



The Advocate

October 2017

Save the dates:

October 12, 2017: Make a Difference in Your Community

October 26, 2017: Estate Planning

December 8-9, 2017: Holiday Home Tour

January 27, 2018: AAUW Legislative Advocate, Shannon Smith-Crowley

February 24, 2018: Expanding Your Horizons

May 11-12, 2018: Garden Tour

ESTATE PLANNING

Date: Thursday, October 26

Time: 6 to 8 PM

**Location: Danville Town Hall
201 Front Street
Danville**

Admission: FREE

The Program Committee is going to have a program featuring AAUW member and attorney, Sarah Nix. Sarah is an estate attorney with Gagen and McCoy law firm here in Danville.

Over the past several years there have been many new updates concerning estate planning. It is important that we all understand these new laws as they have a great effect on our estates, our planning and our families. Please come and listen to Sarah and have your questions answered. The event is open to the public, so bring your friends. Everyone is welcome.

RSVP TO aauw-daw@gmail.com BY FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20.

Liz Williams and Robin Halloran, Co-Program VPs

ART & GARDEN October 20 Event is an 11:15 am docent-led SF City Guides Walking Tour “Silent Film San Francisco”. Cost is \$12/person and we will lunch after the tour in SF. We’ll BART to Montgomery Station and walk 5 or 6 blocks to the start of the tour. The 1-1/2 mile walking tour is flat, ends at Union Square, and lasts 1 1/2 to 2 hours. We meet at either Osage Park (Danville) or Alamo Safeway Plaza to carpool to BART. San Francisco’s connection with the movies goes back more than 125 years to the dawn of the moving picture. From iconic locations to obscure alleys, San Francisco was the setting for hundreds of silent films from the 1890’s on, with stars like Charlie Chaplin, Buster Keaton, Mary Pickford, Lon Chaney and Rudolph Valentino. Contact Jacque Schubert for more info or to sign up.

ONE AAUW. ONE MISSION. ONE FUND.

Your donation to AAUW Fund advances AAUW’s mission by sustaining all its programs and activities. Above all, it advances equity for women and girls, strengthens AAUW’s role in the global community, responds to the challenges facing women and girls today, and offers exceptional educational opportunities. Many of AAUW’s most popular programs, such as Work Smart, \$tart \$mart, and the Two-Minute Activist, are solely supported by the AAUW Fund. Several programs, such as the Legal Advocacy Fund and AAUW research, receive partial support from both the unrestricted AAUW Fund and partial support from restricted gifts.

AAUW also provides one of the world’s largest sources of funding for graduate women. In the 2017-18 academic year AAUW is providing more than \$3.7 million in funding for fellowships and grants to 250 outstanding women and nonprofit organizations. In October every year AAUW Northern California sponsors a luncheon where members can meet and hear what these outstanding women are doing. This year’s luncheon will be held on Sunday, October 29th at the Crow Canyon Country Club, Danville, from 12 to 3 p.m. Tickets are available online on the California AAUW website. <http://www.aauw-ca.org/>

To make an online donation, please go to <http://daw-ca.aauw.net/dawdonate/> or you can mail a check to:
Danville-Alamo-Walnut Creek AAUW
AAUW Fund
P. O. Box 996
Alamo, CA 94507

Submitted by Bev Nidick and Mary Ellen Blake

Great Decisions, America's largest discussion program on world affairs.

Topic 1: The waning of Pax Americana?

Topic 2: Russia's foreign policy

Topic 3: China and America: the new geopolitical equation

Topic 4: Media and foreign policy

Topic 5: Turkey: a partner in crisis

Topic 6: U.S. global engagement and the military

Topic 7: South Africa's fragile democracy

Topic 8: Global health: progress and challenges

DATES/TIMES:

Monday Evening: 7:00 – 9:00 pm in February and March for eight weeks

Tuesday Afternoon: 1:00 – 3:00 pm February and March for eight weeks

Books will be ordered in October for January delivery. If you want to be included in the order, contact Mary Granzotto: 876-8862 or mgranzo@earthlink.net by October 20, 2017.



Melanie Wade,
President's Message

Dr. Josh Gressel conducted an engaging, interactive presentation, and eleven 2017 Tech Trek participants were honored at our annual Membership Brunch last Sunday. Attendees enjoyed a delicious buffet meal in the beautiful Juniper Room at Roundhouse Event Center in San Ramon.

Five Tech Trek participants were present and three others sent messages, in their absence, to share their transformative experiences with an enthusiastic audience. Participants were as follows:

STUDENT

Amelia Hoyle
Elyse Wilkerson
Lauren Abravanel
Lillian Hiraoka
Misha Faruki
Sabrina Woo
Raquel Ovadia
Daniela Angel Ordonez
Tessa Dempster

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Charlotte Wood – Danville
Charlotte Wood – Danville
Diablo Vista – Danville
Diablo Vista - Danville
Foothill - Walnut Creek
Foothill - Walnut Creek
Los Cerros - Danville
Stone Valley - Alamo
Stone Valley – Alamo

Ashley Cortessis
Alexis Makarov

Walnut Creek Intermediate
Walnut Creek Intermediate

“I really enjoyed going to Tech Trek. Science and math have always been my favorite subjects, and I always wanted to be some kind of scientist. Tech Trek was great because it gave me more exposure and allowed me to further explore possible fields of science. I really enjoyed having chemistry as my core class. I loved doing all the different experiments in that class,” said Lauren Abravanel who was unable to attend because of a concurrent soccer game. Ashley Cortessis shared that “All my classes were great but I really found that I love chemistry. I had an amazing experience and I am very thankful to the Walnut Creek, Alamo, Danville for sponsoring this trip, it was amazing!”

