks go to Catherine's pen, for so clearly presenting the values and needs of leadership. Leadership opportunities abound at each level: branch, state and association. We all need to fly in v-formation and remember that whether we fly at the front or drift at the back for a while our commitment and caring make AAUW grow. It is never too late to make a new resolution to take on a new responsibility for AAUW.

I challenge each of us to care, commit, and have the courage to stop just walking and to make marching forward the way we fulfill our mission and improve women's lives.

— Sue Cochran,
AAUW-CA President



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AAUW-CA Candidate Statements

Candidate for the office of: Program Vice President**Name: Lisa Newhall****Branch: Riverside**

Goals: The health of our organization is directly related to the vibrancy of our programming. I will bring a creative and innovative approach to AAUW-CA programming efforts designed to help branches retain and recruit members, as well as provide greater visibility for community involvement.

Candidate for office of: Educational Foundation Vice President**Name: Sandy DiSario****Branch: Orange**

Goals: I feel it is important to continue creating a greater awareness of the work being done by the Foundation by conducting workshops, doing visitations, and using other means of communication. Fundraising is an essential part and I would do as much as possible to help branches with that aspect.

Candidate for the office of: Secretary**Name: Shelly Johnson****Branch: Orange**

Goals: My goal is to facilitate the operations of AAUW-CA by producing minutes in a timely manner that accurately reflect the actions taken at convention and board meetings. I will actively participate in and contribute to board and committee meetings as well as perform additional tasks as needed. My passion for record keeping, strong organizational skills, and attention to detail are the ideal qualities for me to be an asset to the board and successful as AAUW-CA secretary.

Candidate for the office of: East Bay District Director**Name: Gloria Taylor****Branch: Oakland-Piedmont**

Goals: The District Director is a key link between AAUW California and the local membership. As a past trainer and mediator I would like to use my experiences on the District level to further AAUW's programs by bringing the talents of all of our members together to assist each other in meeting our organizational goals.

Candidate for the office of: Golden Gate District Co-Director**Name: Zerelda Del Fiugo (Zee)****Branch: San Jose**

Goals: Having belonged to San Jose Branch for many years, I have a good understanding of the purpose and programs of AAUW. Realizing communication between District Branches and between Branches/ State/Association is very important. My goals include: (1) Get pertinent information to them and from them, (2) Concentrate on leadership development, and (3) Encourage more branch interaction.

Candidate for the office of: Golden Gate District Co-Director**Name: Gloria Leonard****Branch: San Jose**

Goals: Golden Gate District includes clusters of branches that would benefit from working together to further the vision and goals of AAUW in our communities. Visibility through collaboration results in effective programs and new members. Representing the branches at District and State meetings, I will act as a communication conduit and a resource for leadership development.

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Lisa Newhall



Sandy DiSario



Shelly Johnson



Gloria Taylor



Zerelda Del Fiugo



Gloria Leonard



Handling the Business of the State

Sue Bordner, AAUW-CA Parliamentarian
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The AAUW CA Bylaws state the purpose of the annual state meeting, also known as the AAUW CA State Convention, is to transact the business of the state organization. At the 2004 state convention, the business that must be acted upon includes the election of state officers and the consideration of proposed bylaw changes. In addition, delegates to the convention may present items of business for consideration. Likewise, the AAUW CA Board of Directors may propose items for consideration by delegates as a result of its board meeting.

PRE-CONVENTION PACKET • A pre-convention packet will be sent to each branch president at least 30 days prior to the convention. The packet will include notification of proposed bylaws amendments and resolutions, vitae for candidates for elected offices, and the voting delegate count information for the branch. Delegates are encouraged to **read and discuss the contents** of this packet with their branch membership **prior to arrival** at the convention.

CREDENTIALS (VOTING) • Delegates who are elected by their branches as voting delegates must obtain and carry their personal credentials cards in order to sit in the voting delegate section and participate in the action of the business sessions at the convention. The branch member selected by the branch as its delegation chair is responsible for picking up all the credentials cards for the branch. That person should plan to **arrive at the convention site well in advance** of the first business session and to pick the branch credentials up as soon after arrival as possible. The credentials desk will be open until one hour before each business session is scheduled to begin. Attendees who have been elected as voting delegates but have not obtained their credentials cards will not be allowed in the voting delegate section or to participate in the decision making process until they obtain their credentials cards.

CONVENTION PROGRAM • Each convention registrant will receive a copy of the convention program when checking in at the convention registration desk. It contains the full convention rules, the exact language of all bylaws amendment proposals, parliamentary tips, information about candidates for elected office and much more. Plan now to make time to read it in its entirety before the first business session begins.

