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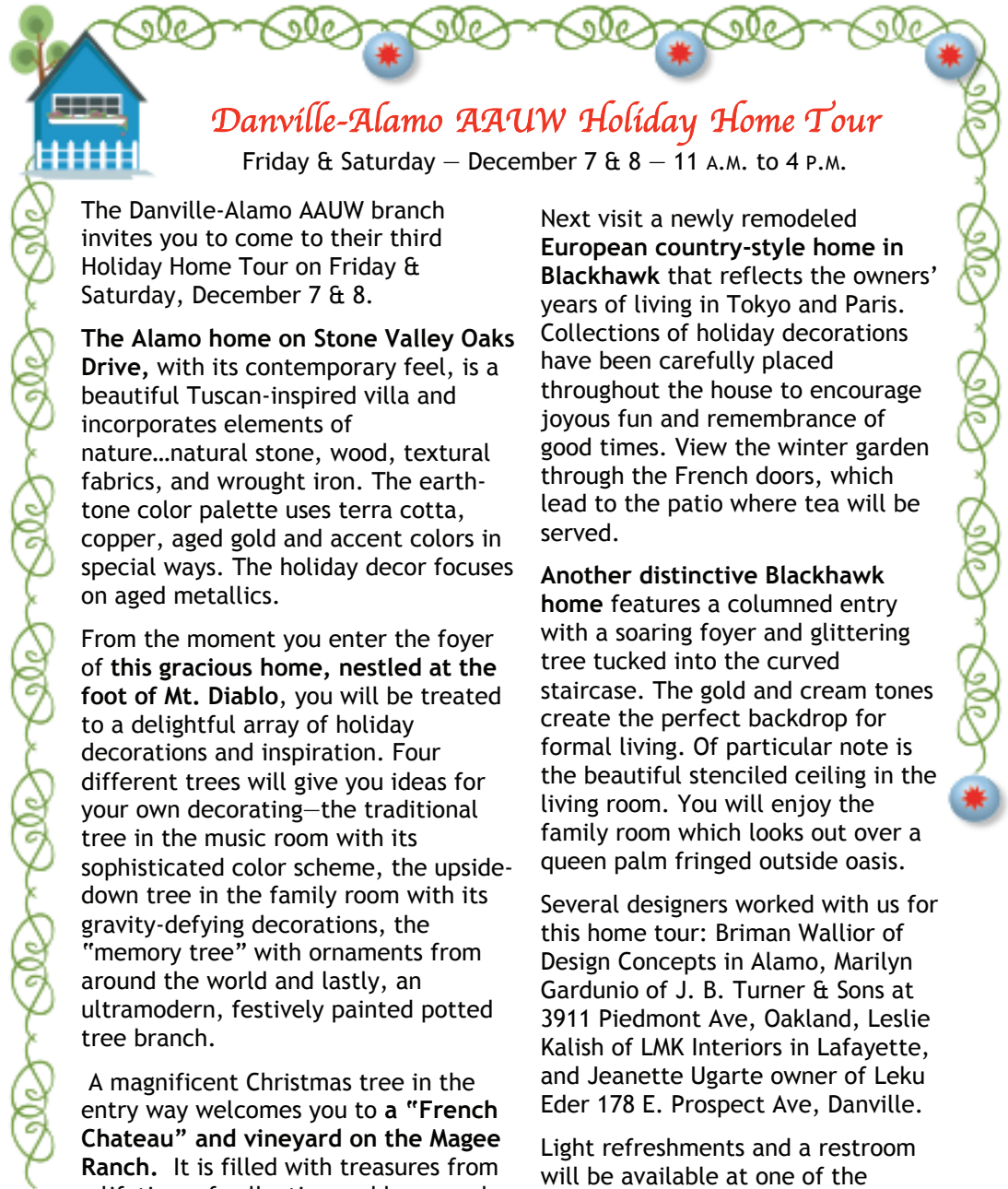
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Danville-Alamo AAUW Holiday Home Tour

Friday & Saturday – December 7 & 8 – 11 A.M. to 4 P.M.

