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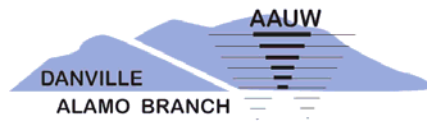
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JOINT MEETING OF DANVILLE-ALAMO and SAN RAMON BRANCHES of AAUW, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 6:30 P.M.

The October General Meeting will focus on propositions on the November ballot. This is a joint meeting of AAUW Danville-Alamo and San Ramon branches. The dinner meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 21, at 6:30 P.M. at Shadow Hills Cabana, 1001 El Capitan Dr., Danville.

Two guest speakers from the League of Women Voters will present nonpartisan summaries of each proposition.

Additionally, Cam and Dennis Wolff from Project Vote Smart will demonstrate the ways their website can assist us in researching the candidates for state and national offices.

This promises to be a very informative meeting. The buffet dinner is catered by De Ming's Asian Cuisine and consists of:

- ❖ Appetizers: Spring Rolls, Fried Siu Mein, Fried Won Ton.
- ❖ Entrée: Cashew Chicken, Broccoli Beef, Honey Walnut Shrimp, Sweet & Sour Pork, Fried Rice.
- ❖ Dessert: Fortune Cookie.

To RSVP by October 17, send your \$16 check made out to Danville-Alamo AAUW for each reservation to:

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For more information, contact Carole Allen at 837-8407.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A huge thank you goes out to Sharon Cohune, our membership co-vice president, for a great membership brunch. Thanks to all of you who attended. Thanks also goes to several members who helped make our brunch be such a success, including Jane Chiodo for arranging for our speaker, Jane Massengill, Loretta Altshuler, who made all of the lovely floral arrangements, Angela Domer and Jacque Schubert for helping with the raffle, all of the interest section chairs which Kathie

Hixon organized, Cheryl Kohleriter for making the Tech Trekkers and their mothers feel welcome, and many more. It definitely takes a village to make our events so successful. As a *Shape the Future* event, we were able to have seven new members join at the reduced rate of \$61.50.

We have many talented members, several have written or are writing books. This month we have the honor of hosting a book signing for one of our members,

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (Continued)

Paula Boswell. Her autobiographical book is *No Ordinary Life: The True Story of a Dutch Girl and an American Marine*. Join us on Tuesday, October 7, from 3:00 - 5:00 P.M. at Shadow Hills Cabana, 1001 El Capitan Dr., Danville. Everyone is welcome.

We are continuing our monthly get together coffees on the second Friday of each month at Bagel St. Café in Danville's Livery starting at 9:30 A.M. We hope that many of you will join us to get to know each other better, especially our new members. Mark your calendar and join me on October 10.

Make sure you get your reservation mailed in for our Tuesday, October 21, joint general meeting with the San Ramon Branch at 6:30 P.M. at Shadow Hills Cabana. De Ming's is providing us a wonderful dinner for only \$16. The League of Women Voters will be presenting all of the propositions that are on our November ballot so that we can make educated decisions when we vote on November 4.

Roseann Krane is working on the final changes for our member directory. It will be ready at our October 21 meeting.

Susan Rogers and Cynthia Savell are arranging our LAF dinner at Bighorn Grill's banquet room on Tuesday, November 18. Remember to save the date.

AAUW has gained special consultative status at the United Nations with the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), which initiates reports, makes recommendations, and promotes respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms. AAUW has a proud history in global affairs that includes awarding more than 2,200 international fellowships to women from more than 130 countries and partnering with leading international humanitarian organizations on initiatives to empower women. Next year, AAUW will actively advocate for women at the 53rd session of the U.N. Commission on the Status of Women, which will focus on the equal sharing of responsibilities between women and men, including care giving in the context of HIV/AIDS.

I hope that many of you will come to these events that the board has worked hard to organize. And give me a call if you have any suggestions for our branch.

Tena Gallagher, President

2008 Holiday Home Tour 10:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. Friday, December 12, and Saturday, December 13

Circle your calendars for our 4th Annual HHT!!! Bring a friend and see beautifully decorated homes for the holidays. Event benefits Local Scholarship and Tech Trek. Last year we raised \$15,000. We can do it again!!! Volunteer to be a docent and/or bake some cookies for the refreshment home. Also, join us for the Branch's Holiday Party after the tour on Dec 13! Please contact kathiehixon@comcast.net with any questions.

