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Tena Gallagher,  
President

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

WOW- Thanks to **Marcia Steinhardt** and **Martha Slavin**, our Membership VPs, and their committee of **Sharon Cohune** and **Dianne Tinnes** for an amazing membership brunch at Crow Canyon Country Club. There were 80 of us and we all enjoyed hearing **Lynn Carey** talk about her love of reading. It was a *Shape the Future* event so we were able to have new members join at half the price of their national dues. We added ten new members at the brunch!!

There are so many activities to attend in October that I hope you attend a few of them. **Lisa Maartz**, our AAUW national lobbyist, will be at the Orinda Community Center—Founder's Room on **Friday, October 5, from 5-8 P.M.** We will be car pooling from the Sycamore Park-N-Ride at 4:30 P.M. She spoke at the state convention in April and I was thoroughly impressed. I hope that you will ask other interested people to attend since this is not limited to only AAUW members

We are initiating a **Get-Together Coffee** on the second Friday of each month at Bagel St. Café in Danville's Livery starting at 9:30 A.M. We hope that many of you will join us to get to know each other better especially our new members. So mark your calendar and come join us for an hour.

Help support **Legal Advocacy** by **Shopping for a Cause** at Macy's in Stoneridge all day, **Saturday, October 13.** Invite a friend and buy your passes from **Loretta Lewis.**

Did you read about the new research on the moray eel in the newspapers done by a UC-Davis graduate student? She is an EF Fellow and spoke at last year's luncheon in Mountain View. Join us on **Sunday, October 21,** to meet this year's **EF Fellows** and find out what they are studying. Come see where our EF Garden Tour monies go.

Mudd's is where our **General Meeting** will be on **Monday, October 22, at 5:30 P.M.** **Chris Winter & Chris Kenber** will speak on Women's Rights and Health Education in the SRVUSD. Currently our school district is not in compliance with Senate Bill 71-2003, so let's learn more about helping to make a change.

**Roseann Krane** is working on the final changes for our **Membership Directory.** It will be ready at our October 22 meeting.

I hope that many of you will come to these events that the board has worked hard to organize. And please give me a call if you have any suggestions for our branch.

*Tena Gallagher*

## DANVILLE-ALAMO MEMBERSHIP BRUNCH

Crow Canyon Country Club was the place to be September 15 as our branch had the biggest turnout in several years for our annual Membership Brunch. We signed up for Interest Groups, were treated to a delicious buffet, and listened to **Lynn Carey**, our entertaining speaker. Ms. Carey has worked at the *Times* newspapers for 27 years in various positions and is the founder of the world's first newspaper Book Club (seen in the *Contra Costa Times*), which means that she gets paid to read great books. She described how reading books made her the writer she is today and offered her opinion about the internet and the future of newspapers.

*Gus Slavin & Marcia Steinhardt, Membership Vice-Presidents*

**WOMEN'S RIGHTS & HEALTH EDUCATION IN THE SRVUSD**  
**Monday, October 22, 5:30 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.**

Come join us at Mudd's Restaurant for a dinner meeting and to hear a presentation and discussion on sex education in our schools. This is a California AAUW public policy priority for 2007/2008.

**Dinner Meeting:** Monday, October 22, at 5:30 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.  
 5:30 Social & Check-in  
 6:00 AAUW Business  
 6:15 Dinner  
 7:00 Presentation & Discussion

**Location:** Mudd's Restaurant, 10 Broadwalk Place, San Ramon

**RSVP:** Please send a check to Barbara Nexsen, 173 Montair Dr., Danville, CA 94526 for \$30.00 and with your menu choice by **October 15.**

**Dinner Choice:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Salad:** Butter Lettuce Salad with Blue Cheese, Candied Walnuts, Hazelnut Vinaigrette  
**Main Course:** Selection of two entrees (*Pan Roasted Salmon or Roast Pork Tenderloin*)

**Chris Winter**, former California AAUW President, Reproductive Rights Chair and AAUW Association Director for Public Policy, and **Chris Kenber**, former California AAUW Public Information Chair, former SRVUSD School Board member and current Planned Parenthood Shasta Diablo Treasurer will discuss changes in the law and the challenge of providing age-appropriate sex education in our schools.

