



Danville-Alamo-Walnut Creek (CA)



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Third Thursday Member Meeting



Title IX: Fast Forward 50 Years

Thursday, November 17

6:00 – 8:00 PM

(please note there will be light dinner and beverages during social time)

**Greenbrook Clubhouse,
300 Greenbrook Drive, Danville**

Please click [here](#) to register for the event

Allison Kern, Director of Athletics at California State University East Bay, will share her knowledge and perspective about the impact of Title IX on women’s athletics.

Allison Kern was named Assistant Vice President/Director of Athletics in August 2021. She leads the Pioneers’ 15 intercollegiate athletics program, which consist of more than 230 student-athletes competing in the California Collegiate Athletic Association (CCAA), Pacific Collegiate Swim and Dive

Conference (PCSC) and Western Water Polo Association (WWPA). She was previously the director of athletics at St. Xavier University in Chicago, beginning in July 2019. There, she increased revenues to athletics, including donor support, and co-chaired the university's strategic planning committee.

Prior to her time at St. Xavier, Kern was with Agnes Scott College in Decatur, Ga., where she served as the head women's basketball coach and later assistant director of athletics for external relations before assuming the role of director of athletics in 2018.

A former student-athlete in basketball and track and field, Kern received her Bachelor of Arts in political science from John Carroll University in Ohio.

Branch Fundraiser



Support AAUW, Enjoy a Delivered Mangia Mi Dinner

[Click here](#) to download our Mangia Mi Event Flyer

Monday, November 7th

Deliveries will be made from 4:30 to 6:30pm

Want a break from cooking dinner?

Join the fun in ordering a delicious three-course dinner from Danville's Mangia Mi Gourmet Italian Kitchen and Bar that will be delivered by an AAUW member volunteer right to your door! Not only will you receive an excellent dinner, but you will be helping with funds for our branch operations. Please consider inviting friends or relatives to join in on this dinner!

The 3-course dinner will include: **Salad, your choice of entrée, and a petite dessert.** The entrée options are meat lasagna, vegetable lasagna, eggplant Parmesan, and chicken Parmesan. This amazing dinner, delivered to your doorstep, will cost only **\$49 per dinner**. Tips are greatly appreciated. ***For each meal, \$19 plus any tips will support our AAUW branch's goals of advancing equity for women and girls.***

Visit our website now to order and purchase your dinner! *The deadline for ordering is Friday, November 4th, 2022.*

[Click Here](#) to place your order.

Questions? Contact: Pat Morris 925-876-0481 or patmorris17@me.com

Co-President's Message

Fall is well underway – the colors are always beautiful this time of year. We're looking forward to some exciting events this month before we get wrapped up in the Thanksgiving holiday. To start, the branch fundraising dinner with Mangia Mi on the 7th, should be a nice way to enjoy a tasty dinner while supporting our branch. And you won't have to leave home since volunteers from our branch will be delivering the meals to you! Then the 3rd Thursday Member Meeting on the 17th promises to be very informative about the current status of Title IX. We will have an excellent speaker who's the director of collegiate sports at CSU East Bay. We'll see you at the Greenbrook clubhouse on the 17th!



Chris Ritter



Joanne Quijano

There's also a critical date in November – it's the mid-term election day on the 8th. If you haven't already, we encourage all of you to get out and vote! There are important initiatives on the California ballot, as well as local, state, and national candidates to consider. You'll find information about the initiatives in this newsletter. And related to the election, it's been great to see the participation of many branch members in making a difference by writing postcards to "Get Out the Vote".

After the many branch activities in November, we hope you'll have some time to relax with family and friends at Thanksgiving. Let us all truly appreciate the wonderful privileges we enjoy living in our area and sharing the community of our AAUW colleagues.