Kathie Hixon

ADVOCATE DEADLINE

Deadline for submission of articles to be published in the November newsletter is October 15. E-mail your articles, announcements or notices to Marge Christiansen at christiansendan5@aol.com and Cheryl Kohleriter at cherylkohleriter@yahoo.com.

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EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION FELLOWS LUNCHEON

Grab a friend! Great food! Close to home! Don't miss this year's Educational Foundation (EF) Fellows Luncheon. It will be held at Crow Canyon Country Club on Sunday, October 26, from 12:00 Noon to 3:00 P.M.

Every year we successfully raise funds for the AAUW Educational Foundation with our annual Garden Tour. This year's tour will be held on Friday, May 8, and Saturday, May 9, 2009. That's Mother's Day weekend.

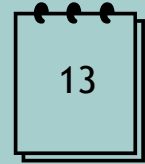
Here's your opportunity to meet and greet some of the beneficiaries of these funds. Each fellow or grant recipient will give an overview of the work she is doing. It's always a fascinating and stimulating gathering.

You will walk away with a bounce in your step knowing that you've supported these women in their academic endeavors. Cost is \$30 per person. Some of the funds cover the lunch of the fellows and grant recipients. The deadline for reservations is Monday, October 13. Please make checks payable to "AAUW-CA", indicate your branch affiliation and list one entrée choice from:

- ◇ Chinese chicken and prawn salad
- ◇ Azteca chicken salad
- ◇ Sunburst salad (vegetarian)

Mail checks to P.O. Box 160067, Sacramento, CA 95816-0067. See you at the EF Fellows Luncheon!

*Connie Cady
EF Co-Vice President*



*Reservation Deadline Date
October 13*

Art & Garden Interest Group Event - Friday, October 24

Art & Garden is taking a Walking Tour of the Mission Murals. This private SF City Guides tour will view the people's art of the Mission District, one of San Francisco's largest ethnic communities. This tour entails more than a mile of walking, and possibly additional walking from the BART station. Cost is \$10.00 per person and is non-refundable as we pay in advance for our guide. We are limited to a group of about 16, and we'll lunch after the tour. We will meet at 9:30 A.M. at the Sycamore Park-n-Ride or the Alamo Safeway and either take the 10:05 A.M. BART into San Francisco or drive. Contact Jacque Schubert at jacqueschubert@comcast.net or 925-855-7002. This tour has had rave reviews, and I hope you'll join us.

Jacque Schubert, Section Leader



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LEGAL ADVOCACY FUND EVENT Michael A. Terhorst - November 18, 2008

It is with very great pleasure that we announce that Attorney Michael A. Terhorst will be the featured speaker at Danville-Alamo Branch's first fundraising dinner for Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF) on Tuesday, November 18. Mr. Terhorst represents three litigants fired by Feather River College. He will brief us on the very latest details of these suits. This dinner is a benefit for our Legal Advocacy Fund. The dinner will be held at the Bighorn Grill in San Ramon. Look for details of price, time and restaurant directions in the November *Advocate*.

Michael A. Terhorst is a founding partner of Beeson Terhorst LLP. Mr. Terhorst works in their Sacramento office and for over 17 years has provided counseling and legislative lobbying. Additionally, he has litigated all types of employment discrimination cases, wrongful terminations, employee benefits, occupational safety and health issues and contract disputes.

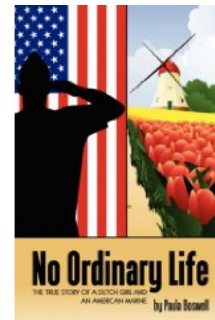
Mr. Terhorst received his JD degree from the McGeorge School of Law at the University of the Pacific in 1991. He practices in the federal districts and the appellate courts of California.

*Susan Rogers and Cynthia Savell
LAF Co-Vice-Presidents*

PAULA BOSWELL - NO ORDINARY LIFE

Member Paula Boswell's book *No Ordinary Life: The True Story of a Dutch Girl and an American Marine*, has been called "A fascinating love story about survival, strength of character, and tenacity to pursue one's dreams." Woven through the story are anecdotes about special people and events that affected their lives. Paula was born and raised in The Netherlands and moved to the United States in 1952. She has lived in the San Francisco Bay Area since 1956. Danville has been her home for the last thirty-nine years. Paula and her husband started and owned Boswell's Discount Party Supplies in the mid-seventies. I'm sure all of us have bought party goods there during past years. The business stayed in the family; all four stores are still owned exclusively by Paula's son and daughter-in-law.

