

## Gloria Weston's AAUW Chronology

- 1950 – 51 Joined AAUW in Minnesota
- 1982 – 83 Rejoined AAUW-CA Orinda-Moraga-Lafayette Branch
- 1983 – 85 Chair, Empowering Women: Women's Advocacy Networks, O-M-L Branch
- 1985 – 86 Corresponding Secretary O-M-L Branch
- 1986 – 87 EF Vice-President O-M-L Branch
- 1987 – 88 Parliamentarian/Bylaws O-M-L Branch
- 1988 – 89 Newsletter editor O-M-L Branch; AAUW CA College/University Relations Chair
- 1989 – 90 Program Vice-President O-M-L Branch;
- 1990 – 91 President O-M-L Branch
- 1991 – 92 Parliamentarian/Bylaws
- 1993 – 94 Director East Bay District
- 1994 – 98 Parliamentarian/Bylaws O-M-L Branch
- 1995 – 96 EF Chair O-M-L Branch
- 1996 – 96 EF Vice President, O-M-L Branch
- 1998 – 99 LAF Director AAUW-CA (last one appointed)
- 1999 – 2000 LAF Vice-President AAUW-CA (first one elected); member Association LAF Development Committee
- 2000 – 01 Parliamentarian/Bylaws O-M-L Branch; member, Association LAF Development Committee
- 2001 – 02 Chair, Association LAF Development Committee
- 2002 – 03 Chair, Association LAF Development Committee
- 2003 – 04 Parliamentarian/Bylaws O-M-L Branch

## California LAF Honors Gloria Weston

Robin Weitzen, Orinda-Moraga-Lafayette Branch

At a special presentation on October 25, 2003, Carlynne McDonnell, California State Legal Advocacy Fund Vice-President, announced the *Gloria Weston Campus Outreach Fund*. McDonnell writes that, "Part of the mission of the Legal Advocacy Fund is to encourage universities and colleges to explore [alternate] avenues of resolving discrimination and harassment issues rather than through litigation." The Gloria Weston Campus Outreach Fund will provide support specifically in California for one or more campus outreach programs to promote greater awareness of gender equity issues.



Gloria Weston, a member of Orinda-Moraga-Lafayette Branch of AAUW since 1982, has been recognized for this honor because, according to branch LAF Co-Vice-Presidents, Mary Helene Tietz and Sandy Reed, "[Gloria] has been tireless in her work and unselfishly committed to LAF." They go on to say, "Over the years, Gloria has supported California litigants with her time, her friendship, and her financial contributions."

Weston first came to California from New Jersey at age sixteen to attend the University of California, Berkeley. After graduating she moved to Minnesota, where she first joined AAUW. When she returned to California, she not only earned her M.A. in Clinical Psychology at John F. Kennedy University, Orinda; she went on to become a licensed marriage and family therapist and rejoined AAUW in 1982. The chronology at left illustrates the extent of her dedication to the organization. There has not been a year since she joined the Orinda-Moraga-Lafayette branch that Weston has not held at least one AAUW office at the branch, state, or association level.

In addition to AAUW, Weston has served her community as a member of the Board of Regents, John F. Kennedy University, Orinda, and Chair of its Academic Committee. She has also served as president of Soroptimist International, Moraga, CA.

Recognizing her outstanding service, her branch established the Orinda-Moraga-Lafayette/Gloria Weston Research and Projects Grant, AAUW Educational Foundation, 1995. She also received the Outstanding Alumna Award, John F. Kennedy University, 1977; and the Distinguished Woman Award, Orinda-Moraga-Lafayette Branch, 1989.

AAUW-CA LAF hopes to raise the \$35,000 necessary to generate the interest needed to fund the new program by December 2004. If past experience is any predictor of future performance, the Gloria Weston Campus Outreach Fund will reach its goal.

Her branch has already agreed that all LAF money collected this year will be dedicated to the Gloria Weston Campus Outreach Fund unless otherwise specified by the donor. The members of AAUW O-M-L invite other California branches to support California women and designate all or part of their LAF contributions to the fund.

Gloria Weston personifies the AAUW mission of promoting equity and education for all women and girls.



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its newest email list:**

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## Californians Serving on Association Committees

By Marie Wolbach, California Regional Director ([card@aauw-ca.org](mailto:card@aauw-ca.org))

California AAUW is well represented on Association Committees. Read through these lists and you will likely see at least one familiar name, possibly a branch member.

