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Membership Brunch

Please join us for the 2009 Danville-Alamo AAUW Membership Brunch with guest speaker, Diane Dwyer, NBC Bay Area weekend news anchor, who will discuss the current situation and future of journalism.

Saturday, September 12, 2009
9:30 A.M. -12:30 P.M.
Crow Canyon Country Club
711 Silver Lake Drive, Danville



While at the brunch you can:

Explore the latest Interest Groups
Shop the Past Presidents' Book Sale
Meet old and new friends

Learn about upcoming events
Hear from our Tech Trek Recipients
Meet and welcome Walnut Creek satellite members

Enjoy a delicious Brunch Buffet...

...Cost is \$25 per person

Prospective members are encouraged, so invite your friends!! **This will be a "Shape the Future" event.** Dues are greatly reduced if they join that day.

For further information, please contact our membership vice presidents: Barbara Critchlow at 287-1543 or Pat DeRensis at 837-5044.

2009 Danville-Alamo AAUW Membership Brunch Reservation Form

Name: _____

e-mail: _____ phone: _____

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

COST PER PERSON IS \$25.00

Total remitted: \$ _____

Please send this reservation form and check payable to Danville-Alamo AAUW to Barbara Critchlow, 1655 N. California Blvd., #422, Walnut Creek, CA 94596.

CHECKS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 9.

PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

**WELCOME AND HAPPY 40TH
ANNIVERSARY
DANVILLE-ALAMO AAUW!!!**

We begin our 2009-10 year with our Fall Brunch on September 12 at 9:30 A.M. at Crow Canyon Country Club. **Diane Dwyer, weekend anchor for NBC Bay Area News, will be our keynote speaker.** Diane will talk about journalism today and her experience as a broadcast journalist. We hope to see you there. This is a time to see old friends, meet new people, to sign-up and start participating in our branch interest groups, and hear our Tech Trek participants tell of their summer experience. See Page 1 for details.

This year we celebrate the Danville-Alamo Branch's many contributions to our community. We received an AAUW Branch Charter in 1969 with 64 members after two years as a section of the Walnut Creek Branch. As a branch, we have provided support for San Ramon Valley School District projects, supported women's conferences, hosted programs for members and guests, and presented candidate's nights for those running in local elections.

We continue our activism this year on November 5 when Dr. Tricia Grame, Ph.D. will speak about Women's Art and Spirituality during this dinner program at Pascal in Danville. Dr. Grame was a curator for the



Marian Bliss, Co-President

Women's Studies Program at Stanford University.

On January 19 our Noon meeting will be at Bridges Restaurant in Danville. Dr. Melanie Brandabur, M.D., will speak about the medical implications of stem cell research. Additionally, Dr. Brigitt Schuele, M.D., Ph.D. will speak from a clinical point of view and discuss her new research using human skin cells which can acquire the characteristics of human embryonic stem cells. Members, guests, and the public are invited to join us for this presentation.

In March we will celebrate Women's History Month, and in April we will host an international program.

We began celebrating our 40th anniversary at the Danville 4th of July Parade. Talk about visibility. We had the pleasure of using Pat and Dan DeRensis' 1966 Mercedes convertible to escort members down the parade route and showcase our 2009 Tech Trek scholarship recipients, promote AAUW, and kick-off 40 years of serving the community. Check out the 4th of July pictures on our website at www.aauw-da.org.

Some of our interest groups continued to meet over the summer. Great Decisions book group, hiking, gourmet, and bridge enjoyed summer get-togethers.

On the national level AAUW's theme this year is **Breaking Through Barriers**. The organization's public policy program underscores AAUW's mission of advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research. These objectives speak to women's aspirations and concerns across their life spans. AAUW was a major proponent of the Lilly Ledbetter equal pay act.

