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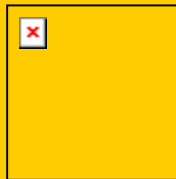
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*Tena Gallagher,
President*



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THIS MONTH'S BRANCH PROGRAM

GENERAL MEETING, MARCH 18

Technical and Societal Changes to Lessen the Coming Climate Changes

The March General Meeting at Shadow Hills Cabana, 1001 El Capitan Drive, Danville, Tuesday, March 18, will feature Lawrence Livermore Lab specialist Cyndi Atherton. Cyndi is an atmospheric scientist. Her expertise is in global modeling of a number of key atmospheric gases and aerosols, both from a climate and air quality perspective. She was a contributor to IPCC (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change), the organization that shared the Nobel Peace Prize with Al Gore last fall. Come join us for a "no charge" AAUW dinner meeting beginning at 5:30 P.M. for a social gathering at 6:00 P.M. for dinner. At 7:00 P.M. the public is welcome to attend. Bring a fruit or a vegetable, washed and sliced, to add to the vegetable and fruit salad. We will provide green lettuce, salad dressings, soup and bread.

Roseann Krane, Program Co-Vice-President

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Winter flowers are blooming and spring is near. The days are getting longer and I'm able to enjoy my favorite time of year with more sunshine. **March is full of fun things to do with your fellow branch members.**

2008 Holiday Home Tour initial planning meeting will be at Bagel St. Café in Danville on Monday, March 3 at 9:30 A.M. Consider being a part of this committee. Also on Monday, March 3 at 7:00p.m. at Shadow Hills Cabana join Congressman McNerney for a meet and greet with three local AAUW branches. Throughout the month of March, Great Decisions holds weekly discussion groups. See Page 2 for times and locations.

Friday, March 7 at 9:15 A.M. our **monthly board meeting** is held at Shadow Hills Cabana. Members are invited to attend. On Friday, March 14 at 9:30 A.M. **join me at the Bagel St. Café** in the Livery for our monthly coffee and conversation. **Expanding Your Horizons (EYH)** is on Saturday, March 15. Contact Dora-Thea Porter or Pat DeRensis today about volunteering. For more information, see **article on Page 6.**

Expand your knowledge about Global Warming at our Annual Meeting on

Tuesday, March 18. Elections will be held. Come and meet the slate of officers. We are having an easy salad pot luck starting at 5:30 P.M. at Shadow Hills Cabana (see article above) organized by Roseann Krane and Barbara Nexsen who have really provided us with some great programs this year. THANKS.

I will be visiting family in St. Thomas, V.I. so I'll miss **Beverly Lane** who is speaking to the San Ramon branch of AAUW on Thursday, March 27. Shadow Hills Cabana is the place to be at 7 P.M.

The **state convention for AAUW** is going to be in Rohnert Park, Friday, April 4---Sunday, April 6. See details at www.aauw-ca.org. Remember to look at our branch website www.aauw-da.org for local scholarship applications. Deadline is April 1. Finally, **our branch will be celebrating its 40th anniversary in 2009.** A celebration committee needs to be formed. Are you interested? It should be great fun looking through some of the old photos and making plans. Please let me know if you will help on this committee.

Tena Gallagher, President



A great opportunity exists
for two enthusiastic people!
Volunteer to be a
Program Vice President.



DANVILLE-ALAMO AAUW NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS -2008-2009

The Nominating Committee (Kathie Hixon and Gail Clark, Co-Chairs; Sandy Shalon, Cynthia Savell and Jacque Shubert; Alicia Jones, alternate) presents the slate of officers for 2008-09:

President	Tena Gallagher
Co-Presidents-Elect	Marian Bliss & Kathie Hixon
Secretary	Dora-Thea Porter
Treasurer	Jacque Schubert
Membership Co-Vice-Presidents	Rochelle Brown & Sharon Cohune
Program Vice-President	Open
EF Co-Vice-Presidents	Connie Cady & Mary Mix
LAF Co-Vice-Presidents	Susan Rogers & Cynthia Savell
Parliamentarian	Marian Bliss

WE NEED YOUR HELP... A GREAT OPPORTUNITY AWAITS!

