



Danville-Alamo-Walnut Creek (CA)



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Third Thursday Member Meeting - December



Open House Holiday Celebration

Thursday, December 15

6:00 – 8:00pm

**Greenbrook Clubhouse
300 Greenbrook Drive
Danville**

Join your fellow members, spouses, significant others and friends for our Open House Holiday Celebration and Creativity Night on December's Third Thursday Member Meeting night! Come when you can, stay as long as you like, there's no formal program for this meeting.

There will be lots of food, drink, music, and an opportunity to view and share some of our creative members' art of all types. It will be a festive and fun gathering, and you're encouraged to bring someone (friend, spouse or partner) to meet our branch members and experience the casual, celebratory atmosphere. We suggest a \$10/person minimum donation at the door to help us cover expenses.

Please [RSVP HERE](#)

Do you have something creative, such as sculpture, music, jewelry, fabric art, painting, photography, or a poem you'd like to share at the Open House? Contact Deborah (Deborah.Wechsler@gmail.com) to tell us what you want to bring to show your fellow DAW members.

Third Thursday Member Meeting - January



Start the new year with our monthly Third Thursday Member Meeting on January 19, 2023, at 6:00 pm. In addition to our usual social time, our guest speaker will be Dr. William Francis, Assistant Medical Director, Family Violence Prevention and Pediatrics, at the Sutter Delta Emergency Department in Antioch. In 2018 Dr. Francis began partnering with STAND! followed by the Family Justice Center and founded a program called TeleCARE with the objective of providing accessible and free healthcare to all survivors of interpersonal violence and their families. Dr. Francis is a champion of interpersonal violence prevention, healthcare access and pediatric emergency services. His talk will be about emergency medicine and providing health care to women experiencing violence particularly through TeleCARE in Contra Costa County.

Save the date – January 19 at 6:00 pm

Co-Presidents' Message

December and the end of the year are upon us, making it a good time to reflect on our AAUW mission of advancing equity for women. One encouraging sign is that after the mid-term elections, 12 women will take office as state governors in 2023, breaking the past record of just 9 in office at any one time. While it's a new high, there is still a long way to go in achieving equity for women in the political realm – but we have successes to build upon and we can anticipate the positive impact of AAUW programs like our local scholarships, the new California Gov Trek initiative, and the national Conference for College Women Student Leaders.



Chris Ritter



Joanne Quijano

With the hustle and bustle of the holiday season in full swing, we hope you will take time to join us for our December Third Thursday Member Meeting on the 15th. It will be a holiday open house instead of the usual more formal meeting and program. Our artfully inclined members will be showing off their creations, and we'll have plenty of tasty holiday appetizers and refreshments, including award-winning wine from Bette and Jim Felton's Sky Terrace Vineyards. You are all encouraged to bring significant others, guests, and potential new members to share the festive evening; hope to see you then!

At November's Third Thursday Member Meeting, it was a pleasure to experience our second branch meeting at the Greenbrook Clubhouse! Over 40 DAW members and friends gathered for a Title IX-themed evening. The program included a fun mixer activity, a warm chili mini-dinner, and a wonderful, thought-provoking lecture from Allison Kern, the Cal State East Bay Director of Athletics.

We are most grateful to be on track to meet our branch operations fundraising goals, thanks to Pat Morris, her intrepid team of organizers and drivers, and our generous branch participants, all contributing to our successful Mangia Mi dinner fundraiser. However, we still need more funds for our 2023 Local Scholarships; we hope you will consider the request for Local Scholarship, Tech Trek and AAUW Funds donations that was mailed to branch members for our annual fundraising campaign.

As we move into the holidays, we wish that you and your families will share in the peace of the season and experience a joyous New Year.