Take care, and let's continue to "Make a Difference" for women's equity –

By Christine Ritter and Joanne Quijano, Co-Presidents

November Checklist

- **November 3, 6:00pm** – AAUW Calif DEI Chat, via Zoom [RSVP Here](#)
 - **November 7, 4:30-6:30pm** – Fundraiser - Enjoy a delivered [Mangia Mi dinner](#)
 - **November 8** – Election Day – be sure to vote!
 - **November 12, 10:00am** - Calif Fund Event featuring AAUW Fellows and Grant Recipients, via Zoom [Click here](#)
 - **November 17: 6:00pm** – Third Thursday Member Meeting
Title IX: Fast Forward 50 Years [RSVP Here](#)
 - **December 15, 6:00pm** – Third Thursday Member Meeting
Holiday gathering, save the date!
 - **Third Thursdays, 6:00pm** – Reserve the dates! General meetings from Oct '22 to June '23
 - [Donate here](#) to support DAW branch programs
 - **Volunteer!** - We still have open positions on our branch board! Learn more [here](#)
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Holiday Party – Save the Date

We are very excited to announce DAW-AAUW's first holiday gathering in a long time! We are hosting an open house on December 15 from 6pm-9pm at the Greenbrook Clubhouse on our Third Thursday Meeting date. There will be food, drinks, music, and an opportunity to view some of our creative members' art. It will be a great opportunity to bring a friend to meet us in a casual, celebratory atmosphere. We will have more details as the date approaches-but get it in your calendars!



Public Policy Update

by Asha Bajaj, Public Policy Chair

Here is a recap of the two propositions on the November ballot that are supported by AAUW. The League of Women Voters gave us a very good review of the situation, the proposals, their funding sources, and anticipated fiscal effects. AAUW recommends a yes vote on both.

Proposition 1

The Situation -The right to privacy, including the right to decide whether to give birth, has been largely eliminated at the Federal level by a recent U.S. Supreme Court decision. There is concern that the right to obtain and use contraceptives under the U.S. Constitution's implied right to privacy may also be under similar threat

Supporters Say - Prop 1 will enshrine the fundamental right to an abortion and a fundamental right to contraception in the California State Constitution. Doctors, nurses, and health providers all agree that Yes on Prop 1 is necessary to keep reproductive medical decisions where they belong—with individuals and their health care providers based on scientific facts, not political arguments.

Opponents Say - Women already have the right to choose under current California law. The recent U.S. Supreme Court ruling did not and will not change this. Prop 1 is not needed to protect women’s health or their reproductive rights.

Proposition 28

The Situation - Because Prop 98 passed in 1988, the California Constitution requires a minimum percentage of the state budget to be spent on K-14 education (kindergarten through two-year community college). This minimum guarantee is calculated annually. There is currently no guaranteed source of annual funding in the state budget for arts and music education in K-12 public schools. State law requires schools to provide arts and music instruction to all students in grades 1 through 6. In order to graduate, high school students must complete a year in one of three courses of study, one of which being arts and music education. Beyond these requirements, other specifics such as the amount of instruction or when courses are offered is determined by the local governing board.

Fiscal Effects - Prop 28 would increase state expenditures by about \$1 billion per year, over and above existing constitutional requirements.

Supporters Say - Arts and music education can improve a student’s personal and academic life. Only one in five schools have a dedicated teacher for arts and music programs. Prop 28 does not raise taxes.

No organized opposition.

For further information about these and all California ballot initiatives, go to the [League of Women Voters](#) site.

First Monthly Member Meeting Is a Success!

Our first monthly Third Thursday Member Meeting of 2022-23 was on October 20, at the Greenbrook Clubhouse. It featured a timely presentation devoted to understanding the November 2022 California ballot initiatives with speakers from the Diablo Valley League of Women Voters.

We started the evening by welcoming over 60 members and friends with refreshments and time to socialize. Before starting the presentation, we shared important news about branch activities:

- We invited attendees to our November 7th [Mangia Mi dinner](#) branch Fall Fundraiser. Be sure to place your order by Nov 4.
- We offered [raffle tickets](#) for another beautiful quilt donated by Mary Mix. The raffle proceeds will support our Creative Endeavors Scholarship.