Although there are a few more summer books to be read, and strawberries and blueberries to be enjoyed



Kathie Hixon, Co-President

from the farmer's markets, fall is rapidly approaching. With it we invite you to jump in and embrace all that your branch has to offer. We want to remind you that we will be at Bagel Street Café in the Danville Livery on the second Friday of the month at 9:30 A.M. for coffee, tea, and conversation about AAUW. Please join us for these Bagel Street Chats! Happy autumn and welcome aboard for the 2009-10 year.

Marian Bliss and Kathie Hixon
Co-Presidents

Forty years ago, in 1969:

Average rent was
\$135.00 per month.

ADVOCATE DEADLINE

The deadline for submission of articles and announcements to be published in the October newsletter is September 15. E-mail your articles, announcements, or notices to Cheryl Kohleriter at cherylkohleriter@yahoo.com and Marge Christensen at christensendan5@aol.com.

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

Walnut Creek Satellite Connections:

SAVE THE DATE - OCTOBER 16

DANVILLE-ALAMO MEMBERS ARE ESPECIALLY INVITED TO JOIN THIS SATELLITE EVENT. LEARN ALL ABOUT THE NEW WALNUT CREEK LIBRARY.

Everyone is invited to join us on October 16 at 10 A.M. to hear Bob Brittain, board member of the Walnut Creek Library Foundation and commissioner of Walnut Creek Parks, Recreation and Open Space, talk to us about the new library's progress (it's on schedule and within budget!) and the features that will be available to users when it opens early next year. Bob will energize the crowd with a power point presentation and provide useful information to library users. The venue is at the home of Mary Ann Hruska, 133 Springside Rd. Walnut Creek, 939-7522.



Walnut Creek satellite members PLEASE NOTE the venue IS different than that announced in the August *Currents*. Mary Ann is a long-time supporter of the new library through the Foundation and the Friends of the Library and wanted to host this event. (DON'T go to the Kensington on the date announced in August!)

Call Carla at 988-9418 or Carol at 938-1823 if you want a ride. We encourage carpooling to get to Mary Ann's. If you are willing to bring cookies or help Mary Ann with the set-up and clean-up, please contact Carla.

We hope to see EVERYONE there.

DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY! Satellite members are encouraged to attend the September 12 annual membership brunch announced on Page 1 of this issue. This is a great opportunity to meet others in our new branch. Our Tech Trek girls have been invited and will be recognized. There will be carpooling.

Also, be sure to check out the interest group information on Page 11 for the many interesting activities for September.

ONE CITY, ONE BOOK: *Guernsey Literary and Potato Society* by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows. Events begin September 24 at Shadelands Art Center with an evening with the author, Annie Barrows, and continue on September 29 with a panel discussing "Remembering Times of War" WC Residents and WWII. The first book discussion will be held October 1 in Rossmoor. Details at www.WalnutCreekReads.org.

INTERESTED IN TUTORING? The Diablo Valley Literacy Council is looking for volunteers to help non-English speaking adults to read, write and speak English well enough to function in our society. A tutor training class is being held this fall at Council offices, 4000 Clayton Rd, Concord, on September 26 from 9 A.M. - 1:30 P.M., September 29 from 6:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M., and October 3 from 9 A.M. - 1:30 P.M. A registration fee of \$15 helps to cover the cost of materials. If you want to tutor, call Shirley Mattes (925) 685-3381.

UPDATED NEWS ON STATUS: Our request for satellite status did not get on the Association's July consent calendar. October seems to be the next possible date and we are working with the State to be sure all goes well.

MOVIES N' LUNCH GROUP: The Movies n' Lunch Group meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 11:30 A.M. at a different local restaurant each month. During lunch, two films selected at the previous meeting are discussed. (Movies are seen independently.) The group provides an opportunity to view art/independent productions and to experience fun restaurants throughout the area. Our first meeting is on September 15. Please contact Diane Stangel at 939-0373 or lstangel@astound.net for information on the restaurant and movies to be seen for September.