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

Christine Ritter and Joanne Quijano, Co-Presidents

December Checklist

- **December 15, 6:00pm** – Third Thursday Member Meeting
Open House Holiday Celebration – [RSVP HERE](#)
 - **December 16, 11:00am** – Art & Garden Interest Group
Visit to Bedford Gallery – RSVP to Jacque Schubert
 - **January 19, 6:00pm** – Third Thursday Member Meeting
TeleCARE in Contra Costa – 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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AAUW California Updates

CA AAUW's YouTube Channel – Or why we got an email with balloons on it

By Dawn Johnson, Director, Communications Committee Chair, communications@aauw-ca.org

AAUW California reached the milestone of attracting 100 people to subscribe to our [YouTube channel](#). 100 may not sound like a lot to you, but it is to YouTube because they sent us a congratulatory email with animated balloons floating on it. Our YouTube channel is a repository for dozens of our videos. In addition to our webinar recordings which are available on our website, there are submissions from branch events, videos of Tech Trek speakers and camper presentations, helpful training videos, and more. Click the link above or go to YouTube and enter "AAUW California" in the search bar. When viewing a video, click the "cc" on the bottom toolbar for closed captioning. To read a transcript of the recording, click on the three dots below the display and select "Show transcript."

Women with a Why - Let's extend our membership!

By Marsha Swails, Membership Committee Chair, membership@aauw-ca.org

Can you share why you are an AAUW member in a succinct and joyful way? This last weekend I met with the Southeast Interbranch Council in the Inland Empire. A lively meeting focused on how to grow our membership. Someone asked a straightforward and sincere question. "Where do we find new members?" I related my own story of how I found AAUW after retiring from a forty-year career in Minnesota. I happened to meet another retired woman from Atlanta. She described an AAUW discussion group that met monthly near her home. She invited me to attend the next meeting. Hungry for new friends, I agreed.

The moment I walked into that bright house, I felt at home. Twenty women were gathered happily talking and laughing in the kitchen. Later we began the discussion on an issue affecting the lives of women. Someone else invited me to a branch meeting. The same warmth. The same energy. I joined AAUW. Where do we find new members? Anywhere. It could be in line at Rite Aid, at the DMV, or at a farmer's market. The key is enthusiastically sharing how AAUW gives your life purpose and meaning. Do you have your "elevator speech" down?

The CA AAUW Board - What's Really Going on? Follow the Money!

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

Being the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) for AAUW California was a challenge and an accomplishment for the current CFO, Roli Wendorf. She came into the position with little experience with AAUW California and no accounting background. She had much to learn her first year, but she appreciates the wider perspective she

gained about branch issues and how they solved them. Her favorite things about the job are the friendly people on the board, working with branches to solve problems and knowing she has made a difference. Qualities for a CFO include good attention to detail and accuracy, knowledge of AAUW and previous experience as a branch treasurer or leader, and some knowledge of Quickbooks, though that is not required. The AAUW California CFO is an important person on the team moving AAUW California's mission forward.

We are seeking the next CFO now! Click [HERE](#) to visit the AAUW California website for more election information including how to nominate yourself! *Are you up for the challenge?*

Gov Trek Sign Ups Are Underway

This statewide virtual Gov Trek program is now open for high school junior and senior students to enroll. It's designed to elevate the next generation to pursue careers in public service and elected office. Over five two-hour sessions, students will engage in interactive and inspiring activities with exposure to women legislators, career options, and the inner workings of a political campaign. To learn more about the program, [click here](#).

You can help! Volunteers are needed to be Zoom breakout room facilitators. They will manage a group of up to 15 students in a Zoom breakout room, helping them stay on task, assisting with the understanding and implementation of assigned activities, and facilitating collaboration among the group for active participation. The 2-hour sessions will be on Saturdays starting January 28. Interested? [Click here](#) to learn more about volunteering for Gov Trek.

DAW Branch Updates

What's Up with Our Twitter Account?

In early November, AAUW California issued a statement that they had closed their Twitter account in light of the company's recent actions. They were primarily concerned that the incidence of hate speech, disinformation, discriminatory and misogynistic rhetoric, and the spread of dangerous and divisive theories will continue to rise under the new leadership. This is not a platform with which AAUW California can any longer associate.

