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Join us for our Danville-Alamo AAUW 40th Anniversary Celebration

> Oktoberfest Style 6:00 PM, Saturday October 10th, 2009



Danville Community Center 420 Front Street, Danville Beverages, Appetizers & Dinner Significant Others Welcome



\$33.00 per person Write check to: Danville-Alamo AAUW mail to: Danville-Alamo AAUW **108 Lackland Court** Alamo, CA 94507 925-838-8632

Seating is limited so tickets must be pre-purchased Early response encouraged

## **PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE**

Our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party is coming soon! We Celebrate on October 10! Tickets, \$33.00 per person, are still available, so plan to join the fun. Just send your check made out to Danville Alamo AAUW to Jacque Schubert, 108 Lackland Ct., Alamo, CA 94507.

This year's **Membership Brunch was a big success**. Over 120 members and guests were there to join interest groups, buy books, enjoy a wonderful brunch, and hear Diane Dwyer speak. Loretta Altshuler provided beautiful flower arrangements for the tables. **Our thanks to Pat DeRensis and Barbara Critchlow**, our Membership Co-Vice Presidents, who chaired the brunch!! In addition, a great big thank you to their committee members: **Marcia Steinhardt**, **Dora-Thea Porter, and Loretta Altshuler for a job** well done!

AAUW's national convention was held in June in St. Louis. Convention delegates approved sweeping changes to the structure of our organization. These changes were necessary in order to make AAUW a focused, forward-looking organization that attracts women and men members and continues to support the organization's mission.

AAUW, the dominant organization operating via state and branch organizations, was previously a 501(c) 4 social welfare, tax-exempt organization. The AAUW Educational Foundation (EF), the Leadership Training Institute (LTI), the Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF) and other associated programs were 501(c) 3 public



Marian Bliss, Co-President

charity (tax-deductible) organizations associated with AAUW but managed by a separate board of directors.

Convention delegates in St. Louis voted to change the organization's structure and make AAUW a 501(c) 3 public charity (tax deductible) organization. Funds known as EF, LTI, LAF and other AAUW 501(c) 3 programs merged with AAUW to form one organization managed by a single board of directors. This means that \$46 of our \$49 AAUW national dues is now tax deductible. Contributions to AAUW Funds such as EF, LTI, LAF, and other AAUW public charity programs continue to be tax deductible. Completed fellowships and grants are endowed funds and continue to be available to help women and communities as before. The state and branch organizations remain 501(c) 4 social welfare tax exempt entities and are not tax deductible organizations. This means that our state and branch dues are not tax deductible. The AAUW Action Fund, also a 504 (c) 4 social welfare nonprofit organization was formed to support AAUW's various lobbying activities.

Donations made to AAUW Funds will continue to support EF, LTI, LAF, and other continuing program activities. AAUW, as a result of these funds, has helped more than 8,300 women from 123 nations pursue their dream of obtaining a graduate degree. Some of the grants are as follows: American Fellowships support women doctoral candidates who seek funds for postdoctoral research; International Fellowships are awarded for full-time study or research to women around the world and Research & Project Grants fund both career development and community action grants. Thanks to the contributions of generous Danville-Alamo members and other branches around the state, an International Fellowship was completed in honor of Jo Harberson. Three Research & Projects Grants have also been completed: one in partnership with Oakland-Piedmont branch; one in honor of Connie Cady and the third in honor of Jo Harberson.



Kathie Hixon, Co-President

Fellowships, Grants, and Research will continue under the new organization.

AAUW's Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF) is another important program of AAUW. Since 1981, LAF has provided more than \$1.3 million to 90 women seeking redress for sex discrimination in higher education. Now it supports women in the workplace as well. LAF selects cases that have significant potential to create systemic change that reduces discrimination and set precedence that will protect women in the future. This work continues in the new organization.

