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*Tena Gallagher,  
President*



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## SEPTEMBER BRANCH PROGRAM

### Membership Brunch

**Saturday, September 6, 9:30 A.M. at Crow Canyon Country Club, Danville**

Come renew acquaintances, sign up for interest groups including four new ones, donate and purchase used books, meet potential branch members and Tech Trekkers, and listen to a lively speaker at our **Membership Brunch on Saturday, September 6**, at Crow Canyon Country Club from 9:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. This is our time to celebrate our branch's accomplishments and revive our friendships.

Our guest speaker this year is Jane Massengill. Jane is a therapist, life coach, and director of The Gremlin Taming Institute. She will guide you in learning to quiet the monster of the mind and tap into your true essence. You will leave with some tangible skills for precisely what to do when that misery-maker comes around, freeing you up to pursue your passions and achieve your dreams. She is sure to be an inspiration to us all!

We ask that you make your reservation as early as possible. We hope that you will bring a friend(s) and/or potential member(s). Please send in the form that is attached to the flyer which has been inserted with this Advocate along with your check for \$25 made out to Danville-Alamo AAUW by **August 30**; for late reservations send a check for \$30.00 until **September 3**.



The form is also available on **Page 10** of the web version of *The Advocate* at [www.aauw-da.org](http://www.aauw-da.org).  
Questions? **Sharon Cohune (925) 648-5153**, or [sfcohune@comcast.net](mailto:sfcohune@comcast.net)

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

WOW- can you believe that this summer is almost over? I hope that you had a good time and many great memories. John and I went on a 3700-mile motorcycle trip for two weeks in July to the BMW Motorcycle Owners National Rally in Gillette, WY. While we enjoyed the time away, I don't see any reason to ever go back to Gillette!!

A thank you goes to Marcia and Herb Steinhardt for opening up their beautiful home and garden to us for our June installation party. Through all of our hard work at the last Holiday Home Tour, we were able to give five large scholarships to local deserving young women.

Our membership chairs, Sharon Cohune

and Jeanne Chiodo, have planned the best membership brunch for you on **Saturday, September 6**, so get your check in NOW. We will be at Crow Canyon Country Club again this year where Jane Massengil will be our speaker.

**Bring a friend to brunch:** Research shows that the most effective way for membership organizations to grow is through members who bring new individuals into the organization. Introduce a friend to AAUW and our Danville-Alamo Branch at our **Membership Brunch!!** There, they will be able to find out about the goals of AAUW as well as discover the many interest groups that will be represented on that day.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Membership growth can be achieved by giving recent college graduates **free AAUW membership**. My daughter graduated in May and I gave her a free at-large membership since she is not yet sure where she will be living. Expose your daughter, granddaughter, niece, or friend to the power that comes from belonging to a national women-led organization of more than 100,000 members who believe in advancing equity and education for all women and girls. Sharon or Jeanne can complete the form and send it to the Association.

Our program co-chairs, Carole Allen and Nancy Murray, have worked hard to get programs scheduled throughout the year. Hear about them at the Membership Brunch and reserve the third Tuesday of each month for our branch meetings except for December.

Cynthia Savell and Susan Rogers are finalizing plans for **Michael Terhost** to speak on **Tuesday, November 18**, for a fundraising dinner. Mr. Terhost is the attorney who successfully sued Feather River College on behalf of three litigants who were unfairly fired and were supported by our Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF).

Kathie Hixon and I are finalizing our last homes for the **Holiday Home Tour** on Friday and Saturday, December 12 & 13. If you have any friends who really love to decorate for the holidays and would like to show it to others, please contact either of us. And save those dates!!

Our Co-Presidents Elect, Kathie Hixon and Marian Bliss, are working on several **new special interest groups** that members have suggested. Sign-ups will be at the beginning of the Membership Brunch. We are looking for chairs for the following sections: Financial Education, Health and Wellness, Painting, Photography, and Writer's Group. Please contact Kathie or Marian to volunteer.

Exactly one year ago, your board decided that we would forge ahead into the 21<sup>st</sup> century and start emailing the Advocate. We have saved over \$1000 to date. But I have one concern: How many of you are downloading it and then can't find it on your computer or never look at it again? If that is the case, I offer my service and the services of several other board members to personally assist you through downloading and figuring out a simple way to save it so that it is easily retrieved. Contact me to come over and work with you on your computer. Don't miss out on branch activities by "losing" your *Advocate*.