In keeping with the AAUW California direction, and after discussion within our branch board, we have decided to pause all of our branch activity on the app. This will be in effect until further notice and pending any further direction from AAUW Calif. We have taken the Twitter button off our website and any other places where it might appear.

To read the AAUW California statement about their Twitter direction, [click here](#).

We Need to Raise Our DAW Branch Dues!

By Monika Witte, Treasurer

With a headline like this you may be wondering, what has changed? Why do our dues need to be increased? Let me explain. First, DAW receives a small portion of the dues we pay each year; here's the breakdown.

Total Dues	\$108
AAUW National	\$67
AAUW California	\$20
AAUW DAW Branch	\$21

With about 185 dues-paying members, DAW branch dues bring in about \$3,885. This doesn't cover our basic operating expenses that total roughly \$4,350. These costs include:

- Insurance - \$1,000
- Printing directory and fundraising letter - \$1,000
- PO Box rental - \$200
- Postage (We mail the Directory plus a few items to members) - \$400
- Branch hosted or supported functions – installation evening, holiday evening, other - \$1,500
- Marketing – outreach with Patch and other - \$250

In addition to these basic expenses, we are doing more for our members this year by hosting monthly meetings in person at a regular location and continuing to hold high quality programs which require higher honoraria to retain speakers.

This year we held a fundraiser to help defray our branch's operational expenses. Like me, I know that you would rather have every penny of our fundraising dollars go to support our mission, advocating for education and equity for women and girls. Given this direction, I propose that our branch dues be increased from **\$21 to \$28**. This small change will go a long way to covering our operating costs in the years ahead.

This proposal to raise branch dues will be a topic on the branch agenda at our Third Thursday Member Meeting on January 19th. Please attend the meeting, contact me at aauwmonikawitte@gmail.com or talk to any branch board member if you'd like to discuss this direction. The board will be voting on this proposal at our board meeting on February 13th.

DAW Branch's Garden Tour - Back in 2023

By Bette Felton, Garden Tour Chair

Planning is in full swing for our 21st DAW-AAUW Garden Tour- to raise funds for scholarships for college women! Yes, the popular tour is back, and will be held on May 11 and 12, 2023.

After an organizational meeting in November, the tour committee developed an understanding of the work involved in this complex project. We are fortunate to have the mentorship of Kathy Harkins, Tena Gallagher, Dianne Tinnes, Liz Williams, and many others who have led this tour before. In December the committee will focus on finding five gardens that will be featured for the tour in May. Linda Reeve and Bill Williams have provided gorgeous, interesting choices as have other members and friends. We hope to select five primary gardens, plus one back-up, by the middle of January. Also, we will start the design, communication, docent and volunteer recruitment.

While I have a list of more than 40 members who will help, we always have room for more. Most importantly, save the dates of May 11-12 to be inspired! Please email Bette at bfelton25@gmail.com if you'd like to join the crew! I'll send you the master plan so you can decide where you would like to work.

Are You Missing Your DAW Branch Emails?