WALNUT CREEK TRAVEL SECTION: "Traveling through France" will be the subject for the Wednesday, September 16 meeting at 7:30 P.M. at the home of Judy Finch who will show us her many adventures driving from Paris through Provence to the south of France. Additionally, Mimi Knox will add details of her family's stay in a convent near Avignon. RSVP to Judy at 946-0249 or Mimi at 939-2383.



Courtesy: Oakland Convention and Visitors Bureau

Art & Garden Event *Dunsmuir House*

Our first event of the 2009-10 season is a docent-led tour of Oakland's **Dunsmuir Hellman Historic Estate (a National Historic Site) and Gardens** on Friday, September 25. The estate features a 37-room Neoclassical Revival mansion with a Tiffany-style dome, 10 fireplaces, and inlaid parquet floors within its 16,225 square feet. The mansion is set upon 50 acres of beautifully landscaped grounds including an old-fashioned carriage house and an elegant pavilion overlooking a picturesque pond and gazebo. Dunsmuir House was built by Alexander Dunsmuir in 1899 as a wedding gift for his beloved Josephine. Tragically, Alexander became ill and died while in New York on their honeymoon. Josephine returned alone to her new home where she resided until her death in 1901.

Cost is \$5.00 per person and \$4.00 for seniors. We meet at 10:00 A.M. either at the Sycamore Park n' Ride or the Alamo Safeway parking lot for an 11:00 A.M. docent tour. Drivers are needed. Wear comfortable walking shoes, and we will lunch in Oakland after the tour.

Contact Jacque Schubert at 925-855-7002 or e-mail at jacqueschubert@comcast.net to sign up or get more information.

Jacque Schubert
Section Leader

Travel Group

Mexico's Copper Canyon

It's hard to believe that our long leisurely summer will soon be drawing to a close. I hope you have all had some fun times and maybe even done a bit of traveling. We have many interesting programs in store for you in the coming year. Pat Foster, Dot Healy, and Caroline Sanchez will kick off our 2009-10 season with a presentation of the **COPPER CANYON of MEXICO** (Barranca del Cobre). Did you know that the Copper Canyon is four times larger than the Grand Canyon and, in spots, more than 1,000 feet deeper? All you train buffs out there will surely be interested in hearing about this wonderful train journey through rock towers, pine forests, and deep subtropical ravines.



Please plan to join us for this great evening on Friday, September 18, at 7:30 P.M. Our host for this event is Caroline Sanchez at 736-7940 or carolinesanchez@sbcglobal.net. (RSVP please)! Refreshments will be served.

Marcia Steinhardt
Section Leader

Forty years ago, in 1969:

Yale and Vassar Colleges went co-ed!



Upcoming Concerts

October 18, 2009; 3PM
Rossmoor Del Valle Clubhouse
3400 Golden Rain Rd., Walnut Creek

December 13, 2009; 3PM
Community Presbyterian Church
222 West El Pintado Rd., Danville

February 28, 2010; 2PM
Blackhawk Museum
3700 Blackhawk Plaza Cir., Danville

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Hiking Group at Las Trampas, Summer, 2009

Hiking Group

Upper San Leandro Reservoir

Join us on Wednesday, September 23, for a hike along the Upper San Leandro Reservoir led by Cheryl Kohleriter. This loop combines the Rocky Ridge and King Canyon Loop trails. It explores two narrow canyons. **This is a moderate 6.1 mile hike; parts of this route have steep ground.** Bring lots of water as the hike will be in and out of the sun. Be sure to wear your hat and plenty of sunscreen. Hiking time is 3-4 hours. Please meet at Sycamore Park 'N Ride at 8:30 for carpooling.

Please let Kathie Hixon know you will be joining us at kathiehixon@comcast.net.

