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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A Year Gone By...

BY MARIAN BLISS and KATHIE HIXON
CO-PRESIDENTS



The year has gone by quickly. We have much to celebrate and many to thank. Please join us for our branch installation and awards evening at Charlene Vorous' lovely garden on **June 4, at 5:30**. We will celebrate this year's branch accomplishments. This will be a wine reception and salad dinner. Please feel free to bring a finger appetizer or finger dessert. RSVP to Charlene Vorous at vorous@att.net.

We have enjoyed a rewarding year. Our branch merger with Walnut Creek became official when the merger approval was received from AAUW National in Washington DC. We welcomed the Walnut Creek Branch members into our Danville-Alamo branch in October.

We are delighted to have them as members of our branch. Danville-Alamo, including Walnut Creek now has 267 members.

We celebrated the 40th anniversary of the Danville-Alamo Branch in October. Twenty-five past presidents, members and guests celebrated the founding of the Danville-Alamo Branch as well as the many important projects championed by the branch over the past 40 years. These projects included support for various student programs in the San Ramon Valley Unified School District, Danville incorporation, and women's conferences. Many members have been elected to various political offices and appointed to town and county board positions. In addition to these activities, this branch, from the founding year in 1969 to the present, has raised nearly \$400,000 funding women locally, nationally and around the world through advocacy, education and research, including monies for local scholarships and Tech Trek summer science camp.

Thanks to Tena Gallagher for chairing our 5th annual Holiday Home Tour (HHT). Proceeds provided funds for 11 scholarships granted to women pursuing undergraduate and graduate degrees in a variety of fields. These outstanding women will be honored at our installation celebration. Additionally, the HHT monies provided 10 Tech Trek scholarships to 8th grade girls in the San Ramon Valley School District. Walnut Creek members provided 6 Tech Trek scholarships to Walnut Creek students. Wow, 16 total! We look forward to hearing about their summer camp experience at our Fall Branch in September.

Thanks to the leadership of Mary Mix and Jacque Schubert, this year's garden tour was another huge success. We sold over 750 tickets! The net profits generated over \$21,000 for the AAUW Funds, which provides endowments that support various fellowships and grant programs.



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PRESIDENT

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Our branch presented informative programs over the last nine months for the membership and the public. Women in medicine, local women artists, and women engaged in and devoted to making the world a safer place for all women were some of our highlights this year. Additionally, we had a presentation and a Q & A from our school superintendent Steve Enoch. This was a joint evening with the San Ramon branch.

We are extremely fortunate to have strong leaders and a very capable incoming board of directors taking office on June 4. We are confident that our incoming co-presidents, Mary Mix and Marcia Steinhardt, will lead this branch to another successful year filled with interesting programs, member participation in a variety of interest groups, and successful fund-raising.

A NEW COMMITTEE IN TOWN

Hospitality is Coming to D-AAUW

Something NEW is coming to your neighborhood this Fall!

With a greater emphasis on community and connecting with one another, our incoming co-presidents have created a new entity...the Hospitality Committee.

To foster a greater sense of our AAUW neighborhood communities, we are creating "area neighborhoods." Gracious ladies who would like to create a sense of hospitality in their own neighborhood are needed to help members get to know one another and to answer questions regarding how they might make a difference in our organization.

Throughout the year, we will hold various types of small gatherings to enable members to meet one another and give support to those who need it. It's just a way of becoming more neighborly, and at the same time, make our communities a better place in which to live. We wish to help members feel included and help direct their talents and energies toward applicable branch activities.

If you would like to help make our organization become stronger, and our community and neighborhoods become more welcoming, please contact Sharon Cohune at sfcohune@comcast.net, or, 648-5153.