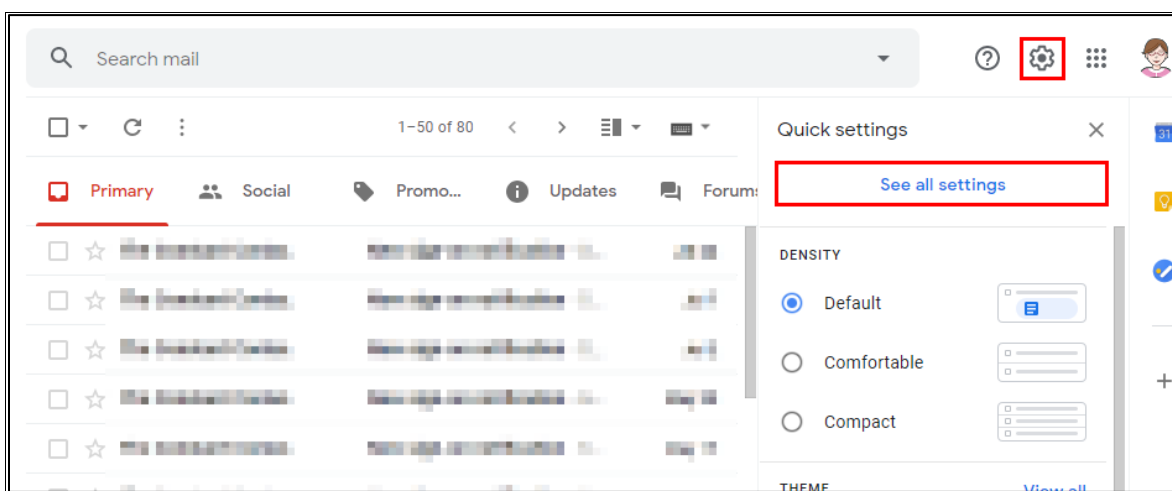
By Deborah Wechsler, Operations Team

Sometimes emails for a large group, such as our DAW branch, will not appear in your electronic “Inbox”. Here is something you can do to help emails that you want to land in your Inbox, instead of in Spam or some other place.

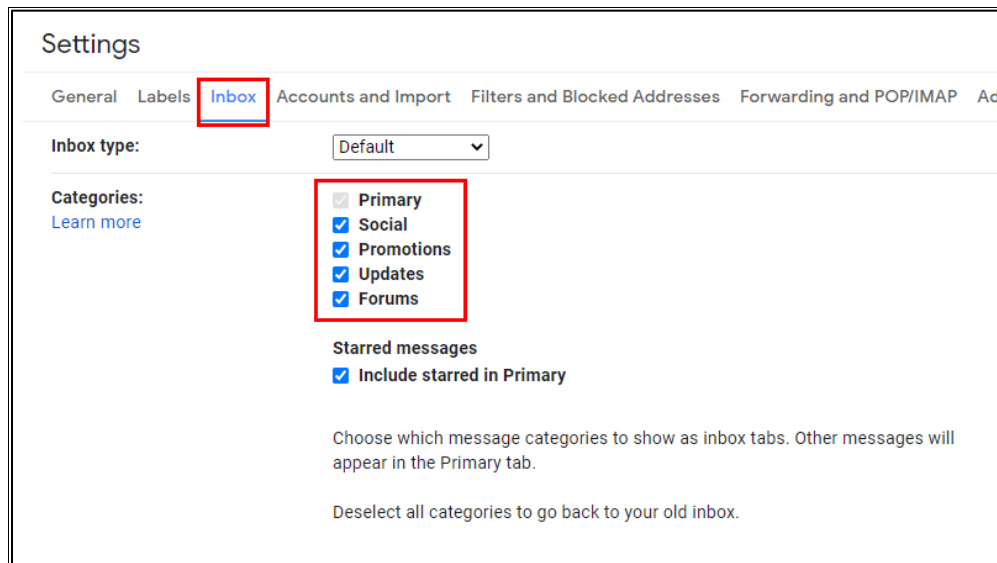
Add our “From” email address to your contacts. In Gmail and Yahoo, this can be done by hovering over the sender's name in the top-left corner of the email, and then clicking Add to Contacts. Emails from a subscriber's contacts always go to the Primary inbox.

If you use Gmail as your email service provider, you might notice that many emails from DAW don't show up in your primary inbox, instead showing up in Promotions or Social where you might not notice them. So frustrating! If you want all your emails to show up in your Primary Inbox you can take these quick steps:

1. Click the Gear symbol for Settings and then select “See all settings” from the drop down.



2. Click the “Inbox” tab. Then uncheck the box next to Promotions and any other unwanted tabs to remove them from the inbox. Click **Save Changes** at the bottom of the screen.



