

*A Chemistry Thriller:
Discovering Livermorium*



WHEN: Thursday, January 17
WHERE: San Ramon Community Center, Alcosta Room
12501 Alcosta Blvd, San Ramon*
WHAT TIME: 7:30 p.m.

Scientist Dawn Shaughnessy of *Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory* will give a layperson's talk about the difficult but thrilling path to the discovery of six new elements on the famous periodic table.

One of the elements, number 116, has been named after the Laboratory and the City of Livermore.

Dawn is the group leader of the experimental nuclear and radiochemistry team at the Lab and principal investigator for the heavy element group.

This is a free event and open to the public.

*Easy access from Hwy. 680 - Bollinger Canyon Road exit.

President's Message

Happy New Year, everyone. May this year bring you and your loved ones health, joy, sweet memories and wonderful surprises.

Our 2012 Holiday Home Tour was a big success and garnered some great publicity for us. Please be sure to see the news articles with our tour results and our fabulous holiday party in the February Advocate issue. Thank you very much to all members who supported our tour with your time, refreshments, attendance, and donations. We couldn't do this without you.

We have some wonderful event planning underway for 2013. Please be sure to read your Advocate and our email messages to you each month. We try to keep our email to a minimum and send you important, up-to-date information that you'll want to know!

Our January 17, 7:30 PM event is really one not to be missed. Dawn Shawnessy, a well-known group leader and chemist, will tell us about her team's discovery of six

new Periodic Table elements. Element Number 116 has been named "Livermorium". There is no charge for this event and it's open to the public. Bring all friends or relatives who would like to attend! It will be in the Alcosta Room of the San Ramon Community Center at 7:30 PM. Although this is at the southern border of our primary community area, it is an easy to find spot close to the Bollinger Canyon Road exit from I-680.

Full details for our AAUW CA 2013 Annual Meeting on April 20 will be sent to all of you in our next CA Perspectives Newsletter. This one-day event in Sacramento will begin at 9:30 AM. Please let me know if you are interested in attending and would like to car pool.

Warmly,
Holly Sauer, President



Our sympathy to Dee Brook for the loss of her beloved husband, Bert Brook in December.

*Memorial Services will be held Jan. 12 at 11 a.m.
Danville Congregational Church
989 San Ramon Valley Blvd.
Danville CA*

An advertisement for Omnibus Organizing. It features a blue background with a white city skyline silhouette. A red double-decker bus is shown with the slogan "SIMPLIFY YOUR LIFE!" on its side. The text "Omnibus Organizing" is in a large, stylized font. Below it, the tagline "Designing organizing solutions for busy people." is written. At the bottom, contact information for Joy Perkins is provided, including a phone number, email address, and website. The NAPO logo is also present in the bottom left corner.

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An advertisement for E-A-S-T-B-A-Y Flower Company. The background is a vibrant, abstract floral pattern in shades of pink, purple, and yellow. The company name "E-A-S-T-B-A-Y FLOWER COMPANY" is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font at the top. Below it, the names "Viki Low" and "Kristine Simpson" are listed in a similar font. At the bottom, the address and contact information for Danville Livery & Mercantile are provided.

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BARBARA BORNET STUMPH

By Caroline Sanchez, History Chair



Barbara Bornet Stumph, head of our AAUW Writer's Group and expert in Asian studies, lived in many places while growing up. She was born to Vaughn and Beth Bornet in the Oakland Naval Hospital and from there, lived in Georgia, Florida, Chicago and also Menlo Park while her father worked on his doctorate, then attended high school in Santa Monica. Barbara says, "My mother had been president of every club she ever belonged to, even Student Body President at the University of Nevada."

With a doctorate in history from Stanford, her father worked on a book titled, *California Social Welfare* in 1956. Barbara proudly mentioned that as a research historian scholar, he published many books.

I asked Barbara, "Why Chinese studies?" While she was in an Honors Program with an interest in journalism at Southern Oregon University, her father mentioned an available \$5000 scholarship. So Barbara applied and received it in 1965-66 for Intensive Mandarin Chinese and Related Asian Studies. She studied in Hawaii and one summer in Taiwan.

She became very interested in this area and received a B.A. Asian Studies, Mandarin Chinese and Related Asian Studies from University of Oregon in 1968. She was working on a M.S. from the University of Oregon when she married. With two children and after 10 years of marriage, she became a single parent and returned to CA State University, Hayward, receiving a B.A. in Liberal Studies and Languages and in 1981, a M.S. in Education, Curriculum Development.

Barbara then taught at Pittsburg High School for 19 years in the fields of Honors World History, English and English as a Second Language to children from 17

cultures, many Asian. In 1999 to 2005, she worked at Ygnacio High School in Concord, then retired. She has been married to Terry Stumph for 23 years.

Barbara became interested and continues to take lessons in Chinese brush painting. In 2000, as a retired teacher, Barbara started a Web group supported by a community of Chinese and non-Chinese people from 17 countries around the world and 23 US states who love Chinese ink painting.

