



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).

From the Editor 2: This issue is shorter due to the virus, but the leadership of our branch is still working hard to be ready for the time when the virus has passed. Please also note the slate of candidates for 2020-2021 (below). Your vote is important. We wish everyone good health, especially now, and remind everyone that isolation does not mean you're alone. We are a community and only a phone call or email away, if you need help.

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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

How things have changed. Only a couple of weeks ago we were going about our usual tasks. And now we are sheltering in place and getting reacquainted with family – maybe a good thing?

Our DAW Board had a “virtual” meeting on March 19 via Skype, a learning experience for most of us. Most importantly we approved the slate of elected Board members for the next term 2020-21. Please look for details later in this newsletter.

We also acknowledged and/or agreed upon several schedule changes for the coming months. I summarize these below, and there are some details in this issue.

- The California State AAUW Convention April 17-19 has been cancelled, replaced by a virtual session April 18 from 1-3pm. Check your email for details on how to participate. If you purchased tickets you should already have received notice of your refund.
- We were planning to have a Funds speaker, Araceli Gonzalez, on April 25. This has been postponed, probably to our Membership Brunch in September or October.
- The Garden Tour will be postponed. We hope to reschedule in July. Find more information in Kathy Harkins’ article.
- Week of May 24 - possible social event wine and cheese at Deborah Wechsler's home to finalize our Board election and to celebrate coming out of Shelter in Place if this is appropriate
- We hope that the Tech Trek camp at Sonoma State can still be held in June. That month is shaping up to be a busy month, when we will also try to schedule our Installation event.

This is an especially difficult time for our members whose health is compromised or whose social support network has been weakened or eliminated by the virus response policies. If you know of anyone in our branch who might need assistance, please forward their names to me. I hope to set up some sort of support system for and with our membership so that we can maintain and even strengthen our community connections during this trying time.

Stay well, stay resilient, and treat yourself and others with care and kindness.

Deborah Wechsler

AAUW Garden Tour 2020

Due to the "Shelter at Home" requirement and the uncertainty of when things will return to some state of normalcy, we are exploring a date for the Garden Tour of Friday, July 17th and Saturday, July 18th.

Thanks to the members that have stepped up in key positions we will be ready to make this a successful Garden Tour. Let's make this tour a celebration of the beauty of nature.

We need more docents to cover shifts for morning, 9:30am - 1:00pm, or afternoon 12:30pm - 4:00pm. Please call me if you would like to volunteer.

Kathy Harkins

Make a Difference with AAUW 2020

Cast Your Vote: Thank you to the following slate of candidates who have agreed to run for positions on our AAUW Board of Directors for the coming year 2020-2021. We appreciate the time and effort these members contribute on our behalf to further our mission through our programs and fundraising.

Elected Positions	2020-21
President	Chris Ritter
President Elect	
Programs VP	Bette Felton
Membership VP	Marsha Anderson-Landau
Funds CO-VP	Liz Williams
Funds CO-VP	Robin Halloran
Secretary	Holly Sauer
Treasurer	Claudia Schwarz

As you can see, we still have one missing candidate, which is for President Elect. If you have a suggestion for a candidate or if you want to run for any of these positions (former board members???), please call Chris Ritter.

Branch members will be able to vote on the elected slate via an email that you will receive in the coming weeks. We also hope to hold a wine and cheese social meeting in May where votes may be cast, but social distancing requirements may prevent us from getting together in person so **please cast your ballots by email**.

Join the Extended Board of Directors: We are very grateful to the members who have stepped forward to lead our major activities this year and they are eager to bring on new people who may not have previously held leadership positions. If you want to see your ideas implemented in our branch, here is your chance. ***New Members are very welcome in these positions*** - it's a great way to meet people in the branch and to apply your talents in a meaningful way. Outgoing leaders and the rest of the board are happy to guide and support you as you learn your new role.

So far, here are the filled and open positions:

Appointed Positions	2020-2021
Advertising Sales	Marsha Anderson-Landau
Advocate Editor	Aline Soules
Advocate Circulation Manager	Susetta Welm
Corresponding Secretary	Pat Gross
Database Manager	Joanne Quijano

Directory Manager	Joanne Quijano
Expanding Your Horizons Chair	Judy Lauper
Garden Tour Chair	Open
Graphic Designer	Dora-Thea Porter
Holiday Home Tour	Susan Terzuoli
Hospitality Chair	Open
Local Scholarship Chair	Dianne Tinnes
Local Scholarship Treasurer	Tena Gallagher
Membership Treasurer	Tena Gallagher
Nominating Committee	Open
Parliamentarian	Open
Publicity Manager	Open
Public Policy Chair (Global)	Asha Baja C-Chair Open Co-Chair
Social Media Manager	Open
Tech Trek Chair (Could be a co-chair)	Open
Webmaster	Roseann Krane

Most urgently needed is a Publicity Manager and a Social Media Manager to send out announcements about our events. All of our programs depend on people knowing they are happening so these roles are extremely important. This is a fun job and the contacts are in place so please don't be shy about volunteering! Please contact Chris Ritter 925-577-5209 if you are interested in any of the open positions.

I hope you are all safe and well. We *will* get back to normal life at some point and I am looking forward to being ready to go in our new fiscal year July 1st with our team in place and ready to continue the fight for women's equity through research, education, and advocacy!

Chris Ritter
President Elect

Work Smart

Since this is online and you're home, you have an opportunity to take advantage of the Work Smart program.



You deserve a raise. This free online course will give you the tools you need to successfully negotiate and close the pay gap for women everywhere. Register today and learn how to improve your negotiating skills in every part of your life. <https://salary.aauw.org/>

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

Since this travel opportunity isn't until next November, you might want to consider it.

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

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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	DISEMBARKATION

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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: Cancelled. May is also undetermined.

General note: The dates and times of regular meetings are listed for your continued reference, but meetings are likely to be cancelled. Check with the leader, if you are in doubt. – Editor.

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
Needle Arts (WL)	Sandy Killoran, Holly Sauer	2nd Monday	1:30-3:30 PM
Writers Group	Kathy Gage	2nd Thursday	10:30-12:30 PM

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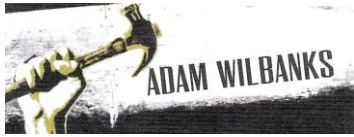
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Value Promise: By joining AAUW, you belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women and girls have a fair chance.

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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