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MEMBERSHIP BRUNCH

Saturday, September 10, 9:30 A.M.

Crow Canyon Country Club, 711 Silver Lake Drive, Danville

Come renew acquaintances, make new friends, sign up for interest groups including the newest, Easy Riders for bicyclists, donate and purchase used books, meet Tech Trekkers and prospective branch members, and listen to speakers who are helping make our world a better place. Learn what you can do to help.

Our guest speakers this year are Nadia Costa and Marisa Gonzalez. Nadia Costa is Senior Counsel in Miller Starr Regalia's Walnut Creek office. Her practice centers on land use and local government law. She and a male attorney, Joshua, volunteered through the Habeas Project to get Debbie Peagler out of prison. They uncover a trail of prosecutorial misconduct that began with Debbie's arrest and that continues to the present day. Their discoveries sent Debbie's case into the headlines and launched a movement that not only advocated for her own freedom, but that also raised a banner for battered women and the wrongfully imprisoned around the globe. Debbie's story and their battle to secure her freedom has been made into a documentary movie called *Crime After Crime* at <http://crimeaftercrime.com/>.

Marisa González, Staff Attorney at Legal Services for Prisoners with Children (LSPC) also directs the California Habeas Project. LSPC is a non-profit organization with a history of over thirty years of working to restore rights of incarcerated and formerly-incarcerated people, release people from prison & reunify people, families and communities during and after incarceration. See: www.prisonerswithchildren.org/.

We ask that you make your reservation as early as possible. For further information, please contact our membership vice president: Tena Gallagher at 837-0826.

2011 Danville-Alamo-Walnut Creek AAUW Membership Brunch Reservation Form

Name: _____

E-mail: _____ Phone: _____

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

COST PER PERSON IS \$27 if received before September 2, \$30 if received before September 6

Total remitted: \$ _____

Please mail this reservation form and your check payable to
Danville-Alamo-Walnut Creek AAUW, PO Box 996, Alamo, CA 94507.

Bring a friend to brunch: Research shows that the most effective way for membership organizations to grow is through members who bring new individuals into the organization. Introduce a friend to AAUW and our Danville-Alamo 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. Dues are reduced by 28% if they join that day.

PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE



Welcome back everyone. We hope you had an enjoyable summer. Your Board has been hard at work setting up interesting, informative and exciting programs and attending to the business of

keeping this wonderful organization going. Please review the new calendar on line at www.aauw-daw.org. It is easy to navigate and can be used as a great reminder of events.

Our September Brunch has an exciting speaker. It will be amazing to hear how our legal system works or doesn't work.

We look forward to the November program, Seneca Falls, which we have collaborated with two outstanding community groups to present. Everyone is very excited about this program, and it is guaranteed to be a sellout.

It is never too early to mark your calendars for our annual Holiday Home tour. As always, it promises to be another stand out. Plan to get the most for you money – your membership investment will pay back if you participate in all our events. You'll develop great friends and feel true satisfaction when you know your efforts are helping women to succeed.

Robin Halloran and Roseann Krane
Co-Presidents

AAUW LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS

The Leadership Programs Fund is the newest and arguably the most exciting of all the AAUW Funds. It provides various kinds of leadership training for young women. Women taking leadership positions in their communities as well as in the larger arena helps fulfill AAUW's mission and also provides a solid prospective membership for our organization.

Here are several of the programs funded by the fund:

- Elect Her–Campus Women Win trains young women to run for student government on their campuses.
- \$tart \$mart salary negotiation workshops teach college women entering the job market how to negotiate a fair salary.
- Campus Action Projects enable student leaders and campus faculty to design and carry out programs that implement AAUW's current research. Here in California, the Gloria Weston Campus Outreach Fund provides similar programs for California campuses.
- National Conference for College Women Student Leaders, which has just concluded its twenty-sixth two and one-half day meeting, annually offers over 500 women student leaders opportunities to hone their leadership skills.
- National Student Advisory Council members advise AAUW staff about student needs, contribute ideas for combating sex discrimination in higher education and the workplace, promote AAUW's programs and participate in the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders.