Kathie Hixon, Section Leader

Mah Jongg

a new interest group



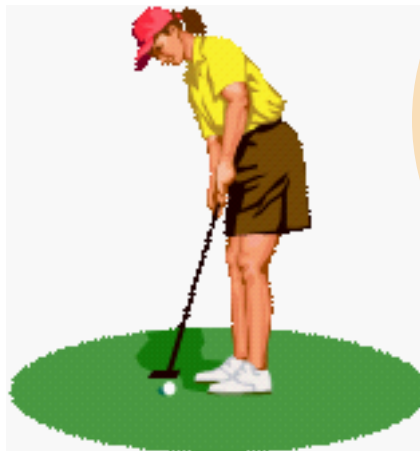
Do you play Mah Jongg? Or, are you interested in learning American Mah Jongg? **Please see our table at the September Membership Brunch** for details on this daytime event. You can also contact Paula Weintraub at 820-7308 or e-mail at pauladuck@yahoo.com for more information.

Paula Weintraub
Section Leader

Golf

Meet at Rossmoor

Join us for a round of golf on September 26 at 2:00 P.M. at Rossmoor, 1010 Stanley Dollar Dr., Walnut Creek. Contact Susan Terzuoli at 820-9071 or susanterz@hotmail.com.



Photography

Say "cheese" and join the newly-formed photo group



This is an informal give-and-take on photography—sharing techniques, creative ideas and exploring why we take pictures. Facilitators are Marian Bliss and Dora-Thea Porter. **The first meeting will be at Marian's home.** Date and time to be decided after the September Membership Brunch. Stop by our table at the brunch for more details.

See you soon — (Click) —

Marian Bliss and Dora-Thea Porter

Interest Groups

This year we have many more interest groups to participate in. For a complete listing of this month's activities, see the **monthly calendar of events on Page 11.**

AAUW's

Legal Advocacy...

what, why and how

Since 1981 AAUW's Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF) has provided funding and support for students, faculty, staff and administrators in higher education challenged by discriminatory practices such as sexual harassment, denial of tenure, promotion, pay equity and equity in women's athletic programs (Title IX). Providing case support for plaintiffs, educating college and university students and staff about sex discrimination, and providing campus outreach has been the focus of the fund.

AAUW's plans for the future will expand to include support beyond the academic sphere to the wider workplace. Additionally, we will seek plaintiffs who support cases that address *significant issues*. As the Supreme Court continues rulings, which narrow rights, **LAF will focus on landmark cases with precedent setting potential to ensure maximum impact.** AAUW will also continue and expand their long-term support through amicus curiae briefs such as they did in two recent cases. The first, Ricci v. DeStefano, involved a firefighters' promotion test that the city of New Haven, Connecticut feared had a disparate impact on minority firefighters so no promotions were made. Finally, the members at the AAUW convention stated they will expand their efforts to seek out and collaborate with respected organizations active in the area of gender equity.

Statistics on women in the workplace speak to the need for action. The average woman earns just 78 cents for every dollar earned by her male counterparts; these disparities appear just one year out of college even when comparing same jobs and same majors. Women of color make even less. In February, the Wage Discrimination Measure became the first bill

signed into law by President Obama.

Wage discrimination is not just a gender issue but also a family one.

It is important for us to keep the work and needs of LAF as a chapter priority particularly in recessionary times when job security and pay equity for women is in greater jeopardy due to budget reductions and organizational downsizing.

Last year our branch donated \$2,915 to the California LAF fund through two fundraising efforts, a fall speaker and dinner, and the spring monologues. We plan to continue similar activities this year.

To learn more about LAF go to the AAUW website at

<http://www.aauw.org/advocacy/laf/>.

Barbara Welch and
Susan Terzullo
LAF Co-Vice Presidents

Lilly and Wustner Research and Project Fund

Donna Lilly and Rita Wustner wish to thank the Del Mar-Leucadia branch, the Walnut Creek branch, the Concord branch and all the individual members who graciously contributed to establishing the Lilly and Wustner AAUW Research and Project Fund in 2008. The good news is that the fund is more than fifty percent complete with approximately \$40,000 toward the \$75,000 goal to complete the named fund.