She has traveled to Asia many times. In 1986, she spent a summer as an Honor Fulbright Teacher Scholar in China, a Stanford University project. Barbara again returned to China to host the workshop, "Community Building with Four Treasures: Chinese ink, Brush, Xuan Paper and Stone" at Peking University for the East-West Center.

Barbara has enjoyed the AAUW Writer's Group that she leads and says, "I enjoy working with adults and encourage our members to publish, so I felt that I should do the same." She sent her writings to a Chinese publication, *Beijing Review Magazine*, and four of her articles were published. *The China Daily* published an article of hers while she was there.

During the last year, she has been commuting to Ashland, Oregon, regularly to help with her aging parents who were living at home. Sadly, Barbara recently lost her Mother on November 22, 2012. Her father is now in an independent living home and continues to write at age 95.



Danville Community Band

Our 12th season bringing musical entertainment to the greater Danville area.

Look online for info about the **Danville Community Band**
www.danvilleband.org

2012-2013 Season

October 21, 2012; 3PM
Rossmoor Residents' Concert

December 9, 2012; 3PM
East Bay Fellowship
2615 Camino Tassajara, Danville

February 2013
Dinner Concert, Date & Location TBA

April 14, 2013; 2PM
Blackhawk Museum
3700 Blackhawk Plaza Cir., Danville

June 2, 2013; 4PM
Leshner Center for the Arts
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MEETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Art & Garden December Event

On Friday, January 25, 2013, we'll go to San Francisco MOMA to see the "South Africa in Apartheid and After" Documentary Photography Exhibit. Continuing SFMOMA's renowned scholarship in the field of documentary photography, this exhibition examines the work of three photographers – David Goldblatt, Ernest Cole, and Billy Monk who have depicted what they have seen during a vital and difficult period in the recent history of South Africa.

Goldblatt's book project *In Boksburg* (1982) portrays a typical suburban white community not far from Johannesburg shaped by what the artist calls "white dreams and white properties". The late Cole, a self-taught black South African photojournalist, documented the other side of the racial divide until he was forced to leave his country in 1966. Billy Monk was a gregarious self-taught photographer who worked as a bouncer in a rowdy Cape Town nightclub in the 1960's. These three groups of pictures will be complemented by a selection of Goldblatt's post-apartheid photographs. Cost is \$10 for seniors (62+) and \$14 for adults. We will lunch in SF after viewing the exhibit.

Meet at 9:30 am at either Sycamore Park n' Ride or Alamo Safeway Plaza to carpool to the Walnut Creek BART for the 10:05 am BART. Contact Jacque Schubert for more info or to sign up.

BEADS2JEWELRY

January 3 at 1 pm
January 17 at 7 pm.



Our project is beaded heart ear rings and necklace. We are working with seed beads. Supplies needed for each of three hearts are 40 Japanese Seed Beads size 11/0 white Ceylon, 75 same but in Red, Nymo cord, 1 needle size 12 "sharp", and 1 pair ear wires.

RSVP Roseann at rkrane@yahoo.com
instructions and directions will be sent.

Hello Hikers ~ We are planning our January hike on one of the *Secret Stairs of the East Bay* on **January 26th** Please join us for a 3.5 mile, fairly easy, walk through a historic Oakland Hills neighborhood filled with stately homes. We will hike the Trestle Glen and Lakeshore Highlands area. What the hike lacks in elevation change, makes up in length and charm, as it includes a couple of unexpected "greenway" trails. It will be a 1 hour and 30 minute hike.

Meet at the Sycamore Park and Ride to carpool at 8:30 am. *Carpooling etiquette: Just a gentle reminder with gas prices rising, please work out with your driver an equitable amount per rider.* Hope you can join us.
RSVP: kathiehixon@comcast.net

Attention AAUW Artists, Designers & Photographers

The annual AAUW Art Contest is a great way for AAUW members to showcase their talent. Last year there were more than 100 entries in our online art contest. Join us in our fifth year by entering your art or photograph into the contest and voting for your favorite entries.

From **January 4** to **February 4** you can submit an electronic version of your design on the [AAUW Art Contest webpage](#).

Submissions can be photography or a digital photo of your painting, drawing, sculpture, collage, or other form of artwork.

AAUW members can then vote every 7 days for six of their favorite entries beginning **February 8** through **March 8**. The winning entries will be featured on a collection of AAUW note cards mailed to members this spring.

LOST and FOUND

One pair of women's reading glasses. Left behind near quilt display at Holiday Home Tour, Tudor House, Blackhawk.

To claim contact Karen Large 891-4632 or see contact information in directory.