- Asha Baja reported on our Get Out the Vote postcard project, in which 17 of our members participated to write a total of 720 cards, most of them mailed to Florida.

Our formal program for the evening, “Examining the November 2022 California Ballot Initiatives”, was led by local Diablo Valley League of Women Voters speakers, Janet Hoy and Sue Brandy. Through slides and commentary, the speakers walked us through the 7 state ballot propositions on the November ballot. They encouraged us to study and try to understand the motivations behind each proposition, as well as learning the supporters and opponents of each. There were good questions and plenty of back-and-forth conversation that was clarified and moderated beautifully by the speakers. Participants were encouraged to consult www.VotersEdge.org for details on the propositions and candidates.

The venue was hailed by all as a fine place to meet. It will be the regular monthly setting for our Third Thursday Member Meetings and programs. The acoustics are good, seats comfortable, and the entire setting is lovely. We look forward to seeing many of you for our next meeting on November 17 when we will focus on Title IX!

AAUW California Updates

Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion

By Stormy Miller Sabia, Director, DEI Committee Chair, diversity@aauw-ca.org

All branch members are invited to learning about issues of DEI, by joining us on November 3rd at 6 pm for our first **AAUW California DEI Statewide Chat: An Intimate Conversation with AAUW National leaders**, Julia Brown and Melissa LaDuke. We’ll discuss their engagement in AAUW on a personal level, what National is doing to promote DEI, and what we can do on an individual and branch level to further our own understanding and strengthen our commitment to this work. To register, click [HERE](#).

Nominations for California AAUW Officers

by Charmen Goehring, Nominations & Elections Chair, nominating@aauw-ca.org

AAUW California will be holding an election from April 22 to May 13, 2023, for the following offices:

- President-Elect (three-year term 2023-2026)
- Chief Financial Officer (CFO) (two-year term 2023– 2025)
- Four Directors (two-year term 2023-2025)

Perhaps you are interested but would like to see what goes on at the state board meetings before you fill out your candidate form. Well, you can do that! The state board has monthly check-in meetings that you can observe. Contact President Sandi Gabe (at statepresident@aauw-ca.org) for the upcoming dates and Zoom links.

To help you prepare, please click [HERE](#) to learn about the process for running for a state office. Then click [HERE](#) for the nomination form.

As a past board member, I can tell you that we got a lot of work done at our meetings, but we also had fun. And we made good friends from all over the state. You won't regret running for the state board!

Public Policy

By Kathleen Harper, Director, Public Policy Committee Chair, publicpolicy@aauw-ca.org

LEGISLATIVE SESSION ENDS WITH BIG SUCCESSES FOR AAUW CALIFORNIA! The 2021-22 Legislative Session officially came to a close at midnight on September 30th, the Governor's deadline for signing or vetoing bills. I'm excited to announce that 25 of our 36 bills for this year are now law – a 70% success rate! Of our six high-priority bills, five have become law. Here is a quick summary:

Economic Security bills

9 signed by Governor

Equal Access to Education bills

6 signed by Governor

1 approved (no signature required)

Social and Racial Justice bills

7 signed by Governor

1 approved (no signature required)

1 incorporated into Executive Order

Click [HERE](#) for a summary of each bill and its status; more information is available on our detailed Bill Tracker [HERE](#).

In other news: Our Voter Education campaign is in full swing; be sure to look for our weekly social media (SM) messages. Sign the Pledge to Vote Yes on Proposition 1 [find it [HERE](#)].

We have added some resources on Reproductive Health to our webpage: A list of resources for forming alliances can be found [HERE](#). A PowerPoint presentation on Proposition 1 can be found [HERE](#).

