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*“You look ridiculous if you dance. You look ridiculous if you don’t dance.
 So you might as well dance.” – Gertrude Stein*

AAUW DAW 22nd Garden Tour

Gardens That Inspire

Friday and Saturday, May 10 & 11, 2024
10 am to 4 pm, rain or shine

The time is rapidly approaching, so hurry to get your tickets for the AAUW DAW Garden Tour!

Continuing last year's theme of *Gardens That Inspire*, the 2024 tour will feature six lovingly curated landscapes for tour attendees to visit. The gardens are located in Walnut Creek, Danville, and Alamo and will cover a fascinating range of styles from California natives, to extravagant flowers, to a beautiful rose garden.



In addition to the wonderful gardens, the tour will feature a raffle for some beautiful gift baskets as well as a raffle for a striking hand-made quilt. And yet another tour feature will be Sharon Cohune's charming artwork that will be available in one of the gardens while she engages in "plein air" painting.

Tour tickets may be used to visit either Friday, Saturday, or both days. You may start your tour at any of the gardens and visit them in any order. Please be aware that any children visiting the gardens must be over 12, and no pets will be allowed.

All proceeds from the tour and the raffles will go directly to support DAW's college and graduate school scholarships for local students, STEM camperships for middle school girls, and DAW branch programs advancing equity for all.

Purchase your tour tickets now!

Tickets are \$45 as of May 1. For more information and to order your tickets, [click here](#).



One of the gardens to be featured for 2024

Volunteers Still Needed!

While many have volunteered, we still have a few open slots for either morning or afternoon shifts. Please consider helping to make the Garden Tour a success - no gardening expertise required. We need you!

[Click here](#) to volunteer for the tour. Thank you in advance!

Third Thursday Member Meeting - May



AI Unlocked

Thursday, May 16, 2024, 6:00 – 8:00 pm
Danville Congregational Church

Join us for this timely presentation by San Ramon Valley Unified School District leaders Superintendent Dr. John Malloy and Director of Technology Kelly Hilton. They will discuss the strategic plan implemented this school year to "Embrace AI" through shared leadership. They will highlight the year's accomplishments, address challenges encountered, and outline collaborative strategies for the responsible use of AI. Additionally, they will present future plans that aim to integrate AI with deep learning and innovation goals and introduce AI to students.

The session will feature a Q&A segment, providing attendees the opportunity to directly interact with our SRVUSD leaders and deepen their understanding of AI in education.



Kelly Hilton

[Click here](#) to RSVP.

\$10 donation for non-AAUW members.

Since Danville Congregational Church hosts our monthly meetings, members of DCC may attend our meetings at no cost.



Dr. John Malloy

Co-Presidents' Messages

By Ogie Strogatz and Monika Witte, Co-Presidents

Hello everyone,

This issue of the Advocate is positively brimming with reports of so much caring, generous, expert activity — from the Garden Tour Team's wide-ranging blitz of preparation, to the Tech Trek Team's meticulous deliberations selecting this year's cohort of campers. There are also articles about our tasty, successful Tech Trek fundraiser at Gianni's, the thought-provoking "Gender 101" presentation and discussion at our April meeting, our spirited participation in the Lift Up Public Schools Summit, and the Local Scholarship Team's intensive work to broaden LS program scope and streamline operations. All of which is supported by outstanding behind-the-scenes administrative,



Monika Witte



Ogie Strogatz

communications, and financial branch management.

What a privilege it is to be a part of this very, very special community. Happy reading!

Gratefully,
Ogie

Dear Friends,

It's spring, with everything that comes with it. Tender growth, vibrant colors, newly found resilience, and hope.

Please save the date for our June Third Thursday meeting, June 20th at 6pm. We'll celebrate our members and look ahead to what's in store for DAW in the coming year.

In the meantime, please volunteer, if you haven't already, to help with the Garden Tour.

