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FEBRUARY BRANCH PROGRAM A JOINT MEETING MEET LINJUN FAN, INTERNATIONAL FELLOW

Join us on February 17 to meet Linjun Fan, EF International Fellow. With support from the AAUW Educational Foundation, Linjun Fan will soon complete her M.A. in Journalism at UC Berkeley. In August, Linjun filmed and edited video stories on the Beijing Olympics for the website of McClatchy Newspapers. Her major story featured swimmer Michael Phelps. She also interviewed volunteers at the games and followed an American sports columnist's adventure in Beijing, among other assignments.

In 2007, Linjun created *Albany Today*, a community news website where she has produced more than a hundred news stories, photos, and video clips for local residents in Albany, CA. The successful website is used as a model by the Journalism School of UC Berkeley for training students and providing community services.

Linjun grew up in the countryside in the People's Republic of China. Conquering poverty and the lack of educational resources, she graduated from China's top university and has worked for two renowned news agencies. Through her work in journalism, she plans to promote the well-being of disadvantaged people in China.

Hear more about Linjun's experiences on Tuesday, February 17, in the Garden Room of Scott's Restaurant, Walnut Creek. Social time begins at 5:30 P.M. with an open bar. The meeting begins promptly at 6:00 P.M. This is a joint meeting with Delta Kappa Gamma (DKG) Society, a professional honor society of women educators, along with the Pleasant Hill branch, and the Danville-Alamo branch of AAUW.

DINNER MENU

Imperial Salmon with mascarpone cheese and spinach in a leek and lemon cream sauce.

-or-

Sliced Chicken Sienna with wild mushrooms, leeks and fontina cheese in a toasted poppy seed-dijon beurre blanc.

DESSERT

Fresh lemon tart, coffee or tea

Please **RSVP by February 9**, with a check made out to **DKG for \$32**. Mark your dinner choice of chicken or salmon on the check and mail to:

DKG/AAUW Reservations
Denise Dolan
P. O. Box 551
Alamo, CA 94507

Roseann Krane



Linjun Fan
AAUW EF International Fellow

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



*Tena Gallagher,
President*

The Foreign Policy Association sponsors **Great Decisions Global Affairs Education Program** that many members of our branch have participated in during the past years. It's taking place during the months of February and March so look for more information about this interest group on Page 3 of this newsletter.

Sharon Cohune, our membership vice president, has organized our **new and prospective member tea** for Saturday, February 7, at 2:00 P.M. at Dianne Tinnés's home. If you know of someone you think might like to join us, please call Sharon immediately.

Our **Educational Foundation (EF) dinner** will be at Scott's on Tuesday, February 17, so get your reservations in.

Dora-Thea Porter and Pat DeRensis still need volunteers for middle-school girls **Expanding Your Horizon** all-day conference at DVC- San Ramon campus on Saturday, February 28.

There are two upcoming events sponsored by AAUW that I hope you will attend with me:

The Fremont branch of AAUW is joining One Book, One Community Read Program, and Pennies for Peace to sponsor **Greg Mortenson**, author of *Three Cups of Tea*, on March 3 at 7:30 P.M. at Diamond Palace, 4100 Peralta Blvd, Fremont. Tickets are available for \$10 at www.aauwfremontbranch.org. Click on the

link at the top of the page.

Join us to celebrate **International Women's Day with AAUW and CARE** by viewing "**A POWERFUL NOISE Live!**" On Thursday, March 5, at 8:00 P.M. in honor of *International Women's Day*, "**A POWERFUL NOISE Live!**" will appear in 450 movie theatres across the country including Century Walnut Creek 14. This one-night event will feature the acclaimed documentary followed by a *live* town hall discussion broadcast from New York City. Panelists include model, filmmaker and CARE advocate for maternal health Christy Turlington Burns and Pulitzer Prize-winning author, journalist, and New York Times columnist Nicholas Kristof, CARE President and CEO Dr. Helene Gayle, and more.

Remember to mark your calendars for Saturday night, **March 14, Women Speak Out: An Evening of Monologues.** More details will be in the March newsletter.

Contact Roseann Krane if you are not receiving e-mail notices of the posting of our monthly newsletter.

I hope to see you at some of the important events that I have listed above. Let's advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education and research.

*Tena Gallagher,
President*

OKTOBERFEST

Saturday, October 10, 2009

Mark your calendars for our 40th anniversary celebration as a branch. We will celebrate with dinner, spirits, old friends and new, and take a stroll down memory lane. Anyone wishing to help with invitations, decor, set-up, music, history review, or PowerPoint presentation, should contact Kathie Hixon at kathiehixon@comcast.net or Cheryl Kohleriter at cherylkohleriter@yahoo.com.