Serving on Association Committees are the following AAUW-CA members, and their branch affiliations. Membership Committee: Sharon Gomez (Orange, Tustin, Online) and Donna Lilly (Del Mar-Leucadia); Finance Committee: Charlotte Jackson (Palo Alto); International Affairs Committee: Shaila Mistry (Placentia-Yorba Linda) and Linda Hiebert Sekiguchi (San Jose, South Lake Tahoe, CA and Capitol, NV); Public Policy: Nancy Chiu (Southern Marin & Online); Nominating: Chris Winter (Danville-Alamo); Nominating-Alternate: Jo Harberson (Danville-Alamo).

The Educational Foundation and Legal Advocacy Fund also profit from the talents of Californians. Judy Horan (Corona-Norco) was elected to the EF Board at the Association Convention. Appointed member of the EF Board is Darleana McHenry (Hemet-San Jacinto). Alicia Hetman (Sacramento) is Chair of the Eleanor Roosevelt Teacher Panel, and Shelley Mitchell (Humboldt) serves on the Community Action Grant Panel. Gwen Wong (San Mateo) is an LAF Board Member.

To learn more about Association Committees, log onto the website at <http://www.aauw.org> or contact the CA Regional Director.

## Skilled WEB Person Needed: AAUW-CA WEB Page Seeks Your Help

By Sandy Hansen, Co-Director of Communications [communications1@aauw-ca.org](mailto:communications1@aauw-ca.org)

As AAUW California's use of the electronic media and our website has grown over the past few years, our requirements for the day to day and long term management of this communications tool have also changed. The complexity and professional presentation we want for our website requires management and maintenance by a person or persons skilled in this area.

When we first established our presence on the Internet, our needs were simple: a website and basic maintenance. Today, the development and maintenance of the website and our e-mail group lists have increased the complexity and skill level needed to manage the website. Our internet service provider recommends that someone with a background in UNIX should be administering our internet presence.

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The board of directors will be discussing at upcoming board meetings options to meet this management need. The scope of the job includes installing an occasional program, keeping our programs up and running, having a good understanding of internet security issues, working with our office staff to maintain the group e-mail lists, handling the security related to distribution of messages to group lists, creating new sections to the website and upgrading current pages of the website, and evaluating and making suggestions for upgrades and changes to the website.

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basic maintenance. If you or someone you know has the skills we are and is seeking interested in talking with us about taking on these responsibilities, please contact Sandy Hansen, Communications Co-director at [communications1@aauw-ca.org](mailto:communications1@aauw-ca.org) or Sue Cochran, state president at [president@aauw-ca.org](mailto:president@aauw-ca.org).

## EdSource 2004 Forum on Public Schools: Overhauling School Funding in California: The Push for Greater Adequacy, Equity, & Accountability



**EdSource announces its 2004 forums, to be held Thursday March 18 in Manhattan Beach (LA area) and Friday March 19 in San Ramon (Bay Area).** Both programs will run 9:00 a.m.–3:30 p.m. Check-in begins 7:45 a.m. Attend an optional 8 a.m. workshop, School Finance 101: The Basics, at each Forum site.

This EdSource Forum will tackle many questions surrounding the issues of school funding and accountability and describe the efforts underway in California and other states to bring funding for K–12 schools more in line with the public's higher expectations for performance.

AAUW-CA is a founding member of EdSource, and AAUW members serve on its board. Because of this, AAUW members receive a special registration rate. Cost: \$60 for AAUW, PTA, or LWV members; \$70 public. Fee includes program, optional workshop, information packet, continental breakfast, lunch, and parking. **Registration/Cancellation Deadline: March 8, 2004** \$10 non-refundable processing charge. No refunds after cancellation deadline. **Register Now!**

A special lodging rate of \$129 (single or double) is available for EdSource Forum attendees. Please make arrangements directly by calling Marriott's toll-free number: 800/228-9290.

**For the Manhattan Beach Marriott, the reservation deadline was February 25, 2004. For the San Ramon Marriott, please make reservations by March 5, 2004.**

For more information or to register, visit the EdSource website at <http://www.edsource.org> or give them a call at: (650) 857-9604

## Communications – Contacting Us

Sandy Hansen, Co-Director of Communications  
(communications1@aauw-ca.org)

As you read this issue of California Perspective, you will note, “contact me” in various articles, with only email contacts being given. In this 21st century age of publication and communication via the internet, various internet search tools (Google.com among others) have made it easy to find a map when you are going somewhere, by typing in a street address or a phone number. The technology is not even limited to only LISTED phone numbers as some members of our board have tried this out using their own phone numbers. For the most part, such searches are done legitimately.

However, to protect our volunteers from those who might use the information with less noble intent, with this issue we are beginning a policy of publishing only email addresses and referring all inquiries for additional contact information (i.e., phone numbers) to our state office at 916/448-7795. We realize that all members do not have or use email. Our office staff will respond as quickly as possible to inquiries for this information.