Note that you may now have a lot more emails in your Inbox, maybe even some you didn't really want to see. You can reverse the procedure above if that is troubling, but then you must remember to look in your Promotions and Social Categories for our emails if you have not added our address to your Contacts. We don't have control over where our emails appear for you!

Membership Directories Are Coming

By Joanne Quijano, Directory and Database Manager

The finishing touches are being made on the **2022-23 DAW Branch Membership Directory**, and they will be in the mail soon. Your favorite reference booklet will have updated listings for the branch board members, the branch Interest Groups, and current contact and other useful information about all of your fellow members.

While it's great to have a paper Directory, did you know that it's also available online on our branch website? You'll need your branch member password (find it on page 6 of your 2021-22 Directory under the branch's address) to access the listings.

And remember, if your information is missing, needs corrections or changes, or if you need the member password, please contact us at daw.aauw@gmail.com.

[Click here](#) to access the branch online Directory

Postcard Writing Project

by Asha Bajaj and Ogie Strogatz, Public Policy Co-Chairs

Before the November 8th midterms, 20 members of the DAW and West Contra Costa branches wrote a combined total of 720 postcards to voters in rural, low-income, communities of color in Florida, one of eight battleground states with persistent voter suppression. This state was targeted for encouraging stronger civic engagement by the voting rights non-profit organization, Center for Common Ground/Reclaim Our Vote.

Writing postcards is critically important work. We're often reaching people who have not been canvassed and who have limited internet access. Reclaim Our Vote provided the text for us to create colorful, handwritten messages reflecting a personal touch, and reinforcing that every individual's vote matters. These non-partisan messages underscored the importance of voting, and when and where to vote.

In addition to helping combat voter suppression among our historically marginalized fellow citizens, this work helps enact AAUW's statewide public policy priority to advance social and racial justice for all members of society, and we're supporting all five of our local branch priorities, which challenge us to make a difference, empowering women and ensuring civil rights.

The recent election reaffirmed our confidence in the voting system and the voter turnout was the highest ever for a mid-term election. Thank you all for doing your civic duty.

Fundraising Recap – Dinner delivered from Mangia Mi

By Joanne Quijano, Co-President

Thanks to all the volunteers who made the Mangia Mi fundraiser on November 7th a rousing success! It wouldn't have been possible without all of you.

Pat Morris, our DAW Fundraising Chair, led the effort, coordinating with the restaurant and managing our energetic branch volunteers. Deborah Wechsler did the emails and tracked the meal orders, Teresa Cheung handled PayPal payments, Monika Witte tracked donations and did the worksheet for the drivers, and Pat and Sherry Wilcoxson did the delivery assignments. Then the crew of volunteer drivers, Monika, Sherry, Susan Ferreira, Bette Felton, Susan Terzuoli, Joanne Quijano, Dianne Tinnes, and Kathy Somers delivered a total of 72 dinners that evening.

The folks at Mangia Mi were wonderful. Peter Cedolini, the owner, was very generous in collaborating with us. The catering manager, Stephanie Kennerson, was amazing to work with. They worked out the menus, coordinated the meal preparation, then had everything bagged, labeled, and waiting for our drivers to whisk away. Please consider dining at Mangia Mi on Hartz Ave in Danville to thank Peter and let him know we appreciate his restaurant's support!

Finally, thanks to the many hungry branch members and friends who ordered dinners, tipped generously, and enabled us to raise almost \$2,000 in profits with this event.

Third Thursday Member Meeting Recap, November - Honoring Title IX: Fast Forward 50 Years

By Bette Felton, Past Program VP

The November 17 Member Meeting was attended by more than 30 members and guests at the Greenbrook clubhouse. After a fun social mixer and an update about DAW Branch activities and plans, Allison Kern, Assistant Vice President, and Director of Athletics at Cal State East Bay, gave an interesting presentation about Title IX. She started with a bit of background on the original legislation and the monitoring organizations that work to enforce and regulate Title IX. She then shared her insider insight about the implementation of Title IX and how colleges and universities struggle to make athletics equitable and accessible. She encouraged the group's conversation about their experiences with sport, and questions from the group created lively discussion. Addressing our branch priorities, we learned how Title IX has improved access to education and athletics for women and girls of each generation.