Our AAUW sponsored book signing will be



on Tuesday, October 7, from 3:00-5:00 P.M. at Shadow Hills Cabana at 1001 El Capitan Dr., Danville. It will be open to the public. There will be an article about Paula and her book in *Danville Weekly* on October 3. Please let me know if you can bring some finger food to share. I hope that you will attend and support a fellow member of AAUW. Bring your friends. Contact Tena Gallagher at 837-0826 or Tena@aol.com.

Tena Gallagher

"Woven through the story are anecdotes about special people and events that affected their lives."

PUBLIC POLICY UPDATES

We all know that this is the most important election of our lives, and with the most volatile political, financial and national security worries we have ever faced, Americans must choose the wisest leaders to guide our country in the years ahead.

Californians face all of these problems and more. In the next election we must vote for the most worthwhile propositions and reject those which are wrongheaded or too costly for a state whose financial picture is less than robust. These measures range from the treatment of farm animals to the rights of crime victims. We must decide on the amount of green energy that utilities would be required to produce. The reappearance of a measure to require parental notification before abortion has been expected, and once again is a hot-button issue for the voters to decide upon in November.

While the House of Representatives has passed both the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act (HR 2831) and the Paycheck Fairness Act (HR 1338/S 766) the Senate has yet to pass either. Please urge your senators to support and cosponsor both these needed bills. In past articles, these bills have been discussed, and the wait for passage has been long and tiresome.

AAUW does not tell us how to vote but rather to discuss with family and friends the merits of all the issues and come to reasoned decisions. As Americans, this is our privilege and our duty. In next month's article, we will discuss some of the most important California propositions.

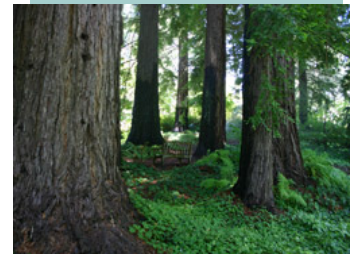
Cynthia Savell, Public Policy

HIKING INTEREST GROUP

We will meet on Wednesday, October 8, at Sycamore Park and Ride at 8:30 A.M. for carpooling to our first hike of the year. Wear comfortable walking shoes or boots. We will be hiking the Lone Oak Trail in Tilden Park. It is approximately three miles of moderate hiking. Bring water and a trail snack. Hiking boots or comfortable shoes and a walking stick

are fine. Any questions please contact kathiehixon@comcast.net or call 925-838-8632. The November hike is scheduled for Saturday, November 8, at 8:30 A.M. More information to follow.

Kathie Hixon, Section Leader



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TRAVEL INTEREST GROUP

Greetings fellow armchair travelers!

We would like to invite you to an organizational meeting for the NEW Travel Group at 7:30 P.M. on Friday, October 17, at our home. Spouses are welcome! At this meeting we can discuss what the format for the group will be and how often we will meet. Come with ideas! Time permitting, we will present a short slide show of our recent safari trip to Botswana, Africa,

with related travel tips. We will be serving a typical Botswana dessert, South African wine, coffee, and tea, so would appreciate your RSVP. Hope to see you then! Hosting: Marcia Steinhardt and Elaine Reisert at the home of Marcia and Herb Steinhardt, 3216 Stonegate Lane, Alamo. RSVP: Marcia at 944-5173 or email: herbertt@yahoo.com

Marcia Steinhardt

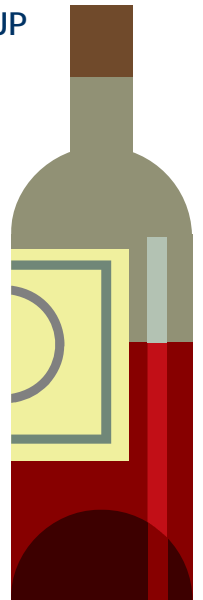


WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

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| JoAnne Dahlin | Kerry Montalvo |
| Kim Dijkstra | Susan Moore |
| Laurie Ehrlich | Karen Schlump |
| Julie Lassig | Kathy Simmons |

WINE GROUP

The wine group will have its first get-together on Sunday, October 19, from 5:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. at Barbara Critchlow's Clubhouse at the Mercer, 1655 N. California Blvd., Walnut Creek. Cost is \$10-\$15 per person. RSVP by October 13 to Barbara Critchlow at 287-1543 or Alicia Jones at 838-0422.