We will be working on this new endeavor throughout the summer, so please contact Sharon if you would like to serve on this committee, as many people will be needed to make it a success. ❖

LEGAL ADVOCACY FUND

Final Update of "More Bang for Your Buck," the non-event fundraiser of the year

BY SUSAN TERZUOLI and BARBARA WELCH

LAF CO-CHAIRPERSONS

Thank you for your support during the non-event fundraiser for our branch's contribution to the national LAF fund. Carol Allen, Karen Larkin, Anne Long and Diane Stein completed our list of twenty-six contributors who raised \$1945. Our total contribution to national will be \$2300 with the addition of \$355 from the previous year's carry-over. ❖

Walnut Creek Satellite Connections:

ONE CITY, ONE BOOK: The Walnut Creek Reads has chosen *The Street of a Thousand Blossoms* for the fifth annual city-wide book. Save September 14 for an evening with the author, Gail Tsukiyama, at the new Walnut Creek Library.

A number of our members have received recognition for their contributions to AAUW Funds (EF and LAF) and will be given certificates at the June 4 installation meeting. Included are Mary Ann Hruska as a "Friend of AAUW"; and Luisa Hansen, Carol Kennedy, Diane Sanderson-Mori, Ann Shelton, Carla Panchecho, Diane Stangel, Melinda Hall, Karen Abu-Hamdeh and Nancy Lennstrom. Walnut Creek ranked 9th in percapita donations in California.



NEW WC LIBRARY OPENING ON JULY 17: Phyllis Duggan, our rep on the opening day celebration planning committee, says to check out www.newwclibrary.org for information on how to volunteer to help with the opening celebrations. There are many possibilities to choose from involving a 2 1/2-hour commitment on that day. There will be two training sessions for volunteers: one on June 29 from 7:30-8:30 P.M. and one on July 11 from 1-2:30 P.M. These include a tour of the library. The training is being held at the Civic Park Community Center, 1395 Civic Drive. All assignments are made through the website. ❖

GARDENS NEEDED

Looking ahead to 2011

BY DIANNE TINNES

INCOMING EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION (EF) CO-CHAIR

Now that we have successfully completed our spring Garden Tour, it is time to start finding gardens for next year's event on Friday, May 6 and Saturday, May 7, 2011.

If you or anyone you know has a great garden, please pass their name on to Dianne Tinnes at 820-8611 or dtinnes@att.net. I will contact the owner and answer any questions.

I am out viewing prospective gardens now as it is a good time to see them in their full glory. There is competition with other garden tours so the earlier we can put next year's event together, the better. If there is a question about whether or not a garden is appropriate for the tour, please pass the name on anyway and let Dianne and Jacque Schubert, incoming EF co-chairs, take a look and decide.

Thanks for you help! ❖

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PUBLIC POLICY

Updates on Issues Important to You...

BY CYNTHIA SAVELL
PUBLIC POLICY

As of this writing, California's governor has announced his revisions for the State Budget. Sales tax, income tax, and property tax income for the state has dropped massively, and many social programs have been cut or eliminated. What has been spared is funding for higher education and state parks. Welfare to Work funding was cut, and funding for mental health was slashed sixty percent. Calworks funding was eliminated, and so was Healthy Families funding until it was learned that the federal government might step in to fight the governor over this. These entitlements could all have been saved if funding were to be cut twenty percent across the board and the public taxed to make up any difference. However, the governor promised that he would not raise taxes. These budget cuts will take a terrible toll on California's women and their families. The downturn in the economy is the first in recent history in which women experienced substantial job losses, with single mothers hit particularly hard. Married women with children also felt the impact with many becoming the sole breadwinners for their families as their husbands lost their jobs. Cuts to key safety-net programs and MediCal have affected low income women and their families. Let's hope the legislature can still step in and work some changes in this terrible situation.

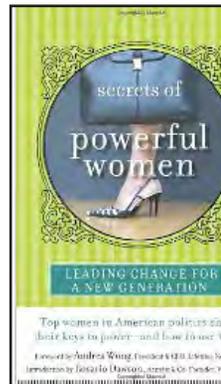
AAUW Executive Director Linda Hallman said, "With his nomination of Solicitor General Elena Kagan to succeed Justice John Paul Stevens, the president has selected a woman who has been a trailblazer throughout her distinguished legal career, holding such positions as the first woman dean of Harvard Law School and the first woman solicitor general of the United States. AAUW is pleased to note that, if confirmed, the Supreme Court will have three women justices serving concurrently for the first time in history, breaking through yet another barrier for women and girls. AAUW will carefully consider the totality of Solicitor General Kagan's record over the coming weeks. We look forward to the upcoming confirmation hearings and the candid answers of the nominee."