*Kathie Hixon and Cheryl Kohleriter
Event Co-Chairs*

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GREAT DECISIONS 2009

Great Decisions begins this month! This annual discussion group will meet for eight weeks during February and March to discuss topics pertaining to foreign affairs. Great Decisions is America's longest standing global affairs education program and is the centerpiece of the longest-running civic education program in the United States devoted to foreign affairs.

The 2009 edition features articles on U.S. and rising powers, Afghanistan/Pakistan, energy and the global economy, The Arctic, Egypt in the 21st Century, global food supply, Cuba after Castro, and universal human rights.

Danville-Alamo AAUW Great Decisions Groups are open to all members and their guests. Join our group by emailing Joan Ward at jaward@pacbell.net, Martha Slavin at marthaslavin@sbcglobal.net, or Roseann Krane at rkrane@yahoo.com to be put on the list.

We have two groups: Daytime group meets on Tuesdays at 1:00 P.M. beginning February 3 and the evening group meets on Mondays at 7:30 P.M. starting on February 2. Each meets once a week for eight weeks in February and March. Men are invited to attend the evening program.

*Joan Ward, Martha Slavin, and Roseann Krane
Section Leaders*



Night group meets on Mondays
7:30 P.M. - 9:30 P.M.

Day group meets on Tuesdays
1:00 P.M. - 3:00 P.M.

02/02: Host: Joan Ward at 837-0203.
02/09: Host: Anne Long at 831-8649.
02/16: Host: Sandy Shalon at 736-9798.
02/23: Host: Judy Lauper at 831-0156.
03/02: Host: Sandy Hoffman at 837-8759.
03/09: Host: TBA
03/16: Host: TBA
03/23: Host: TBA

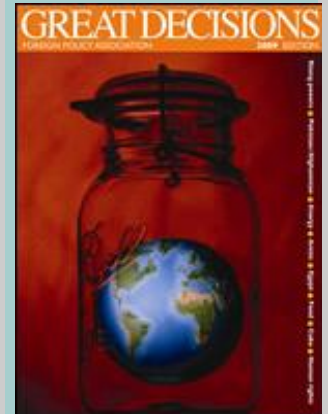
02/03: Host: Gus Slavin at 736-8399.
02/10: Host: LaVonne Lynch at 735-3432.
02/17: Host: Marian Bliss at 820-4709.
02/24: Host: Barbara Critchlow at 287-1543.
03/03: Host: Carol Varian at 314-1876.
03/10: Host: Merilyn Milam at 837-3576.
03/17: Host: Tena Gallagher at 837-0826.
03/24: Host: Cheryl Kohleriter at 820-6158.

EXPANDING YOUR HORIZONS (EYH) THIS MONTH ON FEBRUARY 28

Yes, the annual Tri-Valley EYH Math and Science day has arrived. It is happening Saturday, February 28, at the new DVC-San Ramon campus, 1690 Watermill Rd., San Ramon. Brochures were distributed at the end of January and registration for the workshops is open until February 20. If you know any girls attending grades 6-9 in the SRVUSD who might be interested, they can obtain conference information at <http://tveyh.org/> as well as from their school office. Further information is available from the national EYH web site at <http://www.expandingyourhorizons.org/>.

We look forward to a great inspiring day at the career fair and the many interesting workshops that have been scheduled. Our branch is providing the workshop monitors and we still have some slots available for those of you who wish to volunteer, but haven't gotten around to it yet. Just give me a call at 837-8064 or dtporter@comcast.net or Pat DeRensis at 837-5044 or paderensis@comcast.net. We look forward to hearing from you.

*Dora-Thea Porter & Pat DeRensis
EYH Co-Chairs*



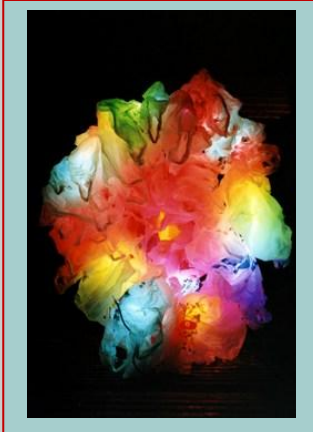
ART & GARDEN EVENT
Wednesday, February 4, 11:00 A.M.

