

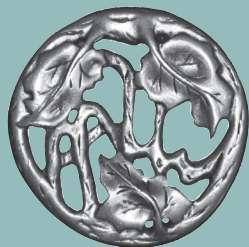
# Petaluma Welcomes You to “Step Back in Time”

You are invited to enjoy a tour of Petaluma, California Historical Sights, led by costumed docents dressed in attire of the late 1800s.

Experience the charm of one of the oldest cities in California, with one of the best preserved historic downtown areas, listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Victorian homes and iron front buildings surround this charming riverfront town. Few cities of this size (approximately 50,000) in America have earned the varied reputation that Petaluma has claimed. Petaluma has gone from being one of California's largest cities (1860's) to the world's egg basket (early 1900's) to home of the world's wristwrestling championships.

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## Tech Trek Reception

Celebrate with Tech Trek Science Camp volunteers during the reception preceding Saturday's Gala. Meet honored guests, Rebecca Morgan and Dr. Mary Morgan Finegan. The James and Rebecca Morgan Family Foundation has given grants to Tech Trek since the program's second year. Becky Morgan is a former state senator whose primary interest in the legislature was education. Daughter Dr. Mary Morgan Finegan is an AAUW member in Sacramento where she is a physician. Enjoy background slide shows of students at different camp locations, honor retiring camp directors and counselors.

Petaluma is also known as a restaurant capitol with more than 140 restaurants and delis offering fine dining to picnic lunches. Antique hunting? Petaluma is a treasure trove. Numerous boutiques and cafes line Kentucky Street. Wander through the recently revitalized theatre district located on the Petaluma River offering a wide variety of shops, movie theater and restaurants. Stop at a local candy shop and delight in seeing candies you will probably remember from your childhood.

**Downtown Petaluma is historic and alive!** The heart of Petaluma is its Victorian Historic Downtown, miraculously untouched by the 1906 earthquake. With more than 600 businesses and 65 historic properties, Petaluma offers many colorful family oriented events that maintain the living history feel of life in a real victorian town: the Butter and Egg Days Parade, Antiques Faire, Quilt Show, and more.

**For Film Buffs**, movies shot in and around Petaluma include *American Graffiti*, *Peggy Sue Got Married*, *Mumford* and *Phenomenon*.

**Date of Tour: Friday, April 4, 2008, 11:30am.** The tour lasts about one hour. For those traveling to convention by car, this will be a great way to experience a bit of Sonoma County before the convention begins on Friday.

**Point of Contact:** Esther Schau, Petaluma AAUW, email [eschau@comcast.net](mailto:eschau@comcast.net), cell 707-799-6077

**Cost:** The Petaluma Historical Museum asks for a \$5.00 donation per person, as donation to the museum.

American Association of University Women of  
California  
and

Presidents Donna Lilly and Rita Wustner  
invite incoming branch presidents  
to an orientation and celebration

We will focus on 21<sup>st</sup> Century leadership structures  
and  
mission-based programming.

Friday, April 4, 2008  
2:00 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.  
Sonoma County Double Tree Hotel  
One DoubleTree Drive  
Rohnert Park, California

Complimentary refreshments served.  
Register on the registration form on page 16

# Convention at a Glance

## Friday, April 4, 2008 Pre Convention Activities

11:30 AM - 1:00 PM	Step Back in Time -- Tour of Historic Petaluma	Credentials Desk 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM Registration 11:00 AM to 7:30 PM
2:00 PM - 3:45 PM	Incoming Branch Presidents' Training	
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Bylaws Briefing	
5:00 PM - 5:30 PM	No Host Reception	
5:30 PM - 7:00 PM	Buffet Dinner	
7:30 PM - 9:30 PM	Business Session: <b>Focusing Our Mission with AAUW President Ruth Sweetser</b> Bylaws Change and Nomination of the Board of Directors	
9:30 PM - 10:15 PM	Meet the Candidates & Voting (polls will be open)	

