



Danville-Alamo-Walnut Creek (CA)



The Advocate, July 2019

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From the Editor

I hope you enjoy this month's *Advocate*. Editor Aline Soules will return in August, so **Please submit your items for the August newsletter by July 20th to soulesa@yahoo.com.**

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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

Welcome to summer! For some of us, this is a time to start traveling with the family or to the family. For others it may be a time to enjoy the outdoors in our yards or in our lovely Mount Diablo surroundings.

Since July is a slower time of year for our Branch, we thought to concentrate this issue on our Advertisers and Sponsors. Thanks to Chris Ritter and Marsha Anderson Landau, who have been renovating and revitalizing our Advertising and Sponsorship policies and materials, and have gathered some new advertisers. Please see more details later in this issue.

We had a wonderful Installation and Membership Appreciation event on June 6. Thank you Joanne Quijano for leading this effort, ably assisted by Julia Miner and Bette Felton. The full Elected and Appointed Board is included in this issue. There are a few open positions – if something might interest you please contact me for more information!

At the Appreciation event we kicked off our 50th year as an AAUW Branch! 50th Anniversary Committee members Millie Lindsay, Holly Sauer, Chris Winter, Loretta Lewis, Elaine Reisert and Marilyn Milam prepared some tables to highlight our branch accomplishments over the decades (remember those scrapbooks?!). Impressive to see what we have done.

Some of our Interest Groups take a rest or a summer hiatus.

Whatever you are doing in July – Enjoy!

Deborah Wechsler

Welcome our Newest Member!

Desiree Corpening, Concord

UC Davis, 2018, Sociology

Desiree.corpening@gmail.com

Welcome New Advertisers

Over the last month, the advertising committee has approached a select group of local businesses who we know offer quality services that we think are an excellent match to our member needs. We are pleased to announce that 14 businesses so far have committed to support our branch with their advertising in our directory, newsletter and at our events. We are creating an advertiser Quick Guide that you can keep on hand to give you quick access to these services.

SPECIAL BRUNCH ALERT: Our sponsors are working with us to create a gift bag of special offers that you will receive at our September Membership Brunch!

Please welcome our new and returning branch advertisers! We very much appreciate their support and many of them are our own members (indicated with an asterisk*) If you need a service in their field of business, please contact our supporters first - and, be sure to mention that you heard about them through AAUW.



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Kris Simpson

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*AAUW DAW members are marked with an asterisk

Our 50th Anniversary Year



Our 50th Anniversary planning is well underway. Save the date of Saturday October 26, 2019! This will be a very special occasion commemorating our Golden Anniversary, significant accomplishments, and honoring all of you, our very valuable members.

Invitations will be mailed by September 1 to all current branch members plus past presidents and charter members for whom we have addresses. Please let us know if you have contact information for any of these former members we may miss.

Invitations will include RSVP instructions. Three meal options will be available, including beef, fish, and vegetarian. One guest per member is welcome!

Committee members are Loretta Lewis, Millie Lindsey, Marilyn Milan, Elaine Reisert, Holly Sauer, Deborah Wechsler, and Chris Winter. We meet regularly to make this the very best event. Please let any one of us know if you have questions.

Danville-Alamo-Walnut Creek 2019-2020 Board

Elected Executive Board 2019-2020	
<i>President</i>	<i>Deborah Wechsler</i>
<i>President Elect</i>	<i>Chris Ritter</i>
<i>Program VP</i>	<i>Bette Felton</i>
<i>Membership VP</i>	<i>Marsha Anderson-Landau</i>
<i>AAUW Fund Co-VP</i>	<i>Liz Williams</i>
<i>AAUW Fund Co-VP</i>	<i>Robin Halloran</i>
<i>Secretary</i>	<i>Holly Sauer</i>
<i>Treasurer</i>	<i>Claudia Schwarz</i>

Appointed Board Positions 2019-2020

If you might be interested in any of the open positions, or have any questions, please contact Deborah Wechsler (Deborah.wechsler@gmail.com)