Our first event in 2009 is close to home! "Illuminated Sculptures" is being shown at the Bedford Gallery in Walnut Creek. Cultures and religions worldwide hold celebrations of light during winter's short dark days. **The Bedford Gallery will join in the tradition with an innovative exhibition of luminous work guest curated by Christian Schiess, author, artist, and chair of the Light Art Department at the Crucible, the Bay Area's only non-profit sculpture foundry.** The exhibit will showcase sculptures using a variety of forms of illumination, including gases, incandescent light and emerging mediums like laser, plasma, fiber optics and light-emitting diodes.

We will attend "Art Morning" at 11:00 A.M. where Schiess and exhibiting artists will provide a fascinating presentation on the evolution and breadth of the light art field. Admission is \$7 per person and includes gallery admission. We will lunch afterwards in Walnut Creek at the Vietnamese Restaurant, Huynh, at 1512 Locust St.

Danville attendees will meet at 10:20 A.M. and carpool from the Sycamore Park 'N Ride. Alamo attendees will meet at 10:20 A.M. and carpool from the Alamo Safeway parking lot. It will be fun to learn about a new, emerging art form showcased in our own backyard. Contact Jacque Schubert at 925-855-7002 or jacqueschubert@comcast.net.

Jacque Schubert
Section Leader



Cornucopia, 2008
Neon and plastic bags
 Bill Concannon

TRAVEL GROUP

The Travel Group meeting to discuss plans for the upcoming trips to Santa Fe Opera and Ashland's Shakespeare Festival is Wednesday, February 18 at 7:00 P.M. at the home of Elaine Reisert. Please RSVP at 820-0288.

Marcia Steinhardt
Section Leader

HIKING GROUP

Please put Saturday, February 14 (Valentine's Day), on your calendar for our next hike. Stay tuned for more details via e-mail. If you are not on our hiking list and would like to be, please e-mail kathiehixon@comcast.net.

Kathie Hixon
Section Leader

WINE GROUP

There will be no meeting of the Wine Group in February.

Alicia Jones
Section Leader



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IN MEMORIAM: LETITIA CORUM, 1935-2009 AAUW CA CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

We are sad to report that an important figure in AAUW, Letitia Corum, passed away on January 3 from pancreatic cancer. Letitia was a member of AAUW since 1987 and held many positions on branch, state, and national committees and boards during her years of membership. She will be sorely and sadly missed. A list of her achievements is included in an article posted on the AAUW CA website at www.aauw-ca.org. The **Letitia Corum Memorial Fund** will be used for printing and distributing the next AAUW research report about women and girls in STEM (science, technology, engineering and math), scheduled to be published next January. Contributions should be sent directly to AAUW EF. Write "Letitia Corum Memorial Fund #4329" on the memo line of your check.



Letitia Corum

NEW MOVIE GROUP FORMING

Movie Group 3 is forming! If you are interested, please contact Kathie Hixon at kathiehixon@comcast.net. This group is for spouses, singles, young, and young-at-heart. We will meet once-a-month, share opinions and viewpoints. What a great way to stay current with recent cinema released.

Kathie Hixon

WRITER'S GROUP

AAUW Writer's Workshop will meet for the last time on February 12 from 1:00 P.M. - 3:00 P.M. at the home of Caroline Sanchez, A total of eight writers have met for the past five sessions to share their writing and engage in deeper understanding of our craft and to develop friendships with one another. The group has been quite fluid, yet delightful.

AAUW member, Barbara Bornet Stumph, M.S., has been the coordinator of the group. Barbara is a teacher consultant/researcher with the Bay Area Writing Project, trained at UC Berkeley and a teacher of English and English as a Second Language.

Barbara Bornet Stumph
Section Leader

TECHNOLOGY CHANGES COME TO aauw.da.org

The Danville-Alamo branch of AAUW (aauw.da.org) has a new server which gives us the ability to have a mailing list, blogs, etc. All members with e-mail accounts must subscribe to the new server. To subscribe, respond to the message sent to you from majordomo@ml.kundenserver.de.

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Roseann Krane
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**AAUW APPLAUDS PRESIDENT OBAMA
FOR SIGNING LILLY LEDBETTER FAIR PAY ACT INTO LAW**
Wage Discrimination Measure becomes First Bill Signed into Law by New President

WASHINGTON - AAUW applauds President Barack Obama for signing the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act, which restores the long-standing interpretation of civil rights laws and EEOC policies that allow employees to challenge any discriminatory paycheck they receive.