Each August, every branch president receives a directory of state leaders and counterparts in branches. Your branch president may also be able to provide you with contact information.

In addition, all email addresses published in California Perspective are for addresses that end with @aauw-ca.org, referring automatically to the recipients ACTUAL email address. We have established these addresses to provide another level of protection to our volunteers. By using these addresses, we provide protection from email marketers and can block any senders to our domain that might get through anti-spam/anti-virus filters installed by our internet service provider. You can also protect our volunteers by typing in the aauw-ca.org address when you reply to an email from a leader instead of just hitting the “reply” button.

**Bottom line:** if you have any questions about articles appearing in this issue of California Perspective, feel free to make contact via email – or call our state office at 916/448-7795 for other contact information.

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## Lifetime Dues Special Ends June 30th

Ardeen Russell-Quinn, AAUW-CA Co Membership Vice President  
(membership2@aauw-ca.org)

**You can pay Association dues for the last time this year!** You can become a lifetime member by paying the current annual dues x 20 years. No matter how much the dues go up you don't have to pay Association dues again, just state and local branch dues. (Since we MAY move, and different states or branches may have different dues, lifetime dues are only available for the Association part of your dues bill.) No matter how much your circumstances change, your membership is safe. Join the growing group who make this commitment during their working years – who choose to protect their investment in AAUW. Until June 30th the lifetime dues are \$780 (\$39x20). By making this commitment to AAUW, you are making a lifetime of difference in the lives of women and girls.

Hurry – mail your check to the Association office at:

1111 Sixteenth Street  
Washington DC, 20036

A separate check for Association life membership may also be included when you pay dues through your branch, but it must be received at the Association office before June 30th when this offer ends. On July 1st the lifetime rate goes up to \$820 (\$41 x 20). I have gained so much personally from AAUW, I cannot imagine not having my membership.

Give yourself a lifetime gift of increasing value. The AAUW experience is priceless.

### Just This Reminder:



**WOMEN IN**

**ACTION**

**LOBBY DAY**

will NOT be

held this year.

Be sure to join us in Sacramento for our **March for Women's Lives** on Sunday, April 25, the FINAL day of our 2004 state convention.

## Escondido-San Marcos Branch Celebrates 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

By Ann Savage, Escondido-San Marcos Branch Co-President

The Escondido-San Marcos Branch of AAUW will celebrate a Golden Anniversary Luncheon April 17, 2004, at the Escondido Country Club, 1800 Country Club Drive, Escondido. A 10:00 a.m. program will focus on innovative events over the years as recalled by a bevy of past branch presidents.

During the winter of 1953–54 the group originally organized as the Escondido branch and was granted its charter by Association on April 1, 1954. Fifty-three members are listed in its first yearbook (1954-55).

Almost ten years later, the adjoining countryside became the town of San Marcos. In 1985, the branch renamed itself the Escondido-San Marcos branch. Today the membership is 99, including five Life members; two of the 1954 members survive.

The branch has just finished hosting eight Russian educators and their facilitators in member homes. Transportation, visits to educational institutions, and entertainment was coordinated by branch president Ann Savage. A branch general luncheon was the finale.

In May of 2003, the branch introduced a new fund raiser, a one-day Literary Faire, presenting a nationally read cartoonist of teenagers, Greg Evans (of Luann), three authors, and 'the most famous son-in-law in Escondido,' Irv Urdos, columnist. The Second Annual Faire is scheduled for February 29.

The branch invites attendance at its Anniversary luncheon on April 17th. Reservations, including luncheon, (\$13.50) should be made a week or more in advance, with Virginia Abushanab, [vabu@aauw-ca.org](mailto:vabu@aauw-ca.org).



