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**YOLO COUNTY WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH NAMES HONORARY CHAIR**

The Yolo County Women's History Month Committee has named Mary Stephens DeWall as the Honorary Chairperson for this year's luncheon. Held during March of each year, the theme for the 2007 Women's History Month is "Generations of Women Moving History Forward." Stephens DeWall was chosen because of her distinguished 37-year career as the Yolo County librarian. Celebrating its 20th year, this year's luncheon will be held on March 8 at the Holy Rosary Community Center in Woodland from 11:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

Stephens DeWall, a Yolo county native, began her career as Yolo County Librarian in 1968. During her tenure she managed a county library system with branches in Davis, Clarksburg, Winters, Knights Landing, West Sacramento and Esparto. Stephens DeWall encouraged the establishment of Friends of the Library organizations in these communities, and was the driving force behind the establishment of the Yolo County Archives. She retired in 2006. Raised in the Capay Valley, Stephens DeWall earned her master of library science degree at the University of California, Berkeley. She worked for several years at the Shields Library on the University of California Davis campus prior to being named Yolo County librarian.

Stephens DeWall is a member of many civic organizations and was named "Woman of the Year" from the Eighth Assembly District in 2004. She resides in Davis with her husband, Les.

This year's luncheon will feature a dramatic presentation recognizing the contributions of 12 pioneering Yolo County women. Originally presented in 1992 as a videotaped lecture, the dramatization was written by Yolo County historian, Shipley Walters, who will narrate the program. Cost for the luncheon is \$20 and reservations can be secured by mail to P.O. Box 711, Woodland, 95776. If you have questions, call Carol Barnett, 530-669-7139, or BJ Ford at 530-662-0952.