With respect and appreciation for all you do,
Monika

May Checklist

- **May 10 & 11, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm – 22nd Garden Tour**
[Click here](#) for details and to purchase tickets
[Click here](#) to volunteer to help
- **May 14, 5:30 pm – San Ramon Unified School District Meeting**
[Click here](#) for more information
- **May 16, 6:00 pm - DAW Third Thursday Member Meeting – AI Impact on K-12 Students**
[Click here](#) for more information and to RSVP
- **June 11, 5:30 pm – San Ramon Unified School District Meeting**
[Click here](#) for more information
- **June 18, 5:30 pm – San Ramon Unified School District Meeting**
[Click here](#) for more information
- **June 20, 6:00 pm – Installation and Member Appreciation**
Save the date!
- [Donate here](#) to support DAW branch programs

Third Thursday Member Meeting – April Recap

DEI (Diversity Equity & Inclusion): Gender 101

Our branch DEI Officer, Teresa Cheung, introduced the 3rd Thursday Member Meeting on April 18 with a summary of our DEI (Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion) activities for this FY. The DEI committee has supported school board initiatives, debated and endorsed AAUW national actions, and informed members about techniques for encouraging DEI awareness and discussion.

The speakers for the evening, two key members of the local PFLAG organization - Taylor denBroeder and Elisa Tinker, then engaged the group of about 40 attendees with their enlightening presentation titled “Gender 101”. They started by familiarizing us with common terms and issues relating to LGBTQ+ people, which generated some lively discussion. Then they gave us guidance in understanding and supporting transgender and gender non-conforming individuals. They finished with some ideas on how to have a positive impact for the LGBTQ+ community, in particular to be a visible ally and to be aware of using inclusive terms like “people” rather than “men and women”.



Their informative presentation slides, which include helpful resources, can be viewed [here](#).

PFLAG (Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) is the nation’s largest organization dedicated to supporting, educating, and advocating for LGBTQ+ people and those who love them.

To learn more about PFLAG, [click here](#).

Diversity Equity and Inclusion (DEI) In Our Branch

AAUW National Election Reminder – Vote for Open Membership

Please be sure to vote in the AAUW National election on the initiative to remove the degree requirement to be a member. Electronic ballots were emailed on April 3 and the voting ends May 15. The DAW board and the DAW DEI committee all encourage you to vote **YES** for open membership.

For more information, please visit:

- Our DAW website - <https://daw-ca.aauw.net/openmembership/>
- The Open Up AAUW Network - <https://openupaauw.org/>
- AAUW National - <https://www.aauw.org/resources/member/open-membership-toolkit/>

Please feel free to contact Ogie at ogstrogatz@gmail.com or me at AAUWTeresa@gmail.com if you want to discuss this topic one-on-one. We are available to hear your concerns and thoughts.

AAUW Supports Transgender Women and Girls

Building on the theme of our April Member Meeting, we are highlighting an open letter written by GLAAD in support of transgender women and girls. This letter serves to raise awareness of issues regarding transgender rights and to denounce ongoing anti-transgender rhetoric and efforts. AAUW has joined a long list of organizations and notable people who have come together to stand with GLAAD in signing the letter.

The central message expressed is “We acknowledge with clarity and strength that transgender women are women and that transgender girls are girls. And we believe that honoring the diversity of women’s

experiences is a strength, not a detriment to the feminist cause. All of us deserve the same access, freedoms, and opportunities.”

To read the full letter and to learn more about GLAAD, [click here](#).

Public Policy – Tax Measures

VOTE YES ON MEASURES E & F!

The DAW Board endorses a “yes” vote on both San Ramon Valley Unified School District (SRVUSD) Parcel Tax measures E & F. These measures support funding for our local public school district at current levels, which is important to address AAUW CA’s Public Policy Priority of supporting equal access to quality public education for all students. We advocate for public funding adequate to support a strong infrastructure and equitable access to resources, including technology.

Be sure to complete your ballot for this mail-in election that’s just for the two measures. Ballots can be dropped off at one of the 4 permanent ballot boxes in the district or taken to the post office and mailed without a stamp. Be aware that **all ballots must be postmarked by May 7th at 8pm**.

Parcel Tax E renews an existing 10-year parcel tax that is due to expire next year. The measure authorizes a \$144 per parcel tax per year, adjusted annually. There is a senior citizen exemption that is available by filling out an exemption request form.

Citizens have voted to support SRVUSD with this existing parcel tax since 2004. Renewal of this tax will:

- Attract and retain highly qualified teachers
- Support academic programs in science, technology, engineering, arts, math, reading and writing
- Prepare students for college and careers
- Maintain Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs

Parcel Tax F is a supplemental tax to replace the CA state funding sent to the district to help all students. It will provide supplemental funding at a rate of \$98 per parcel per year, with a senior citizen exemption available. This tax will:

- Address loss of additional state funding
- Support programs in reading and literacy for the youngest learners
- Provide support for students struggling to succeed academically
- Address student mental health needs
- Attract and retain qualified teachers to support students with special needs

Both parcel taxes must pass with a two-thirds vote. The DAW Board encourages all branch members to vote in support of these two important local school funding measures. If you have any questions about these upcoming measures, please contact Laurinda Ochoa at ocholaurinda@gmail.com.