American Association of University Women Danville-Alamo-Walnut Creek AAUW

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January 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 Dec	31	1 Jan	2	3 1:00p -4:00p Beads2Jewelry	4 9:30a Gourmet:Adventurous Chefs 7:30p Movies: First Friday Film	5
6	7 9:15a -11:15a Board Meeting, Monthly Board Meeting at Shadow Hills Cabana, 1001 El Capitan, Danville. All members are welcome to attend.	8 9:45a -1:00p Mah Jongg#1 11:30a Movies and Lunch Movie Mates w/ dinner discussion	9 7:30p Evening Bridge 7:30p Evening Bridge , contact Barbara Nexsen	10	11 7:30p Friday Flicks 7:30p Movies: Oscars 7:30p Movies: Cinema I	12 11:00a Biking: Easy Riders
13	14	15 9:45a -1:00p Mah Jongg#1 7:00p Book Group: Novel Ideas	16	17 10:30a Literature: Books II contact Doris Ringot 7:00p Beads2Jewelry 7:30p Member Event: The Road to Livermorium-A Chemistry Thriller	18	19 8:30p Gourmet: Epicureans
20	21 10:00a -3:00p Daytime Party Bridge	22 9:45a -1:00p Mah Jongg#1 12:00p Hooked on Books 7:30p Evening Lit	23 9:30a Literature: Contemporary Books contact Diane Stangel	24 9:30a Literature Daytime: Literature contact Laurie Ehrlich 10:00a -1:00p Writers Workshop	25 9:30a Art & Garden: MOMA 'South Africa in Apartheid and After'	26 8:30a Hikers:Hike Secret Stairs of the East Bay
27	28 9:30a Duplicates Bridge 9:30a Bridge , Duplicates contact Betty Bryant	29 9:45a -1:00p Mah Jongg#1	30	31	1 9:30a Gourmet:Adventurous Chefs 7:30p Movies: First Friday Film	2 Feb

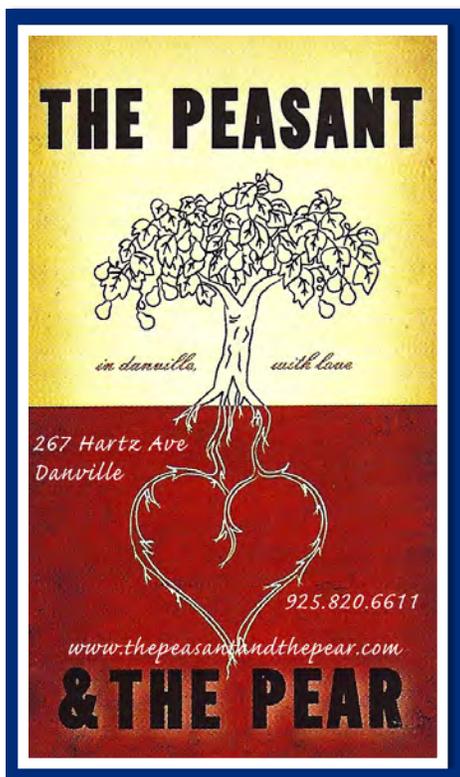
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BRANCH PROGRAMS	& EVENTS	
DATE	TIME	EVENT
1/17 2013	7:30 pm	The Road to Livermorium: A Chemistry Thriller Speaker: Dawn Shawnessy Alcosta Room - San Ramon Community Center
2/23/13	9:00 am - 3pm	Expanding Your Horizons: Math and Science Day for middle school students Diablo Valley College, San Ramon
2/26/2013	5:30 pm	DKG / AAUW Fellowship Dinner Scott's Seafood Restaurant, Walnut Creek
March	TBD	March Program TBD
3/1/2013	9:30 am	New Member Brunch
4/13/2013	11:00 am	International Relations Event: Africa Women's Panel Location: TBD
4/20/2013	9:30 am - afternoon	AAUW CA Annual Meeting - Sacramento Details to be announced in next issue of CA Perspective
5/10/ - 5/11/2013	10:00 am - 4:00 pm	13th Annual Garden Tour: An AAUW Funds benefit
June	TBD	Installation and Local Scholarship Awards Ceremony
6/9 - 6/12/2013	Daily	AAUW National Convention: Biennial convention, New Orleans



Welcome to Our Newest Members

Ronnie Wanetick Walnut Creek- Neighborhood Group: Azalea
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AMERICAN FELLOWSHIP & GRANT RECIPIENTS

by Roseann Krane, Vice President AAUW Funds

Thanks to the many of you sending contributions - you have insured our society that another woman will be ready for our future. The following Deadline Dates for Applications for AAUW are approaching. If you want to apply for a Grant consider these possibilities:

AAUW Art Contest

Submit your art work to be included in the annual AAUW Art Contest.

January 4–February 4

Selected Professions Grants

Selected Professions Fellowships provide opportunities for women to pursue graduate and first-professional degrees in designated fields where women traditionally have been underrepresented and where the employment outlook and earnings potential are strong.

January 10

Community Action Grants

Community Action Grants provide seed money to women, AAUW branches, AAUW state organizations, and local community-based nonprofit organizations for innovative programs or nondegree research projects that promote education and equity for women and girls.

January 15

NCCWSL

Attend the only conference that brings together college women to address important and contemporary leadership issues.

Registration opens February 1

Art Contest Voting

Vote for your favorite submissions to be included on the note cards that are sent to members!

February 8–March 8

Call for Candidates: Board of Directors

Submit an application for appointment to the 2013-2015 AAUW Board of Directors.

March 1



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Submission deadline for February is Jan. 21st