## Saturday, April 5, 2008 87th Annual Convention AAUW California

7:00 AM - 2:15 PM	Voting	Credentials Desk 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM Registration 7:00 AM to 5:30 PM
7:30 AM - 8:45 AM	Public Policy Breakfast: <b>Issues Affecting California Women with Charlotte Newhart*</b>	
9:00 AM - 10:45 AM	Morning Plenary: Achieving Equity through Advocacy	
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Workshops Series 1	
12:15 PM - 2:15 PM	Educational Foundation and Legal Advocacy Fund Luncheon: <b>Funding The Mission*</b>	
2:15 PM	Polls Close	
2:30 PM - 3:30 PM	Workshops Series 2	
3:45 PM - 5:00 PM	Afternoon Plenary: <b>Achieving Equity Through Research with Dr. Catherine Hill</b>	
5:45 PM - 6:15 PM	Tech Trek No Host Reception	
6:15 PM - 9:15 PM	Gala Dinner <b>Mission in Action with Leigh Henderson*</b>	

## Sunday, April 6, 2008 87th Annual Convention AAUW California

8:00 AM - 10:30 AM	Breakfast and Business Session: <b>Advancing Equity through Education with EdSource</b>	Credentials Desk 7:00 to 7:30 AM Registration 7:00 AM to 11:30 AM
10:30 AM - 11:00 AM	Check out	
11:00 AM - 11:15 AM	Box Lunch Distribution	
11:15 AM - 1:15 PM	International Plenary Session: <b>Advancing Equity and Education, Through a Global Lens</b>	
1:15 PM	First shuttle bus to the San Francisco Airport leaves	
1:30 PM	First shuttle bus to Oakland Airport leaves	
1:30 PM	Speaker Luncheon in Hotel Restaurant	
2:00 AM - 3:00 PM	First Meeting of new Board of Directors	
2:25 PM	Second shuttle bus to the San Francisco Airport leaves	
3:30 PM	Second shuttle bus to Oakland Airport leaves	

\*Program not available without purchase of meal

## EF LAF Luncheon

Carolann Ford, AAUW CA EF VP and  
Dana Cox, AAUW CA LAF VP

The Educational Foundation and Legal Advocacy Fund Committees have a spectacular luncheon planned for Saturday, April 5. We are planning on a local wine tasting before the luncheon followed by terrific EF and LAF speakers.

Selected Professions Fellow, Abby Enscoe, an M.S. candidate in Engineering at UC Berkeley, will be our featured EF speaker. After studying physics at Harvard, an interest in architecture led Abby to work as a carpenter for two years with Habitat for Humanity. She learned to build, expanded her knowledge of sustainable design and green buildings, and eventually found herself drawn to structural engineering. She will use her degree to work on environmentally sustainable design and improve engineering students' knowledge of construction. Her unique humor and incredible enthusiasm are infectious. Abby is sponsored by the Chris Winter, Pat Stilwell and Evelyn Stanton endowments.

We are working on locating an equally interesting speaker representing one of the newest California lawsuits to be our LAF speaker.

You will learn about new and completed EF endowments, what is new on the Educational Foundation front and bask in recent success stories of LAF litigants. We will also celebrate California branch successes in film and music.

Additionally we have a lovely large location to display branch Silent Auction baskets brought by branches. All funds will be distributed to either EF or LAF in the donating branch's name. Smaller baskets usually bring in higher donations proportionally and are easier to transport and manage especially for those traveling long distances. Please see the enclosed registration form for silent auction baskets located elsewhere in this Perspective.

Join us for a fabulous and fun celebratory luncheon before heading off to more workshops!

**Connection Corner:** Saturday 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM - Each of the eleven districts throughout California will display photos, brochures and souvenirs from events they have held throughout the last year. It's a grand opportunity to enjoy their successes and get new program ideas. (If you have items to be included be sure to provide them to your district director.) In addition, all attendees will receive a key to the Connection Corner treasurer chest, but only one will open the lid to convention prizes. Who will it be? Stop by and try your key! It's free.

AMEND 2006-2008 AAUW CA BYLAWS BY INSERTING  
NEW *ARTICLE XI. 2007-08 TRANSITION TO NEW  
BOARD STRUCTURE* AND RENUMBER SUBSEQUENT  
ARTICLES.

### **ARTICLE XI. 2007-08 TRANSITION TO NEW BOARD STRUCTURE**

Section 1: This article shall supersede all mention and reference to nomination and election procedures enumerated elsewhere in these bylaws except as described below.

