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

From the Editor

Thanks to Deborah Wechsler for handling the July newsletter in my absence. Note that because our newsletters appear on the web, we have decided not to include contact information in this and future newsletters with the exception of our sponsors. Please check your directories for that information. Finally, please submit your items for the **September newsletter by August 20** to **Aline Soules**.

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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**. Pat will send cards on behalf of our Branch.

Upcoming Events You Don't Want to Miss!

- September 14th** – Annual Membership Brunch, 10:30 AM at the Crow Canyon Country Club
- October 6th** – Regional Funds Luncheon
- October 26th** – 50th Anniversary Celebration, 5:00 PM at the Crow Canyon Country Club

From the President

As autumn approaches (I can't believe I'm writing this – where are the endless days of summer?). I am often coaxed into a melancholy reminiscence and astonished by the speed of life. We have plans; then they change instantly on an unexpected turn, chance circumstances that lead to an unanticipated path. Something that can remain constant through turmoil and change is our courage to be actively present for friends and for causes that are important to us. Your 2019-20 executive board and committee chairs will meet in late August to set our goals, strategies and priorities for the coming year. We are sharing ideas already for some intriguing programs. If you have suggestions or comments, please let me know so I can include them in our discussions. I encourage you to find and follow your own passions as you participate with AAUW.

Returning to my opening theme – the speed of life and change. Do you have a friend you haven't contacted in some time? Or know someone who could use a helping hand? Maybe recently you have shared less of your energies or skills to support that important person or cause. Don't hesitate to refresh that friendship, lend a helping hand, or volunteer again for your cause. Your opportunity may go by with the speed of life.

Deborah Wechsler, president

Annual Membership Brunch

When: Sept. 14, 10:30-2:00

Where: Crow Canyon Country Club, 711 Silver Lake Dr., Danville, CA 94526

Speaker: Ms. Elizabeth Hillman, President, Mills College

Theme: Leadership with an emphasis on Gender & Racial Justice



We are honored and excited to have the President of Mills College as our guest speaker. Ms. Hillman brings her background and experience to our Leadership theme. Assuming the presidency of Mills College in 2016, she is a scholar of history and law with a passion for independent, student-centered education. President Hillman frequently speaks and publishes on issues of sexual violence and gender equity and teaches courses at Mills. Her expertise in sexual violence and gender issues in the military has won national and international recognition.

Our lunch will be the specialty salads of the house: Classic Cobb, Blackened Salmon Salad and Sunburst Salad with Chicken, Berries, & Pecans. Dessert will be Chocolate Cake. Beverages are included.

Look for your invitation in your email and on our website soon. You can contact our Membership VP Marsha Anderson for more details. We look forward to a very happy event featuring the new venue of Advertiser Booths, along with Interest Groups, and our traditional Quilt raffle. Please arrive early for good parking.

2019 AAUW Holiday Home Tour

Do you have a friend or neighbor who decorates for the December holidays? The Holiday Home Tour Committee needs your help to identify homes for this year's tour.

We are very excited to plan a tour for this year as we know that many of our past tour attendees look forward to our 2019 tour. Let's not disappoint them again this year.

We are counting on you—our members—to help make this year's tour a success. Please go through your contact lists, directories, and address books to identify homeowners for us to contact. If the home you refer to us is selected for the tour, you will receive TWO complimentary tickets to the tour. **Please send your referrals to Tena Gallagher.**

We look forward to hearing from you.

Give a Grad a Free AAUW Membership

As an AAUW member you can gift one year of AAUW national membership to as many recent college graduates as you like **at no cost to them or you.**

1. **Collect their information.** You'll need to know the mailing address, phone number, email, and alma mater of each of these future AAUW members.
2. **Fill out our handy form** at <https://www.aauw.org/resource/give-a-grad-a-gift/>

It's a win-win situation. Giving a grad the gift of AAUW membership costs nothing for you or for them — and is rewarding for you both. If they live in our area, our branch gives them a branch membership for free but you need to get the information to our membership chair, Marsha Anderson-Landau.

Our own website: daw-ca.aauw.net

Be sure to check out our web site often for details: <https://daw-ca.aauw.net>

Do you know our important upcoming dates? If you haven't marked your calendars or if you've lost your newsletter, you can find previous months' newsletters at <https://daw-ca.aauw.net/newsletters> and choose the month you want and find the dates you need.

Also, if you know of any necessary corrections, please send them to the Webmaster, Roseann Krane.

Our 50th Anniversary Year



Do you have our 50th Anniversary date, Saturday, October 26, 2019, on your calendar yet? It will be a very special occasion in recognition of our Golden Anniversary and significant accomplishments. Most of all, it will recognize and honor all of you, our very valuable members.

As part of our program, we are planning a slide show of our members and activities through our first 50 years. Do you have any digital (online) photos you'd like to share?

We also want to ensure that all past presidents and charter members are invited, as well as our current branch members. 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 Milam, Elaine Reisert, Holly Sauer, Deborah Wechsler, and Chris Winter.

You may ask any of us questions, and send your digital photos or names of former members to Holly Sauer.

DAW Interest Groups

Join something that intrigues you! **Please send additions or corrections to Editor Aline Soules and President Deborah Wechsler.**

Art and Garden. On hiatus until September. Contact Jacque Schubert to sign up or for information

Beads2Jewelry, 1st Thursday, 1:00 p.m. Contact Maureen Mapes or Dianne Giacovelli

Bridge: Daytime Party (waitlisted), 3rd Monday, 10:00 a.m. Contact Angela Domer

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

Bridge: Evening, 2nd Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. Contact Arlene Barnett

Gourmet: Adventurous Chefs (waitlisted), 1st Friday, 11:30 a.m. Contact Sherry Wilcoxcon

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

Great Decisions, Weekly for 8 weeks; 2 sections Contact Mary Ellen Blake or Mary Granzotto

Hiking, Varies, Monthly Contact Joanne Quijano

Literature: Contemporary Books, 4th Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. Contact Mary Twist

Literature: Daytime, 4th Thursday, 9:30 a.m. Contact Laurie Ehrlich

Literature: Evening (waitlisted), 4th Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. Contact Bev Nidick

Literature: Novel Ideas (waitlisted), 3rd Tuesday. Contact Kathy Harkins

Mah Jongg, Weekly, Monday, 9:30 a.m. or Tuesday, 10:00 a.m. (Tues. waitlisted) Contact Paula Weintraub, who will teach those who don't know how to play.

Movies: Cinema 1 (waitlisted), 2nd Friday, 7:30 p.m. Contact Pat McElderry

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

Movies & Lunch, 2nd Tuesday, 11:30 a.m. Contact Mary Twist

Movies: Oscars (waitlisted), 2nd Friday, 7:30 p.m. Contact Mary Mix

Needle Arts (waitlisted), Varies, Monthly. Contact Sandy Killoran or Holly Sauer

Writers, 2nd Tuesday, 1:00 p.m. Contact Beth Clark

What is Your Favorite Local Business?

Please help us identify Great Advertisers for our AAUW DAW Directory

An important source of funding for our local branch activities is advertising from local businesses in our Annual Directory. Marsha Anderson and Chris Ritter have been working on identifying advertisers who are great fits for our membership in that they offer excellent services that are needed by our members.

Do you know a local business that you would recommend to your fellow AAUW members? Please email Marsha Anderson with the name of the business, any contact name you have, and why you recommend it. Marsha and Chris will follow up and let them know of your recommendation and ask them if they would like to expand their business with our group.

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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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