





## The Advocate, June 2019

(Online at https://daw-ca.aauw.net/newsletter/)

#### From the Editor

I hope you enjoy this month's *Advocate*. **One time only:** I'll be out of town for the next newsletter, so, **Please submit your items for the July newsletter by June 20<sup>th</sup> to deborah.wechsler@gmail.com

I'll be back in time to get your submissions for the August issue.** 

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## Cards of Condolence, Health Wishes, or Congratulations for our members

When you know of an AAUW-DAW member who might appreciate a "Get Well" card, need a condolence card upon the death of a loved one, or a congratulations card, please let our Corresponding Secretary, Pat Gross know (pbgross@aol.com) Pat will send cards on behalf of our Branch.



#### From the President

May and June are transition months in the Bay Area. We move from rainy, sometimes even snowy weather to what seems like a short, ephemeral spring and then directly experience the hot days of summer. We celebrate graduations, spring cleanings, and traveling or vacation time. Transitions of the seasons are often employed as euphemisms for transitions of life. These past couple of months we sadly have

experienced the loss of several members. The sudden passing of our current Board Secretary, Kathy McKnight, touched many of us deeply. Kathy was involved in so many of our branch efforts over the years. She offered insights, wisdom, and a wry sense of humor that will be greatly missed.

**Message received**: pause and mark the transitions of our lives and seize every opportunity to brighten the moments we have with those we love and even those we just briefly encounter. We have so much to offer – don't hold back looking for the perfect opportunity – always be ready to be present for those around you.

We are excited about our upcoming Installation and Member Appreciation event, which will be held Thursday, June 6, 6:45 pm at the Danville Congregational Church. This event is also the official commencement of our AAUW-DAW Branch 50<sup>th</sup> year! We will have some intriguing branch history information for you to view (remember those Branch Scrapbooks?). It amazes me as I read through some of our historical publicity what an active, involved, and effective group of women this branch has encompassed over 50 years. Come on June 6 to get to know your new Executive Board and thank the outgoing Board for their service. Hope to see you there!

Deborah Wechsler

#### In Memoriam

# Kathy McKnight

Our good friend and current DAW Board member (Secretary 2018-19) Kathy McKnight passed away suddenly on May 1. Kathy was a very active member of our Branch, serving in many officer, committee, and chair positions over the years, including a term as President. There will not be a memorial service but look for more details soon about donations in her memory to ARF, a cause for which Kathy had a passion. Look for more details soon.

#### The Honorable Ellen O. Tauscher

Former California Rep. Ellen O'Kane Tauscher, a centrist Democrat whose career took her from the New York Stock Exchange to Congress to negotiating major international nuclear arms treaties for the Obama administration, died of pneumonia on May 6 at age 67. She was serving as chair of the Board of Governors of Lawrence Livermore National Security and was a member of the California Board of Regents. Ellen was our keynote speaker at our Membership Brunch in September, 2018 and an honorary member of DAW Branch of AAUW. Her memorial service will be held Thursday, June 6, 2019 at 2:00 PM at the Margaret Lesher Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Dr., Walnut Creek, followed by a reception at the Center. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Esophageal Cancer Action Network (ECAN) at ecan.org or P.O. Box 243, Stevenson, MD 21153.

#### Paula Boswell

Long-time DAW member Paula Boswell passed away on May 14. "To know Paula was to love her," another long-time member said. Paula was a war bride from the Netherlands and her husband was a war hero. They began Boswell's Party store, which still operates today. A memorial service and reception for Paula will be held June 12, 1 PM at the San Ramon Valley United Methodist Church, 902 Danville Blvd, Alamo.

# **Annual Installation and Member Appreciation**

You don't want to miss this opporunity to meet your new Executive Board and thank the outgoing Board for their service.

When: Thursday, June 6, 6:45 p.m.

Where: Danville Congregational Church, Kairos Room, 989 San Ramon Valley Blvd.

Danville.

Special features:

Installation and Member Appreciation

Official beginning of our AAUW-DAW Branch 50<sup>th</sup> year



### 2019 Garden Tour—a SUCCESS!

# Thanks to you,

our 19<sup>th</sup> Danville-Alamo-Walnut Creek AAUW Garden Tour was a success with five gardens and 445 attendees. We had beautiful weather and very happy guests. We raised \$16,513 through ticket sales and another \$1,600 through raffle tickets for baskets created by Carol Highton and Julie Grisham. The quilt raffle raised \$513.00 for the Creative Endeavor Scholarship.

We had a great 2019 Garden Tour team:

Ticket master: Monika Witte

Head Docents: Arlene Barnett, Susan Terzuoli, Judy Lauper, Roseann Krane,

and Kathy Harkins

Refreshments Chair: Robert Landau

Baskets for Raffle: Carol Highton & Julie Grisham

Photos: Marian Bliss

Garden Write-ups: Kathy Gage

Docent Organizer: Deborah Wechsler Postcard/Ticket Creator: Holly Sauer

Map Creator: Dora-Thea Porter

Membership Chair: Marsha Anderson-Landau Members with Gardens on Tour: Bette Felton

To each and every member who volunteered to be a docent, or who bought ticket or two (to bring a friend), or who baked homemade sweets and savories, our branch appreciates your efforts to make this tour the success it was.

