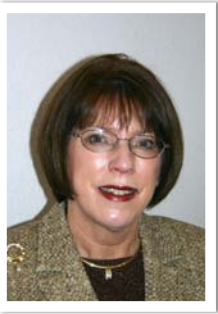


AAUW DANVILLE-ALAMO-WALNUT CREEK

◇ AAUW BRANCH MEMBERSHIP BRUNCH ◇



Saturday, September 15, 2012

9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Roundhill Country Club

3169 Roundhill Road, Alamo

Come renew acquaintances, make new friends, sign up for interest groups, donate and purchase used books, meet Tech Trekkers and prospective branch members, and listen to an interesting and informative speaker. Valet service will be available

Our guest speaker this year is Alicia Hetman, CA AAUW president. She was employed by the California Department of Education as an Education Consultant working as Title IX Compliance Officer; Categorical Complaints Management; and as Child Development Field Consultant. She will be speaking on Title IX, sexual harassment and discrimination. She researched and created the Gender Equity Compliance program for the California Department of Education, after working with AAUW CA to get the regulatory legislation passed. She attended the Mansourian vs UCD trial in June 2011 and is now speaking about the case and the AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund.

Bring a friend to brunch: Research shows that the most effective way for organizations to grow is through members who bring new individuals into the organization. Introduce a friend to AAUW and our Danville-Alamo-Walnut Creek Branch at our Membership Brunch! There, they will be able to find out about the goals of AAUW as well as discover the many interest groups that will be represented on that day. This will be a "Shape the Future" event so they may join for only \$61.50 instead of the regular \$86 if they join that day.

We ask that you mail your reservation as early as possible. For further information, please contact our membership co-chairs: Tena Gallagher at 925 837-0826 or Liz Williams at 925 389-0152.

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2012 Danville-Alamo-Walnut Creek AAUW Membership Brunch Reservation Form

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

I will be bringing a potential new member or guest. Name(s): _____

Cost Per Person is \$27 if received before Sept. 4th, \$30 if received before Sept. 10th.

Total Remitted: \$ _____

Please mail this reservation form and your check payable to

Danville-Alamo-Walnut Creek AAUW, PO Box 996, Alamo, CA 94507

Dear Branch Members, Welcome to the Danville-Alamo-Walnut Creek Mid-Summer news!

While we enjoy our families and the lazy, crazy days of summer, your board and I are planning an exciting array of new programs, events, and our annual fundraisers. We invite you to jump into our activities whole-heartedly and attend as many as you can!

Our annual Membership Brunch, a branch favorite, will be September 15 at 9:30 a.m. We'll have a tasty brunch, dynamic speaker, special interest group information tables, our Past-Presidents' book sale, and drawing ticket sales for Mary Mix's beautiful holiday quilt. We'll also hear from this year's Tech Trek attendees. This is a great time to hear first-hand what a difference our sponsorship means to middle school girls in the science and math arena.

Our October 20 program, "How Would You Balance California's Budget?" will be particularly fun and informative. In this acclaimed non-partisan simulation, you will actively vote on what to include and remove from California's budget, then learn the impacts of your decisions.

We are in the middle of an election year with many issues of interest and concern to us. Our Public Policy team is planning activities that will examine issues directly affecting you, our community, and our state and will actively involve you in discussion. In October, we'll have a panel discussion on our ballot initiatives, and in January we'll have a program on the state of education in California.

Invite some friends to attend our events with you and introduce them to our wonderful organization! Members, guests, and the public are invited to all our programs and events. Please check our Branch Events Calendar in the Advocate each month for current information on upcoming events.

Our neighborhood groups continue to grow and improve, providing opportunity to begin and continue AAUW friendships with members living closest to us. Please consider being a neighborhood hostess. It requires just a little time and means so much to our members. Our Hospitality co-chairs have lots of ideas for fun occasions. Please contact Judy Lauper or Angela Domer if you can help.

My best wishes to all of you for continued fun this summer. See you soon!

Holly Sauer, President



2011-2012 Branch Accomplishments

In 2011, we started the year as an incredibly strong branch and continued that heritage while building upon it.

Our branch was honored by AAUW-CA with four state awards. We are #1 in total AAUW Funds, total contributions, and #4 in AAUW Funds per capita contributions. We are #2 in Legal Advocacy Fund total contributions and #10 in Legal Advocacy Funds per capita contributions.