Though Elena Kagan has never been a judge, she has argued six cases for the U.S. before the Supreme Court since President

Obama chose her to be the solicitor general last year. In 2003, Kagan was chosen to become the first woman dean of Harvard Law School. Other justices came to the Supreme Court without ever having been judges, notably former governor Earl Warren of California. In this very partisan year, Kagan faces especially thorough scrutiny before she could be confirmed. Bravo, Elena Kagan. AAUW wishes you good luck.

Equal Pay Day is set for 2011. The National Committee on Pay Equity, in conjunction with AAUW and coalition partners, announced that the next Equal Pay Day will be April 12, 2011. The date symbolizes how far into 2011 women must work to earn what men earned in 2010. As always, it falls on a Tuesday, which represents how far into the workweek women must work to earn what men earned the previous week!

It is hoped that the House of Representatives has passed the America COMPETES Reauthorization Act (HR 5116.) The reauthorization bill includes provisions to improve Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) education and reduce gender barriers that deter women from pursuing academic and career goals in these fields. The bill also includes provisions from the AAUW-supported Fulfilling the Potential of Women in Academic Science and Engineering Act, (HR 1144.) AAUW's recent report, "Why So Few? Women in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics," found that environmental and social barriers continue to block women from participation and progress in STEM fields. This lack of women and girls in STEM fields has significant implications not only for their economic security but for the overall economy as well. AAUW thinks HR 5116 will improve opportunities for women in technical fields, improve STEM education for all students, and increase America's global competitiveness.



For the first time at AAUW, you can show your support for advocacy for women and girls and get a tax deduction! Contribute \$100 to the AAUW Public Policy Fund and receive the fund's first annual pin. You will also receive a copy of the book, *Secrets of Powerful Women*, signed by Lisa Maatz, AAUW's director of public policy and government relations, who wrote a chapter in the book.



MEMBERSHIP BRUNCH
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

FIRST FRIDAY FILMS - June 11

Please join us on the SECOND Friday of the month, June 11, at the home of Susan Morea on Friday, June 11, at 7:30 P.M. to discuss *Please Give* and *Iron Man 2*. RSVP to Susan at 743-4058 or smorea@aol.com. ❖

MOVIES N' LUNCH - June 8

On Tuesday, June 8, at 11:30 A.M., we're meeting at the new Walnut Creek Yacht Club, 1555 Bonanza (at Locust), Walnut Creek. Movies are *Please Give* and *Mother and Child*. Contact Diane Stangel at 939-0373 or lstangel@astound.net. ❖

GOLF - June 6

AAUW Golf will play at Rossmoor on Saturday, June 6. Please RSVP to Susan Terzuoli at susanterz@hotmail.com. ❖

EVENING LITERATURE - June 22

A French Pot Luck and Book Discussion! We will meet on Tuesday, June 22 at 6:00 P.M. at the home of Alicia Jones to discuss *My Life in France* by Julia Child and to enjoy a French repast. RSVP to Alicia at 838-0422 to let her know what you will be bringing. ❖

HIKING GROUP

A Pleasanton Ridge Experience



Cindy Cassady has graciously offered to lead our June hike. Please join us for a 5.8 moderate hike along the Pleasanton Ridge on Saturday June 19th. The hills are dotted mainly with Buckeye, Valley and Coast Live Oaks as well as Sycamore trees, but we will also venture upon some surprising Olive groves that have survived since the turn of the century. At the top of the ridge we will have views of Mt. Diablo, the mountains of the Sunol Regional Wilderness and Mission Peak to the south. Hopefully some wildflowers will also still be in bloom. We will meet at Sycamore Park and Ride at 8:30 am with sunscreen, hat, a snack and plenty of water. Please contact kathiehixon@comcast.net if you will be joining us.

Happy Trails! ❖

WINE TASTERS

Events Continue This Summer...