Local Scholarship Update

Local Scholarships for 2024 Are Wrapping Up

Our branch's Local Scholarship program has evolved this year; we now have three categories of scholarships for local students as follows:

- **AAUW DAW Community Local Scholarships** – This is our typical type of scholarship that's open to women who will be college juniors, seniors, or graduate students in the upcoming academic year.
- **AAUW DAW Renaissance Scholarships** – This category of scholarship was new last year and has been expanded to potentially more than one recipient this year. It's open to women who are participating in the California State University East Bay (CSUEB) Renaissance Scholars Program (RSP) for former foster youth. Students must be sophomores, juniors, or seniors at CSUEB or be graduating from CSUEB and entering graduate school in the upcoming academic year.
- **AAUW DAW Single Parent Scholarship** – This scholarship is new this year. It's open to any student who is a single parent enrolled at Diablo Valley College (DVC) and has completed at least 12 units. The application process and award selection are administered by the DVC Foundation with scholarship funds provided by our branch.

The deadlines for applications for our branch Local Scholarship program have passed. Now it's up to our Local Scholarship Committee to review the applications and recommend the recipients of our Community and Renaissance Scholarships to the DAW board. The Single Parent Scholarship will be awarded by DVC.

Stay tuned for information about the awardees for all three scholarships in an upcoming newsletter.

Our AAUW DAW branch's ability to give scholarships to deserving local college students depends on the generosity of donors as well as fundraising efforts like the DAW Garden Tour. To donate to AAUW DAW Local Scholarships, please [click here](#) to visit our webpage and follow the instructions to donate by check or online. Be sure to note that your donation is for Local Scholarships. Thank you for your continuing support!

DAW's First Renaissance Scholarship Recipient, Ruth Clay, Graduates

By Ann Willoughby, Local Scholarship Committee member

Last year, our branch established a new Renaissance Scholarship as part of our annual Local Scholarships program. Ruth Clay, our inaugural awardee, recently graduated from California State University East Bay (CSUEB) with a BA in Sociology and a minor in Human Development. To view her



Ann Willoughby, Renaissance Scholarship Awardee Ruth Clay, and Holly Sauer

video from last year about being awarded the scholarship [click here](#).

The vast majority of CSUEB's Renaissance Scholar Program (RSP) students, who have transitioned from foster care, have little or no family support of any kind. The RSP is a critical safe haven and ballast for them as they navigate their college years. The program coordinator, Roshawn Campbell, who plays such an important role in the lives of the RSP students, has become a valuable partner to DAW.

The RSP honored its graduating scholars at a celebratory luncheon on Friday, April 26, that included its graduating seniors, other RSP students, RSP leadership and RSP donors and supporters. Holly Sauer and Ann Willoughby, members of our Local Scholarships Committee, attended this joyous and deeply moving event.

Many of the RSP graduates, including Ruth, spoke of their life and educational journey and the exceptional support they received from the program. Congratulations Ruth!

To read Ruth's speech, which she has shared with us, [click here](#).

Tech Trek 2024 Update

By Deborah Wechsler and Lee Garverick, Tech Trek Co-Chairs

As of today, fifteen highly deserving girls are going to camp! The DAW Tech Trek Selection Committee masterfully conducted a series of interviews, made assessments, and reached their final decisions. Then we had the distinct pleasure of notifying each girl of their placement in either the Sonoma, Fresno, or Virtual camps. The state Tech Trek team is now working through logistics for enrollment. Once again, we were blown away by the interviews with these very enthusiastic, articulate, and visionary girls.

We are so grateful to the dedicated Selection Committee for 2024: Asha Bajaj, Bette Felton, Diane Fornasier, Debbie Koos, Judy Lauper, Laurie Miller, Bev Nidick, Alene Riley, Kate Waters, Ann Willoughby, and Elizabeth Williams.