*Tena Gallagher*, President

## EYH IS COMING EARLY IN 2009

Let's do it again for our Junior High girls! Expand Your Horizons (EYH) will be earlier than last year—on **Saturday, February 28**. It will be at the same location—the new Diablo Valley College campus in San Ramon. We will need about 30 volunteers to cover approximately 15 sessions to be scheduled from 9:00 to 2:30. Saying you are interested at our September Membership Brunch is not too soon!

Look for our sign-up sheet at our EYH table. See you there.

## ADVOCATE DEADLINE

Deadline for submission of articles to be published in the October newsletter is **September 15**. E-mail your articles, announcements or notices to Marge Christiansen at [christensendan5@aol.com](mailto:christensendan5@aol.com) and Cheryl Kohleriter at [cherylkohleriter@yahoo.com](mailto:cherylkohleriter@yahoo.com).



**BRANCH SOCIAL - FRIDAY, AUGUST 29**

Catch up with your AAUW friends and learn of their summer activities. Everyone, including spouses, partners and prospective members, is invited.

Friday, August 29, from 5:30 - 7:30 P.M.  
Mary and Greg Mix's home at 255 Morris Ranch Court.

Please RSVP to Mary at 831-1784  
Please bring a bottle of wine or an appetizer to share.

**MILLS COLLEGE TECH TREK CAMPER GOES TO JUNIOR OLYMPICS**

Among the eight Tech Trek campers that Danville-Alamo sent to the Mills College campus last year was a local runner, Kyla Aiuto of Danville. Kyla is now a freshman at Monte Vista High School and has qualified for the USA Track and Field Junior Olympics, which will be held in Omaha, Nebraska. Cheryl Kohleriter, last year's Tech Trek chair and a dormitory mom at Mills College the summer of '07, reports that Kyla ran daily while at camp.

Kyla's 4x800 relay team won the qualifiers with a 10:13:69 and is ranked eighth nationally. Kyla is just one example of the impressive group of girls that our branch sends to Mills Tech Trek camp each year. Several of the girls that attended camp this year will be speaking and sharing their camp experiences at the Membership Brunch on September 6. Do come to hear them.

*Bev Nidick*, Tech Trek Chair

**A NOTE OF APPRECIATION FROM JO HARBERTSON**

June 7, 2008

Connie Cady and Mary Mix  
Educational Foundation Co-Chairs  
Danville, CA 94526

Dear Connie and Mary

Thank you and all the members of the branch for the wonderful donation to my new R&P grant. I'm touched by your generosity in giving the money and in designating it to my grant.

I'm sure you know that the faster the grant is funded the sooner we may help another deserving woman with a career development grant or fund a project to make a community a better place to live.

If there is room, please publish this letter in the next issue of the *Advocate* so that all the members will know how honored I am by the designation.

Jo Harberson



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*AUGUST*  
special event



**MARY KAY ANDERSON: A Fifty-Year AAUW Member**

I was born and raised in Berkeley, California. The first two years of college were at Denison University in Ohio. I graduated from UC Berkeley in 1943 and enjoyed several years' membership in AAUW's Recent Graduate Group in Berkeley. At one point I was president of that group.

I worked in San Francisco for five years, met my future husband "Andy" and we were married in 1946. Employment took us to Baton Rouge, Louisiana, in 1949 and our two girls were born there. Connie lives in Benicia, married with two boys. I have a great-grandson, two-years old. Shelley lives in San Diego and heads her own advertising company. I belonged to AAUW in Baton Rouge, but was not very active.

Our employer, Kaiser Aluminum and Chemical Co., transferred us back to California in 1963. That was a great help as my mother, who still lived in the family home in Berkeley, needed assistance. I joined Walnut Creek AAUW and then was a founding member of the Danville-Alamo Branch. I was on the local board in the early 70's. My Andy died in 1972, and I worked at Bullocks after that until it closed. I resumed my AAUW activities and have been head of the daytime bridge group for several years.

*Mary Kay Anderson*

*"I joined Walnut Creek AAUW and then was a founding member of the Danville-Alamo branch."*

**DIRECTORY UPDATE**

The Directory is being updated so please send in any changes to your address or email. If you want a new photo in the directory, please send a digital copy. If you want one taken, email or call Roseann Krane, [rkrane@yahoo.com](mailto:rkrane@yahoo.com), 925-552-9799. Roseann will be taking these photos the Membership Brunch. The Deadline updates for the directory is September 15.

**AFTERNOON GREAT DECISIONS**

The Afternoon Great Decisions Group, one of AAUW Interest Groups, meets every-other month when we are not discussing the topics from the Foreign Policy Association's Great Decisions booklet. If you are interested in reading good books about U.S. foreign policies, about other countries' actions, about globalization/global warming/ecologically sound practices, and about interesting people from history, join us at one of our meetings.



