



Danville-Alamo-Walnut Creek (CA)



**The Advocate, December 2019**  
**(Online at <https://daw-ca.aauw.net/newsletter/>)**

**From the Editor:** Just a reminder that contact information for persons mentioned in the Advocate can be found in your directory. If you do not have a directory, please contact Aline Soules ([soulesa@yahoo.com](mailto:soulesa@yahoo.com)) for that information. If you submit articles and pictures for next month's Advocate, please observe the following:

**Articles in .doc or .docx**, or in the body of an email.

**Pictures in .jpg (compressed).**

Please submit your items for the January 2020 newsletter by Jan. 20 to [soulesa@yahoo.com](mailto: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. Pat will send cards on behalf of our Branch.

**In Memoriam**

We remember Mary Alter, honorary member (50 years).  
Her memorial service will be held at Danville Congregational Church.

## From the President

Leaves are falling and time is flying. It surely cannot be possible that we are readying ourselves for winter and the coming of 2020.

Our Branch has been active this past month. Soon you will see our latest Membership Directory, which is brought to you through the effort of Joanne Quijano. Check out our new and continuing advertisers in the Directory. Our membership is now at around 250, which means we are the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest branch in California.

On November 18 many members from our Branch and the San Ramon Branch attended an excellent program on foster care youth transitioning through our higher education system, specifically focusing on the marvelous Renaissance program at Cal State East Bay. It was a very informative presentation by Drs. Lael Adediji and Jodi Servatius from CSU East Bay, and will help inform our intentions and processes for our Local Scholarship program.

Several of our Branch members have arranged to attend small meetings and gatherings with our elected representatives. We are looking for ways to hone our public policy advocacy to present a more effective presence for women in local, regional and statewide policies and leadership.

Please put our next programs on your calendars:

**Holiday Open House: December 8, my home (see separate eVite email)**

**Thursday January 23: Joint program with League of Women Voters on "Schools and Community First Initiative"**

Stay warm; Stay in the Light; Stay Powerful (if PG&E will let you)

Deborah Wechsler

## New Members

A lovely Saturday morning get-together for new members was held at Tena Gallagher's home on November 9. Thirty-one (31) new members were notified by email and personal phone calls. We had a good turnout, which included many Board members. We shared our various backgrounds and our love for the AAUW organization and its purpose. We answered questions from new members and discussed coming year's activities. It was a beautiful morning with incredible Mt. Diablo views. We also enjoyed a brief inspirational AAUW film provided by Tena.

Marsha Anderson Landau, VP Membership, followed up with more information for several new members. If any of our membership needs further activity information, interest groups information, or desires to volunteer, please contact me, Marsha Anderson Landau, as I have a number of Badges with Lanyards available for those members who haven't picked up theirs.

Marsha Anderson Landau

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## Holiday Home Tour

The holidays are here and so it the 14<sup>th</sup> Holiday Home Tour to invite you into the holiday spirit. Be sure to purchase your tickets now. Invite friends and make a day of it. We have six very different homes for viewing. Please enjoy yourselves. We have three ways to purchase tickets:

- Online, visit <https://daw-ca.aauw.net/hht2019/>
- Mail, write a check to **AAUW CA Special Projects Funds** and send it, along with a stamped, self-addressed envelope (#10 business) to AAUW Holiday Home Tour, P. O. Box 996, Alamo, CA 94507
- In person, visit East Bay Flower Company in the Livery at 206 Sycamore Valley Road, Danville, with **cash or check only**.

Tickets are \$35 each through **December 5**. Please note that, starting December 6, all tickets will be \$50 and available through East Bay Flower Company, **cash or check only**.

This tour raises scholarship funds for middle school girls to attend Tech Trek and local women to attend college or graduate school. Drawing tickets for a beautiful quilt made by former member, Mary Kelly, will raise funds for a Creative Visual Arts Scholarship.

We want to thank you for your generous support of Holiday Home Tours in the past. We still need **more docents** and **more home-made finger food donations** or you can **donate to purchase fruit, cheese and crackers**. If you have not yet volunteered, we would really like to hear from you. Please contact **Susan Terzuoli** or **Tena Gallagher**.

Please help us let as many people know about our tour as possible. Invite your family and friends to our tour by sharing our flyer by email or with a printed copy. Volunteer now and download a copy of our beautiful flyer at the Holiday Home Tour web page, <https://daw-ca.aauw.net/hht2019/> Enjoy volunteering one day and touring with several friends on the other day. We hope to see you there.