"President Obama has put pay discrimination at the top of the agenda, right where it belongs. The wage gap doesn't just hurt working women, it hurts families as well," said AAUW Executive Director Linda D. Hallman, CAE, who attended the signing ceremony. "We are especially pleased that this measure is the first bill moved by Congress and signed by our new president, sending a strong message that economic issues and pay equity are a top priority."

Statistics on women in the workplace speak to the need for action. The average woman earns just 78 cents of every dollar earned by her male counterparts, and disparities appear just one year out of college – even for those with the same job and the same major. Women of color make even less.

"AAUW is hopeful that the swift action on this important law is a harbinger of what we can expect from both the new Congress and the new administration," said Lisa Maatz, AAUW director of public policy and government relations. "Thanks to the remarkable Lilly Ledbetter, who stood up to injustice despite great personal sacrifice, women and others in her shoes will be able to seek a fair day in court."

Lilly Ledbetter is perhaps the best-known face of pay equity. She worked for nearly two decades at the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company in Gadsden, AL. Despite receiving top performance awards, Ledbetter discovered that she had been paid significantly less than male co-workers with the same job. After her November 1998 retirement, she filed suit under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and was awarded back pay and other remedies in a jury trial. The U.S. Supreme Court's 5-4 decision not only erased Ledbetter's award, but also left women, minorities, and others in Ledbetter's situation with virtually no recourse to pay discrimination.



Lilly Ledbetter with
Hillary Clinton

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FEBRUARY CALENDAR SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

- 02/04 11:00 a.m. **Art & Garden. Illuminated Sculptures** at Bedford Gallery, Walnut Creek. Details on Page 4.
- 02/06 9:15 a.m. **Board Meeting.** Tena Gallagher, President. The Shadow Hills Cabana, 1001 El Capitan Drive, Danville.
- 02/07 2:00 p.m. **New Member Tea.** Hosting: Dianne Tinnes at 736-3706. Details on Page 8.
- 02/11 7:30 p.m. **Evening Bridge.** Contact Barbara Nexson.
- 02/12 1:00 p.m. **Writer's Workshop.** Hosting: Caroline Sanchez at 736-7940. Details on Page 5.
- 02/13 9:30 a.m. **Monthly Coffee Get-Together.** Bagel St. Café, Livery. Contact Tena Gallagher at 837-0826.
- 02/14 ---- **Hiking Group.** Leader: Kathie Hixon at kathiehixon@comcast.net. Details on Page 4.
- 02/14 ---- **Golf.** For time and place, contact Nadine Rosenzweig at 487-1774 or Maryanne Cucchiaro at 785-4915.
- 02/16 9:30 a.m. **Daytime Bridge.** Contact Mary Kay Anderson.
- 02/18 7:00 p.m. **Travel Group.** Hosting: Elaine Reisert at 820-0288. Details on Page 4.
- 02/22 5:00 p.m. **Oscar 1. Academy Awards.** Hosting: Marcia Steinhardt at 944-5173.
- 02/22 5:00 p.m. **Cinema 1. Academy Awards.** Hosting: Barbara Critchlow at 287-1543.
- 02/23 9:30 a.m. **Daytime Duplicate Bridge.** Contact Sandy Hoffman at 837-8759.
- 02/24 7:30 p.m. **Evening Literature.** Run by Ann Patchett. Hosting: Linda Jimerson at 736-4299.
- 02/26 9:30 a.m. **Daytime Literature. Death Comes for the Archbishop** by Willa Cather. Hosting: Lynne Heyne at 837-4250.

2008-09 BRANCH PROGRAMS

- 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 *Theatrical Production* (LAF benefit).
- 4/21 TBA Guest speaker: Loy Volkman. Shadow Hills.
- 4/24 - 4/26 ---- 88th AAUW—CA Convention, San Diego.
- 5/8 & 5/9 10—4 Annual Garden Tour (EF benefit).
- 5/19 7:30 Dessert with Budd MacKenzie, Trust in Education (TIE).
- 6/16 6:30 Installation & Awards Presentations.
- 6/26 to 6/28 ---- National AAUW Convention, St. Louis, MO.

SAVE THE DATE

09/12: Membership Brunch. 10/10: Oktoberfest.

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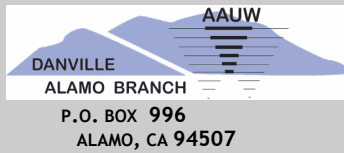
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NEW MEMBER TEA

All new and prospective members
are cordially invited to



An Afternoon Tea
Saturday, February 7
2:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.



At the home of
Dianne Tinnes

Meet our board members
Meet other new and prospective members
Learn about AAUW activities and programs
Explore our special interest groups

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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>