For complete details, see Page 9 of the web version of *The Advocate* at [www.aauw-da.org](http://www.aauw-da.org).

**ART & GARDEN**

Meet at 10:30 A.M. and join us on **Saturday, September 20**, for a 1:30 P.M. tour of the rustic nursery and demonstration gardens at the **Morningsun Herb Farm in Vacaville**. The owner, Rose Loveall, will personally give us our guided tour. Morningsun is a retail nursery selling herbs and perennials and has a small gift shop. You can get a preview of what we'll see at [www.morningsunherbfarm.com](http://www.morningsunherbfarm.com) as well as some interesting recipes for using herbs.

*Jacque Schubert,*  
Section Leader



For complete details, see Page 9 of the web version of *The Advocate* at [www.aauw-da/org](http://www.aauw-da/org).

**WELCOME NEW MEMBER**

Loretta Altshuler  
Harlean L'Engle  
Jacqueline (Jacky) Wu

**WOMEN OF DISTINCTION**

**National Conference for College Women Student Leaders**

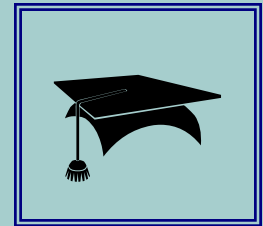
Held annually in conjunction with the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders presented by AAUW and NASPA, the Women of Distinction program pays tribute to women leaders who have made extraordinary accomplishments in their professions or their communities. The women highlighted are leaders in their fields, innovators of unique programs and services, and prime examples of lifelong commitments to promoting equity for women and girls everywhere.

The year's conference was held June 5-7 and drew more than 500 students from across the nation to Georgetown University in Washington, DC. The 2008 Women of Distinction Awardees are Kimberly Dozier, correspondent, CBS News; Majora Carter, founder, Sustainable South Bronx; Evelyn "Pat" Foote, retired brigadier general, U.S. Army; Maya Ajmera, founder and president, The Global Fund for Children; and Jovita Carranza, deputy administrator, U.S. Small Business Administration.

The Women of Distinction program not only honors excellence, but also ingenuity and the ability to overcome barriers that still exist for women. Women selected for this honor represent a number of different professional fields and the diversity of personal characteristics and life experiences of women.

With their commitment to women, international issues, and public service, these women serve as role models for us all.

To learn more about the AAUW and NASPA (Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education) National Conference for College Women Student Leaders, including highlights from this year's conferences and AAUW and NASPA's 2008 Women of Distinction Award recipients, visit <http://www.nccwsl.org/>.



*Connie Cady*  
EF Co-Vice-President

Interest Group Leaders

See Page 9 for a special note from Kathie Hixon regarding sign ups!

**NEW THIS YEAR**



When you see this icon next to an announcement, it tells you that full details are available in the expanded electronic version of our newsletter, *The Advocate* at [www.aauw-da.org](http://www.aauw-da.org).

**CHECK IT OUT!**

**FALL BRUNCH INTEREST GROUP SIGN-UPS**

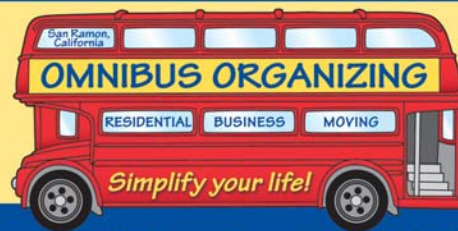
Our kick-off is the time when we examine and join new and existing interest groups for the upcoming year. A list of some of these groups with more specific details is available on Page 10 of the web version of *The Advocate* at [www.aauw-da.org](http://www.aauw-da.org).



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**JANE TRITTIPO MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP - A SPECIAL THANK YOU**

Dear AAUW Danville-Alamo,

I would like to say thank you to all of the women in AAUW Danville-Alamo Branch for making scholarships a possibility for college women like me. It is an honor to be recognized by an organization with such noble intentions.

I am amazed at how accomplished and inspiring all of the awardees are, as well as the diversity of passions. I am honored to not only be a part of such an outstanding group of university women, but also to have been chosen for the Jane Trittipio Scholarship. From what I have read about Jane, she was an exceptional leader, and author. From what I have heard about Jane, she was a loyal friend. To follow a similar path of leadership and caring would be a great accomplishment.

My scholarship will be of immense help over these next three semesters, and the microwave cookbook is exactly what any college student needs. This has made a great contribution to my education. I can't thank you all enough.

