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## JOINT MEETING AAUW DANVILLE-ALAMO AND DELTA KAPPA GAMMA INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY ZETA ZETA CHAPTER, FEBRUARY 19, 5:30

The February general meeting is focusing on the heart of our organizations: **Education**. This is a joint meeting for the American Association of University Women-Danville-Alamo, and Delta Kappa Gamma International Society-Zeta Zeta Chapter. We will have a dinner meeting on February 19 at 5:30 p.m. at Scott's Seafood Restaurant in Walnut Creek to hear Abby Enscoe. She is a current recipient of an AAUW Educational Foundation Fellowship which was funded by the Chris Winter Endowment. Chris is a member of our local AAUW branch.

Abby Enscoe is the recipient of AAUW's *Selected Professions Fellowships* which are awarded to women who intend to pursue a full-time course of study in designated degree programs where women's participation traditionally has been low. Abby is in her first year of a two-year Master's program focusing on Structural



Engineering at the University of California at Berkeley. It will be inspirational to hear what the Educational Fellowship grant has meant to her. Please plan to attend.

To RSVP by February 10 send your check for \$30 along with a notation as to your menu choice, salmon or chicken to Denise Dolan, DKG Reservations, P. O. Box 551, Alamo, CA 95407. Drinks may be purchased separately and the menu choices are:

- ❖ Salmon Alla Bella (grilled parmesan egg-battered filet of salmon with caper lemon butter) or
- ❖ Shiitake-Crusted Breast of Chicken with a lemon dill sauce.

Both offerings are served with a mixed green salad (tomato, cucumber, poppy seed vinaigrette]. Coffee or tea will also be served after dinner.

Please be aware that as we will be more than 60 people Scott's is placing us in the outside Garden Room for this meeting. We have been there before during the winter and it really is lovely. It is totally covered and they turn on all the heaters, so it really is warm. I do think those who have not been there before will enjoy the privacy and beauty of that room.

*Roseann Krane  
Program Co-Vice-President*

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*Tena Gallagher,  
President*

*January's liveliness set the  
pace for an exciting  
February program!*

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our branch started out the year with a bang. Fourteen members visited the **Asian Art Museum** for a docent-lead tour about jade on Friday, January 18. The **new members' tea** was held on Saturday, January 19 at the beautiful and historic Alamo home of Lucrezia Mota. Membership chairs Marcia Steinhardt and Gus Slavin organized this event attended by 19 new members. On Tuesday, January 22, 52 members and guests listened to **Barbara Bornett Stumph** at De Ming's. Thanks to all of you who attended any of these events.

February is going to be exciting. I can't remember when we last had an **EF (Educational Foundation) Fellow** speak to our branch. Roseann Krane has arranged to have Chris Winter Fellow, **Abby Enscoe**, speak at our general meeting at Scott's on Tuesday evening, February 19. This is a joint meeting with Delta Kappa Gamma International Society - Zeta Zeta Chapter. **See details on Page 1.** Mail your RSVP and check by February 10.

**Leap Year Event:** Another social evening is planned for Friday, February 29, at 5:00 p.m. at Alicia Jones' home. It is a members-and-guests-only event (no significant others). Please come meet some exceptional women. Bring an appetizer or a bottle of wine.

Join me at **Bagel St. Café** in the Livery on Friday, February 8, at 9:30 a.m. for an

informal chat and another way to get to know some of our members better. We get together on the **second Friday of each month.**

The **Nominating Committee** has been elected by the Board and our members. Co-chairs are Kathie Hixon and Gail Clark. Committee members are Sandy Shalon, Cynthia Savell, and Jacque Schubert and Alicia Jones is alternate. If they call you, please consider volunteering and getting to know more of our branch members.

Mary Mix has already met with many of the owners of the gardens for our **May 9 and 10 Garden Tour.** Set aside time to volunteer during that Friday or Saturday and plan to attend it with your friends on the other day.

Several members seem to have gotten out of our group **e-mail list.** Make sure that Roseann Krane is notified if you change your e-mail address so that we can keep you up to date with our activities. Our newsletter, scholarship application, program news, etc. are always on our website: [www.aauw-da.org](http://www.aauw-da.org). Check it every once in a while.

Contact **Gus Slavin** if you have a friend who wants to know more about our branch of AAUW. She can send out a complete prospective member packet.