Danville/Alamo AAUW Branch members: We are fortunate to have Tena Gallagher serve a second year as our branch president! She will continue as president for 2008-09. Tena has set high goals and created new ideas for our Branch this past year. We are currently putting together next year's board to support all her. We are looking for Program Vice-Presidents (2). Roseann Krane has done an outstanding job this year as program VP, changing the venue to restaurants and creating inspiring programs. Roseann has ideas for next year as well. We would love to have someone come forward and continue this effort. It usually takes two people; you could do it with a friend and create your own programs. What an Opportunity! Please contact: kathiehixon@comcast.net

GREAT DECISIONS

Great Decisions has had some great discussions and you are welcome to participate. We are completing their topic discussions this month - Please check your directory for addresses. E-mail Roseann at rkrane@yahoo.com for more information. The meeting schedule follows:

- 02/ 25 1:00 P.M. *Diplomacy*. Hosting: Sandy Hoffman
- 02/28 1:00 P.M. *Russia*. Hosting: Karen Campbell
- 03/03 7:30 P.M. *Russia*. Hosting: Judy Lauper
- 03/06 1:00 P.M. *U.S. Defense*. Hosting: Tena Gallagher
- 03/10 7:30 P.M. *U.S. Defense*. Hosting: Roseann Krane
- 03/13 1:00 P.M. *Latin America*. Hosting: Marilyn Milam
- 03/17 7:30 P.M. *Latin America*. Hosting: TBA
- 03/20 1:00 P.M. *U.S. - China*. Hosting: Bev Nidick
- 03/24 7:30 P.M. *U.S. - China*. Hosting: Anne Long
- 03/31 1:00 P.M. *U.S. - Foreign Aid*. Hosting: Sharon Cohune
- 03/31 7:30 P.M. *U.S. - Foreign Aid*. Hosting: TBA

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ART & GARDEN EVENT Friday, March 28, 9:30 A.M.

Join us on Friday, March 28, 2008, for a walking tour of San Francisco's historic Civic Center and City Hall. Explore a National Historic District and tour San Francisco's City Hall - its most beautiful building and a splendid example of Beaux Arts Design. The tour costs \$12.00 per person and lasts about 1.5 hours. Afterwards we'll lunch in San Francisco. We'll meet at 9:30 A.M. at the Sycamore Park n Ride or at the Alamo Safeway shopping center and carpool to catch the 10:05 A.M BART to the city. Once you sign up, the tour cost is non-refundable and rain does not cancel this event. For more information or to sign up, contact Jacque Schubert at 925-855-7002 or jacqueschubert@comcast.net. Hope to see you on March 28.

Jacque Schubert, Section Leader



*City Hall,
San Francisco*

NEW MEMBER HIGH TEA



Our New Member High Tea on January 19 was a great success. A big thanks to Lucrezia Mota and her family for welcoming us into their beautiful house. We hope to keep our new members' enthusiasm for our branch's activities building. If you are a long-time member, come to either the once-a-month Friday morning coffees at Bagel St. Café or the upcoming Wine Social at Alicia Jones' home on February 29. These two social events are both great ways to get to know our new members and encourage participating in what you love about AAUW.

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

JOINT AAUW BRANCH MEETING

WITH CONGRESSMAN JERRY MCNERNEY

Monday March 3, 2008, 7:00 P.M.,

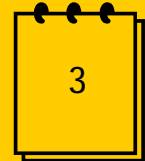
Shadow Hills Cabana,

1001 El Capitan Drive, Danville

Our branch members are invited to a meeting with Congressman McNerney to hear updates from Washington D.C. and to ask questions about AAUW interests and make our wishes known. We have invited the San Ramon and Livermore-Pleasanton-Dublin AAUW branches to join us for this important meeting. Congressman McNerney has a 100% rating from AAUW on issues of concern to AAUW and women generally according to national AAUW, so we hope to have an interested and sizeable group assembled to hear and question him. For more Congressional voting records, look online at www.aauw.org.

We will provide decaf coffee and tea. Each branch is encouraged to bring some cookies.

*Cynthia Savell
Public Policy*



*JOINT AAUW
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AAUW GARDEN TOUR MAY 9 & 10

Spend a day experiencing the lushly planted backyard gardens of seven exceptional homes in Danville, Alamo and Blackhawk. Our eighth annual garden tour will be held on Friday, May 9, and Saturday, May 10, (Mother's Day Weekend).