Our Danville-Alamo Branch will continue to operate as a nonprofit organization. We will support the AAUW Funds with donations that support Education and Legal Advocacy. We will continue to support Local Scholarships and Tech Trek with profits resulting from our Holiday Home Tour. Our branch will provide funds to AAUW Funds EF Programs with earnings from the Garden Tour.

> *Marian Bliss* and *Kathie Hixon* Co-Presidents

#### ADVOCATE DEADLINE

The deadline for submission of articles and announcements to be published in the October newsletter is October 15. E-mail your articles, announcements, or notices to Cheryl Kohleriter at **cherylkohleriter@yahoo.com** and Marge Christensen at **christensendan5@aol.com**.

Articles should be submitted as an attachment in Times New Roman, 10 pt. font.

## Walnut Creek Satellite Connections:

**THANK YOU!** Thanks to Marian and Kathie for their meeting on August 21 with our members. Feedback has been very positive. Everyone really appreciated the information and welcome and we had lots of fun with the photography sessions. If you didn't get photographed yet, don't worry - Marian will catch up with you eventually.

**REMINDER**: Everyone: Please save October 16 for a meeting at Mary Ann Hruska's, 133 Springside Rd., Walnut Creek 94597 at 10:00 A.M. Bob Brittain will fill us in on lots of exciting information about the new library. Danville-Alamo members who use the Walnut



Creek library are very welcome to attend. Call Carla at 988-9418 or Carol at 938-1823 about carpooling. Refreshments will be served. If you are willing to help Mary Ann with the set-up please call Carla.

ONE CITY ONE BOOK: "The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society".

Events opened on Thursday, September 24, at the Shadelands Art Center with an evening with author Annie Barrows.

Second event was Remembering Times of War: Walnut Creek Residents and WWII on Tuesday, September 29.

Third event: Dramatic readings from the book, Monday October 12, 7:15 P.M., at The Lesher Center for the Arts. Tickets are \$10 by mail to WCLF, P.O. Box 4979, Walnut Creek, or online at www.WalnutCreekReads.org.

Book discussions: October 1, 10:00 A.M. Fireside Room, Rossmoor (residents only); October 8, 7:00 P.M. at Ygnacio Valley Library; October 14, 7:00 P.M. at Barnes and Noble, 1149 South Main St.

**STATUS NEWS**: The Walnut Creek Branch request to change our status is now on the national's next consent calendar. Once AAUW has acted, a letter will be sent to members.

**WALNUT CREEK TRAVEL SECTION:** Fascinating - Emerging - mysterious India will be the subject of the Walnut Creek Travel Section's October 21 meeting at 7:30 P.M. You will enjoy meeting Peter Herb, inveterate traveler, who spent five weeks in India recently. Please RSVP Mimi Knox at mimiaknox@comcast.net or 939-2383.

#### **NEW MEMBERS**

We'd like to introduce the newest members of our Branch!

Grace Atkinson Sylvia Benzler Dee Brook Christy Campbell Shashi Dosaj Ronni Goldfarb Judy Halden Kathleen Kennedy Karen Large Marilyn Lawver Melinda Love Melissa Walsh Jill Winspear Carolyn Winton

Their contact information will be in the new directory, which you will receive by mail in October.

*Pat DeRensis* and *Barbara Critchlow* Membership Co-Vice Presidents

#### UPDATES

#### Have you moved? Gotten a new e-mail address? Changed phone numbers?

We try very hard to keep our records up-to-date so that you receive *The Advocate*, important e-mails, and invitations. But if you don't tell us, we don't know! If any of your information changes, please let our database administrator, Kerry Montalvo know about it. She keeps our "official" records, and will then pass along your new information to others who might need it. The best way to do this is by e-mail at **akmontalvo@comcast.net**, or by phone at 406-4071.



#### **ART & GARDEN EVENT**

#### Murals and the Multi-Ethnic Mission

Art & Garden has a San Francisco City Guides Docent-led walking tour of Murals and the Multi-Ethnic Mission on Friday, October 23, at 11:00 A.M. We'll see a four-story mural at the Women's Building and an eight-story example at Bethany Center. We'll also visit a multi-cultural neighborhood of 1880's Victorian homes. Last October we walked the Mission Murals tour, so this will complement that tour and give us more insight into the Mission Neighborhood. We'll lunch afterwards in the Mission.