These programs and others in the fund are not endowed. That means that unlike fellowships and R&P grants, they are not funded from the interest earned on the completed fellowships and grants but rather must depend on donations by members, AAUW states and branches and corporations.

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AAUW FUNDS LUNCHEON

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23

AAUW has a long and distinguished history of advancing educational and professional opportunities for women in the United States and around the globe. One of the world's largest sources of funding for graduate women, AAUW has provided more than \$3 million in funding for more than 200 fellowships and grants to outstanding women and non-profit organizations for the last academic year. Join your AAUW friends in attending this year's AAUW Funds Luncheon and listen to some of the recipients. It is always a lovely and inspiring event. The date to put on your calendar is **October 23 at the Crow Canyon Country Club, Danville**. Cost is \$35.

2011 AAUW HOLIDAY HOME TOUR

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9 & 10

December...the time for candy canes and eggnog, frosty family fun, and the magnificent Danville-Alamo-Walnut Creek AAUW Holiday Home Tour!

Our Holiday Home Tour will be held on Friday and Saturday, December 9 and 10, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Planning for our tour is underway and homes are still needed. Do you know of any homeowners who love to decorate their beautiful homes? Maybe YOU! Please volunteer some of your time to ask friends and acquaintances to open their homes for our fundraiser. We will follow-up on all of your suggestions. It would be fantastic to develop enough options to identify our homes for next year too!

We also need your support in the planning and execution of our event. Can you help as a docent or with refreshments? Perhaps you'd like to help with our food drive or quilt raffle. Whatever amount of time you have available, whatever your interests and skills, we would love your help in making this our most successful Home Tour yet!

Please come see Mary Ellen and Holly at our Membership Brunch at Crow Canyon Country Club on Saturday,

September 10. It starts at 9:30 a.m. We will have a table set up with information about our Holiday Home Tour and sign-up sheets for help.

Our Holiday Home Tour is one of two fundraisers we plan and host each year. Funds raised directly support local students in both middle-school and college levels. We send local middle-school students to Tech Trek, a summer camp dedicated to raising interest and skills in science, and we provide local scholarships to outstanding students for undergraduate and graduate studies in multiple areas. Last year we were able to send 14 students to Tech Trek and provide 13 scholarships. These opportunities are especially important to our community's young women.

We can't make these critical contributions to our community without your support. Please give us a call; together we can make a difference and have some fun, too!

Holly Sauer and Mary Ellen Blake
Holiday Home Tour Co-Chairs
Holly: 837-8302, gr8f8@pacbell.net
Mary Ellen: 735-9889, maryellenblake@comcast.net

Danville-Alamo AAUW

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SATURDAY
DECEMBER 10

DORA-THEA PORTER

CAROLINE SANCHEZ

WOMEN'S HISTORY CHAIR



If you ever wondered who is responsible for making name tags, tickets, and some of the programs for AAUW, it might be Dora-Thea. That is how I became familiar with her name. She printed some beautiful nametags for a fundraiser I was working on.

Dora-Thea said she joined AAUW about 1970, when she laughingly says she was known as Mrs. Lawrence Porter. She and her husband, Larry had recently moved to California from New York. Dora-Thea, a native New Yorker, attended and received her degree from Hunter College in the Bronx majoring in Speech Pathology and Audiology. Focusing on Audiology she attended Ohio State on a stipend and received her Masters Degree in Audiology.

Dora-Thea worked for the State of Ohio Health Department in audiology primarily developing hearing screening programs for the public school systems in rural parts of Ohio after she got her MA and before returning to New York.