Public Policy Update

by Asha Bajaj and Ogie Strogatz, Public Policy Co-Chairs

California has recently enacted several new laws that will affect California employers. Here's a brief summary of the key points of these new laws.

Pay Transparency

On September 27, 2022, California Governor Gavin Newsom signed Senate Bill 1162, which amends Section 12999 of the Government Code and Section 432.3 of the Labor Code. The new law requires certain pay disclosures, both in job postings and in annual pay data reporting.

Beginning January 1, 2023, California employers with 15 or more employees must include the pay scale for a position in every job posting. The new law requires California employers with 100 or more employees to submit an annual pay data report to the California Civil Rights Department that discloses the median and mean hourly rates within each listed job category, by race, ethnicity and sex within each job category. Failure to file the report may subject the employer to a civil penalty of up to \$100 per employee, and up to \$200 per employee for subsequent violations.

Employers must maintain job title and wage rate history records for each employee for the duration of the employment plus three years after the end of the employment.

This new California law reflects a growing trend across the country requiring pay information be disclosed to job applicants and employees. Other states with similar pay transparency laws include Colorado, Connecticut, Maryland, Nevada, Rhode Island and Washington.

Extended COVID-19 Supplemental Paid Sick Leave Through 2022

On September 29, 2022, Governor Newsom signed Assembly Bill 152, which extends the COVID-19 Supplemental Paid Sick Leave program (“SPSL”) contained in Senate Bill 114 through December 31, 2022, permits employers to require an additional diagnostic test before employees may use SPSL in certain circumstances, and creates a grant program to assist qualified small business and nonprofits with costs incurred for SPSL provided in 2022.

Finally, the new law establishes a grant program to assist qualified small businesses and nonprofits with between 26 to 49 employees, for actual costs incurred in connection with SPSL in 2022. Qualified small businesses and nonprofits may receive up to \$50,000.

Expanded Definition of “Family Member” Under CFRA and HWHFA

Governor Newsom signed Assembly Bill 1041, which expands the definition of a “family member” to include a “designated person” under the California Family Rights Act (“CFRA”)—which allows eligible employees to take up to 12 weeks of job-protected leave—and the Healthy Workplaces Healthy Families Act (“HWHFA”)—which requires employers with employees in California to implement paid sick leave. The new law is effective January 1, 2023.

Bereavement Leave

Governor Newsom signed Assembly Bill 1949, to require covered employers to provide eligible employees with up to five days of unpaid bereavement leave. Under this new law, employers with five or more employees must provide up to five days of bereavement leave for employees who have been employed by the employer for at least 30 days.

The bereavement leave must be taken within three months of the death of a family member, which is defined as a spouse, child, parent, sibling, grandparent, grandchild, domestic partner or parent-in-law.

Employees Excused from Work During Emergencies

Governor Newsom signed Senate Bill 1044, which protects employees who refuse to report to work, or who leave work, because the employee has a reasonable belief that the workplace is unsafe due to an “emergency condition.” The law defines an “emergency condition” as (i) “conditions of disaster or extreme peril to the safety of persons or property at the workplace or worksite caused by natural forces or a criminal act,” or (ii) an “order to evacuate a workplace, a worksite, a worker’s home, or the school of a worker’s child due to natural disaster or a criminal act.” The law expressly excludes a health pandemic from the definition of “emergency condition.”

Privacy Laws for Children and Minors

The first-in-the-nation legislation, which goes into effect in 2024, imposes sweeping restrictions on internet companies that serve minors, requiring that they design their platforms with children’s “well-being” in mind and barring eight common data-collection practices.

