



Danville-Alamo-Walnut Creek (CA)



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(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) 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).

SPECIAL NOTE FOR APRIL ADVOCATE:

Please submit your items for the APRIL 2020 newsletter by March 20 to deborah.wechsler@gmail.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.

From the President

Life is always throwing change our way. We do our best planning, anticipating, developing contingency options, and then an unexpected event puts us on a different path. These transitions can provide moments of great opportunity for growth, as well as the possibility of being overcome by stress.

So why put this in our monthly DAW newsletter? Just to emphasize that, as most of us know, an effective tool for navigating a time of change or challenge is to surround ourselves with community and to devote ourselves to causes outside our immediate circle. AAUW-DAW provides such opportunities through our programs, interest groups, philanthropic and advocacy efforts.

I hope you will join me and other DAW members and attend one or all three days of the California State Convention April 17-19. **Our own Chris Ritter (former DAW Treasurer and now President-Elect) will be a panelist in the workshop Saturday on Roadmap to Branch Financial Management.** For more information about the convention and registration follow this link <https://www.aauw-ca.org/2020-convention/>

The convention this year is geographically close to our area, so this is a good opportunity to broaden your perspective about AAUW.

Deborah Wechsler

AAUW Garden Tour 2020

Spring is just around the corner and we need docents and refreshments for our AAUW Garden Tour. Tour dates:

Friday, May 8

Saturday, May 9

Docent shifts each day are

Morning: 9:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Afternoon: 12:45 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Volunteer early to get the day and time of your choice.

Contact Kathy Harkins with your docent day and time preference, and to volunteer for refreshments. We prefer fruit, cheese, and home-baked goodies.

Remember that proceeds from the Garden Tour help fund one of the largest sources of funding for graduate women—the AAUW Fund.

Remembering Helen Pearlstein



A celebration of Helen Pearlstein's life will be held on Sunday, March 15, from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, Danville. The celebration will begin with a Labyrinth walk, after which there will be a reception in Grace House. You are encouraged to bring photos and stories to share. If you have questions or plan to attend, please contact Helen's daughter Ann Isely or her friend Roseann Krane.

Special Program and Speaker in April

On April 25, at the Danville Town Hall, AAUW Fellowship recipient, Araceli Gonzalez, will speak about her research for her Ph.D. candidacy. Her work examines education equity and access in rural school districts as it relates to the sociopolitical racialization of California's farms, their owners and their children. This promises to be a very interesting talk.

When: **Saturday, April 25th from 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.**

Where: **The Danville Town Meeting Hall**

What: **Presentation by Araceli Gonzalez, an American Fellow recipient.**

Refreshments will be served. There will be no charge, but we will suggest a small donation to help cover the expenses of the venue and speaker.

Robin Halloran and Liz Williams

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Women's History Museum

In February, the House of Representatives approved the Smithsonian Women's History Museum Act (H.R. 1980). The bill established a council to make recommendations to the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian on the planning, design and construction of the museum. To read more about it, see <https://cnn.it/2VveGM6>.

Join Your DAW friends on a cruise – and raise funds for DAW

Ilene Ferguson with Alamo World Travel is a long-time member of our branch and is helping us arrange this great trip—a European River Cruise—as a fundraiser for our Danville-Alamo-Walnut Creek Branch. The trip is open to DAW members and friends. This is a great way to raise money for AAUW and enjoy a fun travel event for AAUW DAW branch members. For each person who signs up for this cruise, \$300 will be donated to AAUW-DAW. In addition, one free cruise will be offered for each nine (9) people who sign up. This could be raffled off as an additional fundraiser or the amount of this free cruise could be added to the fundraiser account. Details are on the next page.



WINE CRUISE ON THE ROMANTIC DANUBE

November 13-20, 2020

aboard AmaSerena

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This special Wine Cruise offers guests a perfect blend of wine-related experiences and excursions in grand capitals and charming towns. Discover how wine is made and, of course, partake in tastings—all at no additional cost. Join Susan Teppola, Owner & President, Laurel Ridge Winery, Carlton, on board as she leads insightful discussions and shares her passion and vision for making premium handcrafted wines.

DAY	DESTINATION	ACTIVITIES
Nov 13	Vilshofen	EMBARKATION - Exclusive Oktoberfest
Nov 14	Vilshofen	"City of Three Rivers" walking tour OR Passau Castle hike OR Guided bike ride from Passau to Wernstein
Nov 15	Linz	"UNESCO City of Media Arts" walking tour OR Full day Salzburg OR "Cultural Mile" bike tour Austrian Lake District excursion OR Český Krumlov excursion
Nov 16	UNESCO Wachau Valley	Scenic cruising through Strudengau and Wachau Valley Dürnstein walking tour and Weissenkirchen wine tasting OR Dürnstein Fortress hike & wine tasting
Nov 17	Weissenkirchen	Melk Abbey OR Wachau Valley bike tour Schloss Gobelsburg cellar tour and tasting
Nov 18	Vienna	"Imperial Vienna" tour OR Vienna bike tour
Nov 19	Budapest	"Queen of the Danube" tour
Nov 20	Budapest	DISSEMBARKATION

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*This price includes a \$1,000 savings per person which expires on March 31, 2020

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DAW Interest Groups

Below is the current list of Interest Groups and Leaders, with notations of new groups that formed 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).

Note about Art and Garden: ART & GARDEN: On Friday, March 6, we have an 11:30 am docent tour of the “Violins of Hope, A Journey of Heroism, Healing and Humanity” Exhibit at the Veterans Gallery, War Memorial Veterans Gallery, in San Francisco. The exhibit is free and we will lunch in SF after our tour. We meet at 9:30 am to carpool to the Walnut Creek BART. This exhibit showcases a selection of violins that were played by Jewish musicians at Auschwitz and other camps. Amnon Weinstein began collecting and restoring the violins more than 20 years ago, and the collection is dedicated to the 400 family members he lost in WWII. These instruments are symbols of peace and the power of music on the human spirit. During the Holocaust, the role of music – and specifically the violin – was complicated. Auschwitz had eight orchestras. Commanders would order them played for a variety of reasons, from executions to labor marches or purely for the pleasure of the Gestapo. Ultimately, however, the music gave prisoners hope in unimaginable conditions. Since restoration, the instruments have been played by prominent musicians in venues worldwide, giving voice not only to the owners of the violins, but also to the millions of Jewish people who perished. For more information 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: Third Friday Film Group	Kath Clayton	3 rd 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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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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