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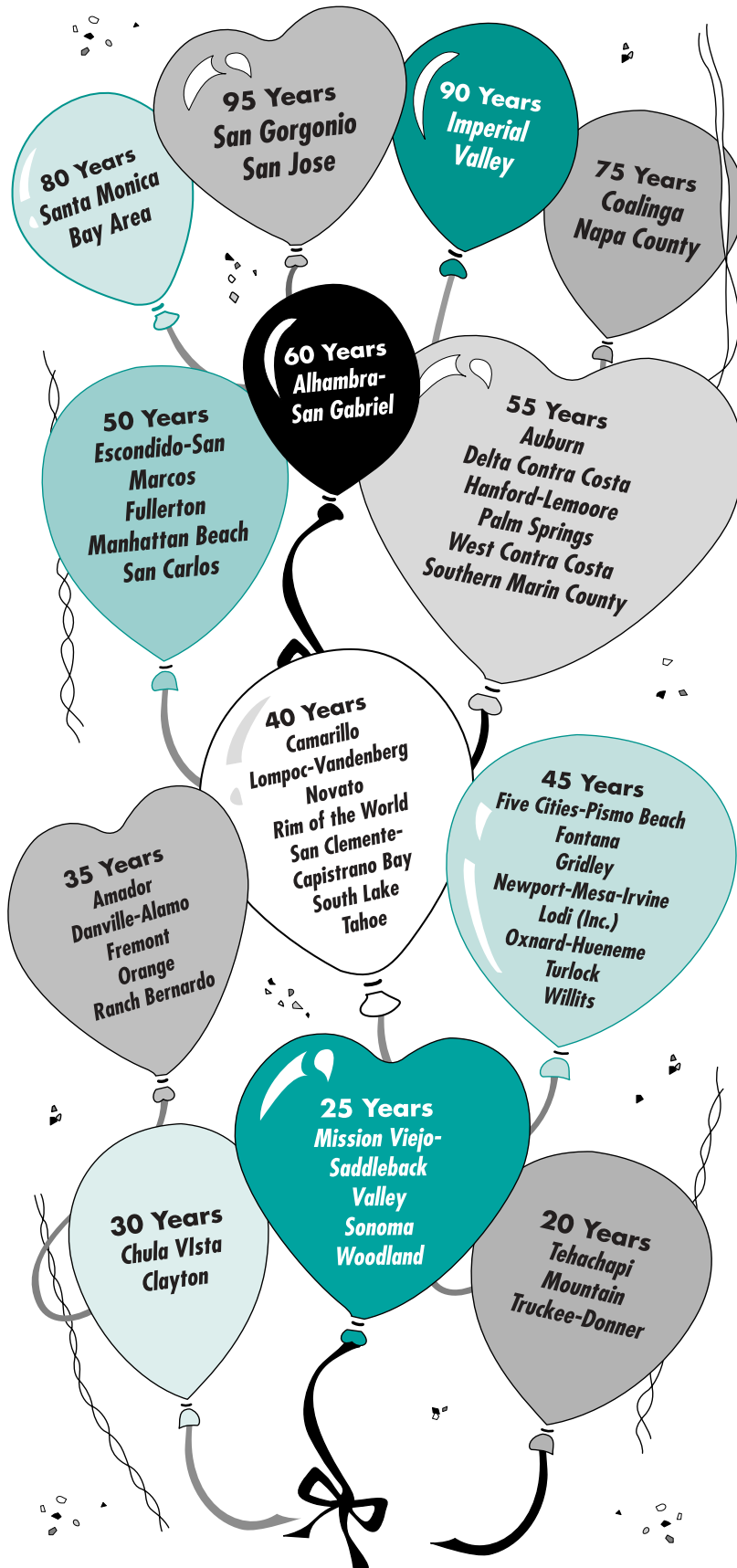
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Email: [shellyw@att.net](mailto:shellyw@att.net).

## Happy Anniversary in 2004, AAUW-CA Branches!



## Legislation: Some Old, Some New

By Rita Wustner, AAUW-CA Director of Public Policy ([advocacy@aauw-ca.org](mailto:advocacy@aauw-ca.org))

AAUW-CA's public voice was well heard in Sacramento during January 2004. Two legislative bills we opposed last term were resurrected and again defeated in committee.

**AB 950** was described as improving parental notification, which is laudable, when schools provided sexuality and HIV prevention education. However, it would also have amended state law to focus prevention education on abstinence only. No mention of the dangers of drug abuse and unprotected sex would have been allowed. As these are the two main modes of transmission of this disease, AAUW CA concluded this bill would not serve our children.

**AB 1109** would have amended state law to define a fetus as a separate entity from the pregnant woman. AAUW-CA vigorously opposed this bill.

The 2004 bill package is being developed and will be introduced at convention in April. February 20 marks the last day bills can be introduced in Sacramento, and the AAUW-CA public policy committee meets early in March for discussion. If any member wishes to recommend bills for possible inclusion in our bill package, email the bill number, author and brief synopsis to Rita Wustner, [advocacy@aauw-ca.org](mailto:advocacy@aauw-ca.org). Remember that inclusion in the bill package is based on the AAUW public policy principles and priorities as adopted by delegates to the 2003 state convention. We welcome input from the membership.

These past weeks I have had the opportunity to sort through more than 15 years of AAUW CA public policy files. The issues we follow today have been with us for all those years. Bills passed and/or defeated in years past keep returning. Paraphrasing Thomas Jefferson, the price of freedom is eternal vigilance.

AAUW continues to be a strong voice for education and our right to control our personal reproductive lives. AAUW's reasoned and moderate voice is needed in Sacramento and your membership enables the organization to have a voice in these public debates.