Please call Barbara Critchlow at 287-1543 or Alicia Jones at 838-0422 for information about events this summer and early fall. We will visit wineries and participate in blind tastings at members' homes, always on Sundays. We will soon visit the vineyard of a branch member and visit a Napa winery. ❖





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Cheryl Kohleriter at cherylkohleriter@yahoo.com
Cindy Cassady at cassady1@lntl.gov

Articles should be submitted as an attachment in Times New Roman, 10 pt. font.

2010 GARDEN TOUR BREAKS RECORDS

\$21,000 raised...

BY JACQUE SCHUBERT
AAUW FUNDS CO-VICE PRESIDENT

We are happy to report that this year's Garden Tour broke all previous records both in monies collected and number of people attending. Over 750 garden admirers purchased tickets and AAUW Funds-EF will be able to provide \$21,000 towards our mission of supporting aspiring female scholars through fellowships and grants. The gardens were brimming with color and the weather was just about perfect.

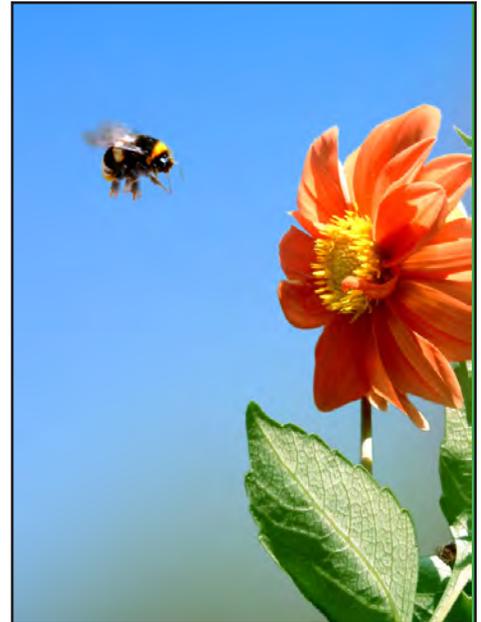
We appreciate our homeowners' willingness to allow so many to enjoy their lovely gardens and for their giving generously of their time, effort and money to have their gardens looking so perfect for us: Diane & Tom Ciardello, Missy Davis, Kelly & Shams Deitrick, Trisha & Bill Green, Cindy & Dana Lund, Len & Holly Sauer, and Lori & John Sorrell. We also thank landscape designers Mary Knowles, Bill Williams, and Dana Lund who were in their gardens answering questions throughout the tour.

Our head docents were superb and deserve a "pat on the back" for managing their gardens and docents without a hitch. Carole Allen, Marilyn Bressler, Pat DeRensis, Kathie Hixon, Alicia Jones, Cheryl Kohleriter, Jennifer Krommenhoek, and Ingrid Lara. Our Refreshment Head Docents, Karen Fox and Gus Slavin, kept us all happily fed and watered throughout the two days.

We thank our branch members (and others) for being such enthusiastic docents – our gardens were well taken care of: Betty Adams, Loretta Altshuler, Grace Atkinson, Betty Barnet, Arlene Barnett, Roberta Black, Dee Brook, Connie Cady, Christy Campbell, Karen Campbell, Cindy Cassady, Hazel Chappel, Sharon Cohune, Barbara Critchlow, JoAnne Dahlin, Brenda Davis, Phyllis Duggan, Ilene Ferguson, Judy Finch, Tena Gallagher, Jan Geary, Peggy Gierke, Mary Granzotto, Mary Hanson, Jo Harberson, Kathy Harkins, Dot Healy, Jan Hersh, Carol Highton, Sandy Hoffman, Judy Jacobs, Sally Jess, Carol Kennedy, Kathy Kennedy, Jan Knadle, Mimi Knox, Karen Large, Karen Larkin, Diane Larson, Harlean L'Engle, Loretta Lewis, Pat Madsen, Kathy Marke, Marilyn Matosian, Michele McInaney, Merilyn Milam, Laurie Miller, Kerry Montalvo, Sandi Moody, Barbara Nexsen, Bev Nidick, Barbara Nuttail, Carla Pancheco, Helen Perlstein, Mary Lou Peterson, Nancy Pinkosh, Carolyn Priest, Aline Richards, Caroline Sanchez, Karen Schlumpp, Jane Shah, Sonya Seyler, Sharon Steele, Diane Stein, Marcia Steinhardt, Lois Tenzer, Susan Terzuoli, Nancy van der Haeghen, Melissa Walsh, Paula Weintraub, Barbara Welch, Pat Wheeler, Sherry Wilcoxson, Chris Winter, and Carolyn Winton.