Sincerely,  
*Ashley Williams*



**GOURMET GROUP VISITS PORTUGAL**

Gourmet Travelers share their knowledge of a world place through discussion and photos as well as experience fun foods from around the world. **Menus and recipes will be prepared by members participating and all will share in the costs.** Dinners are only three times a year and diners may bring a friend or spouse. Enjoy fun food experiences by joining our group.

**Gourmet Travelers are going to Portugal** on September 13. Portugal is rich in the tradition of food. From fish and crustaceans to cheeses and wines, Portugal is famed for its many unique foods.

Join us in tasting their foods and discussing the country and the places traveled in Portugal. Recipes can be located at <http://www.aauw-da.org/gourmet/Portugal/> RSVP by emailing [rkrane@yahoo.com](mailto:rkrane@yahoo.com) or calling 925-552-9799.

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## SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

- 8/22 9:15 *Board Meeting*. Tena Gallagher, President. Shadow Hills Cabana, 1001 El Capitan Drive, Danville.
- 8/29 5:30 *Branch Social*. Hosting: Mary and Greg Mix at 837-1784. Details on Page 3.
- 9/06 9:30 *FALL MEMBERSHIP BRUNCH*. Crow Canyon Country Club, 711 Silver Lake Drive, Danville. Details on Page 1.
- 9/10 7:30 *Evening Bridge*. Contact Barbara Nexsen at 837-9625.
- 9/12 9:30 *Monthly Coffee Get-Together*. Bagel Street Café, Livery.
- 9/12 7:30 *Oscar 1. Bottle Shock*. Hosting: Judy Benedict at 831-3483.
- 9/12 7:30 *Cinema 1. Elegy and Bottle Shock*. Hosting: Pat Foley at 831-1723.
- 9/13 6:30 *Traveling Gourmets*. Contact Roseann Krane at 552-9799.
- 9/13 TBA *Golf*. For time and place, contact Nadine Rosenzweig at 487-1774 or Maryanne Cucchiari at 785-4915.
- 9/15 10:00 *Daytime Bridge*. Contact Mary Kay Anderson at 837-6902.
- 9/16 1:00 *Great Decisions*. Hosting: Jeanine Makely at jdmakely@sbcglobal.net. Details on Page 4.
- 9/16 7:30 *Evening Literature. Loving Frank: A Novel* by Nancy Horan. Hosting: Pat DeRensis at 837-5044.
- 9/20 10:30 *Art & Garden*. Trip to *Morningsun Herb Farm* in Vacaville. Hosting: Beth Clark at 484-3282. Details on Page 4.
- 9/22 9:30 *Daytime Duplicate Bridge*. Contact Roseann Krane at 552-9799.
- 9/25 9:30 *Daytime Literature. Teams of Rivals*. Hosting: Marianne Gagen at 837-

## 2008-09 BRANCH PROGRAMS

- 9/6 9:30 Membership Brunch, Crow Canyon Country Club.
- 10/21 6:00 League of Women Voters speaking. Joint meeting with San Ramon. Dinner meeting at Shadow Hills catered by De Mings.
- 10/26 11:30 Northern CA Educational Foundation (EF) luncheon, Crow Canyon Country Club.
- 11/18 6:00 Michael Terhost, Legal Advocacy Foundation (LAF) speaker.
- 12/12 & 13 11-4 Annual Holiday Home Tour. (Local Scholarship & Tech Trek benefit).
- 12/13 6:00 Holiday Party.
- 1/20 TBA Guest speaker: Joan Morris, Contra Costa Times columnist. Shadow Hills.
- 2/17 6:00 Educational Fellow Speaker—Dinner Meeting, Scott's. Joint meeting with DKG and Pleasant Hill.
- 2/28 9-3 EYH Expand Your Horizons—DVC-San Ramon Campus, San Ramon.
- March TBA *Twelve Angry Women* (LAF benefit).
- 4/21 TBA Guest speaker: Loy Volkman. Shadow Hills.
- 4/24 - 4/26 ——— 88<sup>th</sup> AAUW—CA Convention, San Diego.
- 5/8 & 5/9 10-4 Annual Garden Tour (EF benefit).
- 5/19 TBA Open.
- 6/16 6:00 Installation & Awards Presentations.
- 6/26 to 6/28 ——— National AAUW Convention, St. Louis, MO.

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For details and updates on the 2008-09 Branch Programs, see our web site at: <http://www.aauw-da.org/program.html>

## September 06, 2008



*President's Used Book Sale*



*Membership Brunch*



*Special Interest Groups*



*Tech Trek*



*Guest Speaker*

By joining AAUW, you belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women have a fair chance.

