

## **AAUW Danville-Alamo 2010 Membership Brunch - September 25, 2010**

**Attendees:** Members, Guests, Parents and Tech Trek Recipients and Local Scholarship Recipient

**Attachments:** Event Program and Three Budgets (see section on Budget)

**Call to Order and Announcements:** The General Meeting of Danville-Alamo branch of AAUW was called to order at 10:50 a.m. on Saturday, September 25, 2010 at the Crow Canyon Country Club in Danville, California by co-President Marcia Steinhardt.

All members and guests were welcomed to our annual membership brunch and general meeting. The branch has received several honors including first place nationwide for total branch giving to the Eleanor Roosevelt Fund. This fund supports AAUW research by providing analysis, data, and accurate information about issues that are important to women and girls. In addition, the branch has also achieved first place nationwide in total branch giving to the Leadership Programs Fund which supports programs that develop women's potential to lead in their schools, communities, and country. Finally, the branch has achieved second place nationwide in total branch giving to all AAUW programs overall. A Research and Projects Fund in honor of branch member and past-president, Tena Gallagher was established. Our branch is making a \$75,000 commitment to be paid down over a period of 10 years. To date we have paid down \$17,000 towards this commitment.

Plans for the Holiday Home Tour are going well thanks to the efforts of our co-chairs Ingrid Lara and Robin Halloran. We now have six homes committed to our sixth annual Holiday Home Tour this year which will take place on December 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. Docents were being recruited for this event. We need over 100 docents. This event supports our Local Scholarships and Tech Trek campers and it is a wonderful way to get to know other branch members.

Our Financial Literacy program: Women in Transition, presented by Ora Citron and Diane Woodward of Oak Tree Wealth Management is scheduled for 3:00 p.m. Tuesday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at the Diablo West Clubhouse in Danville. On Wednesday November 17<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. we will have our International program with Jo Harberson as our featured speaker. She will be speaking about the Virginia Gildersleeve International Fund which provides small grants for grassroots projects that empower women and girls in developing countries. This meeting and light supper will be held at Shadow Hills Cabana in Danville and will be free of charge.

The Board of Directors of the Danville-Alamo branch is proposing a name change for our branch to Danville-Alamo-Walnut Creek AAUW. All members are invited to an Informational Forum where all of the facts and information about the name change will be presented. This is taking place on Wednesday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at the Shadow Hills Cabana in Danville. The general membership will be given an opportunity to vote on the Branch name change proposal the following week.

**Approval of Budget (Mary Hanson):** Budgets were provided for review by all members. See attached for a copy of the following budgets: AAUW Operating Budget Fiscal Year 2010-2011, AAUW Funds/EF Budget December 1, 2010 - November 30, 2011, Legal Advocacy Budget 2010-2011. A motion was made by Tena Gallagher to accept all three budgets and was seconded by Kathie Hixon. All members of the branch present at the meeting were in favor of passing the motion. The motion was approved by the membership. Mary Hanson discussed the distribution of the \$86 received from each members annual dues. From the \$86 we must send \$49 to National, \$16 to State and then \$21 remains for the Branch. There are approximately 250 members so we have a budget of \$5,250 to use within the branch.

**Hospitality (Sharon Cohune):** To create an atmosphere of acceptance and inclusion neighborhoods have been identified for future member events. There have been 24 neighborhoods identified for hospitality events in our branch area. Proposed gatherings are being planned. Additional hosts for neighborhood events are still needed and volunteers were encouraged to talk to either Sharon or Holly Sauer the Co-Chair.

**Danville-Alamo Local Scholarship Recipient, Bronwyn Burman:** She was introduced and gave a short talk on her UC Berkeley college experience, future goals and how she used the scholarship dollars.

**Tech Trek Presentations:** Junior high school recipients discussed their experiences at the Tech Trek science camp they attended.

**Featured Guest Speaker, Beth Greer:** She is an award winning Journalist, Holistic Health Advocate, and National Radio Talk Show Host. She spoke to us about her experiences with organic and healthful living tips.

Special thanks was extended to all membership chairs especially Laurel Harken and Karen Schlumpp Membership Co-Vice Presidents for their excellent execution of a successful annual brunch and meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Loretta Altshuler