We're not done yet!! Thanks to Tena Gallagher for the plentiful publicity and for managing ticket sales, Connie Cady for the always right-on directions, ticket layout, and signage, Dianne Tinnes for her wonderful garden descriptions for the ticket/brochure, and Mary Mix for finding our beautiful gardens and nurturing our relationships with the garden owners.

Our wonderful Danville-Alamo Branch has done it again!



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AAUW STATE CONVENTION

A Review of This Year's SOARing Event

BY MARCIA STEINHARDT
INCOMING CO-PRESIDENT

The theme of this year's 89th annual AAUW California State Convention was "SOAR" (Significance, Outreach, Advocacy, Reinvention) with AAUW CA". Friday's events included the Presidents' Brunch, the hands-on Women's Leadership Training Institute, and the first business session, which included statements by each of the candidates for Secretary and Director (4 seats open) and a speech by Jill Birdwhistell, AAUW National's Chief of Strategic Advancement. Ms. Birdwhistell emphasized the importance of philanthropy in building a nationwide community and culture of trust. She emphasized that National AAUW wishes to promote our visibility as an organization. We are highly respected in Washington D.C., and our leaders are invited to the White House and Congress for major events and counsel nearly every week. We have a big footprint and have had two huge wins in LAF-supported cases. Each branch presented a tri-fold display at the "Connection Corner" featuring their significant branch events during the past year. Our display featured photos from our Fourth of July parade, the Oktoberfest, the Holiday Home and Garden Tours, our LAF play, "Women Speak Out," as well as photos of our Local Scholarship and Tech Trek recipients.

Saturday's events included the Speech Trek Contest Breakfast, "Breaking Through Barriers," and a choice of three workshop series. In the evening, the AAUW Funds Gala Dinner was held with the keynote speaker, Claire Schuster, LAF plaintiff, giving the keynote speech concerning her gender discrimination in the Department of Nursing litigation against Berea College. (Her case remains ongoing.) One of the highlights of the AAUW Fund Gala was the presentation of the California Named Gift Honoree Award.



Our very own **Roseann Krane** was presented with this prestigious award. Roseann has been a vital and active member of AAUW for 40 years, contributing on both State and Branch levels. We are so lucky to have her as a part of our membership and are so proud of this accomplishment.

Sunday's events included a speech on Financial Literacy for women by Evelyn Dilsaver, President and CEO of Charles Schwab Investment Management, and coffee with Charlotte Newhart, our Public Policy Advocate (i.e., lobbyist) in Sacramento. Charlotte updated us on issues in Sacramento and Washington that are of interest to AAUW. Among such issues is the CEDAW (Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women) treaty. Often described as an international bill of rights for women, this treaty was signed by President Carter in 1980, but has languished in Congress ever since. The United States is one of only seven countries (U.S., Iran, Sudan, Somalia, Nauru, Palau, and Tonga) that have refused to ratify it. President Obama has decided to focus on the ratification of this treaty, and we are urged to write, phone, and fax our Senators to vote

in favor of ratification. The morning ended with the closing business session at which convention voters unanimously voted to endorse ratification of CEDAW. This was followed by the installation of the following newly elected officers:

Co-Presidents: Judy Pfeil and Gloria Taylor; Vice President: Sue Miller; Secretary: Laurie Dennen; Treasurer: Bakula Maniar; Directors: Ginny Hatfield, Sherry Ludwig, Lorelei Self, and Harriet Tower. The convention concluded with the Shriver Report Luncheon featuring speaker Ann O'Leary, Senior Fellow at American Progress, and the First Reunion of Tech Trek alumnae. This was certainly an inspiring, action-packed weekend that energized and motivated all attendees to be a part of moving our AAUW Mission forward. ❖

DAYTIME LITERATURE Continues this Summer

Daytime Literature continues meeting throughout the summer on the fourth Thursday with the following schedule:

June 24, 9:30 at the home of Susan Christofferson at 946-0878. *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Society* by Mary Ann Schaffer and Annie Barrows.

