Expanding Your Horizons:
Tri-Valley Math and Science Conference for Girls
Saturday February 28, Las Positas College, Livermore

Dianne Tinnes & Susan Terzuoli, EYH Co-Chairs

Expanding Your Horizons is a science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) career conference for 6th - 9th grade girls. The Lawrence Livermore and Scandia National Labs organize this event and recruit the presenters.

Our DAWC branch has a commitment again this year to support the conference with 30 room monitors and **we still need volunteers**. No special skills are required. Your task will be to administratively assist the instructor of one of the workshops by taking attendance at the door, turning in the girls’ workshop evaluations, etc. You will find the workshop topics very interesting! We will supply all the detailed information you will need. Carpooling is encouraged and it promises to be a fun and rewarding day!

Please let us know your choice of AM shift, PM shift, or both (all day). Morning shifts are 9-11 AM, afternoon shifts are 12:30-2:30 PM. Please contact Dianne Tinnes or Susan Terzuoli to volunteer. Thanks!

International Women’s Day Celebration
Saturday, March 7, 9:30 A.M. - Noon
Shadow Hills Cabana, 1000 El Capitan, Danville

Asha Bajaj & Caroline Sanchez, International Relations Co-Chairs

International Women’s Day will be celebrated worldwide on March 8 in honor of working women and women’s struggles everywhere. It should be a real source of pride and inspiration to American women that this special day originated in honor of two all-women strikes in the U.S.

We will celebrate International Women's Day on March 7th by showcasing four cultures and recent grassroots movements in India, Chile, Africa and the Middle East. Please join us for an informative and entertaining morning. Light refreshments will be provided. Please RSVP to Asha Bajaj by February 28. Some background on International Women’s Day:

In 1909, the first National Woman's Day was observed in the United States on February 28 in honor of the 1908 garment workers' strike in New York, where women protested against working conditions. Soon after, in 1910, the Socialist International organization met in Copenhagen to establish an International Women's Day to honor women's rights movement and to build support for universal suffrage for women.

In 1911, International Women's Day was celebrated on March 19 in Austria, Denmark, Germany and Switzerland. More than one million women and men attended rallies. They demanded women's right to vote and to hold public office, plus women's right to work, vocational training and an end to discrimination on the job. During 1913 and 1914, many used International Women's Day as a platform to protest World War I.

In 1917, against the backdrop of war, women in Russia again chose to protest and strike for 'Bread and Peace' on the last Sunday in February (March 8 on the Gregorian calendar). Four days later, the Czar abdicated and the provisional Government granted women the right to vote.

The Charter of the United Nations, signed in 1945, was the first international agreement to affirm the principle of equality between women and men. Since then, the UN has created a legacy of internationally agreed-upon strategies, standards, programs and goals to advance the status of women worldwide. Over the years, the UN and its agencies have promoted the participation of women as equal partners with men in achieving sustainable development, peace, security, and full respect for human rights. The empowerment of women continues to be a central feature of the UN's efforts to address social, economic and political challenges across the globe.
2015 AAUW ART CONTEST:
Vote For Our Branch Members' Beautiful Works of Art
Caroline Sanchez - Art Contest Winner

Did you know that only 5% of art currently displayed in the U.S. is by women? This is a serious gender gap in the art world. Also, there is only one major art museum in the world solely dedicated to women artists. I visited that museum, the National Museum of Women in the Arts in Washington D.C.

AAUW hosts its annual AAUW Art Contest January 7 - February 25. All submissions were due January 28. A nominating committee of AAUW members will select 50 entries, AAUW members are then eligible to vote for the best artwork.

Please vote, and vote often, to support our branch entries February 5 - 25. You may vote for up to six selections every day during the voting period. Voting may be done on the AAUW national website at http://www.aauw.org/contests/. The six winning art selections will be announced in early March and featured in a collection of note cards mailed to AAUW members in the spring. The art director from the National Museum of Women in the Arts will select an Award of Distinction recipient from the six contest winners and an additional art submission will be selected by AAUW for note cards to be offered for sale.

Women’s Federal Prison Tour
March 17, 9:00 A.M.

Did you enjoy our “Orange is the New Black” program in November? Or did you miss it and want to learn more about it?

Join the Assistant Warden on a tour of the Women’s Federal Correction Institute in Dublin. All attending must pass a security check. If you are interested in seeing the inside of a women’s prison, with the option of exiting at will, please contact Judy Lauper. Judy will send you a form to complete and return for clearance. Forms must be turned in by March 1 and the tour is limited to 20 members, so don’t delay!

Art & Garden, Fertile Ground: Art & Community in CA
March 4, 10:15 AM – 3:30 PM

Join us for an 11:15 AM Docent Tour of the Oakland Museum's "Fertile Ground". This exhibit is a collaborative effort with major works by Diego Rivera, Jackson Pollock and more from the SFMOMA's collection combined with OMCA's historical archives of documents, letters, and photographs -- all to create a fuller picture of how art happens in the first place.

The two museums, coming together with a sense of community, tell stories which wouldn't be possible individually about how these artists influenced one another and how they were influenced by the world around them -- wars, the Great Depression, labor issues, the '60's counterculture, and the dot-com boom. There's a myth of the solitary artist toiling away alone. But the way these artists have come together at various points is a huge part of the creative process.

We meet at 10:15 AM at Sycamore Park n’ Ride and Alamo Safeway Plaza to carpool to the museum, with lunch after the tour at the museum's Blue Oak Cafe. Admission is $16 for adults, $13 for seniors. Contact Jacque Schubert for more info or to sign up.

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President's Message
Mary Ellen Blake
President 2014–2015

The AAUW DAW Website Committee would like your input.