Larry, a native Californian, was doing post-doctoral work at NYU in geophysics. They married in New York and later moved to California for what she thought would be a couple of years. His work has been mostly in Geophysics. Dora-Thea returned to work full time as an audiologist here at the Oak Knoll Naval Hospital in Oakland. She then dropped AAUW as she was working full time while raising her two sons. She retired after 20 years and has been working part time at the VA Hospital in Martinez.

In 1993 she rejoined AAUW and has been active ever since, while pursuing other interests by taking photography and computer classes at DVC. She took over publishing the Advocate from Connie Cady, who had done it for years, and later began developing the format in preparation for transitioning into an electronic newsletter.

She chaired EYH for a few years and was secretary, a board position, for two years. We were proud of the slide show she presented at the Branch's 40th Anniversary dinner. That year we both enjoyed our first attempt at acting for an LAF stage fundraiser.

Dora-Thea has designed programs for the Membership Brunch, for installations, designed our logos, and programs which she is continuing to do. She has used her photography skills for our branch. She also took over designing the holiday home tour tickets and the garden tour tickets.

For enjoyment she plays Mah Jongg and is jointly leading a photo group with Marian Bliss.



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NEW GROUP FORMING

EASY RIDER BIKING GROUP

Our first meeting will be on Tuesday 9/27 from 11-1:30 at Lamorinda bike trail (meet at Olympic Blvd trailhead's LARGER parking lot at the intersection of Olympic and Pleasant Hill Rd . We will have beverages/snack/or lunch at Flippers, nearby afterwards. This is an easy bike ride that is flat with some areas that have an easy, tiny upgrade (50%), and the rest is an easy, tiny fun downgrade (50%), and 50% shaded. We will stop and rest in the middle of the ride where there are benches. There are 2 extra bikes available, in case someone needs to borrow. We will meet 2x/month with possible Saturday meetings. Call Marjorie Singler at (925) 283-9931 or email msingler@comcast.net to RSVP or if you need more info. Bring water.

WRITER'S GROUP

FIRST MEETING: 09/22

The fall Writer's Workshop first meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 22 at the home of the group leader, Barbara Bornet Stumph. The group begins and ends promptly from 1:00 to 3:00. Bring a sample of your writing in five or six duplicate copies. Poetry or prose is fine. Length is three to four pages to read aloud and share. Contact Barbara at bbornets@yahoo.com.

ART & GARDEN INTEREST GROUP

SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER EVENTS

Join us on **Saturday, September 24**, for a **10:00 a.m. "Walking Tour of the Town of Danville"**. Learn about the early years of Danville and the people from yesteryear that made things happen. A docent from the Museum of the San Ramon Valley will lead the tour and the cost is \$3.00 per person. Meet at 9:50 am on Front Street in front of the Village Theatre. After the tour, we will visit the "Offerings: Works of Text and Image" exhibit at the Village Theatre Art Gallery in Danville. Lunch in Danville will conclude the day.

SAVE THE DATE! Friday, October 14 for a San Francisco City Guides "Gold Rush City" Walking Tour. This docent-led tour will show us the original city downtown and how San Francisco came into being. Details will come later. For both events contact either Jacque Schubert, 855-7002, jacqueschubert@comcast.net or Bev Nidick, 828-6993, bev2ern@comcast.net.

TRAVEL GROUP

RIVER CRUISING

Friday, September 16, 2011 at 7:30p.m. We're delighted to have Luisa and William Hansen present their two-week river cruise from Budapest to Amsterdam. This event is open to all members. Seating is limited. Please RSVP to Karen Larkin at aauw.da.travgrp2@att.net.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

EVENT DATES

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|-------------------|---|
| Beads2Jewelry: | September 1 at Noon. Hosting: Arlene Barnett. RSVP to arbar@astound.net and you will be sent information on the project. |
| Cinema 1: | September 9 at 7:30 p.m. Hosting: Sally Jess. RSVP at Sjess1500@aol.com . Movies will be selected at a later date. |
| Hiking Group: | September 24. Bollinger Creek Trail led by Cheryl Kohleriter. Meet at Sycamore Park 'n Ride at 8:30. |
| Movie n' Lunch: | September 19 at 11:30. Meet at the restaurant "The Door" on South Main St., across from Kaiser. Movies for review are <i>Sarah's Key</i> and <i>The Help</i> . |
| Party Day Bridge: | September 19. Hosting: Roseann Krane. |

GARDENS NEEDED



We are currently looking for beautiful, creative, unusual Gardens for the 2012 Garden Tour. If you have one, or know someone who does, please contact our co-chairs.