July 22, 10:00 at Bagel Street Cafe. *Unaccustomed Earth* by Jhumpa Lahiri.

August 26, 10:00 at Bagel Street Cafe. *Year of Wonders* by Geraldine Brooks.

SUE DeVOE A Renaissance Woman

BY CAROLINE SANCHEZ

I was interested in interviewing Sue DeVoe because she has a fascinating story to share. How many people do we know who have spent the first years of their life in a prison camp?

Sue's father, Chet Magnuson, from Washington, and her mother, Frieda, from Oregon, met in San Francisco. They married in 1938, and his job with an export-import business sent them to the Philippines. They travelled by freighter to Manila, the "Pearl of the Orient." It was a good life with servants, and it was a beautiful country to enjoy. The Philippines was a mixture of cultures, Spanish and Asian. Sue Magnuson was born there in 1940. In April 1941, most military families were sent home, but the soldiers stayed because the U.S. knew war was coming with Japan who had sided with Germany. Sue's family stayed.



On December 7, 1941, after Pearl Harbor was bombed, Manila was bombed eight hours later. On December 26, Manila surrendered to the Japanese. Sue's father, Chet, and other American families were taken prisoner, including Jack Klasson, the father of another former Danville/Alamo AAUW member, Sylvia Miller. He was a dentist for the prisoners while there. Sylvia's mother and siblings had left before the war. General Mac Arthur, who was stationed in Manila, retreated to Corregidor Island when the Japanese took over the city. John Boswell, the husband of another AAUW member (Paula), was at Corregidor Island and was also taken prisoner.

Each person was allowed to take one suitcase, a mosquito net and a mattress into the camp. The prisoners were held at the Dominican University of Santo Tomas, which was converted into a prison camp. Her mother, Freida, and 19-month-old Sue, however, were left in their compound because Freida was seven months pregnant. They were allowed to stay there until the new baby, Karen, was five months old. Then Sue and her mother had to go to the prison camp, leaving Karen with a Spanish/ Filipino family outside of the prison for 15 months, hoping the war would end soon.

More than 3700 prisoners were there for 37 months. The men and women were separated, and Sue and her mother shared a classroom with eight women and twelve children. Sue remembers having to bow to the Japanese all the time. Eventually, they moved into a shanty that the internees built on the campus grounds. The American military was trying to rescue the prisoners because they knew there was the threat that they could all be killed.

During the battle, 80% of Manila was destroyed, becoming the second most destroyed city of World War II. During the struggle, many prisoners died or were injured. Sue was injured with shrapnel cuts and suffered shell shock after she was thrown out of her bed when a bomb hit.

The last year food was even more rationed, and many were dying of malnutrition. The men looked like skeletons. Her father, a man of 5'11", weighed only 88 pounds and was suffering from beriberi. Her mother lost 50 pounds, Karen suffered from dysentery and weighed 22 pounds, while Sue, age five, weighed 25 pounds when they were liberated, February 3, 1945, was a joyous and memorable day for all the prisoners.

Many American ships had been destroyed, and because so many people wanted to leave, they had to wait until May 3 to embark for San

Francisco. Sue's family traveled with 400 prisoners on the Lyke American warship. It took the ship 39 days to travel to San Francisco because they had to dodge sunken ships, mines and the enemy. She remembers their fear when they were told to get in the lifeboats and prepare to abandon ship. Fortunately, the approaching submarine belonged to the U.S.

When they returned to the U.S., it was difficult for the families to find housing. They had lost everything and it was hard to adjust to life, as they hadn't made decisions for three years. Their uncle found them a two-bedroom home to rent in Palo Alto. A tent was installed in the backyard for other EX-POW'S who couldn't find housing. Later, they moved to San Francisco and stayed there for three years.