We need your help more than ever! Can you hand out flyers? Serve as an attendant at one of the gardens? Bake some cookies or provide other refreshments? Attend the event with all of your friends! Your help would be immensely appreciated. Please contact your EF Co-VP's Connie Cady, 743-0517, or Mary Mix, 831-1784, with the wonderful news that you can help!

All proceeds benefit AAUW's Educational Foundation (EF) - the heart and soul of AAUW. EF funds ground-breaking research, and supports aspiring scholars around the globe, teachers and activists in local communities, women at critical stages of their careers, and those pursuing professions where women are underrepresented.

*Connie Cady and Mary Mix
EF Co-Vice-Presidents*



THE RECIPE FOR SUCCESS

Over the years I have belonged to several gourmet cooking clubs and I love nothing better than making a wonderful meal to share with friends and family. When you love what you do, you're driven to always give your best efforts. Whether it's in the kitchen, in business, or life itself, I believe **this is a recipe that can always ensure success.** Indeed, this recipe for success has become my trademark in my real estate career.

After making several corporate relocations with my own family, I decided to put my experience, as well as my marketing degree to work by helping other families through this emotional time in their lives. As a mother of three, I know first-hand

how difficult moving is on a family, which is why I always strive to make the transition as smooth as possible for my clients.

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CAREER DEVELOPMENT GRANTS AWARDED in the SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA

The AAUW Educational Foundation (EF) offers Career Development Grants to support women who hold a bachelor's degree and who are preparing to advance their careers, change careers, or re-enter the work force. In the 2007-08 academic year, five such awards were made to women studying in the San Francisco Bay Area.

Jessica Carter (MBA -UC Davis) plans to specialize in market-based solutions to social challenges. She is particularly interested in increasing diversity and community development initiatives in the private sector. After earning a bachelor's degree in sociology, she worked in organizational development and young women's leadership programming in the nonprofit sector prior to returning to school.

Since 2005, **April Grayson** (MFA - San Francisco Art Institute) has served as documentary educator for the William Winter Institute for Racial Reconciliation at the University of Mississippi. With a master's degree, she plans to teach at a college or university, focusing on the intersection of art and issues of social justice. Her short films have been shown in festivals in the United States, Canada, Europe, and Africa.

Carrie Guerrero (BA - Sonoma State) will earn a multiple-subject teaching credential with a bilingual emphasis and plans to teach in a K-8 immersion school in her hometown of Windsor, California. She holds a bachelor's degree in sociology from Sonoma State University.

Ashley Huddleston's (MSW - UC Berkeley) anthropological perspective has fostered a curiosity about human beings and their experiences and trained her to observe without judgment. She applied this framework as the director of a program for homeless women with mental health and addiction problems. She plans to develop clinical skills and programs that focus on the assets, rather than the deficiencies, of social service recipients.

A former elementary school teacher, **Deborah Richardi** (MA - San Jose State) is embarking on a new career as an adult English-as-a-second-language instructor in

the United States or abroad. She presently substitute teaches at an adult school in San Mateo, California, that primarily serves immigrants from Guatemala, El Salvador, and Mexico.

We appreciate your continued support of AAUW's Educational Foundation. Please help us with a contribution of your time and talents toward the eighth annual AAUW Garden Tour to be held May 9 and 10. We will need attendants, refreshments and tour participants! A few hours of your time yields many dollars toward EF.

Please contact your EF Co-VP's Connie Cady at 743-0517 or Mary Mix at 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



Equal Pay Day is coming on April 22, and AAUW needs to make this the biggest Equal Pay Day yet. To prepare to mobilize AAUW branches for Equal Pay Day, we will hold a conference call. The topic for this discussion will be creative, effective ways our branch could use Equal Pay Day to advance this policy objective. Public Policy and Government Relations Director Lisa Maatz, and Field Director Seth Chase will give a legislative update and describe actions our branch can plan to advance this policy objective. All AAUW branch public policy chairs nationwide are invited to listen in on the conference call, which will be Wednesday, February 27, from 5 - 6 P.M. More details will be in the April *Advocate*.

California State Superintendent of Instruction Jack O'Connell has announced that each child in public school will have the same tracking number that will follow him/her from entry into the school system to his/her exit as a high school senior. This allows schools to follow the student's progress throughout the California system, noting exceptional abilities and enabling counselors to further guide the student in choice of an academic career, or to track problems in school, helping the schools to get timely counseling aid for that student. This should be a needed benefit to students who might otherwise fall through the cracks of the vast state education institution.