Section 2.

- A. The 2007-08 nominating committee shall be empowered to seek and to propose qualified candidates for sixteen (16) directors to be elected statewide by the voting members of AAUW CA at the 2008 AAUW CA Convention. Notification of the membership for the call for candidates shall continue as outlined in Article X, Section 2.A.
- B. The nominating committee shall present a slate of candidates to each branch at least thirty (30) days before the annual meeting at which the election takes place.

Section 3. The state officers elected for the 2007-2009 or 2007-2010 terms shall automatically be placed on the ballot in 2008 as candidates for directors, and if elected as directors, shall finish the terms for which they were originally elected.

Section 4. Election of Directors

- A. Directors shall be elected at the annual meeting of the membership, or by written ballot.
- B. Delegates may make nominations from the floor following the report of the nominating committee provided the consent of the nominee has been obtained.
- C. Where there are more nominees for directors than positions to be filled, the sixteen (16) candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be

# Rationale for Proposed Transition Plan

by Jo Harberson, Chair of the Bylaws Committee

More than five years ago, the AAUW California Twenty-First Century Task Force report told us that “we cannot get to where we need to go without changing the way we do business”. Since then consecutive state boards have struggled with just how we can change our mode of operation. The 2006-2007 board of directors proposed an entirely new structure contained in the bylaws that will take effect on July 1, 2008.

The 2007-08 board developed a plan to transition from the old to the new bylaws that will result in a board of 16 ready to lead our organization on July 1, 2008. The plan hinges on amending our current bylaws. The proposed amendment is in the box to the left. It empowers the nominating committee to operate under the provisions of the proposed amendment and to seek candidates for the sixteen director positions. Any state officer elected at the 2007 convention shall be placed automatically on the ballot as a candidate for director unless that officer does not wish to be a candidate.

Delegates to the 2008 convention will vote on the proposed transition plan amendment on Friday night of the convention. If it passes, the election will take place during the remainder of the convention. The newly elected board will elect its own officers and committee chairs at its first board meeting and continue the work of AAUW CA without interruption.

If the delegates reject the proposed amendment, the election will take place by paper ballot sent to every member after July 1, 2008. We will continue to operate under the current bylaws which state that elected officers continue in office “until their successors have been elected or appointed and have assumed office”. (Current bylaws Article VIII, 5.B.) Therefore, the 2007-08 officers would continue past June 30 because

they will have no successors. Since they are still in office, the co-presidents and/or the secretary have the power to send out paper ballots dated July 1, 2008. The new bylaws would then be in effect. The new bylaws allow action of members by written ballot without a meeting providing the requirements set forth in the new bylaws are followed.

This alternative election plan was developed in consultation with Coco Siewert, Association parliamentarian. She wrote, “The alternative you suggest will work. Correctly you note that the officers will have no successors (if the proposed amendment fails to pass) and so will stay in office until the effective date of the bylaws and can send out the mail ballot.”

The board urges a “yes” vote on the proposed

amendment. Approval of the amendment will enable the incoming board to have nearly three months to organize itself for the new way of governing before it takes office on July 1. Failure of the amendment would mean a significant expenditure to print and mail nearly 14,000 ballots to the California membership.

If you have any questions regarding the business session votes at convention 2008, email Jo at [jharber3@aol.com](mailto:jharber3@aol.com).

## Correction

At the 2007 convention a question was asked about amending the new bylaws. Best counsel at the time was that members could amend the new bylaws at the 2008 convention before the date (July 1, 2008) at which they will be in effect. Subsequent advice from legal counsel and from Association parliamentarian Coco Siewert and Association bylaws chair Caroline Pickens informs us that we were wrong. The new bylaws may not be amended until after July 1.

## Board Amendment to Previously Circulated Transition Plan

At its January 2008 meeting, the board amended the proposed new Article XI by striking Section 4D, Election of Directors. Section 4D allowed voting by all members in good standing. The board realized that we must continue with the delegate system of voting as we will be operating under the current bylaws at the 2008 convention. Striking Section 4D, eliminates any confusion about the method of electing the sixteen directors.