Supporters of the bipartisan measure — including a range of privacy, consumer and children’s advocates — have compared it to longstanding consumer safety protections, such as seatbelts and nutrition labels.

Stay alert! Stay engaged! Stay involved!

Membership Corner

Spread the Word - Join us to “Make a Difference” in women’s lives!

By Liz Peters, Membership VP

The **2022-2023 Membership Drive** is in full swing, and we ask you, our members, to help spread the word. Beginning in October, we have started meeting each third Thursday of the month at Greenbrook Clubhouse. Each meeting begins with a social time for members and their guests, then a brief branch update and ends with a dynamic guest speaker that is aligned with our mission goals for the year. Our speakers are informative and are excited to teach us more about their area of expertise. These meetings are a great opportunity for you to bring a friend to learn about AAUW and our branch.

As a reminder, our branch directly supports:

- Scholarships for college women
- STEM summer camps for girls
- Public Policy legislation at local, state and national levels

In addition to these great initiatives, all branch members are invited to participate in monthly educational and social meetings, advocacy activities, fundraising events, networking and leadership opportunities, and many varied branch Interest Groups.

For more information contact Liz Peters at: lizipeters@gmail.com, or go to <https://daw-ca.aauw.net/>

Give to Support AAUW Initiatives

Our annual letter asking for your donations was mailed a few weeks ago. We need your generous help to contribute to the success of both our branch’s signature annual projects and AAUW national initiatives. Funds raised by our branch are a critical factor in enabling the direct support of our organization’s mission of advancing gender equity for women and girls. We are seeking donations in three specific areas:

- **The AAUW Greatest Needs Fund** to advance AAUW's national mission by sustaining all of its programs and activities nationwide to create and expand our renowned research, mission-based programs, and advocacy initiatives that tackle challenges facing women and girls,
- **Our branch’s Local Scholarship program** to provide \$2,000 awards to college women in our area toward continuing their education,
- **Our branch’s Tech Trek program** to provide scholarships of \$1,000 each so local girls can attend the popular weeklong science camps to augment their STEM education and encourage confidence.

We encourage you to consider contributing to each of these separate areas since we are just beginning to hold some of our more traditional fundraising events to support them.

Please [click here](#) to learn how to contribute either online or by mailing a check.

Thank you for your generous contributions!

Interest Groups and Activities

December Holiday Bridge

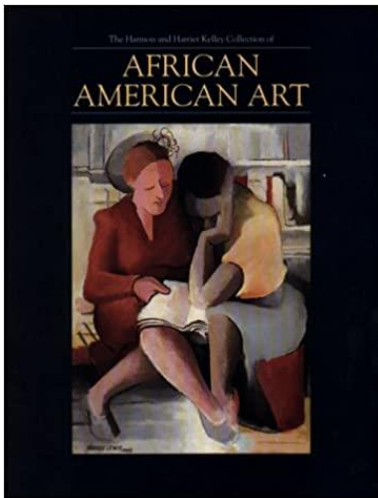
By Holly Sauer, 3rd Monday Party Bridge Interest Group Leader

All three bridge groups, both regular players and subs, are invited to attend our holiday luncheon at Black Bear Diner on Monday, December 19, at 11:30am. We will be able to choose any items we'd like from the menu. Lunch will be followed by bridge. Please let me know yes or no, even if you previously responded at holly.gr8f8@gmail.com.

Art and Garden

By Jacque Schubert, Art and Garden Interest Group Leader

On Friday, December 16th, we will have an 11:00 am docent-led tour of "Works on Paper", the Harmon & Harriet Kelley Collection of African American Art, at Bedford Gallery, 1601 Civic Dr., Walnut Creek. The tour costs \$5/person and we will have lunch in Walnut Creek following the tour. We will meet in front of the Leshner Center for the Arts at 10:50 am, and I will collect the fee at that time. Parking is available in the public lot on California just south of Civic Dr. (rates are first hour is free and \$1.25/hour after the first hour).