Our members and guests expressed that they enjoyed Dr. Gressel’s informal discussion about the sometimes positive role that envy plays in our lives, also the subject of his new book. This premise proved to be somewhat controversial and the source of a stimulating conversation among Dr. Gressel and his audience.

There were sixty-three members and guests present, fewer than recent years because of the Sunday schedule. When I announced that we had to book Sunday rather than Saturday as usual for our event because Round Hill and other venues were not available and that we would return to a Saturday in September next year,
I was greeted with applause.

International Gourmet will meet on Saturday, October 7 at 6:30 PM.

Email rkrane@gmail.com if you want to participate.

Art & Garden October Event

Friday, October 20, we have an 11:15 am docent-led SF City Guides Walking Tour “Silent Film San Francisco.” Cost is \$12/person and we’ll lunch in SF after our tour. We meet at 9:30 am at either Osage Park (Danville) or Alamo Safeway Plaza to carpool to BART. We BART to Montgomery Station and walk 5 or 6 blocks to our starting point at the SE corner of Pacific Av and Kearny St. The 1 1/2 mile tour is flat, ends at Union Square, and lasts 1 1/2 to 2 hours.

San Francisco’s connection with the movies goes back more than 125 years to the dawn of the moving picture. From iconic locations to obscure alleys, SF was the setting for hundreds of silent films from the 1890’s on. Many of SF’s native sons and daughters became famous in front of and behind the camera as the silent era peaked in the 1920’s – and an infamous downtown speakeasy was the setting for an historic studio scene that sounded (literally) the end of silent film. Please contact Jacque Schubert to sign up or for more information. Space is limited to about 16 on this tour.

HELLO NEW MEMBERS: Joan Bayston, Jackie Ferreira, Rita Hannum, Diane Van Tassell, and Leslie Wuest

**SAVE THE DATE – OCTOBER 12TH
LEARN HOW TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR COMMUNITY**



Ever considered getting involved in your local community as an appointee to a board or commission? Want to know more about how the process works? How do you access the application? Where to find vacancies? How do you navigate the process and who can help? This is your opportunity!!!

Highlight the date “**October 12, 6:30 pm**” on your calendar with this location: **Civic Park Community Center Social Hall** (1375 Civic Dr., Walnut Creek). Please join California Women Lead and State Assemblywoman Catharine Baker to learn the process that one should take to be appointed to a board/commission/committee at the local and state level.

This event is sponsored by our nine area AAUW branches and Junior League East Bay. Women are underrepresented in government. Learn how to get involved at the local and state level to start turning this around. More information will follow.

Wanted: Appointed Board Members

- Advertising and Publicity Manager
- Directory Manager

Please contact Melanie Wade, President:

aauw.melanie@gmail.com

Our Contra Costa County Interbranch Council (IBC) brings nine AAUW branches together for countywide events, leadership training, and sharing of branch information. Please visit the [Contra Costa Interbranch Council](#) web page for information on AAUW events throughout Contra Costa County.

Please Support Our Sponsors. They Support Us!

Spirit Space

Bill Williams PhD

925-413-8828

jpbillwilliams@juno.com

spirit-space-landscape-design.com

Landscape and Fine Garden Design



Danville Community Band

Celebrating our 15th Anniversary season bringing live music to the greater Danville area.

Look online for info about the **Danville Community Band**
www.danvilleband.org

2016-2017 Season

Saturday, June 10, 2017; 3pm
"FIFTEEN"

Lesher Center for the Arts,
Walnut Creek

www.lesherartscenter.org/

The selection of tunes includes
Bernstein's **SLAVA!**, music from
The Lion King, Oskar Bohme's
Concerto in F Minor for Trumpet,
Tchaikowsky's Finale from
Symphony in F Minor No.4,
and more!

Erin Beale, CFP®
Financial Advisor
Financial Planning Specialist

Wealth Management
1333 N. California Blvd.
Suite 133
Walnut Creek, CA 94596

tel 925 746 2968
fax 925 933 7715
toll free 800 949 5199

CA Insurance Lic. #0F99253

Morgan Stanley

NMLS # 1272813
erin.beale@morganstanley.com



Sarah S. Nix

Attorney at Law

Gagen, McCoy, McMahon, Koss, Markowitz & Raines
A Professional Corporation

Certified Estate Planning,
Trust & Probate Law Specialist,
The State Bar of California
Board of Legal Specialization

279 Front Street

P.O. Box 218

Danville, CA 94526

Tele: (925) 837-0585

Fax: (925) 838-5985

snix@gagenmccoy.com

E-A-S-T-B-A-Y

FLOWER COMPANY

Danville Livery & Mercantile

206 Sycamore Valley Road W.

Danville, CA 94526

Viki Low
Kristine Simpson

Phone (925) 837-3418

Fax (925) 837-2946