Our goals to raise at least \$7,000 for AAUW Educational Funds, send at least 12 middle school girls to Tech Trek, and exceed last year's Local Scholarship funds were surpassed. Our Holiday Home Tour and quilt raffle raised almost \$22,000 for Local Scholarships and Tech Trek. A first-time Holiday Preview Party hosted by one of our homeowners and a Holiday Boutique raised an additional \$2,200 for Tech Trek.

Our Garden Tour raised \$23,000 in net profit for Educational Funds and Tech Trek.

Highlights of the year included incredibly strong,

award-winning programs. We received multiple awards from AAUW-CA. Our community outreach was a success with Expanding Your Horizons, our annual Delta Kappa Gamma(DKG)/AAUW dinner featuring one of our Education Foundation Fellowship recipients, the new Soroptomists' She's All That conference for middle school girls, and partnerships with other community organizations such as the National Organization for Women.

We built our membership to a strong 282+ members and supported everyone with new special interest groups, a Creative Night to showcase member talents, new member socials, and an International event showcasing three cultural programs. PayPal was set up for our use for the first time. Our Policies and Procedures were reviewed and updated. Our website was regularly updated with new features.

Members honored with a Named Gift at our Installation Ceremony were Marian Bliss, Mary Ellen Blake, Pat DeRensis, Tena Gallagher, Robin Halloran, Karen Large, Linda Reeve, Holly Sauer, Marcia Steinhardt

and Melissa Walsh.

AAUW Funds recognition certificates were also presented at our Installation Ceremony. Friends of AAUW Funds Club: Jo Harberson. Equity Club: Diane Stangle and Chris Winter. Chocolate Club: Carol Kennedy, Roseann Krane, and Sharon Ritchey. Second Century Club: Joan Buchanan, Lyn Griggith, Luisa F.

Hansen, Henrietta Mendelsohn and Diana Sanderson-Mori.

There were so many other highlights, I'm sorry I can't list them all here. Our branch accomplishments wouldn't have been possible without all of you, our hard-working and successful past-presidents, board and branch members.

by Holly Sauer, President



AAUW Funds By Roseann Krane, VP Funds

Once you've heard an Educational Fellow speak, who has been endowed with AAUW funds for college studies, you will be sincerely touched. A Fellow who is studying in the Bay Area speaks to us every February. These women come from all over the world. They may be going for a Post-Doc, other advanced studies in their chosen fields to improve their employment positions, or they may be striving for a grant to retrain in a new field. Women have made great progress through education, and the more educated women we have, the more glass ceilings will be broken. Also, women today have more role models at college where they study under more women professors.

The AAUW Educational Foundation helps the world's communities, women at critical stages of their careers, and those pursuing professions where women are underrepresented. The AAUW Educational Foundation is a 501(c) (3) charity.

Contributions are tax deductible for income tax purposes. The Foundation funds:

1. Groundbreaking Research
2. Fellowships and Grants
3. Special Awards
4. Vital Community Action Projects and
5. Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF).

We also make it possible for you to restrict your gifts to specific funds or programs. By giving gifts to AAUW Funds, you receive the benefit of a tax-deduction and make it possible to respond to urgent needs as well as great opportunities to break through educational and economic barriers — and you make the biggest impact on women and girls who are working for a fair chance.

Our branch has been one of the most outstanding branches in donating funds. We have several designated endowments that support education, but also honor our branch members for their work in AAUW.

In the past we have completed gifts honoring Jo Harberson, Chris Winter, Connie Cady, Rita Wustner and Roseann Krane. We are now in the process of earning \$75,000 in donations for a Research and Projects Grant honoring Tena Gallagher for her branch work, and we have completed \$45,000. You can see a detailed list on our web site at :

<http://aauw-daw.org/namedEndownentsAndGrants.html>.

▲ EXPRESSIONS OF GRATITUDE ▲

We received letters from winners of the AAUW-Danville-Alamo-Walnut Creek scholarships following the presentation of checks of \$2,000 or more at our May event. You may enjoy reading how appreciative our recipients are.

Thank you so much for honoring me with the AAUW scholarship and the Jane Trittipo Memorial Scholarship. I regret not being able to attend the awards ceremony in May, but my mother said it was a lovely evening and that the recipients were very talented. The AAUW's commitment to supporting higher education for driven young women like myself is so important, and I'm glad that others share my ambition to expand the roles of women at the top.

Thank you again for your generous gift, and have a wonderful summer.

Caitlin Rugg

I have the greatest appreciation for the scholarship you awarded me this year and I am so grateful for your generosity. Your service to me and the community is truly admirable. I graduate in December and look forward to serving the medical community in our area. Thank you again.