Tech Trek activities are wrapping up this year, and so begins the cycle for sponsoring campers in 2025. Would you like to get involved? Email either Lee or Deborah at leegarverick@gmail.com and deborah.wechsler@gmail.com.

To learn more about the Tech Trek program, [click here](#).

We seek your help in enlisting donations from local businesses to raise the remaining funds needed to pay for the students' camps. Or are you interested in donating directly to our Tech Trek program? Please [click here](#) for more information.



The Lift Up Public Schools Coalition Starts Off Strong!

By Laurinda Ochoa, Public Policy Chair and member, AAUW CA School Board Project Team

Summit Recap

On the afternoon of April 13th, over one-hundred fifty enthusiastic volunteers attended the Lift Up Public Schools Summit (LUPS) at Rossmoor's event center. The event was held to inform people about the threats to our local public schools and strategize about how we can all work together to protect honest, equitable, quality public education for all students. Organizations supporting the LUPS coalition include PTA, AAUW, PFLAG, and local Democratic clubs; seventeen organizations participated at the event with resource tables and promotional information available for attendees. Among the many

attendees were students, parents, grandparents, teachers, Board of Education trustees, and community members. AAUW was well represented; over 20 members attended from DAW, Orinda-Moraga-Lafayette, and several other branches, and Ogie Strogatz, DAW Co-President, was one of the organizers.



The formal program started with presentations about attacks on public education from the national, regional, and local school district perspectives. Then a panel discussion followed that was moderated by Heidi Gatty, President of the Walnut Creek School District Board. The three panelists, a local high school senior, an Alameda County School District BOE trustee, and a parent volunteer for the Sunol Unified School Board Recall Committee, described their experiences in the Contra Costa and Alameda county school districts.

After the panel discussion, attendees were invited to break out into working groups and form school district-specific teams to share resources, volunteers, and strategies for the upcoming school district races in the November elections.

To learn more about “Lift Up Public Schools”, [click here](#).

Call to Action

We encourage all AAUW members to learn about the threats to public education posed by well-funded forces who are working to privatize our public education system. AAUW National and AAUW California strongly support quality public education as the foundation of our democratic society and the key to improving economic prosperity and gender equality for all.

To learn more about AAUW California’s School Board Project, [click here](#).

We encourage all branch members to attend the monthly San Ramon Valley Unified School District board meetings and represent our branch by offering public comments at the meeting. If you have any questions or want to get involved, please contact Laurinda or Ogie.

For information about attending a school board meeting with the DAW branch, [click here](#).

Volunteer for Generation Citizen’s Civics Day!

DAW branch members have been invited by the San Ramon Valley Unified School District (SRVUSD) to volunteer as **Community Advisors for Civics Day**, which will take place from 9:00 am to noon on Wednesday, May 15 at the Windemere Middle School Gym. Civics Day is like a science fair, but for civics—where middle and high school students present their Action Civics projects to business, civic, and nonprofit leaders. This is a terrific opportunity for branch members to show our support for the school district!

Civics Day is the showcase event of the national non-profit organization, [Generation Citizen](#). At this event, teams of local middle- and high-school students present the research and action planning they have conducted to address real-world community challenges the team has identified. The volunteer Community Advisors circulate among teams, posing questions, considering the issues that students have raised, and engaging in intergenerational dialogue about community solutions. It is an inspiring

experience, excellent fun, and a wonderful way for our branch members to express our commitment to students and public education.

To learn more about Civics Day and to sign up as a volunteer, [click here](#). Questions? Please contact district coordinator Courtney Konopacky at ckonopacky@srvusd.net.

Quilt Raffle Featured at the Garden Tour

By Monika Witte, Co-President

Sometimes good things happen in pairs. In our case – first, the California Department of Justice moved quickly to approve the raffle registration for our new 501(c)(3) organization, AND second, our branch was gifted this beautiful queen-sized quilt by DAW member Marcia Steinhardt. Marcia received this some years ago as a gift from a wonderful local quilter, Muff Curry. The quilt was still new in Marcia’s linen closet this spring, and Marcia decided that giving it to us to raffle, and thereby contributing to the earnings from our Garden Tour, would be a good way to honor the memory of Muff Curry.



Be sure to look for the quilt that will be on display for the raffle at one of the beautiful Garden Tour locations. Thank you, Marcia!

Fundraising Results

Gianni’s Fund Raiser Was a Success!

