

Danville-Alamo-Walnut Creek AAUW July 2011 e-news

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Save the Date:
June 26, 2– 6 pm.

- To celebrate the centennial of women's suffrage in California, there is a reception for East Bay Elected Women (past, present, and future) to be held Sunday June 26, 2011 from 2 to 6 pm.

- We thank these women and are delighted to honor them.

- Members of our branch who are being honored:

Joan Buchanan
Carol Rowley
Gwen Regalia



Installation successful and fun



Chris Winter installed the new leadership team and suggested they to use Teamwork. In their new jobs. Holly Sauer-President Elect, Melissa Walsh-Treasurer, Roseann Krane-Co-President, Arlene Barnett- Past President, Karen Large-Program VP, Robin Halloran-Co-President, Tena Gallagher-Membership VP, Pat Foster-Past President.

Scholars awarded at June 9 event

Our members brought dinner to share and 13 young local scholars were award \$1000 each at the June meeting. Thirty guests including the scholars and their parents attend. They were each given a certificate, a check, and flowers.

Their stories were inspirational and touching. One father was overheard to say "Think about

how much talent our country has missed over the years since women were not encouraged as these young women are today.

A special thanks goes to Holly and Len Sauer for providing a lovely garden for our event. We also thank Chris Winter for the installation and the three past presi-

dents, Arlene Barnet, Dot Healy, and Pat Foster, for organizing and coordinating the program.

You can see details at <http://www.aauw-daw.org/installphotosweb.pdf>

Danville-Alamo-Walnut Creek AAUW
2011-2012 Calender

| ~ June 2011 ~ | | | | | | |
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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
| | | | 1 | 2 | 3 11:30 Adventur- ous Chefs 7:30 1st Friday Film | 4 |
| 5 | 6 | 7 10 Mah Jongg | 8 7:30 Evening Bridge | 9 5:30 Scholarship Presentation & new officer Installation @ Sauer's | 10 7:30 Cinema I 7:30 Evening Film | 11 |
| 12 | 13 4 pm Monday Movie Mates | 14 10 Mah Jongg 11:30 Movies n' Lunch | 15 1pm Photo Group | 16 10:3- Books II 112 Beads2Jewelry | 17 | 18 6:30 Epicureans |
| 19 | 20 10 Daytime Bridge | 21 10 Mah Jongg | 22 9:30 Contemporary Books | 23 9:30 Daytime Literature | 24 | 25 10am Board Meeting @ <u>Krane's</u> Hiking Group |
| 26 2pm Elected Women Museum SRV | 27 9:30 Duplicate Bridge 12 Hooked On Books: at Sharon Cohune's - Bring your lunch and review Traveling Pomegranates | 28 10 Mah Jongg 7:30 Evening Literature | 29 | 30 Art & Garden | Notes | |

*Be sure you check the calendar updates on
our website at www.aauw-daw.org/
[calendar.pdf](#)*

These are tentative dates.
Please check with the Interest
Section chair for changes.

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| 31 | Notes: | | | | | |

~ August 2011 ~

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | 1 | 2 10 Mah Jongg | 3 | 4 12 Beads2 Jewelry | 5 11:30 Adventours Chefs 7:30 1st Friday Film | 6 AAUW Training Workshop |
| 7 | 8 9:30 Board Meeting 4 pm Monday Movie Mates | 9 10 Mah Jongg 11:30 Movies n' Lunch | 10 7:30 Evening Bridge | 11 | 12 7:30 Cinema I 7:30 Evening Film | 13 GOLF |
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| 28 Wine Tasters | 29 | 30 10 Mah Jongg | 31 | Notes: September 10 Brunch | | |

Redistricting from Jan Conley, co-public policy

Redistricting is the redrawing or adjusting of electoral boundaries following the Federal Census to account for population shifts and growth during the previous decade. The process is governed by the U.S. Constitution, State and federal law. California Election Code 21500 requires our Supervisors to adjust boundaries every 10 years so that districts are "nearly as possible equal in population" and comply with Voting Rights Act. CA-Contracostacounty.civicplus.com will allow opportunities for review as the process continues. More questions? Call Patrick Roche, Principal Planner @ (925) 335-1242.

As to the federal level, Congressional districts are drawn by the state legislature, subject to a gubernatorial vote. State legislative plans are drawn by a 14 member commission chosen from a pool to have 5 Democrats, 5 Republicans, and 4 neither. The map they draw is subject to referendum, and if they fail in map drawing, the California Supreme Court will select a special master judge to draw that map.

In the 1960's, the largest state district in California had 422 times more people than the smallest state district. Then the Supreme Court ruled that districts must have roughly equal populations. Today, there are about 700,000 people in each Congressional district. Redistricting affects all of us - it can determine who controls school boards, city councils, state legislatures, Congress and other governing bodies. If you want to know what your Congressional district looks like, go to www.nationalatlas.gov/printable/Congress.html.



California AAUW Wall of Fame 2010-11

At our convention April 8-10, 2011 in Irvine, our branch was recognized for submitting our mission-based programs tied to:

- Title IX (Gender Equity)
- 90th Anniversary of AAUWCA
- Pay Equity
- 100th Anniversary of Women's Right to Vote in California (Oct. 10, 1911)
- 90th Anniversary of Women's Right to Vote Nationally (Aug. 18, 1920)

The winning program: REMEMBER THE LADIES!

Remember the Ladies! the battle cry of California's suffragists will again be heard when members of the Museum of San Ramon Valley re-enact women achieving the right to vote in California 100 years ago. This centennial program will highlight local women of the San Ramon Valley and early 19th and 20th century suffrage movements who accomplished this historic feat. California's vote in 1911 pioneered passage of the 19th Amendment on women's voting rights nationwide. AAUW is recognizing this achievement by early California women nationally and statewide.