We'll meet at 9:30 A.M. at either the Sycamore Park 'n Ride or the Alamo Safeway to carpool to Walnut Creek BART Station for the 10:05 A.M. train to the 16<sup>th</sup> & Mission Station. <u>Cost is \$10.00/</u> <u>person and is non-refundable</u>. Please contact Jacque Schubert to register or for more information at 855-7002 or jacqueschubert@comcast.net.

#### Jacque Schubert, Section Leader

Forty years ago, in 1969:

The Internet's development began in a UC lab.

#### **DIRC** Fall Lecture Series



Diablo International Resource Center's Fall Lecture Series will be held at the Acalanes Adult Education Campus in the Library, 1963 Tice Valley Road, Walnut Creek next to Rossmoor from 7:30-9:30 P.M. Following are the dates and topics:

Tues., Oct. 6: *Bay Area Economic Future In An Uncertain Market.* Speaker, Prof. Sylvia A. Allegretto, Economist, Institute for Research on Labor & Employment.

Tues., Oct. 13: *A National Health Plan in 2010*. Speaker: Dan Carnese, Public Policy Director on Health Studies.

Tues., Oct. 20: *China & The U.S. Debt.* Speaker: Dr. Bruce Lusignan, International Consultant on Science and Economics.

## Tues., Oct. 27: *Recycling Our National Resources*. Speaker: Leila Katopousch, Alameda Consultant on Recycling.

The lectures are given by prominent Bay Area experts followed by a question-and-answer discussion. The price is \$35 for the series and \$8 per lecture. You can pay at the door or at the Acalanes Adult Education office. For more information contact the AAEC 280-3980, ext. 8001 or Sue DeVoe 837-9634. Car pools from the Danville area will meet at 6:45 P.M. at the Sycamore Park 'n Ride next to Hwy. 680. Call Sue if you would also like us to stop at the Rutgers Rd. Park 'n Ride for those interested from Alamo-Walnut Creek.

> Susan DeVoe devoetahoe@yahoo.com



#### **Danville Community Band**

Join us for our 9th season of bringing musical entertainment to the greater Danville area. **Upcoming Concerts** 

October 18, 2009; 3PM Rossmoor Del Valle Clubhouse 3400 Golden Rain Rd., Walnut Creek

**December 13, 2009; 3PM** Community Presbyterian Church 222 West El Pintado Rd., Danville

**February 28, 2010; 2PM** Blackhawk Museum 3700 Blackhawk Plaza Cir., Danville

Look for the **Danville Community Band** on *Facebook*, www.danvilleband.org, or www.instantencore.com.



www.aauw-da.org



Cinema 1 Movie Group will meet on Friday, October 16, at 7:30 P.M. at the home of Roberta Smith. The two movies to be discussed are *My One and Only* and *The Other Man*. Please RSVP to Roberta at 837-3946 or Matadera@aol.com.

Jan Knadle, Section Leader

#### **OSCAR 1**

Oscar 1 Movie Group will meet on Friday, October 9, at 7:30 P.M. at the home of Judy Benedict. We will discuss the movie, *The Informant.* Please RSVP to Judy at 831-3483.

Marian Bliss, Section Leader

#### WRITER'S GROUP

The next meeting of the Writer's Group will be at the home of Jan Hersh on Thursday, October 22, at 1:00 P.M. Please RSVP to Jan at **jan.hersh@gmail.com** to let her know you will attend.

Barbara Bornet, Section Leader

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**GREAT DECISIONS BOOK GROUP** 

Great Decisions Book Group will meet on Wednesday, October 21, at 1:00 P.M. at the home of Anne Long. Our topic last time was immigration. We all felt that we needed to know more about the topic after reviewing the League of Women Voters two-year study regarding immigration.