California State Bill 71, passed in 2003, requires that sex education must begin by the 7th grade and be age appropriate, factual, medically accurate, objective, and cover all contraception and STD-prevention methods approved by the FDA.

88% of all California school districts are in violation of all or part of SB 71, including our own SRVUSD. While Board efforts have been made to fix the problem locally, we still need to be vigilant.

Chris Winter will talk about sex education's part in AAUW public policy, and Chris Kenber will talk about sex education in the schools. This will be an educational and enjoyable evening – plan to be there!

**Roseann Krane & Barbara Nexsen**  
*Program Vice-Presidents*



*Reservation  
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## PRINT &/or NO PRINT? – The Future Delivery of the Advocate

Our board met September 7 to consider options for the future distribution of the *Advocate* that would best serve our branch. Beginning with this October issue, deadlines for articles will be set according to the e-mail time frame, which will give you more current information. For example, in this issue you will find the write-up and photos of our September membership brunch. Had we continued with the bulk mail deadlines, it would have appeared in the November issue!

Bulk mail will end with the November issue. Starting with December, the *Advocate* will be sent by first class mail to members who request a printed copy. In this way your newsletter will arrive within two days of the electronic version. Incidentally, both versions have identical formats and contents. We hope that shifting from bulk to first-class mail in December will give you ample time to decide how you would like to receive your future issues.

In making your decision, consider what is best for our branch as well as your needs. Currently we print 230 copies to mail to each member, national, state, and area branches, for our archives and prospective members. National, state and branches no longer want paper copies and we have around 150 members.

Paper, printing, and postage costs run over \$200 per month, totaling \$2,000 annually. The annual bulk mail fee is an additional \$160 and requires that we send at least 200 copies. We have many projects that would benefit from receiving funds which are currently allocated to printing the *Advocate*.

All members with e-mail addresses on file will receive automatically the electronic version and will need to do nothing. Should you decide that you wish to receive a printed copy, give Mary Mix, our distribution editor, your request by phone at 831-1784.

*Dora-Thea Porter, Design & Layout Editor*

## THE TRAVELING GOURMETS – Saturday, October 6, 6:30 P.M.

The Traveling Gourmets will 'voyage' to **Newfoundland** to enjoy a *Newfoundland Seafood Dinner* on Saturday, October 6, at 6:30 P.M. Please join us at the home of Barbara Nexsen where we shall taste a variety of Newfoundland dishes including Moules Mariniere, Bay of Fundy Fish Chowder, Cod au Gratin, and Blueberry Pie. As travelers we will also view Barbara's slides on Newfoundland.

We gather to eat the foods of different areas and discuss our travels. Everyone attending prepares a portion of the dinner and shares in the costs. Members may attend with or without a guest.

View our menu at [www.aauw-da.org/gourmet/newfoundland/](http://www.aauw-da.org/gourmet/newfoundland/) and e-mail Roseann ([rkrane@yahoo.com](mailto:rkrane@yahoo.com)) with your menu choice. RSVP by October 3 at the latest.

*Roseann Krane, Section Leader*

## FYI – "REMEMBERING ELEANOR" – Wednesday, October 24, 7:00 P.M. Mt. Diablo Room, Danville Library

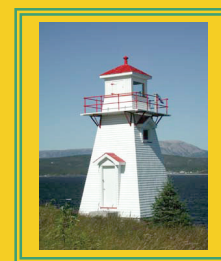
Commemorate United Nations Day with scenes and readings by the J&L Center Stage as history comes to life from the original play, "Remembering Eleanor," a celebration of the life, legacy and achievements of the former First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt. Sponsored by the Danville Library Foundation



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### A BUSY SEASON FOR PUBLIC POLICY – Friday, October 5, 5:00 P.M.



"AAUW supports HR 2669 since women are more likely to borrow than men."

Please form a carpool, and attend this Public Policy meeting Friday, October 5, 5:00 P.M., at the Orinda Community Center, 28 Orinda Way, in Orinda. We are invited to hear **Lisa Maatz, Director of Public Policy & Government Relations for AAUW**. Nobody is better at describing Title IX, retirement security, pay equity, soaring college costs, and civil rights issues than this dynamic woman who can teach you to make your voices heard on issues directly related to your lives. Our Branch should be well represented.