Do you have questions about proposed convention action or procedures? Please contact the state parliamentarian, Sue Bordner parliamentarian@aauw-ca.org, or Sue Cochran, state president (president@aauw-ca.org) for further information.

Association Leader On Loan: Gladys Brown

Sue Cochran, AAUW-CA President

Gladys Brown, Association Director, will join the AAUW California convention delegation as our Association Leader On Loan for our annual meeting in April. Ms. Brown joined the AAUW staff in 2001 as the Director of the Association. As Association Director, she oversees the operations of the Association, advancing our mission and vision through programming, public policy, and leadership. She will address the convention during a business session and will be available throughout the weekend to network with members.



Prior to joining AAUW Brown worked at the American Council on Education's Office of Women in Higher Education and at the University of Maryland, College Park. She holds a law degree from the University of Maryland School of Law, Baltimore City.

Brown is recognized both nationally and internationally for her work on institutional transformation, diversity, equity, and leadership development. She served as a Ford Foundation Fellow at the Center for Higher Education Transformation in South Africa. She has also been recognized for her work in these areas with a number of national awards, including most recently the 25th Anniversary Networking Award from the American Council on Education.

Reproductive Choice in America

By Nancy Campbell, Reproductive Choice (choicechair@aauw-ca.org)



The third film in Dorothy Fadiman's award-winning film trilogy – "The Fragile Promise of Choice: Abortion in the United States Today" – will be shown at our state convention again this year.

Dramatic interviews show how restrictive legislation, cutbacks in funding, and sieges of harassment and violence have eroded reproductive freedom in the recent past. The parallels for today are stunning. Schedule and site will be announced in the convention program.

Grand Sheraton Hotel Beginnings: Julia Morgan, Architect

Karen Manelis, Conferences/Convention Chair

The Cornerstone building of the Sheraton Grand is the former Sacramento Public Marketplace, designed by renowned female architect Julia Morgan. The majority of the hotel's meeting rooms and ballroom are located in this historical section of the hotel.

Because of a past personal and business relationship, Mrs. Lizzie Glide chose Julia Morgan to design the new Sacramento Public Market in 1923. The objective was to create a state-of-the-art facility around the theme of cleanliness and increasing hygienic knowledge of the era while providing a sheltered, indoor venue for a variety of small businesses offering their goods to the public within a single facility. The interior featured a room where vegetables were received and scrubbed. A unique feature was a refrigeration system accessible to all merchants with individual thermostatic controls, the ability to make ice on site, and a refrigerated garbage room to reduce smells and sealed to eliminate pest problems. The Market was the first of its kind on the West Coast and was the precursor to today's supermarket.

Operating as such for about 50 years, an ownership change in the early 1970's converted it to a temporary office of the California Secretary of State's Office.

The building closed in 1995 when the Secretary's office moved into its own facility.

Besides being the first female architect in California, Julia Morgan was also one of the most prolific and accomplished California architects of the 20th Century. In her forty-seven year career (1904–1951), she designed more than 700 homes, schools, churches, stores, YMCAs, hospitals, apartments, organizational buildings, youth camps, a USO facility, and the magnificent Hearst Castle complex at San Simeon.

Born in San Francisco in 1872, she graduated UC-Berkeley in 1894 with a degree in Engineering. She was the first woman accepted to the elite Ecole Des Beaux-Arts School of Architecture in Paris where she earned her Certificate in 1902. She returned to San Francisco and worked for John Galen Howard before opening her own private practice in 1904. Her office was completely demolished by the 1906 earthquake and a desperate need was created for architects to rebuild the city.

Julia Morgan's practice flourished. Although she looked petite and frail, she was a tireless worker who did not hesitate to clamber about construction sites, working fourteen hours a day, six or seven days a week. A master of many styles, her approach was to put the client's wishes



and the site's opportunities in the forefront. Color was also an important consideration in the form of tiles, wreaths, garlands, borders, stencils, murals and excellent use of available natural light.

When she closed her office in 1951, she was 79 years old. Making sure her clients had copies of their building plans and important documents, she had all her files, blueprints, and office records destroyed. She thought nobody would be interested. However, the libraries of UC-Berkeley and California State Polytechnic University, San Luis Obispo, have managed to build impressive collections of her drawings, photographs and documents.

Many of her personalized preferences can be found in the design features of Sacramento's Public Market. By preserving it, and re-incorporating it into the fabric of the city, we honor her memory, talent, intelligence and courage.

**AAUW-CA
2004 State
Convention
Gala Event**

*Semi-Formal
Attire Suggested*

*No host bar reception
precedes the Gala.*

*The Educational Foundation
and the
Legal Advocacy Fund*

Cordially Invite You to a Magnificent Celebration

"All That Glitters"

*Saturday, April 24, 2004
Sheraton Grand - Sacramento*