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**RANCHO SANTA FE FOUNDATION**

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The Rancho Santa Fe Women's Fund was honored to have Laurie Besteman from the Washington Women's Foundation (WWF) as its guest speaker for the first General Meeting on March 23<sup>rd</sup>. More than 50 women gathered in the Crosby Room at the Rancho Santa Fe Golf Club to learn more about how we are a part of an amazing new trend of women's philanthropic organizations that are springing up around the country. Mrs. Besteman quoted a member of her organization in Seattle as saying that with her personal philanthropy, she "would give to those organizations that lend a helping hand rather than those that pick up the pieces." We are informed, intelligent philanthropists – that is our goal!

Mrs. Besteman explained that the greatest benefit of membership in WWF was that it "provided her with the opportunity to interact with the most interesting, intelligent, caring women she had ever met. The women who join a women's fund like this, and make a major financial and often time commitment, are those who think beyond their front doors, beyond their immediate neighborhoods, and are concerned with the greater good."

At this time, the Rancho Santa Fe Women's fund has 86 Founding Members, of which 56 were Charter Members\*, and we are looking to have a membership of 100.

Judy Arendsee*	Shirley Arms
Alyce Ashcraft*	Emily Bagnall*
Harriet Baldwin	June Barrymore Ash*
Janet Best	LaVerne Briggs*
Susan Bushor	Margaret Carl-Swirles
Jan Clark	Carol Coburn*
Bonnie Colbourne*	Sioux Colbourne*
Lynn Cusac*	Carol Dickinson*
Helen DiZio	Linda Dowdy*
Sheryl Durkin	Diane Erwin*
Ruth Evans	Karen Faust
Anne Feighner*	Donna Ferrier*
Mary Ann Fitch*	Jacque Fitzpatrick*
Kathy Flather	Georg'ann Fletcher*
Marilyn Fletcher*	Libby Frank*
Franci Free*	Cathy Geier

Cathy Golchrist-Colmar	Gayle Gillies Mize*
Catherine Goldsmith*	Lola Green*
Vivian Hardage	Susan Hayes*
Nancy Hillgren*	Donna Holcomb*
Candise Holmlund	Candace Humber*
Lois Johnson	Louise Kasch*
Gail Kendall*	Sylvia Lampitt*
Nancy Lawton*	Cindy Leonard*
Sue Major*	Ruth Mangrum*
Trudy Mangrum*	Carole Markstein*
SusanThorn Marr	Amy Marren*
Maureen McMahan	Diane Miller
Mary Miller*	Laurie Moegling
Nancy Norgren	Sally O'Hara
Judy Oliphant*	Vicki Perry
Connie Pittard*	Patty Queen*
Ann Rible*	Susie Robinson
Sue Sanderson*	Suzy Schaefer*
Marcia Schuster	Joan Scott*
Sugie Silver*	Gretchen Simpson
Pat Stein	Carol Thompson*
Gillian Thornley*	Pat Townsend
Paige Vanosky	Joanne Warren*
Sue Weber*	Janice Wells
Karen Weseloh*	Holly Wilson*
Bibba Winn*	Kaye Woltman*
Jane Woody*	Kathy Yash*

If you would be interested in learning more about the Women's Fund, please contact Debbie Anderson at the Rancho Santa Fe Foundation – 756-6557.