The AAUW Research and Project Fund provides seed money through Community Action Grants to hundreds of women, AAUW branches, AAUW state organizations and local non-profit organizations around the U.S. to advance education and equity for women and girls. Tech Trek Science Camp for Girls is a good example of an organization that has received a Community Action Grant.

We are proud that the Research and Project Fund makes a difference in the lives of women and girls.

Danville-Alamo AAUW

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Third Female Justice Confirmed to U. S. Supreme Court

Judge Sonia Sotomayor recently became Supreme Court Justice Sotomayor, the third female justice so confirmed. We send congratulations to a distinguished judge who, having enjoyed a long and varied legal career, and, having passed the Judiciary Committee and the full Senate vote, will take her seat to begin the new season of the Supreme Court. Judge Sotomayor has had a history of moderate judicial verdicts, and her life experiences have paralleled the American dream.

In late July, 16 people were named as recipients of the 2009 Presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest honor awarded to civilians in the United States. **The president announced that recipients were chosen based on their status as agents of change in the United States and abroad, and include activists, athletes, politicians and peace makers.** Included were African anti-apartheid activist Desmond Tutu, the Susan Koman Race for the Cure founder Nancy Brinker, Title IX advocate and tennis star Billie Jean King, AAUW friend Senator Edward Kennedy, Mary Robinson, the first female president of Ireland, and Judge Sandra Day O'Connor, the first female Supreme Court justice, and an AAUW Achievement Award recipient.



Sonia Sotomayor

What America's citizens now face in President Obama's quest to reform health care are legitimate worries over the cost of the care they will receive under new plans as well as whether the care will be better if spread across so many people to be served. Town Meetings are now taking place all over the country to explain the reforms. People are asking their questions against a hailstorm of disruption from groups of protesters that seem to come from political factions opposed to any of the president's plans. **Older Americans don't want government tampering with Medicare even as they forget that it is an entity of government health insurance.** Medicare, which has just marked its 44th anniversary, was passed as a measure in the Social Security Act of 1965 under President Lyndon Johnson's Great Society program. Today, nearly all senior citizens have access to affordable health-care, are less likely to be disabled, and live longer lives. Seniors' medical needs would bear the most expense in future plans as they do now, and worries abound about how much money there really is to give good care to citizens of all ages. Public Policy articles will include health care news in the coming months as we all try to learn how savings and new revenues can finance this great change. The president has said that our economic future is based on getting health care reform done, and now we must struggle to find a way to pay for it. When organizations like AARP, the AMA and nursing associations agree on anything in principal, there just may be progress.

Cynthia Savell
Public Policy

Kudos to Danville-Alamo AAUW!!!

At AAUW's recent National Convention in St. Louis, the Danville-Alamo Branch was recognized as AAUW's **Number 5** contributor for the Educational Foundation and **Number 6** contributor for Combined Support. Combined Support is defined as contributions to EF, LAF, Eleanor Roosevelt, Leadership and Training Institute, and the "Breaking Through Barriers" Campaign. Contributions from the "Breaking Through Barriers" campaign support important AAUW programs that are not funded by our endowment yet are vital to our mission of advancing equity for women and girls.

Through the efforts of our members at the Garden Tour and other generous member donations, our branch contributed **\$17,500** to EF in June, 2009. That's an amazing amount for a branch of 210 members! We all need to take a moment to pat ourselves and each other on the back for a job very well done.

AAUW is now accepting applications for the 2010-11 Academic Year; scholars are encouraged to apply for funding for graduate-level work. The online application for AAUW's national funding programs is available now at www.aauw.org. This funding helps women from the U.S. and abroad expand their professional opportunities, enter high-paying fields, change careers, or re-enter the workplace. Grants are also available for projects promoting education and equity, particularly in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. If you know of an outstanding scholar who fits these criteria, please encourage her to apply for an AAUW Fellowship or Grant.

