

## **AAUW Danville-Alamo-Walnut Creek 2012 Membership Brunch – September 15, 2012**

**Attendees:** Members, Guests, Tech Trek Recipients and Parents

**Call to Order and Announcements:** The General Meeting of the Danville-Alamo-Walnut Creek Branch of AAUW was called to order at 10:50 a.m. on Saturday, September 15, 2012 at Round Hill Country Club in Alamo, California by President Holly Sauer. Tech Trekkers and their parents, as well as members and guests were welcomed. New members, guests and board members were introduced by name and asked to stand for a special welcome.

**Approval of Budget:** Holly stated that the Budget would be voted on for approval by members of the branch. She asked if there were any questions. There were no questions and Roseann Krane moved that we accept the Budget, as presented by the Board. The motion was seconded by Barbara Welch. Members of the branch voted in favor of passing the motion and the motion was passed.

**Approval of Nominating Committee Members:** Holly indicated that membership approval is required for this year's Nominating Committee Members – Marian Bliss, Karen Schlumpp, Ann Shelton, Dianne Tinnes and Jennifer Brandenburg. Carol Highton moved that we accept the Nominating Committee as approved by the board and Angela Domer seconded the motion. Members of the branch voted in favor of the motion and the motion was passed.

**2012-2013 Events & Programs:** Lynn Dodge provided information about the October lunch, which will be held on October 20, 2012 at 10 a.m. at Diablo Country Club. The Next 10 presentation at the lunch will focus on helping us to understand critical issues that the state of California will be facing. Tickets are \$25 and it will cost approximately \$1 to use PayPal.

**Public Policy:** Joan Conley stated that the League of Women Voters has information on the pros and cons of election issues. The information is available in the form of a flyer on the desk outside, online and on local cable TV. A panel discussion with the League of Women Voters on the Pros & Cons of our Ballot Initiatives will take place on October 11, 2012 at 7 p.m. at the Shadow Hills Cabana. Joan Buchanan will be speaking at a date after the election. A special interest group, for those who would like to get information to make informed decisions, is being formed within the branch and is called 'Forum.'

**Holiday Home Tour:** Mary Ellen Blake reported there is a need for more homes, as we presently only have one. She encouraged members to sign up for refreshments and/or to be a docent. The Holiday Home Tour will be December 7 and December 8.

**Tech Trek:** Liz Williams, speaking on behalf of Helga Glasson, explained the history and the application process of Tech Trek. She then introduced 5 Tech Trekkers, who spoke about their favorite experiences at Tech Trek.

**Guest Speaker: Alicia Hetmen (CA-AAUW President)** Tena Gallagher introduced Alicia Hetmen, who spoke about the history of and her personal experiences with Title IX. At the conclusion of her talk, she encouraged us to step outside our comfort zone and do what we can to promote gender equality.

**Legal Advocacy Fund:** Roseann Krane spoke about how LAF has been promoting equity for women for 30 years and encouraged us to offer support by getting involved in public policy and making a donation. Tickets were drawn for table arrangements made by Loretta Altshuler.

**Membership:** Tena Gallagher encouraged guests to fill out membership forms. The membership fee is presently at a discounted price.

**Acknowledgements & Concluding Remarks:** Holly announced that our national recognitions for 2011-12 contributions were: 2<sup>nd</sup> of the top 10 contributors in our Total Branch Contributions across the national AAUW organization, 2<sup>nd</sup> in contributions to the Educational Opportunities Fund, 5<sup>th</sup> in contributions to the Legal Advocacy Fund, 5<sup>th</sup> in contributions to the Leadership Programs Fund, and 10<sup>th</sup> in total giving to AAUW Funds. Holly gave special thanks to all the volunteers who participated in organizing and working at the brunch, to the Tech Trek girls for speaking to us and to Alicia Hetman for her work with Title IX. Holly also thanked our advertisers and encouraged us to patronize them.

**The Meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.**

Callie Gilbert  
Secretary