Lindsey Reardon

As a recipient of the 2012 AAUW Danville-Alamo-Walnut Creek Branch Scholarships I would like to express my deep appreciation toward the donors for making this scholarship available to students such as myself. My years as an undergraduate are almost at an end and as I move forward into my graduate studies it is rewarding to be recognized and supported monetarily for all of my hard work. Unfortunately I will still be in school on the day of the awards reception, however my mother, Vivian Fujii will be able to accept my scholarship on my behalf. Again, thanks you for this outstanding honor and your support!

Amanda Fujii

To the Members of the Danville-Alamo-Walnut Creek Branch of AAUW,

Thank you so much for your generous scholarship! I am so grateful for the help in furthering my education. The awards ceremony was so nice and I am very glad I was able to attend.

With much appreciation,

Paige Branson



Our deepest sympathy goes out to Clarice Hart for the loss of her beloved husband, Walter, on August 3, 2012.

Services will be private.

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

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August 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 Jul	30	31	1 Aug	2	3	4
5	6 8:30p -8:00p Board Meeting	7	8	9	10 7:30p Friday Flicks	11 11:00a Biking: Easy Riders
12	13	14 Movie Mates	15	16	17	18 6:30p Epicureans
19	20	21 7:00p Book Group: Novel Ideas	22	23	24	25
26	27	28 7:30p Evening Lit	29	30	31	1 Sep

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FUTURE PROGRAMS & EVENTS		
DATE	TIME	EVENT
9/15	9:30	Annual Membership Brunch Round Hill Country Club Registration Form-pg. 1
10/20	10:00 am	How Would You Balance California's Budget? Diablo Country Club
10/21	TBD	AAUW Funds Luncheon Napa CA Sponsored by AAUW CA
October	TBD	New Member Social location TBD
October	TBD	Public Policy: The Pros and Cons of our Ballot Initiatives location TBD
12/7 - 12/8	10:00 am - 4:00 pm	8th Annual Holiday Home Tour Danville, Alamo, Walnut Creek homes
12/8	6:00 pm	Branch Holiday Party location TBD
January 2013	TBD	Public Policy: The State of Education in CA location TBD
2/26/13	5:30 pm	DKG/AAUW Fellowship Dinner Scott's Seafood Grill Walnut Creek

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MEETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SAVE OCTOBER 20TH

BALANCING THE BIG BUCKS

How would you balance our State's budget currently under water with a \$15.7 deficit? Join us at our Saturday, Oct. 20, non-partisan program entitled *Next 10 California Budget Challenge*. We'll use a fun, interactive, and innovative way to balance State expenditures and revenues--and see how our priorities and recommendations work in real time.

Cut the school year? Increase sales taxes? The Governor has placed an initiative on the November ballot that will raise the sales tax by 0.25% and income taxes for individuals who earn over \$250,000 a year. If voters don't approve this initiative on November 6, automatically \$4.8 billion will be cut from education. The *Next 10* program has already received outstanding reviews from the Lafayette-Orinda branch of AAUW. To preview, visit <http://www.budgetchallenge.org/pages/home>.

So, please mark Saturday, October 20, at Diablo Country Club in ink on your calendar. We'll meet at 10 a.m. and have lunch after the program.

Carol Gerich



Calling All Fellowship and Grant Applicants!

With student debt at an all-time high, who isn't looking for funding? Reach out to prospective graduate students in your community and let them know that AAUW is their answer! For more than a century, AAUW has helped more than 11,000 women from over 130 countries break through barriers and pursue their dreams of obtaining graduate degrees or making an impact in their communities.

Fellowship and grant recipients undergo a highly competitive selection process. Academic excellence, commitment to improving the human condition, and the promise of continued impact are cornerstones of the rigorous criteria. Respected scholars, researchers, teachers, and practitioners review the fellowship and grant applications. These reviewers are either experts in specialized fields of study or community leaders who recognize the power of collaboration at the local level.

See the links below to learn more about the criteria, application process, and deadlines for each of AAUW's five fellowship and grant programs

See http://www.aauw.org/learn/fellowships_grants/index.cfm
and <http://www.aauw.org/about/deadlines.cfm>



Danville Community Band

Visit the Band website at
www.danvilleband.org
for more details.

UPCOMING CONCERTS

Performance for Rossmoor Residents
Sunday, October 21, 2012
Rossmoor, 3:00 p.m.

Christmas Concert
Sunday, December 9, 2012
East Bay Fellowship, Danville, 3:00 p.m.

2013 February Dinner Concert
Time/Date TBA

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