AAUW applauds the House of Representatives for passing the **College Opportunity and Affordability Act (HR 4137)** where such priorities as year-round Pell grants, expanded SMART grant eligibility for part-time students, and improvements to the campus-based child-care program will assist non-traditional students as they struggle to make their college dreams a reality. HR 4137 also includes important provisions to increase women's representation in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) fields by bolstering student interest, improving teacher recruitment and training, and funding a campaign to expand the population of qualified individuals in STEM fields by specifically analyzing factors that limit the participation of women and minorities. In addition, the bill creates the Patsy Mink Graduate Fellowship Program, named in honor of former Congresswoman Patsy Mink (D - HI), a primary force behind Title IX, and an AAUW member.

For information on the newly released Congressional Voting Record for the 110th Congress, First Session, you can look online at www.aauw.org. The voting record is part of AAUW's Voter Education Campaign, which includes Woman-to-Woman Voter Turnout in the 2008 Election.

Cynthia Savell
Public Policy

EYH IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER—MARCH 15 EXPANDING YOUR HORIZONS (EYH) The Science & Math Conference for Girls

Brochures have been delivered to the schools in the SRVSD and registration opened "online" on February 13. Our branch, Danville-Alamo AAUW, has participated for over 30 years in this career fair/science expo and we are signing up volunteers now to assist as workshop monitors at this 2008 EYH Conference. New this year will be the location and scope. **It takes place at the new Diablo Valley College-San Ramon Campus in San Ramon** on March 15 and will be limited to 300 girls in grades 6 through 9. Eleven 90-minute workshops are planned for 9:30 A.M., 11:00 A.M., and 1:15 P.M. giving the girls several opportunities to attend their chosen workshops. Also, there will be an adult program for parents on college planning. If you are able to volunteer, please contact us and tell us you are interested. E-mail Dora-Thea at dtporter@comcast.net or Pat at paderensis@comcast.net. We look forward to hearing from you.

Dora-Thea Porter & Pat DeRensis
EYH Co-Chairs

*HR 4137 includes
provisions to increase
women's representation
in STEM fields!*



*March 15 volunteer
opportunities available
at EYH career fair and
science expo!*

MARCH CALENDAR

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

- 3/07 9:15 *Board Meeting.* Tena Gallagher, President. The Shadow Hills Cabana, 1001 El Capitan Drive, Danville.
- 3/09 1:00 *Golf.* Rossmoor, 9 holes. Contact Nadine Rosenzweig at 487-1774 or Maryanne Cucchiaro at 785-4915.
- 3/12 7:30 *Evening Bridge.* Hosting—Roberta Black at 820-8847.
- 3/14 9:30 *Month Coffee Get-Together.* Bagel St. Café, Livery
- 3/14 7:30 *Cinema 1.* Hosting—Judy Lauper at 831-0156. Film to be decided.
- 3/14 7:30 *Oscar 1. In Bruges.* Hosting—Susan Terzuoli at 820-9071.
- 3/17 10:00 *Daytime Bridge.* Contact Mary Kay Anderson.
- 3/24 9:30 *Daytime Duplicate Bridge.* Contact Roberta Brenner.
- 3/25 7:30 *Evening Literature. Love in the Time of Cholera* by Gabriel Garcia Marquez. Hosting—Karen Campbell at 736-6727.
- 3/27 9:30 *Daytime Literature.* Contact Lynne Heyne.
- 3/28 9:30 *Art & Garden.* San Francisco Civic Center and City Hall walking tour. See Page 3 for details.

2007-08 BRANCH PROGRAMS

- 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 ——— 87th 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

**SAVE THE DATE:
APRIL 14, 2 P.M. SHADOW HILLS
REVEALING SOME SECRETS OF NORTHERN ITALIAN CUISINE**

Judy Hay Pochini, our former Branch member was Co-Editor 1995-1997 for the ADVOCATE. Her just published memoir/cookbook, *The Frittata Affair: Adventures in Four-Star Dining at Home*, was started when we were in Gus Slavin's Writer's Interest Group. She will talk about the Northern Italian cuisine and demonstrate some of the techniques. Reception will follow.

Caroline Sanchez

For details and updates on the 2007-08 Branch Programs, see our web site at:
<http://www.aauw-da.org/program.html>

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