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WALNUT CREEK READS

MYSTERY AUTHOR TO KICK OFF WALNUT CREEK READS EVENTS

Award-winning mystery novelist Jacqueline Winspear will visit Walnut Creek on Monday evening, Sep. 12 to kick off this year's community events for One City, One Book: Walnut Creek Reads. The Walnut Creek AAUW group co-sponsors the Walnut Creek Reads program each year with the County Library, local library groups, and the City of Walnut Creek.

This year's Walnut Creek Reads program has featured Winspear's seventh novel in her bestselling Maisie Dobbs mystery series, *The Mapping of Love and Death*. The book – set in 1932 London – most recently won the 2011 Bruce Alexander Memorial Historical Mystery Award. Copies of *The Mapping of Love and Death* are available at the public libraries, Rossmoor library, or local bookstores.

Winspear's appearance is set for 7:30 p.m. at the Leshner Center for the Arts. Tickets are \$10 and may be purchased online at www.LeshnerArtsCenter.org, at the Leshner Center ticket booth at the Walnut Creek Library, or by phone at 925-943-SHOW.

Four other community events will help to celebrate the book.

- "How Maps Win Wars" – Lecture on Cartography: Mon., Sept. 19, 7:30 p.m., Walnut Creek Library. Free event.
- "In the Footsteps of Maisie Dobbs" – London Travel Adventures: Mon., Sept. 26, 7:30 p.m., Walnut Creek Library. Free event.
- "A Night at the Pub" – Dining and Social Book Discussions: Wed., Oct. 5, 6-8 p.m., Pyramid Alehouse, 1410 Locust St. (Paid event. Reservations: Call 946-1520; mention 1C1B)
- "Children's Detective Fiction Fun" – Sleuths Program for Youth Ages 7-12: Wed., Sept. 14, 4 p.m., Walnut Creek Library. Free event.

Three book discussions are also slated. All are free.

- Thurs., Sept. 15, 7 p.m., Ygnacio Valley Library
- Wed., Sept. 28, 7 p.m., Walnut Creek Library
- Wed., Oct. 5, 10 a.m., Rossmoor

For more information on Walnut Creek Reads call 925-935-5395 or visit www.WalnutCreekReads.org.



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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2011 AT 11:00 A.M.

CROW CANYON COUNTRY CLUB, 711 SILVER LAKE DRIVE, DANVILLE

Lunch followed by writer/producer Louise Vance, who will screen her award-winning documentary "Seneca Falls."

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Choice of entrée

_____ Chinese Chicken and Prawn Salad

_____ Vegetarian Salad

_____ Chicken, Spinach and Romaine Salad with Parsley Dressing

Please print additional guests' names and entrée choices on back of this slip.

Send your check payable to "Danville-Alamo-WC AAUW" to Ms. Norma Spencer, P.O. Box 996, Alamo, CA 94507

DON'T RESPOND TO PHISHING

BY ROSEANN KRANE, E-MAIL MANAGER

Have you received a message from someone stranded in Europe? Or have you received a message like this:

“We noticed invalid login attempts into your account online from an unknown IP address . Due to this, we have temporarily suspended your account. We need you to update your account information for your online banking to be re-activated please update your billing information today by clicking here www.bankofamerica.com/secured/updates After a few clicks, just verify the information you entered is correct.”