By Pat Morris, Fundraising Chair

On April 8th we held a fund raiser at Gianni’s Italian Bistro in San Ramon to raise money for Tech Trek.



Pat Morris, Alene Riley, Nancy Dowell, Bette Felton, Joanne Quijano, Monika Witte, Kathy Harkins

Our own AAUW branch members bravely volunteered to be waitresses. The intrepid servers for the evening were Bette Felton, Joanne Quijano, Alene Riley, Monika Witte, Kathy Harkins, Nancy Dowell, and Pat Morris. A special thanks to all these volunteers as most had no waitress experience.

Way to stretch your skills!

We received 10% of the food and alcohol sales and all of the tips, which added up to \$1,906 for the evening's earnings.

Many thanks to all of our generous branch supporters who came to dine and support Tech Trek that evening!

See's Candy Sales Benefit AAUW Funds

By Chris Ritter, Treasurer

Kudos to Roseann Krane, our branch's Funds VP, for championing our recent See's Candy sales to raise money for the AAUW National Fund. The total amount raised was \$102.55, and our branch will contribute this to the AAUW Greatest Needs Fund. Thanks to all those who participated in this sweet deal!!

League of Women Voters – Learn about Mis and Disinformation

Can you Believe It? Maybe NOT!

Please join us for **Mis and Disinformation: Election Edition** sponsored by The League of Women Voters Diablo Valley on Tuesday, June 4, at 5:30 pm at the Walnut Creek Public Library. This event will be an eye-opening discussion of the impact of misinformation and disinformation on elections. Learn how to spot fake news, fact-check sources, and navigate the complexities of today's media landscape.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to become a more informed voter and citizen. Hope to see you there!

This event is free and open to the public. To RSVP - [click here](#).

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan organization encouraging informed and active participation in government. To learn more about the league, [click here](#).

AAUW California Public Policy Update

By Amy Hom and Missy Maceyko, Co-chairs AAUW California Public Policy Committee

AAUW California Public Policy Committee Sets 2024 Legislative Agenda

The Public Policy Committee met virtually over a weekend in early March to set AAUW California's 2024 Legislative Agenda. Through a day and a half of discussions, we reviewed 67 bills, considering their merits and potential costs as well as their alignment with our public policy priorities. Then, we went through a voting/ranking process to select the top bills that we will advance as our Legislative Agenda. Our legislative agenda consists of three "A" priority bills, four "B" priority bills, twenty-nine "C" priority bills, and twelve spot bills that we are watching. Seven of the bills on our legislative agenda are 2-year bills that carried over from last year. All of the bills on our agenda fall under at least one of our four Public Policy Priority pillars; one bill - AB 2349 - falls under three pillars.

Excitingly, our signature “A” priority bill AB 2843 “Health Care Coverage for Rape and Sexual Assault Survivors” was authored by AAUW California. The bill is sponsored by AAUW California and falls under two of our Public Policy Priorities, “Social and Racial Justice for All Members of Society” and “Economic Security for All Women”. The bill eliminates cost-sharing, including deductibles, from being imposed on any rape survivor seeking medical care following a rape. Insurers will be required to cover the cost of medical care with no copay. AB 2843 ensures that those individuals who wish to report a rape and file charges will have the benefit of a rape kit test and forensic exam to provide evidence to secure more convictions for acts of sexual violence. In addition, they can receive the care they need following a traumatic sexual attack. (See the [Lobby Days Talking Points](#) and [Bill Text](#) for more details.)

Our second “A” priority bill, AB 2326 “Title IX Oversight and Compliance Act”, is also sponsored by AAUW California. This bill falls under our Public Policy Priorities pillar “Equal Access to Quality Education for All Students” and champions something that AAUW California has long supported: Title IX enforcement. AB 2326 requires the Chancellors of the Community Colleges and State Universities and the President of the University of California to provide an annual report of their compliance with Title IX, with the report to be presented publicly and orally to the Senate and Assembly Budget Subcommittees on Higher Education Finance, a move to hold the systems, and their leaders, more publicly accountable.

While we are listing AB 2326 as an “A” priority bill, a large number of Title IX related bills were introduced this year, likely prompted by the 2023 State Auditor’s report [Report 2022-109 \(ca.gov\)](#) which concluded that the CSU system’s handling of Title IX-related complaints has not adequately addressed allegations of inequity, harassment, and sexual harassment. While a great deal of the introduced Title IX legislation has not yet fully taken shape, we are watching them, as they will potentially become priority bills. In addition, one of the more fully-formed bills, AB 1790, is listed as a “B” priority bill on our agenda.