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Sue was eight when her father's job took them to Lima, Peru, for five years. Her brother Tony was born there and didn't speak English when they returned to the U.S. Sue was fluent in Spanish at 13 years old when she returned to California and attended high school in Hillsborough. She attended the University of Oregon for two years, one year at the University of Vienna and graduated from San Francisco State with a General Secondary teaching credential in Spanish and Social Studies.

In 1965, Sue married David DeVoe who had a degree in geology and studied architecture. They lived in Hayward for three years, where she became a member of AAUW in 1966, and she continues to enjoy her membership in the Danville-Alamo and North Tahoe AAUW branches. They moved to Danville in 1968. She has held every AAUW office except treasurer and was president in 1975-76. Sue is a long time volunteer and coordinator for the Diablo International Resource Center, which provides speakers on International subjects and an excellent lecture series. She was also a docent for the Oakland Museum.

While raising their son, Jay, and daughter, Janise, she taught and tutored Spanish for the Acalanes Adult Education for 17 years. They have two grandchildren. Sue and Dave also built and remodeled two homes in the Lake Tahoe area, as they are avid skiers and hikers. They have gone to the top of the highest peaks in 45 states and skied in all seven continents, which is quite an accomplishment. They have also traveled to all the Spanish-speaking countries except Cuba, Nicaragua and Honduras. They now spend their time between Lake Tahoe and Danville. In Lake Tahoe, Sue volunteers for the Historical Society, Hospice Thrift Shop and the Sierra Regional Ski for Light, guiding blind skiers for Cross Country skiing and Snow Shoeing in Lake Tahoe.

Sue's mother, Frieda Magnuson wrote a book, *Out In '45 If We're Still Alive* in 1984 at age 73, which Sue is hoping to republish. I was privileged to read it. Sue is an active member of the BACEPOW (Bay Area Civilian Ex Prisoners of War). They have reunions in California around February 3 to celebrate and honor their liberators. This year, Sue and her daughter, Janise, traveled to the Philippines to celebrate the 65th anniversary at Santo Tomas. They visited the University and other WWII sites. ❖

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

Pamela Burdusis
Debra Kass

Carolyn Kraetsch
Linda Reeve

Holly Sauer

We welcome our newest members of Danville-Alamo AAUW. Please introduce yourself to them at one of our events or invite them to attend one with you.



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AAUW-DA HISTORICAL REVIEW



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1989 Installation Luncheon
featuring
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Sally Potts, Lois Fugate, Sueann Novotny,
Leslie Vilhauer

2009-10 BRANCH PROGRAMS		
06/04	5:30 P.M.	Installation and Awards Presentation. At the home of Charlene Vorous, Danville, CA.
09/25	---	Membership Brunch. Please note date change.

MONTHLY CALENDAR FOR SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

06/01 06/08 06/15 06/22 06/29	10:00 A.M.	Mah Jongg. Weekly meeting at various locations. Contact Paula Weintraub at pauladuck@yahoo.com.
06/04	11:30 A.M.	WC: Adventurous Chefs. Contact Phyllis Sheller at 280-0437. [WAIT LIST]
06/06	---	Golf. Rossmoor. RSVP to Susan Terzuolo at 820-9071.
06/08	11:30 A.M.	WC: Movies n' Lunch. Please Give and Mother and Child. Meet at W.C. Yacht Club. Contact Diane Stangel at 939-0373. See page 5 for details.
06/09	7:30 P.M.	Evening Bridge. Contact Barbara Nexsen at 837-9625.
06/11	7:30 P.M.	Cinema 1. Contact Jan Knadle at 287-1543 or Barbara Critchlow at BACritchlow@yahoo.com .
06/11	7:30 P.M.	Oscar 1. Contact Marian Bliss at 820-4709.
06/11	10:00 A.M.	WC: First Friday Films. Please Give and Iron Man 2. Hosting: Susan Morea at 743-4058. See Page 5 for details.
06/17	10:00 A.M.	WC: Books II. The Associates: Four Caitalists Who Created California by Richard Rayner. Hosting: Judy Finch at 946-0249.
06/16	7:30 P.M.	WC: Travel Section 1. Contact Mimi Knox at mimiaknox@comcast.net for details.
06/19	8:30 A.M.	Hiking Group. Pleasanton Ridge hike. Contact Kathie Hixon at 838-8632. See Page 5 for details.
06/19	6:30 P.M.	WC: Epicureans. Contact Judy Finch at 946-0249. [WAIT LIST]
06/21	10:00 A.M.	Daytime Bridge. Contact Mary Kay Anderson at 837-6902.
06/22	6:00 P.M.	Evening Literature. French Pot Luck and Book Discussion. <i>My Life in France</i> by Julia Child. Hosting: Alicia Jones at 838-0422. See Page 5 for details.
06/23	9:30 A.M.	WC: Contemporary Books. The Help by Kathryn Stockett. Hosting: Joyce Briggs at 472-0772.
06/24	9:30 A.M.	Daytime Literature. The Guernsey Literary Potato Peel Pie Society by Mary Ann Schaffer and Annie Barrows. Hosting: Susan Christofferson at 946-0878. See Page 7 for details.
06/28	9:30 A.M.	Daytime Duplicate Bridge. Contact Sandy Hoffman at 837-8759.