*Tena Gallagher, President*

## JANUARY'S GENERAL MEETING

The January 22 general meeting was well attended by 52 people at De Ming's Asian Restaurant in Danville. The food was excellent and the speaker, Barbara Bornett Stumph, was very interesting and well received. She told us about her experiences in China and Vietnam and her interaction with the people and she demonstrated how to do brush painting.

To read about her experiences in Vietnam in 2006, look at the second page of the following link: <http://www.dkg-zetazeta.org/january07DKGnews.pdf>. And while discussing China, Tena shared a fabulous link with us about the country: <http://www.ssq.com/archive/vinlin27a.htm>



*Barbara Bornett Stumph*

*Roseann Rayes Krane  
Program Co-Vice-President*

## GREAT DECISIONS

The 2008 season of Great Decisions discussions sponsored by the Foreign Policy Association and the World Affairs Council begins this February. We read the topics in the briefing book which comes from the FPA and discuss the information and vote on actions to be taken. Our votes are submitted to Congress to be considered.

Everyone is welcome to attend any session (day or evening). Briefing books may be ordered from the FPA or you may share a book with a fellow member...23 books have already been ordered. Plan now to attend our meetings as you will find them provocative and challenging. The first evening session will be at Joan Ward's home on Monday, February 4, at 7:30 p.m. The evening group will chose dates and times for future meetings at this first meeting. Please invite your spouses/friends.

Please check your directories for addresses and telephone numbers as we do not post them in the newsletters. The daytime sections will be on Thursdays starting at 1:00 p.m. The meetings for March will be posted next month and the February daytime section meetings are as follows:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>HOME</u>	<u>TOPIC</u>
02/07	Martha Slavin	Iraq: Strategies for dealing with uncertainty
02/14	Roseann Krane	European integration: Looking ahead
02/21	Helen Miller	Blacklisting the enemy
02/28	Linda Leck	Russia and 'Putinism'
03/06	Tena Gallagher	U.S. defense policy
03/13	TBA	Latin America: The next U.S. President's agenda
03/20	TBA	U.S.-China economic relations, evolving rivalry
03/27	TBA	Foreign aid: New players, new goals?

For more information contact one of the co-leaders: Gus Slavin [slavinfamily@hotmail.com](mailto:slavinfamily@hotmail.com); Joan Ward [jaward@pacbell.net](mailto:jaward@pacbell.net); or Roseann Krane [rkrane@yahoo.com](mailto:rkrane@yahoo.com).

*Roseann Krane*



*Great Decisions 2008  
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Robin Halloran  
Susan Morea  
Kimberly Nelson  
Maureen Reschke  
Judy Simkin

## EF DOLLARS SUPPORT IMPORTANT PROJECTS IN THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA

*Educational Foundation's  
dollars at work!*

The AAUW Educational Foundation (EF) has a long and distinguished history of advancing educational and professional opportunities for women in the United States and around the globe. EF provided more than 250 fellowships, grants, and special awards to outstanding women in the 2007-08 academic year. One such type of grant is the **Community Action Grant** that provides seed money for innovative programs or non-degree research projects that promote education and equity for women and girls. Four such awards were made in the San Francisco Bay Area in 2007-08.

**The First Step: Beginning English Skills for Success** - This program provides weekly educational, vocational, and language-acquisition training and technology-based classes to 25 low-income, ethnic, immigrant, refugee, and limited-English-speaking women who are entering a learning environment for the first time. The program will improve the lives of these women while increasing their English literacy level and providing access to bilingual job-training programs and information technology. The program is managed by Pat Davis at the Learning and Loving Education Center in Morgan Hill.



**GeoGirls** - Urban middle school students explore nature and computing by participating in one of two half-day events. One includes redesigning an urban park, and the other focuses on learning about the many unique trees on the Berkeley campus and creating an updated map of these trees. The program is run by Dyuti Sengupta in Berkeley.

**Just Us Girls** - This young women's group is designed for at-risk girls, ages 13 to 17, who live in San Francisco's OMI (Ocean View, Merced Heights, Ingleside) community. The program offers guidance; life skills, mental health, team building, and academic support; and, most importantly, a safe place for girls to meet and

talk about what happens to them without the fear of being judged or labeled. The program is led by Takija T. Gardner of YMCA Urban Services.