This is a sample of “phishing” and using a trusted business such as Bank of America. If you reply and send them your info, you could possibly lose more than emails.

Email is often used in a disturbing and suspicious way, “phishing,” or fraudulent email is against the law. It is difficult to shut down those who use “phishing.” Those using “phishing” obtain information from consumers by using fake, look-alike sites to obtain customer information. Visitors to the site, mistaking it for legitimate, submit their personal information, which can end up in the wrong hands.

If you did not submit information to the fraudulent site, you do not need to take any additional action. If you did submit information, it is possible that your information could be used to commit identity theft.

So do be on your guard. Only respond to those you actually know. I usually write to abuse@name.com such as abuse@bankofamerica.com or abuse@aol.com to verify a message when I am not sure.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE

BY ROSEANN KRANE, WEBMASTER

Visit our website at www.aauw-daw.org. It is important to learn about your website as much of your communication is on the site. You can subscribe to our newsletter, read the news and check the monthly calendar at our site.

One of the places you can find out data to help you in the organization is at <http://www.aauw-daw.org/4branchMembers.html>.

In this section you will find pages with these headings:

- Branch Goals 2010-2011
- Policies and Procedures 2011
- Branch ByLaws 2011
- Submission Guidelines For Newsletter
- Submission Guidelines for Website
- Standing Rules 2011
- Letterhead
- Branch Insurance Coverage

If you need help with the website or subscribing to our news, contact the webmaster at rkrane@yahoo.com.

Sunday		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	Aug	29	30	31	1	Sep	2
Wine Tasters - Celebration/ Pot Luck Group Lead: Barbara Critchlow & Alicia Jones			10:00a Mah Jongg Group Lead: Paula Weintraub		12:00p Beads2Jewelry Group Lead: Roseann Krane & Gail Clark	11:30a Adventurous Chefs Group Lead: Phyllis Sheller	
4		5	6	7	8	9	10
			10:00a Mah Jongg Group Lead: Paula Weintraub			7:30p Cinema 1 Group Lead: Jan Knadle	9:30a Membership Brunch & General Meeting
						7:30p Oscars Group Lead: Sharon Cohune	
						7:30p First Friday Films Group Lead: Kathy Harkins	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	
	9:30 a Board Meets	10:00a Mah Jongg Group Lead: Paula Weintraub	7:30p Evening Bridge Group Lead: Barbara Nexsen	10:30a Books II Group Lead: Doris Ringot	7:30p Travel Group Group Lead: Karen Larkin	6:30p Epicureans Group Lead: Rita Wustner	
	Monday Movie Mates Group Lead: Marilyn McCurdy & Soni Leighton	11:30a Movies & Lunch Group Lead: Diane Stangel					Golf Group Lead: Barbara Welch
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	
	10:00a Party Bridge Group Lead: Angela Domer	10:00a Mah Jongg Group Lead: Paula Weintraub	1:00p Photography Group Lead: Marian Bliss & Dora-Thea Porter	9:30a Daytime Literature Group Lead: Pat Madsen		8:30a Hike Group Lead: Kathie Hixon	
				1:00p Writers Group Contact: Barbara Bornet Stumph		9:45a Art & Garden Group Lead: Jacque Schubert & Bev Nidick	
25	26	27	28	29	30	1	Oct
	9:30a Duplicate Bridge Group Lead: Betty Bryant	10:00a Mah Jongg Group Lead: Paula Weintraub	9:30a Contemporary Books Contact: Diane Stangel			Past Presidents' Luncheon	
		11:00a Easy Rider Group Lead: Margaret Singler					
	12:00p Hooked on Books Group Lead: Norma Spencer	7:30p Evening Literature Group Lead: Karen Campbell & Judy Halden					



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SAVE THE DATE

November 5

SENECA FALLS
Celebrating Women's Suffrage
See Page 7 for Details

For details and updates on upcoming Branch Programs, see our website at
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