Advertising Sales – Acting: Marsha Anderson	Hospitality - Open
Advocate Newsletter Editor - Aline Soules	Local Scholarship Chair - Open
Advocate Circ. Mgr - Susetta Welm	Membership Treasurer - Tena Gallagher
Corresponding Secretary - Pat Gross	Nominating Committee - Open
Database Mgr - Joanne Quijano	Parliamentarian - Open
Directory Mgr - Joanne Quijano	Public Policy Chair – Acting: Asha Bajaj/ Bette Felton
Expanding Your Horizons - Judy Lauper	Publicity Manager - Open
Garden Tour - Kathy Harkins	Social Media - Linda Berger
Graphic Designer - Dora-Thea Porter	Tech Trek – Monika Witte/Dianne Tinnes
Holiday Home Tour - Susan Terzuoli	Webmaster - Roseann Krane

Public Policy update July 2019

As you have likely noticed, the last few weeks have seen renewed attacks by the federal government on access to reproductive and other health care. These policies are an affront to women's well-being and jeopardize their economic self-sufficiency.

As part of AAUW's public policy work, we joined other advocates in the #StopTheBans campaign, a national day of action to demand access to reproductive health care. AAUW will also continue to join legal briefs arguing against these bans and lobby at the state and federal level to stop policies that curtail reproductive rights or limit people's equal access to healthcare. Just this week, Congress reintroduced the Women's Health Protection Act, which would stop needless and harmful restrictions on access to abortion. AAUW will continue to fight for its passage while opposing other problematic bills and administration rollbacks.

On Their Way to the CA Senate:

AB 1505 – gives local school districts sole authority to approve new charter schools and to consider how new schools would impact the district's budget in the approval process. Since new charter schools typically attract per pupil funding – away from traditional public schools, many expect that this measure would make it much more difficult for new charter schools to be approved.

AB 1507 – closes a loophole in state law that has let some districts boost their budgets by approving charter schools outside their boundaries. AB 1507 would require all charter schools approved by a district to be located within it.

California's Bill 5 - will help give contract workers the same benefits as traditional employees, and is the first of its kind in the nation, which comes as no surprise given the state's Silicon Valley being a hub for on-demand services like Lyft and Uber, among others. Democratic Assembly Member Lorena González of San Diego, who introduced the bill back in December, tweeted why AB 5 could be pivotal in stopping Big Tech from exploiting independent workers.

Assembly Bill 392 - the California Act to Save Lives. This bill provides protection from excessive police force and passed the Assembly by a vote of 67-0 on May 29. If passed by the Senate, it will go for signature to Governor Gavin Newsom, who has indicated his support.

Stay involved- Stay tuned!

Asha Bajaj, Chair Public Policy

DAW Interest Groups

Join something that intrigues you! Please send any additions or corrections to Editor Aline Soules (soulesa@yahoo.com) and President Deborah Wechsler (Deborah.wechsler@gmail.com)

Art and Garden. On hiatus until September.

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

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

Contact: Maureen Mapes, maureentheresamapes@gmail.com, 925-933-4484; or Dianne Giacobelli, dianneg@pacbell.net, 925-838-6444

Bridge: Daytime Party (waitlisted), 3rd 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, 2nd 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, shelton.ahs@sbcglobal.net, 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, 4th 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, pauladuck55@gmail.com, 925-820-7308

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

Movies: Cinema 1 (waitlisted), 2nd 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, 2nd 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, sandykrose@sbcglobal.net, 925-735-0154;
holly.gr8f8@gmail.com, 925-323-5184

Writers, 2nd Tuesday, 1:00 p.m.

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

Lose a pair of sunglasses at the Garden Tour in May?

Please contact Deborah Wechsler to describe and retrieve.

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) is the nation's leading voice promoting equity and education for women and girls.

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

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.

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, Tech Trek, AAUW Fund, and topical guest speakers.

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