**Project GROW (Girls Recording Outreach Workshops)** - This training and mentoring program uses music and media arts to encourage middle and high school girls to commit to studies in math, science, and computers. It also exposes the girls to nontraditional technology careers. This program is directed by Terri Winston of the Women's Audio Mission in San Francisco.

We appreciate your continued support of the AAUW Educational Foundation. Please help us with a contribution of your time and talents toward the 8th Annual AAUW Garden Tour to be held on May 9 and 10. We will need garden docents, refreshments, and tour participants! A few hours of your time yields many dollars toward EF.

Please contact your EF Co-VP's Connie Cady (743-0517) or Mary Mix (831-1784) with the fabulous news that you'd like to help! Thank you!

*Connie Cady  
EF Co-Vice-President*

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## PUBLIC POLICY UPDATES

AAUW-CA has an able lobbyist in Sacramento. **Charlotte Newhart** is experienced, well connected, friendly and tough. However, she is up to the job of her life as the governor has announced that California's tough financial position has made him think seriously about reducing state monies for education, health programs, programs for the poor, and other programs AAUW considers vital for our state. At a November meeting, Newhart admitted that the coming year would be tough to advocate for but now the situation seems desperate. In the coming months there will be a call to arms from every major lobby in California arguing for the state to keep its promises to their clients.

The new year also brings notice that the people behind propositions 84 and 73 in past elections have not given up their fight. In a new direction, they will again bring up the fight for parental notification for females under the age of eighteen who seek abortions. Those propositions were defeated before but in a new atmosphere of conservative legal direction, the backers think they have a new argument to bring to bear.

A federal appeals court has ruled that **U.S. Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings** is violating the spending clause of the U.S. Constitution by requiring states and school districts to spend their own funds to comply with the No Child Left Behind Act. The lawsuit was brought by the National Education Association, nine school districts and nine NEA state affiliates to oppose costly federal regulations that were not supported by federal funds. If the ruling stands, it will mean that the U. S. Department of Education cannot require states and local school districts to comply with the requirements of NCLB that are not paid for by the federal government. President Bush demanded that Congress reauthorize the act, and threatened that if Congress passes a bill that weakens the accountability system in the NCLB Act, he would oppose it and veto it. Although the law expired at the end of September 2007, an automatic one year extension built into the law has kept it operating. In addition to other recommendations for reforming the NCLB Act, AAUW supports the inclusion of science as a required area of assessment under the NCLB Act's measurement of adequate yearly progress.

Title IX's impact on women's athletic participation is one of the country's greatest success stories. AAUW strongly supports the High School Sports Information Collection Act (S. 518), which would require high schools to report basic information on the number of female and male students in their athletic programs and the expenditures made for their sports teams. Sadly, this bill only has five co-sponsors. Please urge your senators to co-sponsor the High School Sports Information Collection Act.

*Cynthia Savell, Public Policy*



*This year will be tough to advocate for but now the situation seems desperate.*



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## GOURMET GROUP TO SAMPLE MOROCCAN CUISINE

Bring your friend or spouse and warm up with a hot Moroccan Dinner on Saturday, February 9, at 6:30 p.m. at the Simkin home.



*Moroccan Spices*

Moroccan cuisine is exotic! It is extensive in its variety and remarkable in its taste and aroma. The centuries-long history of invasions have contributed to the diverse sense of good food traditions, different ingredients and naturally the best possible combination of all these factors. It carries different levels of distinct tastes from north, south and the east; but the strongest influence comes undoubtedly from the east!

You'll enjoy the camaraderie of the gourmet section and their unique food. Check our website at [www.aauw-da.org/gourmet/morocco/](http://www.aauw-da.org/gourmet/morocco/) for the menu and recipes. Chose what you want to prepare and e-mail Roseann at [rkrane@yahoo.com](mailto:rkrane@yahoo.com) to RSVP by February 4. All costs are shared.