Jacque Schubert and Mary Mix
EF Co-Vice Presidents

5th Annual Holiday Home Tour

Mark your calendars for our 5th Annual Holiday Home Tour on December 11 and 12, 10:00-4:00.

This is our fun fund-raiser for Tech Trek camperships and Local Scholarships. Last year our branch raised \$17,650 for these two branch-sponsored scholarship programs.

Sign-up at the membership brunch this month to be a docent and/or bring some holiday treats for our refreshment house on the tour. Take a day to docent and a day to tour. It is becoming a holiday tradition in our community. Also mark your calendar for the branch's annual holiday party on the evening of December 12 at 6:30 P.M. Any questions please e-mail kathiehixon@comcast.net or tena@aol.com.



Homes Needed

The Holiday Home Tour is looking for additional homes to add to our 2009 home tour.

Would you like to include your home in this event? Do you know of someone who loves to decorate their home for the holidays and would like to participate?

Please contact Kathie Hixon at kathiehixon@comcast.net or

Tena Gallagher at tena@aol.com with the good news that you, or someone you know, desires to be part of this holiday event.

Support the Past President's Book Sale

Bring your gently used books to the Membership Brunch on September 12 at the Crow Canyon Country Club or drop them off at the home of Marian Bliss. Proceeds from this sale will be used to help send our presidents to state and national conventions. Come prepared to buy some "great reads" at a great price.



Pat DeRensis

Lost and Found

These items were left at the Mix home following the Installation Event in June.

- 1 clear blue glass bowl, 5.5 inches round
- 1 plastic white plate, 9 inches round
- 1 plastic red plate, 10 inches round
- 1 wooden toothpick holder

Please call 831-1784 to claim your missing item.

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Virgie V. Jones

When I visited Virgie V. Jones, I was most impressed by her vitality. For a 91-year-old woman she has an amazing recall of facts and dates. I selected Virgie as my first woman to interview for the Women's History Section of this newsletter because she is the living history of Alamo. She first became part of local history when she married Alfred Jones, a member of the pioneer Jones family.

A well-known journalist, Virgie wrote for two local weekly papers, *Valley Pioneer* and *Walnut Kernel* prior to publishing several history books about the local area. *Remembering Alamo...And Other Things Along The Way* and *Historical Persons and Places in the San Ramon Valley* chronicle the history of this region while *Be It Ever So Humble* shows, through photos, the area's evolution. Her last book, *Dear Editor*, is a collection of Letters to the Editors from 1976-89.

Virgie says that she began her career writing books in long-hand and later typing them on her Smith Corona. She does not know how to use the computer, e-mail, twitter and "all of those things."

Along with her writing career, she has been active in the community; and, at one time, she belonged to 13 clubs, many of which she was a charter member. She currently is an active member of the Alamo Women's Club, the Papaya Branch of Children's Hospital, Mt. Diablo California Writers, and is one original members of the San Ramon Historical Society. She has also knitted 2,600 newborn caps for Tioga Guild of John Muir Hospital and Papaya Branch of Children's Hospital.

While at her home, she showed me her "ego wall." This wall displays the plaques and commendations from many of the organizations where she had been a member. They include awards from the Republican Woman of San Ramon Valley in 1960, Rotary Citizen of the Year in 1993, and a Commendation for Her Illustrious Career from the State Senate. When asked which one she was most proud of, she thought for a while and then said, "I think the one from the State Senate with all of the "where as's ... when my good friend John Nejedly was a senator."

Virgie currently lives with her son and his family in the house she and her husband built in 1948. Rancho Romero, aka The Jones House, once owned by her husband's family, has been featured in our Holiday Home Tour as well as on the Garden Tour.