#### Docents:

Aline Soules, Anna Freitas, Cheryl Wellman, Chris Ritter, Chris Winter, Dee Brook, Dot Healy, Gailyn Johnson, Gerry Washalaski, Joanne Quijano, Judy Halden, Kathie Hixon, Kathy Gage, Kathy Marke, Lola Rohrs, Martha Slavin, Maureen Mapes, Nancy Murray, Pat deRensis, Sandy Leininger, Sara Lautenbach, Sherry Wilcoxson, Susetta Welm, Adrienne Torp, Asha Baja, Cheryl Kohleriter, Dianne Tinnes, Fari Falaki, Jan Hersh, Jennifer Enzminger, Jennifer Linden, Karen Large, Linda Bushnell, Loretta Lewis, Noel Manion, Pat Torchiana, Sonya Borlandelli, Verna Kershaw, Alicia Jones, Ann Willoughby, Barbara Welch, Beth Clark, Carol Kennedy, Caroline Sanchez, Ellen Waskey, Jacque Schubert, Jennifer Brandenburg, Linda Jimerson, Liz Williams, Mary Granzotto, Melissa Walsh, Pat Gross, Pat McElderry, Patty Walker, Carol Gerich, Lynn Goodwin, Susan Sambuceti, Susie Fereira, Tracy McFall, Kathy Harkins, Claudia Schwarz, Holly Sauer, Julie Grisham, Rebecca Calzia-Bhatt, Ilene Ferguson, Laurie Miller, Rita Hannum, Angela Domer, Barbara Bornet Stumph, Cathy Taughinbaugh, Cindy Silva, Joan Mataraci, JoAnne Lyons, Judith Finch, Lucille Kastner, Marilyn Bressler, Nancy Samelson, Paula Weintraub, Roseann Krane, Carol Highton, Isabel Lau, Jeanne Chiodo and Linda Jimerson

Note: This article was provided by Kathy Harkins on behalf of Tena Gallagher. Tena, chairwoman of the Garden Tour, was the "prime mover" making this tour a success. Thank you, Tena.

# Membership Request

If you don't have a badge and lanyard and would like one, please notify Marsha Anderson Landau. She will mail them out upon request. Contact:

Marsha Anderson Landau 925 351 8188 Marsha888@comcast.net

# Looking Forward to Our 50<sup>th</sup> Branch Anniversary Saturday, October 26, 2019



#### **DAW INTEREST GROUPS**

**Art and Garden.** On hiatus until September.

Contact: Jacque Schubert, <u>jacqueschubert@comcast.net</u>, 925-855-7002 to sign up or for more information.

# Beads2Jewelry, 1st Thursday, 1:00 p.m.

Contact: Maureen Mapes, <u>maureentheresamapes@gmail.com</u>, 925-933-4484; or Dianne Giacovelli, <u>dianneg@pacbell.net</u>, 925-838-6444

Bridge: Daytime Party (waitlisted), 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday, 10:00 a.m. Contact: Angela Domer, angelaCV@earthlink.net, 925-838-8320

Bridge: Duplicate, 4th Monday, 10:00 a.m.

Contact: Lola Rohrs, lolarohrs@msn.com, 925-680-8345

Bridge: Evening, 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.

Contact: Arlene Barnett, arbar3933@gmail.com, 925-947-6122

Gourmet: Adventurous Chefs (waitlisted), 1st Friday, 11:30 a.m. Contact: Sherry Wilcoxson, slwrhk@gmail.com, 925-726-7422

Gourmet: Epicureans (waitlisted), 3rd Saturday, 6:30 p.m.

Contact: Ann Shelton, <a href="mailto:shelton.ahs@sbcglobal.net">shelton.ahs@sbcglobal.net</a>, 925-682-5672

### Great Decisions, Weekly for 8 weeks; 2 sections

Contact: Mary Ellen Blake, Mary Granzotto

## Hiking, Varies, Monthly

Contact: Joanne Quijano, jtq@sbcglobal.net, 925-831-3023

## Literature: Contemporary Books, 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday, 9:30 a.m.

Contact: Mary Twist, maryetwist@gmail.com, 925-938-4978

# Literature: Daytime, 4th Thursday, 9:30 a.m.

Contact: Laurie Ehrlich, plate@pacbell.net, 925-820-1938

### Literature: Evening (waitlisted), 4th Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.

Contact: Bev Nidick, Bev2Em@comcast.net, 925-828-6993

# Literature: Novel Ideas (waitlisted), 3rd Tuesday

Contact: Kathy Harkins, dharkins@pacbell.net, 925-736-9022

### Mah Jongg, Weekly, Monday, 9:30 a.m. or Tuesday, 10:00 a.m.

Contact: Paula Weintraub, pauladuck@yahoo.com, 925-820-7308

Tuesday group is waitlisted. Paula will teach those who don't know how to play.

# Movies: Cinema 1 (waitlisted), 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday, 7:30 p.m.

Contact: Pat McElderry, mcelderrypatricia@att.net, 925-837-9035

#### Movies: First Friday Film (waitlisted), 1st Friday, 7:00 p.m.

Contact: Kathy Harkins, dharkins@pacbell.net, 925-736-9022

### Movies & Lunch, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, 11:30 a.m.

Contact: Mary Twist, maryetwist@gmail.com, 925-938-4978

# Movies: Oscars (waitlisted), 2nd Friday, 7:30 p.m.

Contact: Sylvia Benzler, skbenz@mac.com, 925-820-0296

#### Needle Arts (waitlisted), Varies, Monthly

Contact: Sandy Killoran, Holly Sauer, <a href="mailto:sandykrose@sbcglobal.net">sandykrose@sbcglobal.net</a>, 925-735-0154;

holly.gr8f8@gmail.com, 925-323-5184

#### Writers, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, 1:00 p.m.

Contact: Beth Clark, bclark143@comcast.net, 925-484-3282

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