This local presentation kicks off a **Remember the Ladies** exhibit set to run May to July at the Museum of the San Ramon Valley. The program will introduce women's movements in the 19th and 20th centuries and efforts by women to win the franchise in California and the nationwide. After this introduction, two women will enact the story of a historic character from the San Ramon Valley in 1900.



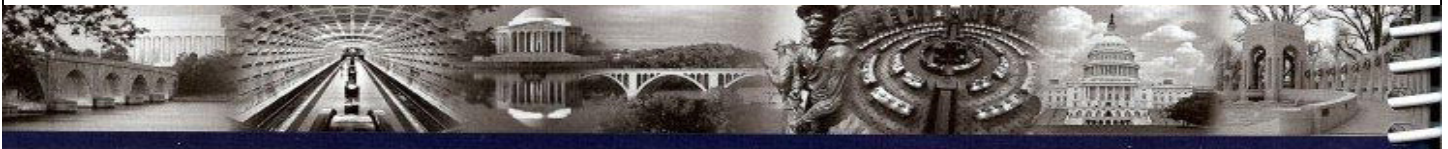
At the June Association convention in Washington, DC, AAUW recognized Top Ten branches nationwide for contributions to the AAUW Funds.

It was a thrill to see our branch recognized in four of the eight categories. The highlight was coming in second in the Country for Combined Giving. We came in first in the Eleanor Roosevelt Fund giving, third in the Educational Opportunities Fund (EF), and fifth in the Leadership Programs Fund. Congratulations to our members and leaders for this terrific achievement!

Lobby Day on Capitol Hill was a great experience. We lobbied our Representatives and Senators on Social Security, campus violence against women, and the Women's History Museum. We were seeking co-sponsors on the museum bill and will watch to see if Congressmen McNerney, Miller, and Garamendi sign on to it. Both our Senators are already co-sponsors.

The speaker lineup was inspiring. We heard from Michelle Obama's Chief of Staff, a Wal-Mart plaintiff, Congresswomen Rosa DeLauro from New York and Jan Schakowsky from Illinois, Lily Ledbetter, Gloria Feldt, former president and CEO of Planned Parenthood, and Sarah Brokaw, among others. We also enjoyed a visit to the Brazilian Ambassador's home. All in all, it was a top notch program and a wonderful convention. The next one in June, 2013, will be in New Orleans. Well planned conventions like this one where you can meet members from all our states are a real benefit of AAUW membership. And, it was great fun. **Chris Winter**

Chris sent this page from the program showing our rating (second in Nation)



COMBINED GIVING

Special thanks go to these most generous states and branches for their combined support to all AAUW programs through AAUW Funds, the AAUW Action Fund, the AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund, the Educational Opportunities Fund, the Public Policy Fund, the Eleanor Roosevelt Fund, and the Leadership Programs Fund.

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| McLean Area (VA) | VA | MD |
| Buffalo Inc. (NY) | WI | SC |
| Ann Arbor Inc. (MI) | FL | VA |
| Birmingham (MI) | WA | IL |
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| Kensington-Rockville (MD) | MO | MA |

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AAUW National Election Results

URL: <http://www.aauw-ca.org/blog/index.cfm/2011/6/18/AAUW-National-Election-Results>

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AAUW CA's has a new Administrative Assistant/bookkeeper, Susan Crabtree. She has replaced Amanda Hawkins who moved out of state. Susan comes with vast experience and skills that will add to the effectiveness of our Sacramento office.

She will be located in the office and will be available from 9:30 am to 2:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Please feel free to contact her as needed.

Her e-mail address is office@aauw-ca.org .

This is an E-mail only newsletter. If you have an AAUW friend who does not have email, please print a copy for her. It has been proposed to only prepare four newsletters a year to be mailed out. All other information will come by email.

Please put Aug 6th on your calendars for the AAUW Contra Costa/Alameda District Training workshop for AAUW officers.

More details will come soon. This is open to all officers but if any members who are not officers have an interest they are also attend.

Linda Slater of Alameda and Reba Siero of Contra Costa will be coordinating the workshop.

CA LAF-Supporters,

As you may know, one of the LAF-supported cases, Mansourian v. Regents of the University of California (<http://aauw.org/act/laf/cases/mansourian.cfm>) is currently in federal court in Sacramento.

The case has been on-going for nearly 11 years (and AAUW has supported it for the past six years) and it is finally in trial to determine the merits of the case.

Previously the court system was focusing on whether or not the former UC Davis students filed their compliant in time and other technicalities.

AAUW Board Member Alicia Hetman has been in the courtroom almost every day since the trial began last week. There were a lot of AAUW members there the first day (<http://blog-aauw.org/2011/05/24/wrestling-case-goes-to-trial/>), but since then, it's usually just been her. She said that UC Davis has been filling their side and there aren't as many supporters for the plaintiffs.

The plaintiffs have voiced over and over how calming and encouraging it is to see Alicia in the audience and Alicia asked to write to all of you to urge you, if you can, to please come show your support and represent AAUW's support, even if it's only for a few hours, especially on June 13 and 14.

The trial is in the courtroom of U.S. District Judge Frank Damrell in the Sacramento Federal Courthouse. If you are interested in attending or have questions, let Holly Kearl, AAUW Program Manager LAF know and she can connect you with Alicia as she has up-to-date knowledge on the times the case will be heard each day, the status, and more info on how much it would mean to our plaintiffs to see your supportive faces in the crowd.