Caroline Sanchez

Celebration of 40 Years

This year we welcome in our fortieth year as a branch with festivities, stories and pictures. *The Advocate* will highlight our branch's history and accomplishments over our four decades. For this month's featured photo, turn to Page 10.

You may join us as we continue the celebration of **our 40th anniversary at an Oktoberfest on Saturday, October 10, at 6:00 P.M. at the Danville Community Center. Watch for your invitation in the mail. Tickets will also be available at the Membership Branch.** Bring your steins and fill them from the keg of beer specially selected for this occasion. If you so desire, you can come wearing your German dirndl skirt while your partner dons his lederhosen, hat and suspenders. The evening promises to be a delightful party as we welcome charter members and past presidents, review the history of our 40 years as a branch, and more. Look for your invitation, coming in September. Be sure to mail your reservation in early as seating is limited to a first-come, first-serve basis. We look forward to seeing you there and at other branch functions throughout the year.

Kathie Hixon and Cheryl Kohleriter
Committee Co-Chairs

D.I.R.C Fall Lecture Series

The Diablo International Resource Center's Fall Lecture Series will be held at the Acalanes Adult Education Campus in the Library, 1963 Tice Valley Road in Walnut Creek next to Rossmoor from 7:30 to 9:30. The following are the dates and topics. PLEASE NOTE: THE LECTURE SERIES WILL START ON SEPTEMBER 22 AND NOT SEPTEMBER 8 AS ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED DUE TO ROOM AVAILABILITY.

- Tues. Sept. 22: Bay Area Economic Future In An Uncertain Market
- Tues. Sept. 29: A National Health Plan in 2010
- Tues. Oct. 6: China & The U.S. Debt
- Tues. Oct. 13: Recycling Our National Resources

The lectures are given by prominent Bay Area experts followed by a question-answer discussion. The price is \$35 for the series and \$8 per lecture. You can pay at the door or at the Acalanes Adult Education office. For more information contact the AAEC 280-3980, ext. 8001 or Sue DeVoe 837-9634.



Membership Brunch's were always held in September, often at the home of a member. In 1973 the brunch was reported in the *Valley Pioneer Newspaper* and was held at the Blackhawk Ranch before it became Blackhawk. Names of the three women, as written, are: Mmes. Frank Parker, Gustav Carlson, and Howard Nemir (aka: Marcy, Patricia, and Claudia).

2009-10 BRANCH PROGRAMS

09/12	9:30 A.M.	Membership Brunch. Crow Canyon Country Club. Keynote Speaker: Diane Dwyer, weekend anchor of NBC news.
10/10	6:00 P.M.	40th Anniversary Celebration. Danville Community Center. An Oktoberfest theme to commemorate 40 years as a branch.
10/25	Noon	Educational Foundation Luncheon. Crow Canyon Country Club.
11/05	TBA	Speaker and Dinner Meeting. Pascals Restaurant, Danville. Keynote Speaker: Tricia Grame, Ph.D. will speak about Women's Art and Spirituality.
12/11 - 12/12	10:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.	Annual Holiday Home Tour. A Local Scholarship and Tech Trek benefit.
12/12	TBA	Branch Holiday Party. Location to be determined.
01/19	Noon	Speaker and Luncheon. Bridges Restaurant, Danville. Keynote Speaker: Dr. Melanie Brandabur, M.D. will speak about the medical implications of stem cell research.
01/22	6:00 P.M.	Member Wine and Cheese Gathering. Location to be determined.
01/26	7:00 P.M.	Interbranch Council Meeting. Shadow Hills Cabana. Hosted by the Danville-Alamo Branch.
02/16	5:30 P.M.	Annual Educational Foundation Dinner. Scotts Seafood Restaurant, Walnut Creek. A combined DKG and AAUW Program.
02/21	2:00 - 4:00 P.M.	Inter Branch Council Presentation. <i>Roles Women Have Played in Local History.</i> Location to be determined. Look for details later in the year.
March	TBA	Women's History Month. General Meeting and Program. Details coming soon.
April	TBA	International Month. Details coming soon.
04/30 - 05/02	---	State Convention. San Ramon Marriott.
05/07 - 05/08	10:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.	Annual Garden Tour. An Educational Foundation benefit.
May	TBA	Monologues. A Legal Advocacy Foundation benefit directed by B. Lynn Goodwin.
June	TBA	Installation and Awards Presentation. Location to be determined.