Tena Gallagher, Co-Chair

American Association of University Women  
Danville-Alamo-Walnut Creek Branch

## *14th Annual Holiday Home Tour*

Ring in the Holiday Season by touring  
beautifully decorated homes in the San Ramon Valley

*Light Refreshments*  
*Quilt Raffle*

*Friday & Saturday*  
*December 13th & 14th, 2019*  
*10:00 AM - 4:00 PM*

Tickets are \$35 each through December 5, 2019, after which they increase to \$40.

### **PURCHASING TICKETS\*:**

Tickets will be available Monday, November 18, 2019.

**ON-LINE:** Visit our website at <http://daw-ca.aauw.net/payment/> to purchase by credit card.

**US MAIL:** Send a check postmarked by December 5th payable to AAUW CA Special Projects Fund with a self-addressed stamped #10 business size envelope to:  
AAUW Holiday Home Tour, P.O. Box 996, Alamo, CA 94507

**DIRECT PURCHASE:** Tickets will be for sale at East Bay Flower Company, 206 Sycamore Valley Rd. West (Danville Livery) 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Monday - Saturday (cash or check only).

**FURTHER INFORMATION:** Visit our website above or email us at [aauwht@gmail.com](mailto:aauwht@gmail.com)

Proceeds provide college scholarships and Tech Trek middle-school camperships for Danville, Alamo, and Walnut Creek women and girls.

\*Tour tickets are tax deductible, raffle tickets are not.  
Please, no children under 12 or pets.



## Work Smart



### Welcome to AAUW Work Smart Online.

As an AAUW Member, you're an ambassador, helping to build relationships between AAUW and the public. By supporting mission-based programs and resources, you're showing your solidarity in ways that will impact the lives of women for generations to come and helping us to end the gender pay gap by 2030 by training 10 million women by 2022. Empower the women you know in the workforce on salary negotiation by **sharing this free course**. As a member ambassador, we hope you will login and explore the course at your leisure with your email address and default password of Salary1.

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ELENA NOBLE, CCC FACILITATOR

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## What is the Difference and Where does my Donation Go?

WE ARE ALMOST THERE! We need about \$30,000.00 more to finish our 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary endowment to AAUW National. Once this fund is completed National can then begin using it to award scholarships. Until the fund is fully endowed, no monies are assigned directly to a recipient. So, please help us finish our 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fund **by making donations designating Fund 4391**. Make your **checks out to AAUW Fund** and write 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fund on the memo line of your check. Mail your check to AAUW PO Box 996, Alamo, Ca. 94507. Thank you for helping us complete this very valuable fund. And just to make sure, we're again sharing our chart of the difference between the AAUW Fund and the AAUW DAW Funds:

<b>AAUW Fund – National</b>	<b>AAUW DAW – Local</b>
Funded by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Garden Tour</li><li>- Individual Donations</li></ul>	Funded By: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Holiday Home Tour</li></ul>
Revenue Used For: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Research</li><li>- STEM Education</li><li>- Legal Advocacy</li><li>- Education Funding</li><li>- and much more</li></ul>	Revenue Used For: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Local Scholarship</li><li>- Tech Trek Camperships</li><li>- Expenses</li></ul>
For more information about AAUW funds: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <a href="http://www.aauw.org">http://www.aauw.org</a></li></ul>	For more information about DAW funds <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <a href="http://daw-ca.aauw.net">http://daw-ca.aauw.net</a></li></ul>

This is a wonderful way to help women continue their studies and make a difference in our world.

Liz Williams and Robin Halloran

## Public Policy Update, November 2019

**The Student Civic and Voter Empowerment Act**, established in Assembly Bill 963 introduced by Democratic State Assemblywoman Cottie Petrie-Norris, representing the 74th Assembly District, requires the California State University (CSU) and California Community College (CCC) and requests the University of California (UC) campuses to engage in voter outreach efforts meant to promote student civic knowledge, political engagement and participation in future elections.

According to the act, schools could approach these efforts in a variety of ways — particularly through the designation of a “Civic and Voter Empowerment Coordinator” that oversees and organizes all outreach efforts.

This new position is required to create an action plan for fostering civic engagement tailored to the characteristics and needs of their student population, utilizing methods of outreach such as the distribution of campus-wide emails and posting important voter information on social media.

“We want to provide our students with the necessary tools to be engaged citizens, to shape their own political reality and create the future of the great state of California,” Petrie-Norris said in a Facebook post following the Governor’s signature on the bill.