The Danville-Alamo AAUW branch invites you to come to their third Holiday Home Tour on Friday & Saturday, December 7 & 8.

The Alamo home on Stone Valley Oaks Drive, with its contemporary feel, is a beautiful Tuscan-inspired villa and incorporates elements of nature...natural stone, wood, textural fabrics, and wrought iron. The earth-tone color palette uses terra cotta, copper, aged gold and accent colors in special ways. The holiday decor focuses on aged metallics.

From the moment you enter the foyer of **this gracious home, nestled at the foot of Mt. Diablo**, you will be treated to a delightful array of holiday decorations and inspiration. Four different trees will give you ideas for your own decorating—the traditional tree in the music room with its sophisticated color scheme, the upside-down tree in the family room with its gravity-defying decorations, the "memory tree" with ornaments from around the world and lastly, an ultramodern, festively painted potted tree branch.

A magnificent Christmas tree in the entry way welcomes you to a **"French Chateau" and vineyard on the Magee Ranch**. It is filled with treasures from a lifetime of collecting and large-scale entertaining. Each room features a unique ceiling treatment and the dining room has exquisitely hand-painted walls. Christmas is a family affair at this home, and the dining room has been set for the traditional family holiday dinner.

Next visit a newly remodeled **European country-style home in Blackhawk** that reflects the owners' years of living in Tokyo and Paris. Collections of holiday decorations have been carefully placed throughout the house to encourage joyous fun and remembrance of good times. View the winter garden through the French doors, which lead to the patio where tea will be served.

Another distinctive Blackhawk home features a columned entry with a soaring foyer and glittering tree tucked into the curved staircase. The gold and cream tones create the perfect backdrop for formal living. Of particular note is the beautiful stenciled ceiling in the living room. You will enjoy the family room which looks out over a queen palm fringed outside oasis.

Several designers worked with us for this home tour: Briman Wallior of Design Concepts in Alamo, Marilyn Gardunio of J. B. Turner & Sons at 3911 Piedmont Ave, Oakland, Leslie Kalish of LMK Interiors in Lafayette, and Jeanette Ugarte owner of Leku Eder 178 E. Prospect Ave, Danville.

Light refreshments and a restroom will be available at one of the homes in Blackhawk. All proceeds from this tour go toward AAUW's Tech Trek, a weeklong summer science camp for six middle-school girls, and Local Scholarships for women completing their degrees.

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\$25.00



Danville-Alamo AAUW
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Tena Gallagher,
President

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Tickets are \$25 per person if postmarked by November 30 and \$30 thereafter. They can be purchased by sending a self-addressed, stamped return envelope along with a check payable to: Danville-Alamo AAUW, 255 Morris Ranch Ct., Danville, CA 94526. Tickets may also be purchased at Design Concepts, 3235 Danville Blvd, Alamo, during their regular hours and on the days of the tour. For further information, contact Mary Mix at (925) 831-1784.

DOCENTS NEEDED 2007 Holiday Home Tour: If you have yet to be contacted to help as a docent for the Holiday Home Tour on December 7 & 8 and would like to help, please contact Kathie Hixon at 838-8632 or kathiehixon@comcast.net

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy Holidays to each of you and your families!! I hope that you are able to share this special time with loved ones. You can start the festivities by bringing them to our **Holiday Home Tour** as your guests on **Friday, December 7** and **Saturday, December 8**. It is such a fun time. And Susan Terzuoli has said that the houses this year are GORGEOUS!! If you can serve as a docent, I'm sure Kathie Hixon can find an opening for you or if you'd like to bring some appetizers, please contact Pat DeRensis. I enjoy volunteering one day and going on the tour with several friends on the other day. So I hope to see you there.

Our branch **Holiday Party** will be at **Martha and Bill Slavin's home on Saturday, December 8, at 5:30 P.M.** Please RSVP to her at 736-8399 and mention "AAUW" at the Blackhawk gatehouse. This party is for all members, spouses, or significant others even if you were unable to assist at our Holiday Home Tour. We understand that

not all members are able to assist on the tour. Please plan to come.