The House and Senate have both passed the College Cost Reduction and Access Act (HR 2669) Conference Report, which would cut roughly \$20 billion from lender subsidies and use the funds to beef up aid to college students and reduce the interest rates they must pay on their loans. One major difference is that the House version of the bills involves halving subsidized student loan interest rates. The two versions moved to the conference committee where House and

Senate members hammered out the differences. The U. S. Education Department said that President Bush would sign the legislation, with most of the changes included within, to take effect October 1. The legislation will increase the maximum Pell Grant by \$1,090 over 5 years and provide for income-based repayment plans that would cap payments at 15% of a person's discretionary income. It also includes loan forgiveness plans for graduates who enter public service, actions addressing current lending practices, and provisions for institutions that serve minority students. AAUW supports HR 2669 since women are more likely to borrow than men, and will make less after graduation, and are more likely to struggle with their loan debt.

If you haven't done so, please urge your members of Congress to support the Fair Pay Restoration Act (S 1843) and the Fair Pay Act (HR 2831) as well as the Paycheck Fairness Act (HR 1338/S 766) in the House and in the Senate.

*Cynthia Savell, Public Policy*

### THE FENG SHUI WAS FABULOUS – September Membership Brunch



"And the winning number is..."



Tech Trekkers Eleanor Ross & Nisha Dalvie



Lynn Carey, Guest Speaker, *Contra Costa Times*



Charla Gabert, 1<sup>st</sup> Prize winner of a Quilt donated by Gail Curry



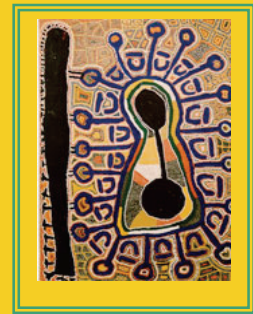
Floral Centerpieces created by Dianne Tinnes & Sharon Cohaune



**ART & GARDEN EVENT – Wednesday, October 10, 10:15 A.M.**

Wednesday, October 10, we'll view ***Dreaming in Color: Aboriginal Art from Balgo*** in the Hearst Art Gallery, St. Mary's College, Moraga. This exhibition of 45 paintings, photos and extensive wall texts is from the Kluge-Ruhe Collection of Australian Aboriginal Art at the University of Virginia. Contemporary painting from Balgo, a western desert region, is adapted from traditional mark-making practices in sand drawing and painting, and body and sacred object painting. The works illustrate episodes of *The Dreaming*, the time of creation when powerful ancestral beings created the world and everything in it. Learn more at <http://gallery.stmarys-ca.edu> and click on current exhibits. We can also visit the William Keith Room exhibiting this 19<sup>th</sup> century California landscape master's paintings if we have time. Cost is \$2.00 per person. We'll meet at 10:15 A.M. at the Sycamore Park-N-Ride and car pool to Moraga. After touring the exhibit, we will lunch in Moraga. Contact Jacque Schubert at [jacqueschubert@comcast.net](mailto:jacqueschubert@comcast.net) or 855-7002. I hope to see you on October 10.

*Jacque Schubert, Section Leader*



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**Let's All Go Shopping – Saturday, October 13**

ANOTHER OPPORUNITY to purchase your shopping pass(es) for the *Shop for A Cause* on Saturday, October 13, at Macy's at Stoneridge Mall in Pleasanton if you missed your chance at the September brunch. This year our branch will partner with Macy's once again in this exciting event.

Macy's will provide us with shopping passes to sell at \$5 each and every dollar goes directly to our branch. The shopping pass includes 20% and 10% off on merchandise throughout the store. Of course, some exclusions apply, but this is an exceptional fundraising offer for you and your guests.

You can support LAF while enjoying a day

of fun, spectacular discounts, cosmetics, and a chance to win a \$500 Macy's Shopping Spree!

I know you will join us for this *one-day only* shopping extravaganza! We encourage you to buy a shopping pass for yourself and a relative, friend, neighbor, co-worker or anyone else who likes to shop.