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OCTOBER CALENDAR

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

- 10/03 9:15 A.M. *Board Meeting.* Tena Gallagher, President. Shadows Hills Cabana, 1001 El Capitan Drive, Danville.
- 10/07 3:00 P.M. *Paula Boswell Book Signing.* Shadow Hills Cabana, 1001 El Capitan Drive, Danville. Contact Tena Gallagher at 837-0826. Details on Page 4.
- 10/08 8:30 A.M. *Hiking.* Tilden Park Hike. Hosting: Kathie Hixon. Details on Page 5.
- 10/08 7:30 P.M. *Evening Bridge.* Contact Barbara Nexsen at 837-9625.
- 10/10 9:30 A.M. *Monthly Coffee Get-Together.* Bagel St. Café, Livery.
- 10/10 7:30 P.M. *Cinema 1. Burn After Reading and Appaloosa.* Hosting: Dot Healy at 743-0877.
- 10/10 7:30 P.M. *Oscar 1. Burn After Reading.* Hosting: Cindy and Jim Sloneker at 820-2024
- 10/11 --- *Golf.* For time and place, contact Nadine Rosenzweig at 487-1774 or Maryanne Cucchiari at 785-4915.
- 10/17 7:30 P.M. *Travel Group.* Visiting Botswana. Hosting: Marcia Steinhardt and Elaine Reisert. Details on Page 6.
- 10/19 5:00 P.M. *Wine Group.* Barbara Critchlow's Clubhouse at the Mercer, 1655 N. California Blvd., Walnut Creek. Details on Page 6.
- 10/20 10:00 A.M. *Daytime Bridge.* Contact Mary Kay Anderson.
- 10/21 6:30 P.M. *General Meeting.* Shadow Hills Cabana, 1001 El Capitan Drive, Danville. Details on Page 1.
- 10/23 9:30 A.M. *Daytime Literature. Team of Rivals* by Doris Kearns Goodwin. Hosting: Marianne Gagen at 837-3603.
- 10/24 9:30 A.M. *Art & Garden.* Walking Tour of San Francisco Mission Murals. Hosting: Jacque Schubert at 855-7002. Details on Page 3.
- 10/26 12:00 M. *EF Fellows Luncheon.* Crow Canyon Country Club, 711 Silver Lake Drive, Danville. Details on Page 3.
- 10/27 9:30 A.M. *Daytime Duplicate Bridge.* Contact Roseann Krane at 522-9799.
- 10/28 7:30 P.M. *Evening Literature. Yiddish Policemen's Union* by Michael Chabon. Hosting: Sandy Shalon at 736-9798.

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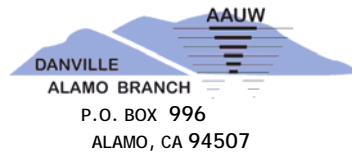
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2008-09 BRANCH PROGRAMS		
10/21	6:30 P.M.	League of Women Voters speaking. Joint meeting with San Ramon. Dinner meeting at Shadow Hills catered by De Mings.
10/26	12:00 M.	Northern CA Educational Foundation (EF) luncheon, Crow Canyon Country Club.
11/18	6:00 P.M.	Michael Terhost, Legal Advocacy Foundation (LAF) speaker.
12/12 & 13	10:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.	Annual Holiday Home Tour. (Local Scholarship & Tech Trek benefit).
12/13	6:00 P.M.	Holiday Party.
1/20	TBA	Guest speaker: Joan Morris, Contra Costa Times columnist. Shadow Hills.
2/17	6:00 P.M.	Educational Fellow Speaker–Dinner Meeting, Scott’s. Joint meeting with DKG and Pleasant Hill.
2/28	9:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.	EYH Expand Your Horizons– DVC-San Ramon Campus, San Ramon.
March	TBA	<i>Twelve Angry Women</i> (LAF benefit).
4/21	TBA	Guest speaker: Loy Volkman. Shadow Hills.
4/24 - 4/26	----	88 th AAUW–CA Convention, San Diego.
5/8 & 5/9	10:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.	Annual Garden Tour (EF benefit).
5/19	TBA	Open.