Gov Trek

By Shauna Ruyle, Gov Trek Program Director, govtrek@aauw-ca.org

WANT MORE WOMEN IN POLITICAL POWER? Men still vastly outnumber women in the halls of power. Let's close that gender gap!

Learn about the AAUW California program, Gov Trek, at the webinar for branch leaders and members on Wednesday, November 16th, at 7 pm. This webinar will explain how AAUW branches can offer the free, virtual statewide program developed by AAUW California for junior and senior high school girls to expose them to careers in public service and elected office. Starting in January and conducted through four virtual two-hour sessions, the activities will be engaging, interactive, and inspirational. See how your branch can participate! Click [HERE](#) to register today!

Gov Trek 2023 volunteers are needed! Be a part of it! Learn how you can help us close the gender gap in politics. Click [HERE](#) to learn more about what volunteers can do and submit your name.

Book Banning: Lockdown on Learning

"If a public school were to remove every book because it contains one word deemed objectionable to some parent, then there would be no books at all in our public libraries."

Peter Scheer, former executive director of the California First Amendment Coalition

Learn how access to information guaranteed by the First Amendment is at stake in a webinar about Book Banning on November 17, at 4:00pm. Four featured speakers will discuss how book banning has become rampant across our country and libraries and their librarians are being threatened. Susan Hildreth, LWVDV, former San Francisco Public Library Director, California State Librarian, and member of the League of Women Voters of Diablo Valley will moderate the panel.

This event is co-sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Diablo Valley and of West Contra Costa County; the Contra Costa County Library; and CCTV.

To learn more and to register for this event [CLICK HERE](#)

New Members Spotlight

The membership team is pleased to introduce two of our new members this month. Please welcome them if you happen to see them at any of our functions and help them get acquainted with our branch.



Noelle Schoellkopf has geology degrees from Bryn Mawr College and George Washington University. She has had an exciting career as a geologist. In 1981 she was hired by Gulf Oil as an exploration geologist and while working there, she met her husband, Roger. Soon after they moved to San Ramon and worked at Chevron on various international oil and gas exploration projects. In the late 1980's she began guest lecturing at Stanford University. Noelle and her family have lived overseas and after moving back to San Ramon/Danville she continued to work with various companies. She has a daughter who is a kindergarten teacher in Lafayette. Noelle is retired and has enjoyed traveling across the

country and is currently President of the Northern California Geological Society. Welcome to AAUW Noelle!!!



Zora Kalinic is excited to join AAUW and meet more like-minded women. She had been aware of AAUW for years and has been grateful for all the sponsorships the organization supports. Zora received her bachelor's degree from UCSB in Sociology. Zora's career has been with the insurance/finance industry; she was an owner/partner of a managing general agency that she sold. She has four grandchildren that she enjoys spending time with regularly. Her hobbies include landscape design, floral design, and the culinary arts. She has been involved with a variety of non-profit organizations throughout the years. Welcome to AAUW Zora!!!

From the Editor

Contribute to the Advocate - Send ideas, articles, and pictures by the 15th of the month to appear in the next issue. Please use the [Submittal Form](#) on our website to direct your contribution to the Advocate, or other DAW social media, to our communications team.

Submissions should be in the following format:

- Articles in a .doc or .docx file, or in the body of an email
- Pictures in .jpg format (compressed)

Find contact information about people mentioned in the Advocate on our [branch website](#) and in your directory. If you do not have a directory, contact Tena Gallagher.

From the Treasurer

Handle money matters here - Please send expense vouchers or deposits to our AAUW P.O. Box 996 in Alamo, 94507 for expedited processing. Refer to our branch website for specific forms and instructions – Click on [Members Page](#)

From the Corresponding Secretary

Know someone who needs a note? - Julie Grisham, our Corresponding Secretary, sends cards on behalf of our branch. If you know of an AAUW-DAW member in need of a get well, condolence or congratulations card, contact Julie via email [here](#).

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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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