Join me at Basil Street Café in the Livery on the second **Friday, December 14, at 9:30 A.M.** for our **monthly get-acquainted coffee.**

We had a great time at our first **Friday night social** at my house on November 2. There were about 20 of us including many new members. We are planning another one on **Friday, February 29**, at Alicia Jones' home so *save the date.*

Thank you to all of the members who donated to our fall Educational Foundation request. Our branch was able to give \$16,400 through this request and our 2007 Garden Tour. Pat yourselves on the back for being able to make such a large contribution to EF!

Enjoy a wonderful holiday season and a new year full of peace, joy and good health.

Tena Gallagher, President

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EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION—Funds, Fellowships and Grants Awarded This Year

IMPRESSIVE NUMBERS!

Your contributions toward the AAUW Educational Foundation (EF) help make it the world's largest source of funding exclusively for graduate women. During the current academic year, EF is providing a total of \$4.1 million to 253 recipients of fellowships, grants and special awards.

American Fellowships—support women doctoral candidates completing dissertations and scholars seeking funds for postdoctoral research or for preparing completed research for publication. Eighty-eight awards were made among 1,036 applicants.

International Fellowships—are awarded for full-time graduate or postgraduate study or research to women who are not U.S. citizens or permanent residents. An applicant's commitment to the advancement of women and girls in her home country as demonstrated by her previous work and her proposed study or research is important for being selected for this award. Sixty-six awards were made among 957 applicants.

Career Development Grants—support women who hold a bachelor's degree and who are preparing to advance their careers, change careers, or re-enter the work force. Special consideration is given to AAUW members, women of color, and women pursuing their first advanced degree or credentials in nontraditional fields. Forty grants were made among 649 applicants.

Community Action Grants—provide seed money to individual women, AAUW branches and AAUW state organizations, as well as local community-based nonprofit organizations for innovative programs or non-degree research projects that promote education and equity for women and girls. Twenty-nine grants were made among 193 applicants.

Selected Professions Fellowships—are awarded to women who intend to pursue a full-time course of study (during the fellowship year) in designated degree programs where women's participation traditionally has been low such as architecture, information sciences, engineering and mathematics. Twenty-six awards were made among 97 applicants.

Since the 1950's, 213 endowments have been completed in California. The amounts needed to complete these fellowships and grants have steadily increased over the years. As of 2005, it takes \$200,000 to complete an American or International endowment and \$75,000 to complete a Career Development, Community Action or Selected Professions endowment.

Working together we have achieved and will continue to achieve great things! Pat yourself on the back for your contributions to the AAUW Educational Foundation. Your ongoing support is the cornerstone of our foundation's steady growth and profound success.

Our branch will once again hold the **AAUW Garden Tour** on Mother's Day weekend, **May 9 and 10**, to raise funds for EF. A small donation of your time yields a very respectable amount of funds toward the foundation. We look forward to your support!

**Connie Cady & Mary Mix,
EF Co-Vice-Presidents**



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VIRGINIA GILDERSLEEVE INT'L FUND—*Help Struggling Women Worldwide*

The Virginia Gildersleeve International Fund (VGIF) is a charitable and educational fund which primarily supports women in low per capita income countries focusing on: women's educational activities, leadership training, community development, and the advancement of understanding and cooperation among women. Since 1969, VGIF has awarded grants to more than 250 projects. Twenty-three grants totaling more than \$109,000 were funded for 2007-2008. Here are a few examples:

China (\$5,000) — *Yunnan Institute of Development*. Female Community Health Workers from each village in Daxi will be trained to be responsible for training and counseling women on women's health issues. The long-term goals of the institute are to improve awareness and practices related to reproductive and maternal health, child development, and HIV/AIDS. VGIF will fund program costs, the training and basic screening of up to 700 women, and transportation of city health officials.

Guatemala (\$4,980) — *Asociacion Tejedoras Unidas*. Ecofilters will be given to 203 Mayan women artisans, mostly weavers, in rural areas of Guatemala, to provide safe drinking and cooking water. Each recipient will receive a three-hour educational workshop on preventative health and good hygiene practices and training on the care and maintenance of the water filter. This will reduce the frequency of illness caused by unsafe drinking water, improving quality of life, and reducing lost time due to illness. The funds will purchase 166 ecofilters at \$30 each.