"Works on Paper" celebrates 54 African American artists and their tremendous contributions to U.S. art and culture. Curated from the extensive collection of Harmon and Harriet Kelley, featured artists include Grafton Tyler Brown, the first documented professional graphic artist on the West Coast, and contemporary printmakers like Margo Humphrey. The works on paper – spanning the 20th and early 21st centuries – consist of drawings, etchings, watercolors, pastels, and color screen prints that chronicle the lives of Black Americans through scenes of family and community, urban and rural workers, poverty and success, cultural pride, and political turmoil. This exhibition was organized by Landau Traveling Exhibitions, Los Angeles, CA.

This will be a fun and informative tour and a break from holiday shopping and cooking. Please contact me at jacqueschubert@comcast.net if you have any questions or to sign up. I look forward to seeing you on December 16th. PLEASE NOTE: I will need to know who will join us for lunch since this is the busy holiday season.

Art and Garden Group Visited the SF MOMA

By Chris Ritter

Here are the happy art lovers visiting the SF MOMA on Nov 18 to see the Diego Rivera exhibition. We were inspired with his dedication to showing the value of the working class and by his efforts to show a united North and South America through his beautifully crafted works. Thank you, Jacque, for organizing this wonderful visit.

Attendees from left to right: Back row - Chris Ritter, Sherry Wilcoxon, Pat Morris, Nancy Bocanegra, Jacque Schubert, Dee Brook, Bev Nidick. Front row - Susetta Welm, Jaleh Kilpatrick.



Wanted: Leader(s) For Art & Garden Interest Group

After many years, Jacque Schubert is retiring as the leader of the Art & Garden Interest Group. We hope to continue this active interest group which takes day trips around the Bay Area visiting art museums, gardens, art galleries, historic sites and walking tours. The group takes BART when possible or carpools. Several people could work together to lead this group, for example:

- If you love gardens, you could lead two trips a year to gardens.
- If you love art museums, you could lead two trips a year to museums.
- If you love art galleries, you could lead two trips a year to galleries.
- If you love history and architecture, you could lead two trips a year – walking tours, museums, CA Historical Society, etc.

Jacque would be happy to help you get started and share the resources she has. She has the tour announcement notices from as far back as 2012, and many of these tours could easily be repeated. It's great fun to get out with like-minded members and have a fun, interesting and informative day. If you'd like to consider a leadership role in the Art & Garden Interest Group, please contact Chris Ritter at christinenritter@gmail.com.

Beads2Jewelry

By Dianne Giacobelli, Beads2Jewelry Interest Group Leader



Our next meeting will be a combo November - December meeting on December 15 at Dianne's house from 2:30 to 5:30pm. Some of our group will also be participating in the DAW branch Open House Holiday Celebration in Danville from 6-8 pm on the same date to display their projects.

With dinner, wine and sparkling water will be served at the DAW Holiday Celebration, we can attend that event together right after our meeting. The project for our December meeting is a Pearl Window bracelet. It's easy and quick. Contact me for instructions.

Pleasant Hill-Martinez Branch's Event

You are invited to join our neighbor branch for hearty, homemade soups, breads, and desserts at their **Annual International Soup Supper**. It's happening at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Pleasant Hill on Wednesday, January 18, 2023, at 6:00pm. Be sure to bring your own soup bowl and spoon! Dinner starts promptly at 6:00pm, and spouses, partners, and friends are most welcome. In addition to the supper, there will be a speaker, Evelyn LaTorre. Evelyn joined the Peace Corps upon graduation from Holy Names and was assigned to Peru where she taught PE, English and organized 4-H clubs. Evelyn's books about her experiences will be available for sale.

Read the latest Pleasant Hill-Martinez branch newsletter (page 8) for more information about the event and how to RSVP. [Click here.](#)

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)
- Permissions set for editing

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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