To get shopping passes, mail your check made payable to **Danville-Alamo AAUW LAF** along with a self-addressed stamped envelope to Loretta Lewis, 2488 Royal Oaks Drive, Alamo, CA 94507. She will mail you your shopping pass or passes (remember \$5 per shopping pass). Or, call Loretta at 820-5752.

*Loretta Lewis & Cheryl Kohleriter  
LAF Co-Vice Presidents*

**Welcome New Members**

- |                    |                      |                  |               |
|--------------------|----------------------|------------------|---------------|
| Cathy Taughinbaugh | Jennifer Brandenburg | Marlena Garcelon | Beena Asnani  |
| Margo Tullus       | Mary Granzotto       | Laura Kapp       | Deb Witmer    |
| Sonya Seyler       | Elizabeth Clark      | Carol Weldin     | Kathy Harkins |
| Jackie Welles      | Linda Taylor         |                  |               |

**Afghanistan Collection Update**

At the Membership Brunch our members were very generous in donating items for the Afghan Project. These items will help the teachers and children in Afghanistan tremendously. Over 40 zip-lock bags were filled with school supplies for individual children and several other large bags were filled with soap, toothbrushes, hand lotion, shampoo, washcloths, teacher supplies and other items. All of these items will be given to **Elsie De Laere**, the Afghanistan Country Specialist. *Thank you all for your generous donations.*

*Pat Foster*

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## SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

- 10/5 9:15 **Board Meeting.** Tena Gallagher, President. The Shadows Hills Cabana, 1001 El Capitan Drive, Danville.
- 10/6 6:30 **The Traveling Gourmets.** Newfoundland Seafood Dinner, Details on Page 3.
- 10/10 10:15 **Art & Garden.** *Dreaming in Color: Aboriginal Art from Balgo*, St. Mary's College, Moraga. Details on Page 5.
- 10/10 7:30 **Evening Bridge.** Hosting— Anne Long at 831-8649.
- 10/12 9:30 **Monthly Coffee Get-Together.** Bagel St. Café, Livery
- 10/12 7:30 **Cinema 1.** *Death at a Funeral* and *Eastern Promises*. Hosting—Sally Jess at 837-5052.
- 10/12 7:30 **Oscar 1.** *Lust, Caution* aka *Se jie*. Contact Dianne Tinnes.
- 10/13 ——— **Golf.** At Rossmoor. For time, contact Nadine Rosenzweig at 487-1774 or Mary Ann Cucchiaro at 785-4915.
- 10/15 10:00 **Daytime Bridge.** Contact Mary Kay Anderson.
- 10/18 10:00 **Great Decisions.** *Second Chance* by Zbigniew Brzezinski Hosting—Anne Long at 831-8649.
- 10/22 9:30 **Daytime Duplicate Bridge.** Contact Roberta Brenner.
- 10/23 7:30 **Evening Literature.** *When the Elephants Dance* by Tess Uriza Holthe. Hosting—Nadine Rosenzweig at 736-5708.
- 10/25 9:30 **Daytime Literature.** *The Worst Hard Time* by Timothy Egan. Hosting—Marian Worrall at 837-3103.

## 2007-08 BRANCH PROGRAMS

- 10/5 5-8pm Orinda Community Center—Lisa M. Maatz, AAUW Public Policy
- 10/13 ——— **LAF FUND RAISER—Shop for a Cause—Macy's Stoneridge**  
Details on Page 6. Contact Loretta Lewis at 820-5752.
- 10/21 12:00 Northern CA EF Fellows Luncheon, Michael's, Mountain View
- 10/22 5:30 Women's Rights & Health Ed. in the SRVUSD—Dinner Mtg., Mudd's
- 11/18 2:00 Legislative Study/Public Policy Mtg—State Advocate & Branches
- 12/7 & 8 ——— Annual Holiday Home Tour
- 12/8 7:30 Holiday Party at the Home of Gus Slavin

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- 10/2 7:30 **Global Warming**, Professor John Hart, Energy and Resources Group, Division of Ecosystem Sciences, UC Berkeley
- 10/9 7:30 **Biofuel 2007**, Elaine Chandler, Ph.D., Helios Project, Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory
- 10/16 7:30 **The Future of India**, Louis Selincourt, (V.P.) (SMAI) of Netapp North America and Consultant on India

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