India (\$4,516) — *Rural Development Women Welfare Society*. The six-month program for 25 women and adolescent girls will train them on making soft toys, and leather toys and garments along with literacy classes. Funds will provide supplies and educational materials. Salaries for the instructor, the literacy teacher, and space are paid locally.

Kenya (\$4,160) — *Maasai Community Outdoor Educator*. Forty Maasai women will be educated as trainers in peer education and six Maasai women as paralegal assistants to begin a movement to lobby and advocate for women's rights, especially those rights concerning land ownership, and land control and management. These groups will partner with other Kenyan organizations such as the Federation of Women Lawyers. Funds will be used for workshop expenses, advocacy meetings, and for gender-and-land-rights advocacy and education materials.

Would you like to help struggling women around the world? Join VGIF! A basic annual membership is only \$25. See www.vgif.org for more information. AAUW and the International Federation of University Women founded VGIF. Many AAUW branches throughout the country, like ours, support VGIF. Be part of the solution. Join VGIF today!

Connie Cady, EF Co-Vice-President

THE JOAN "JO" HABERSON R&P COMMUNITY ACTION GRANT

The OML AAUW Branch announces the approval and opening of a new Research & Projects Community Action Grant No. 4313. It has been named for **Joan "Jo" D. Harberson** and honors the dedicated work that she has accomplished and continues to undertake at all levels of AAUW. The Association Board of Directors approved this new endowment fund in Washington, D.C. on November 5, 2007.

The Educational Foundation Research & Projects Grant Program funds both Career Development Grants and Community Action Grants. The OML Branch has been approved to complete a Community Action Grant, which requires funding \$75,000 over the next 10 years. These grants, awarded for one or two years, support individual, branch and state projects that further the mission of AAUW by promoting education and equity for women and girls in schools and local communities. When completed this Community Action Grant will provide seed money to women, AAUW branches, AAUW state organizations, and local community-based nonprofit organizations for innovative programs or non-degree research projects that promote education and equity for women and girls.

HOLIDAY PARTY Don't miss the Holiday Party after the Holiday Homes Tour on Saturday, December 8, at 5:30 P.M. at **Gus Slavin's home**. The holiday spirit will prevail as you join in the festivities. Hearty hors d'oeuvres will be provided by the Board and Officers. Gus Slavin's house is 3019 Deer Meadow Drive in Blackhawk. **Directions:** take Camino Tassajara east to the Crow Canyon/Blackhawk Road intersection. Turn LEFT. Continue on Blackhawk Road to the West (Main) gate. Turn RIGHT and go through the visitors' entrance. **Mention "AAUW" for entrance at the gate.** Make a LEFT on Blackhawk Club Drive and go to the end of this street. Turn LEFT on to Deer Meadow Drive. We are about a half-mile up the road on the RIGHT.

PUBLIC POLICY—Support the Higher Education Act Reauthorization Bill

On November 9, House Education and Labor Committee Chairman George Miller (D-CA) introduced the **College Opportunity & Affordability Act (H.R. 4137)**, a bill to reauthorize and reform the Higher Education Act. The Senate passed (95-0) its version of the HEA renewal (S. 1642) in July.

Thanks to the hard work of AAUW members and coalition partners, we are pleased to announce that the House version of the bill addresses many of the priorities that AAUW has been working on for years to make the dream of a higher education a reality for more women. One of AAUW's recommendations included in the bill is the creation of the Patsy Mink Graduate Fellowship program, intended to help diversify the pool of higher education professors. Appropriately named in honor of former Congresswoman Patsy Mink (D-HI), an AAUW member and primary force behind the passage of Title IX, the fellowships would be targeted at minorities and women pursuing a doctorate or terminal degree, and would include a service requirement to teach at an institution of higher education after graduation. Other AAUW recommendations included in the bill are funding for a study to examine gender and racial equity among senior faculty at colleges and universities

and a study on gender and other biases present in standardized tests that colleges and universities use in admissions. AAUW has worked hard to promote science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education for women and girls, and we're pleased that the legislation funds a campaign to expand the population of qualified individuals in STEM fields, specifically analyzing factors that limit the participation of women and minorities.