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR: SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

09/09	7:30 P.M.	Evening Bridge. Contact Barbara Nexsen at 837-8625.
09/11	9:30 A.M.	Bagel Street Chats. Bagel Street Cafe, Livery. Contact Marian Bliss at 830-4709 or Kathie Hixon at 838-8632.
09/11	11:30 A.M.	WC: Adventurous Chefs. Contact Phyllis Sheller at 280-0437. [CLOSED GROUP]
09/11	7:30 P.M.	Cinema I. Adam and Julie & Julia. Hosting: Tena Gallagher at 837-0826.
09/11	7:30 P.M.	Oscar I. Movie TBA. Hosting: Judy Benedict at 831-3483.
09/12	9:30 A.M.	Membership Brunch. Crow Canyon Country Club, 711 Silver Lake Dr., Danville. See Page 1 for details.
09/14	7:00 P.M.	Board Meeting. Marian Bliss and Kathie Hixon, Co-Presidents. The Shadow Hills Cabana, 1001 El Capitan Drive, Danville.
09/15	---	ADVOCATE DEADLINE. E-mail your articles to Cheryl Kohleriter and Marge Christensen by Noon today.
09/15	11:30 A.M.	WC: Movies n' Lunch. Contact Diane Stangel at 939-0373.
09/16	7:30 P.M.	WC: Travel Section. Traveling through France. Hosting: Judy Finch at 946-0249. See Page 3 for details.
09/16	10:00 A.M.	WC: Books II. Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrow. Hosting: Phyllis Duggan at 933-2615.
09/18	7:30 P.M.	Travel Group. Copper Canyon of Mexico. Hosting: Caroline Sanchez at 736-7940. See Page 4 for details.
09/19	7:30 P.M.	WC: Gourmet Group. Contact Judy Finch at 946-0249 for details. [CLOSED GROUP]
09/21	10:00 A.M.	Daytime Bridge. Contact Mary Kay Anderson at 837-6902.
09/22	7:30 P.M.	Evening Literature. The Elegance of the Hedgehog by Muriel Barbery. Hosting: Judy Lauper at 831-0156.
09/23	8:30 A.M.	Hiking Group. Upper San Leandro Reservoir. Meet at Sycamore Park N Ride. Contact Kathie Hixon at 838-8632. See Page 5 for details.
09/23	9:30 A.M.	WC: Contemporary Book Group. The Post-American World by Fareed Zakaria. Hosting: Joyce Briggs. Contact: Diane Stangel at 939-0373.
09/24	9:30 A.M.	Daytime Literature. The Brief Wonderous Life of Oscar Wao by Junot Diaz. Hosting: TBA. Contact: Robin Halloran at 743-8262.
09/24	1:00 P.M.	Writer's Workshop. Hosting: Caroline Sanchez at 736-7940.
09/25	10:00 A.M.	Art & Garden. Dunsmuir House. Contact Jacque Schubert at 855-7002. See Page 4 for details.
09/26	2:00 P.M.	Golf. Rossmoor. Contact Susan Terzuoli at 820-9071.
09/28	9:30 A.M.	Daytime Duplicate Bridge. Contact Sandy Hoffman at 837-8759.

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SEPTEMBER BRANCH PROGRAM

MEMBERSHIP BRUNCH

Saturday, September 12, 2009
9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Crow Canyon Country Club
711 Silver Lake Drive, Danville

Guest Speaker: Diane Dwyer
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