Our third “A” priority bill is AB 2099, “Protecting Reproductive Health Clinics”. This bill falls under our Public Policy Priorities pillar “Social and Racial Justice for All Members of Society”. The bill makes it possible for the D.A. to file a felony charge for sharing personal information or images of individuals such as reproductive health care providers or patients, with the intent of causing harm or violence against them, if the posting and subsequent action results in bodily injury. With [violence against abortion providers continuing to rise following the reversal of Roe](#), the protection of providers and patients is now more important than ever.

To see our full 2024 Legislative Agenda, please go to our [Bill Tracking Report](#). This report will continue to be updated as the bills move through the legislative process, so you will always be able to see the latest status.

AAUW California News

Gov Trek - The Results Are In!

By Shauna Oenning Ruyle, Gov Trek Program Director and Gov Trek Committee chair

If you joined us Saturday, March 16th, for the virtual 2024 Gov Trek Campaign Competition, you know which student campaign team won the highly-contested 2024 Gov Trek mock election competition: Team *Vote Eliana*. This team includes four high school girls from San Ramon, two from Roseville-South,

and one from Santa Cruz County. Congratulations to the members of those communities and these up-and-coming leaders!! Team members will receive internships and awards.

All Gov Trek graduates will receive awards and certificates of completion. We are so proud to support their leadership aspirations! And you're sure to enjoy watching the talented young women who participated in the Gov Trek program.

You can watch the Gov Trek Finale and Campaign Competition recording – [click here](#).

To view each campaign video, click the team name.

- Grand Prize: [Vote Eliana](#)
 - Best Candidate Speech: [Gov Trek Girlies](#)
 - Best Campaign Management: [Melissa 4 Riverside](#)
 - Best Campaign Ad & Flier: [Abby for Senate](#)
 - Best Voter Outreach Plan: [Vote Delisha](#)
 - People's Choice Award: [Gov Trek Girlies](#)
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Membership News

DAW Branch Dues Are Now Tax Deductible

By Chris Ritter, Treasurer

In the past year, our branch has become a 501(c)(3) organization as we focus on education and advocacy, rather than the potential political activity of our old 501(c)(4) organization. This transition means that any donation to our branch is now tax deductible, including your branch dues. The result is \$97 is now tax deductible of your total annual dues of \$120. Here's the breakdown:

Your Dues Go To	Type of Organization	Amount Paid	Tax Deductible Amount
National Dues (\$3 for PAC)	501(c)(3) but \$3 goes to AAUW 501(c)(4) PAC	\$72	\$69
State Dues (a 501(c)(4))	501(c)(4)	\$20	\$0
DAW Branch Dues	501(c)(3)	\$28	\$28
Total		\$120	\$97

“Stay Home” Policy Statement

While we understand that people want to participate in person at our branch events, we also want to foster consideration for all members in creating a safe environment for everyone. Please consider this direction when you plan to attend a branch meeting.

If you are feeling ill in any way, or have been in close contact with someone known to have tested positive for COVID in the last 10 days, please do not attend any meeting!

Remember that COVID exposure remains a serious issue and that we need to be constantly vigilant. If you plan to attend a branch event, please stay home if you feel ill or if you have been exposed to COVID or any other significant communicable disease. We encourage you to be considerate of everyone attending a function, some of whom might be more susceptible than others. If you have any doubts, test, wear a mask, and err on the side of caution.

While there are inherent risks in attending an in-person event, with your help we will do our best to keep everyone safe at our meetings.

From the Editor - *Joanne Quijano*

Contribute to the Advocate - Send ideas, articles, and pictures by the 23rd 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 are preferred in the following format:

- Articles in a .doc or .docx file, or in the body of an email
- Calibri font, size 12
- Pictures in .jpg format (compressed)
- Permissions set to enable 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, [click here](#) to send us a request.

Comments about the Advocate? – How do you like the new table of contents and title page? I’m always interested in making improvements to the newsletter to better meet our members’ needs. Please let me know your comments and suggestions at jtq@sbcglobal.net.

From the Treasurer – *Chris Ritter*

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

From the Corresponding Secretary - *Julie Grisham*

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 at juliegrisham@sbcglobal.net.

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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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