AAUW also worked hard to ensure this legislation took important steps towards providing nontraditional students—who are primarily women—greater access to higher education and financial aid. This bill expands SMART Grant eligibility to include part-time students and makes Pell grants available on a year-round basis. In addition, AAUW pushed for a provision of the bill that would expand the definition of hate crimes on campus to parallel that used by the FBI, giving parents and students a more accurate sense of campus safety and administrators a better picture of their campus climate. AAUW is also pleased to report increased support for campus childcare programs.

Please urge your representative to support the College Opportunity and Affordability Act. **Cynthia Savell, Public Policy**



*Holiday Party
December 8, 5:30 P.M.*



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Membership Directory
Errata

MEMBERSHIP

We have had a tremendous response to our Membership Drive so far this year. We have 23 new members in our branch. Please check the directory to see if you live near a new member and invite them to come with you to a branch event or special interest group meeting. We thank all the new members for joining us and hope you will find new friends and new skills as a Danville-Alamo AAUW member.

**Martha 'Gus' Slavin &
Marcia Steinhardt,
Membership Co-Vice-Presidents**

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We wish to thank everyone who supported LAF by buying tickets for the "Shop for A Cause" day at Macy's on October 13. Thank You!

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

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DECEMBER CALENDAR SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

Board Meeting. No December Meeting. Next meeting is Jan. 4 at 9:15. Shadows Hills Cabana, 1001 El Capitan Dr., Danville.

Art & Garden. No December Meeting.

Daytime Literature. No December Meeting.

The Traveling Gourmets. No December Meeting.

- 12/1 11:30 **Golf.** Annual Holiday Golf Brunch, Bridges Club House. Golf at 1:00 (weather permitting) at Canyon Lakes, San Ramon. Contact Nadine Rosenzweig at 487-1774.
- 12/11 7:30 **Evening Literature.** *On Chesil Beach* by Ian McEwan. Hosting—Diane Larson at 933-5334. Note date change.
- 12/12 6:30 **Evening Bridge.** Pot Luck. Note earlier time. Hosting—Barbara Nexsen at 837-9625.
- 12/14 9:30 **December Coffee Get-Together.** Bagel St. Café, Danville Livery
- 12/14 7:30 **Oscar 1.** *Love in the Time of Cholera.* Hosting—Mary Skelton at 838-2515.
- 12/15 5:30 **Cinema 1.** *Love in the Time of Cholera.* Holiday Party at Caroline & Evan Sanchez. RSVP carolinesanchez@sbcglobal.net or 736-7940. Note date & time change.
- 12/17 10:00 **Daytime Bridge & Duplicate Bridge Combined.** Pot luck luncheon. Contact Barbara Nexsen at 837-9625.

2008 BRANCH PROGRAMS

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| 12/7 &
12/8 | 11:00
4:00 | BRANCH PROGRAM—HOLIDAY HOME TOUR —Local Scholarship and Trek Tech Fund Benefit. Details on Page 1. |
| 12/8 | 5:30 | HOLIDAY PARTY at the Home of Martha "Gus" Slavin. See page 5. |
| 1/22 | ---- | International Relations, Great Decisions or Travel Focus |
| 2/19 | 5:30 | Educational Fellow Speaker—Dinner Mtg., Scott's |
| 3/15 | ---- | EYH Expand Your Horizons—DVC-San Ramon Campus, San Ramon |
| 3/18 | ---- | Global Warming—LL Lab Speaker & Branch Elections |
| 4/4 to 6 | ---- | 87 th AAUW—CA Convention, Rohnert Park |
| 5/9 & 10 | ---- | Annual Garden Tour (Educational Foundation Benefit) |
| 5/20 | ---- | Culture—Art Program—Elaine Reisert |
| 6/18 | 5:30 | Installation & Awards Presentations |