*Roseann Rayes Krane  
Program Co-Vice-President*

## SAVE THE DATE: MARCH 15 EXPANDING YOUR HORIZONS (EYH) the Science and Math Conference for Girls

Dougherty Valley—Wow, what's been happening in our hinterlands? The new DVC campus makes you want to go back to college, maybe just for a day! This opportunity arrives shortly—March 15! That's Danville-Alamo AAUW's Day to volunteer at the Sandia and Lawrence Livermore Labs sponsored annual Tri-Valley EYH Science and Math Conference for Girls from sixth through ninth grade. We monitor the class sessions and assist with registration matters. This year it will be at the new DVC-San Ramon campus in San Ramon. You can explore the Tri-Valley EYH website, which is available under the tab "Conferences" on the national EYH site at <http://www.expandingyourhorizons.org>. If you have volunteered in the past, you know what a rewarding and stimulating day awaits you. If you have never participated, here's your chance. Contact us and tell us you are interested. It's not too soon. Phone or e-mail Dora-Thea at 837-8064 or [dtporter@comcast.net](mailto:dtporter@comcast.net) or Pat at 837-5044 or [paderensis@comcast.net](mailto:paderensis@comcast.net). We look forward to hearing from you.

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## FEBUARY CALENDAR

### SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

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| 2/01    | 9:15  | <i>Board Meeting.</i> Tena Gallagher, President. The Shadows Hills Cabana, 1001 El Capitan Drive, Danville.   |
| 2/08    | 9:30  | <i>Monthly Coffee Get-Together.</i> Bagel St. Café, Livery.   |
| 2/08    | 7:30  | <i>Oscar I. There Will Be Blood.</i> Hosting: Sharon Cohune at 648-5153.  |
| 2/09    | 6:30  | <i>Gourmet Group.</i> Moroccan cuisine sampled. Hosting: Judy Simkin at 820-2011.   |
| 2/13    | 7:30  | <i>Wednesday Night Bridge</i> Hosting: Sue DeVoe at 837-9634.   |
| 2/16-18 | ----- | <i>Golf.</i> Poppy Hills and Pacific Grove Golf Courses in Pacific Grove. Contact Nadine Rosenzweig or Mary Ann Cucchiaro.                                |
| 2/18    | 10:00 | <i>Daytime Bridge.</i> Contact Mary Kay Anderson.   |
| 2/24    | 5:00  | <i>Cinema I. Oscar Night and Academy Awards</i> viewing. Hosting: Asha Bajaj at <a href="mailto:ashakiran@gmail.com">ashakiran@gmail.com</a> or 736-7969. |
| 2/25    | 9:30  | <i>Daytime Duplicate Bridge.</i> Contact Roberta Brenner.   |
| 2/26    | 7:30  | <i>Evening Literature. Memory Keeper's Daughter</i> by Kim Edwards. Hosting: Roberta Black at 820-8847.   |

### 2007-08 BRANCH PROGRAMS

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|----------|-------|--|
| 2/02     | 11:00 | AAUW-CA LAF Speaker Lunch, Sacramento                    |
| 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 <sup>th</sup> AAUW—CA Convention, Rohnert Park        |
| 5/9 & 10 | ---   | Annual Garden Tour (Educational Foundation Benefit)      |
| 5/21     | ---   | Culture—Art Program—Elaine Reisert                       |
| 6/18     | 5:30  | Installation & Awards Presentations                      |

For details and updates on the 2007-08 Branch Programs,  
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### SPIRIT SPACE

Spirit Space landscape and fine garden design grew out of the passion of **Bill Williams** that began while working with his grandfather in his nursery from the age of eight having learned all the plant material and lore. After a rich and creative life as Ph.D. molecular biologist he returned to a job in a retail nursery, which he loved. However, after seeing what landscapers and landscape architects were and were not doing for the community, Bill began to do design and oversee installations. That grew into the experience that is Spirit Space.



Bill sees the process of landscape design as one of four dimensions: architecture, texture, color and changes through time and the chance to make creative combinations of all of them. He admits that fragrance and sound count too, especially since the **memories of the fragrances of our childhood** are some of the most enduring of human memories. The two responses from clients that Bill has most appreciated over the years and heard over and over are, "You gave us the garden we have always wanted" and "We see the world differently since we have worked with you." No wonder this man loves his work.

Bill takes on jobs of all sizes, from consultations to huge projects, stubbornly refusing to be limited to high-end work for a few people. "I want to work together with all people who love gardens to spread this source of beauty around." Bill has worked with us securing gardens for our **EF Garden tours** in past years and many members have used his services. Bill will gladly give you names of referrals, if requested.

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