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2010-11 EXECUTIVE BOARD INSTALLATION

Friday, June 4
5:30

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Many Thanks to the 2009-2010 Board of Directors and Big thanks to the Interest Group Leaders for providing stimulating activities for so many to enjoy. This branch is successful because members participate in the many activities offered and contribute their time, talent, and dedication to this wonderful organization.

- Thank you Mary Mix and Jacque Shubert for the most successful garden tour to date. We were fortunate to have unique gardens and great weather to support the planning and work to make the 2010 successful.
- Thank you Dora-Thea Porter for your multi-talented creative contributions to our branch. The 40th anniversary program was a first class production. Your slide show was fantastic and enjoyed by all who saw it. Thanks for all the minutes, cards and letters sent, and for multiple trips to the Alamo Post Office to check the mail box. Thank you Dora Thea Porter and Debi Zauner for EYH coordination.
- Thank you Roseann Krane for the branch's website and for delivering current news to our membership and for coordinating the Educational Fellowships speaker.
- Thank you Carol Kennedy and Carla Pancheco for attending many meetings and spending many hours to help Walnut Creek Branch members' transition to membership in the Danville Alamo Branch.
- Thank you Cheryl Kohleriter for your artistic formatting of the Advocate and Marge Christensen, our retiring Advocate editor. Big job! Thanks also Cheryl for co-chairing the 40th anniversary party.
- Thank you Loretta Altshuler and Robin Halloran for our outstanding programs.
- Thank you Pat DeRensis and Barbara Critchlow for our Fall brunch and welcoming new members this year. We now have 267 members.
- Thank you Tena Gallagher for all that you do for our branch, advertising guru, HHT chairperson, Garden Tour tickets, IBC coordinator of Roles Women Played in Contra Costa County History.
- Thank you Barbara Welch and Susan Terzouli for the LAF non-event success.
- Thank you Cynthia Savell for your informative articles and presentations on Public Policy.
- Thank you Mary Hanson for paying our bills and reporting at board meetings.
- Thank you Jennifer Brandenburg and Beth Clark for helping to define the Local Scholarship process and for managing the selection of this year's scholarship winners.
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- Thank you Carolyn Sanchez for your informative articles on women's history.
- Thank you Gus Slavin and Asha Bajaj for providing our International program and breakfast. And thanks to Ronnie Goldfarb for presenting an enlightening program. Thanks again to Asha and Loretta for the informative wellness panel. Additional thanks to Asha for her presentation on bones and for bringing in an interesting and informative panel of speakers
- Thank you Kerry Montalvo for taking care of our data and for providing customized reports on request.

Thank you to the Bylaws committee who worked very hard this year; chair Tena Gallagher, Marian Bliss, Robin Halloran, Carla Pancheco and Marcia Steinhardt rewrote the Danville-Alamo Branch Bylaws, Standing Rules, and policy and Procedure Manuel.

THANK YOU from Co-Presidents Marian Bliss and Kathie Hixon!