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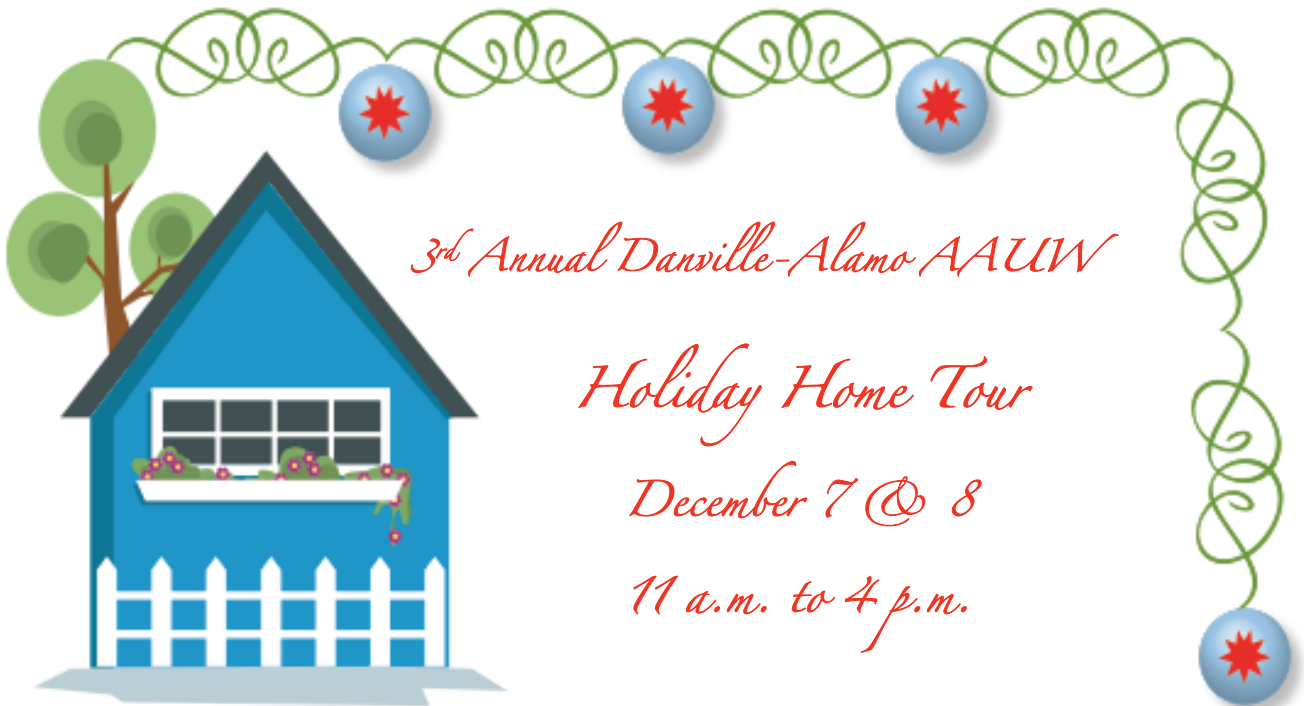
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Advocate Addition — SAVE THE DATE— RSVP

What: Our Danville-Alamo AAUW general meeting will be on Tuesday, January 22, 2008.

Where: We shall enjoy a Chinese luncheon at De Ming's Asian Cuisine at 105 Town and Country Drive, Danville, CA 94526.

De Ming's is the only five star Chinese restaurant in our area and has a great reputation. Our meal will consist of seven dishes and hot tea. The price of \$12 includes the tip.

When: 11:15 Meeting and Speaker, 12:00 Luncheon

Who: Our speaker is Barbara Bornett Stumph. She is a retired teacher and works with the culture to culture program traveling to different Asia countries. Barbara speaks conversational mandarin and does beautiful Chinese brush work. She is a well applauded speaker and you will enjoy the talk.

Barbara will take us on a walk in a Chinese garden of ancient characters, bamboo, and flowers. Barbara Stumph will introduce Mandarin Chinese language and culture as she paints in traditional Chinese brush technique.

RSVP: To reserve your space, please send your \$12 check by January 15, 2008 to

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