If you haven’t been to our website lately, you should take a look. It is constantly evolving with all the latest news and information about AAUW DAW. Plus, the newly formed Website Committee is working to further improve the site to make it easier to navigate; the menu tabs will be more intuitive, a calendar tab will be added to show a monthly calendar, and much more.

If there are areas of the website you’d like to see improved or you have suggestions, please send an email to Melanie Wade with copies to Teresa Cheung, Holly Sauer and Mary Ellen Blake.

Spring Garden Tour:
May 8 & 9, 2015
Gardens Still Needed

We need beautiful gardens for the 2015 Garden Tour! If you know anyone with an interesting, dramatic, or flower-filled garden, please send an email with the garden owner’s name, address, and contact information to Kathy McKnight with a copy to Roseann Krane and Mary Ellen Blake. If you belong to an interest or neighborhood group, consider finding a home as a group.

Volunteers are also still needed for our Garden Tour, including a docent coordinator, 3 more head docents, and someone to solicit participating restaurants.

Please don’t ignore this request because you think other members are doing this. WE NEED YOU!

Tuesday Morning Mah Jongg Group’s Annual Luncheon
Standing L-R: Lois Tenzer, Holly Sauer, Gerry Washalaski, Helen Pearlstein. Sitting L-R: Mary Mix, Paula Weintraub, Roseann Krane, Loretta Lewis.
Not pictured: Barbara Critchlow, Brenda Davis, Dora-Thea Porter.

Who Will You Refer for a Local Scholarship?
Mary Mix & Marcia Steinhardt, Co-Chairs

If you have a connection with a young woman pursuing a Bachelor’s, Graduate, or post-graduate degree, please let her know about our scholarships. Applications are due by April 1. Applicants must have either resided in the Walnut Creek city limits or its unincorporated area boundaries, or in the San Ramon Valley Unified School District area boundaries, while attending public or private high school, or currently reside within these boundaries. Undergraduate candidates must have at least junior standing at a 4-year college or university no later than the fall of 2015 and candidates pursuing an advanced degree must be accepted at an accredited 4-year college or university no later than the fall of 2015.

Students attaining a degree in the medical field are eligible for our Jane Trittipo scholarship. Applicants in the visual arts field (such as painting, sculpture, printmaking, photography, film, architecture, fashion design, decorative art), will be considered for the Creative Endeavors Scholarship.

Please encourage candidates to visit our website at: http://daw-ca.aauw.net/2015-scholarship/. Application forms and eligibility requirements are explained in full detail on our website.

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2014-2015 Season
December 14, 2014; 3:30pm
Holiday Memories
East Bay Foursquare Church
2615 Camino Tassajara Rd., Danville

March 29, 2015; 2pm
In My Merry Oldsmobile
Blackhawk Automotive Museum
3700 Blackhawk Plaza Cir., Danville

June 14, 2015; 3pm
As Summer Was Just Beginning
Community Presbyterian Church
222 W. El Pintado Rd., Danville

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Our Mission: AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

Our Value Promise: By joining AAUW, you belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women and girls have a fair chance.

Our Vision: AAUW empowers all women and girls to reach their highest potential.

The Danville-Alamo-Walnut Creek branch promotes and supports our AAUW mission through local scholarships, AAUW program support, panel discussions, and topical guest speakers.

Please learn more about us at http://daw-ca.aauw.net/
Contact us at daw-aauw@gmail.com
Holly Sauer, Editor

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### Great Decisions Begins in February!

Great Decisions is America’s largest discussion program on world affairs and highlights eight thought-provoking foreign policy challenges facing Americans each year. A Great Decisions book provides background, current data, impartial analysis, and policy options for each issue and serves as the focus for discussion. A half-hour video each week provides additional detail.

You may join one of our Great Decisions groups at any of the meetings and you do not need to purchase the book or do the reading to join in the discussions.

The Monday Evening Discussion Group begins February 2 at 7:30 PM in the Mercer Social Room, 1655 N. California Blvd., Walnut Creek. Discussion Leader is Mary Granzotto.

The Tuesday Afternoon Discussion Group begins February 3 at 1:30 PM. Discussion Leader is Roseann Krane. The first meeting will be at Roseann’s home, the location rotates each week.

Sign up at the AAUW web site http://daw-ca.aauw.net/contact/section/great-decisions-discussion-group/ or contact Mary or Roseann.

### Neighborhood Groups Bid Farewell to 2014 and Leap Into 2015 with Fun Festivities

Robin Halloran, Sandy Killoran, Norma Spencer, co-Hospitality Chairs

The Rossmoor group, Chrysanthemums, had so much fun at their December luncheon, they decided to meet again and again. In March they are planning another lunch and watching a foreign film. Hamburgers and games are on the horizon during the summer. The Chrysanthemums decided that there is so much to do in Rossmoor that they will just email each other and meet at one of the already planned Rossmoor activities.

The Delphiniums of west Danville area had a great social. They loved meeting, chatting and snacking. There must have been wine in there somewhere, also! So much fun was had by all, that they have decided this is exactly what they want to do from now on.

The Bumblebees went to Katcha in Walnut Creek on Jan. 21st for happy hour. The Begonias and Butterflies have joined forces and held an afternoon of Bunco. Lacewings and Ladybugs have also joined forces and shared wine and hors d’oeuvres in January. The Rose and Peony groups are merging and going to lunch at the Blackhawk Grill in February. Our neighborhood groups are here to help you meet other members in your area, have fun and go to AAUW events together.

If you have any activities planned, please contact Norma Spencer, Sandy Killoran or Robin Halloran and we will tell the membership about all the fun you are having.