**Assembly Bill (AB) 9:** Governor Gavin Newsom signed Assembly Bill (AB) 9, which gives employees a two-year extension to file Fair Employment and Housing Act (FEHA) claims. Currently, employees with FEHA claims must first file administrative charges with the California Department of Fair Employment and Housing (DFEH) within one year of the aggrieved conduct. This deadline will change on January 1, 2020, when AB 9 will provide employees up to three years to file FEHA administrative charges. Employees will continue to have, as they do now, one year to file a lawsuit after receiving a right-to-sue letter from the DFEH. AB 9 will not revive claims that have lapsed before January 1, 2020.

Impeachment hearings continue in Congress while there is unrest in every part of the world from Hong Kong to Iran and South America. Israel could not come to a consensus on its government and Britain’s Brexit saga continues.

Stay engaged and involved and please remember to cast your vote.

Asha Bajaj, Public Policy Chair

### DAW Interest Groups

Below is the current list of Interest Groups and Leaders, with notations of new groups that began to form in fall 2019. The leader contact info is in your directory except for new members. For their contact information, ask the Advocate editor, Aline Soules ([soulesa@yahoo.com](mailto:soulesa@yahoo.com)).

**NOTE about Art and Garden:** On **Wednesday, December 3**, we’ll visit the Bedford Gallery in Walnut Creek to view **“Off Menu: Contemporary Art About Food.”** Our docent tour begins at 11:00 a.m. and the cost is \$5/person. After our tour, we’ll lunch in Walnut Creek. From luxurious still life Renaissance paintings to Pop Art, food tells the story of how we live and what motivates us. And it’s not all swirls and sprinkles: throughout history, artists have used depictions of food to address issues of family, nutrition, and social concerns such as famine and politics. The exhibition is anchored by the traveling show *Les Diners de Gala*, comprised of twelve fine art prints by the renowned 20<sup>th</sup> century Spanish surrealist, Salvador Dali. Wayne Thiebaud’s iconic desserts will also be in the mix. For more info or to sign up, contact Jacque Schubert.

Group Name	Leader Name(s)	Meeting Day	Time
Art and Garden	Jacque Schubert	Wednesdays or Fridays	Varies. See above or contact Jacque.
Beads2Jewelry (WL)	Maureen Mapes & Dianne Giacobelli	1st Thursday	1:00 PM

Bridge: Daytime Party (WL)	Angela Domer	3rd Monday	10:00 AM
Bridge: Duplicate (WL)	Lola Rohrs	4th Monday	10:00 AM
Bridge: Evening (WL)	Arlene Barnett	2nd Wednesday	7:30 PM
Gourmet: Adventurous Chefs (WL)	Sherry Wilcoxson- Will help start new group for waitlisters	1st Friday	11:30 AM
Gourmet: Epicureans (WL)	Ann Shelton- Liz Williams will help start new group for waitlisters	3rd Saturday	6:00 PM
Great Decisions Daytime and Evening	Mary Granzotto and Mary Ellen Blake	Weekly for eight weeks	Monday 7:30PM Tuesday 1:30 PM
Hiking	Joanne Quijano	Monthly	Varies
Literature: Contemporary Books (WL)	Diane Stangel	4th Wednesday	9:30 AM
Literature: Daytime (WL)	Laurie Ehrlich	4th Thursday	9:30 AM
Literature: Evening (WL)	Linda Jimerson	4th Tuesday	7:30 PM
Literature: Novel Ideas (WL)	Kathy Harkins	3rd Tuesday	1:00PM
Mah Jongg 1 (WL)	Paula Weintraub	Monday Weekly	10:00 AM
Mah Jongg 2 (WL)	Paula Weintraub-looking for beginners to start a new group	Tuesday Weekly	10:00 AM
Movies: Cinema 1	Pat McElderry	2nd Friday	7:30 PM
Movies: First Friday Film (WL)	Kathy Harkins	1st Friday	7:00 PM
Movies & Lunch (WL)	Mary Twist	2nd Tuesday	11:30 AM
Movies: Oscars (WL)	Mary Mix	2nd Friday	7:30 PM
Third Friday Film - New Group	Kath Clayton NEW MEMBER	3rd Friday	7:00 PM
Needle Arts (WL)	Sandy Killoran, Holly Sauer	2nd Monday	1:30-3:30 PM
Writers	Kathy Gage	2nd Tuesday	1:00 to 3:00 PM

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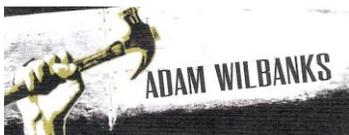
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**Mission:** AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

**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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