In October, we will discuss *The Politics of Immigration: Questions & Answers* by Jane Guskin and David Wilson, available through www.amazon.com.

If you are interested in joining our discussion, or would like more information for yourself, visit these sites:

**www.fpa.org**. Foreign Policy Association, which brings us Great Decisions. **www.lwv.org**. League of Women Voters, which did a two-year study of immigration. Their site has background papers to read.

**www.migrationpolicy.org**. Migration Policy Institute, which is a non-partisan think-tank.

Other sites which have particular view points are: www.americasvoiceonline.org and www.fairus.org.

Please RSVP Anne Long at 831-8649 or **along1024@sbcglobal.net** to let her know you will be coming.



Join us for a round of golf on October 17, at 9:00 A.M. at Diablo Hills, 1551 Marchbanks Dr., Walnut Creek. RSVP to Susan Terzuoli at **susanterz@hotmail. com or 820-9071.** 



#### MAH JONGG and GOURMET

If you signed up for **Mah Jongg and/or Gourmet at the Membership Brunch**, you will have to re-register.

For Mah Jongg, e-mail **paulduck@yahoo.com**. For Gourmet, e-mail **rkrane@yahoo.com**.

Forty years ago, in 1969:

The first draft lottery since 1942 was held.

#### **HIKING GROUP**

#### Loan Oak Trail, Tilden Park

We have had so many requests for a Saturday hike that our next hike will be on Saturday, October 24! Destination: **Lone Oak Trail in Tilden Park**. This is a moderate trail through woody areas and around Lake Anza. Bring water and trail snack. Meet at Sycamore Park 'n Ride at 8:30 A.M. for carpooling. We will be back to Danville by Noon. Any questions, contact Kathie Hixon at **kathiehixon@comcast.net** 

Kathie Hixon, Section Leader

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## **Educational Foundation** *Fellows Luncheon*

This year's EF Fellows Luncheon will be held on Sunday, October 25, again right in our own backyard at Crow Canyon Country Club from Noon to 3:00 P.M. This luncheon event showcases our **Fellows and Grant Recipients studying in Northern California**. These accomplished women come from all over the world as well as the USA. Come and meet the women we work so hard to help through the fund-raising efforts of our annual Garden Tour and from our members' generous donations.

Each Fellow and Grant Recipient will give an overview of their own personal educational endeavor. Last year the awardees were placed at different dining tables, so many of us got to personally interact with at least one awardee. That interaction made the event even more fun and enlightening as we heard more about their personal situations, families, motivations and scholarship needs. You'll come away feeling great about your contributions of time and money and your membership in AAUW.

## **LAF Fundraiser**

BREAKING THROUGH BARRIERS and have sent in your donation to the AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund to help protect girls from gender discrimination in school sports. It is so important that we continue our support of the high school Title IX cases that are beginning to get attention all across the country. Still, many violations are going unchallenged.

The date for our branch LAF fundraiser is set for Saturday, April 23. We are looking for volunteers to take part in the 2010 production *Voices Speaking Out* Contact Lynn Goodwin at **lgood67334@comcast.net** or 324-0143 and let her know you are interested in participating in the show. Rehearsals are scheduled to begin in late January.

*Susan Terzuoli* and *Barbara Welch* LAF Co-Vice Presidents

Cost is \$30.00 per person with some of that cost covering the awardees' lunches. <u>The deadline for reservations is October 13</u>. Make checks payable to "AAUW-CA", indicate your branch affiliation and list one entree choice from:

Chinese Chicken & Prawn Salad Azteca Chicken Salad Sunburst Salad (vegetarian) Iced tea and dessert included

Mail your checks to AAUW-CA, P.O. Box 160076, Sacramento, CA 95816-0067. We hope to see all of you on October 25.

*Jacque Schubert* and *Mary Mix* EF Co-Vice Presidents

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#### DONATIONS TO AAUW

As a result of the recent AAUW restructuring, the organization has expanded ways to donate to its various programs and funds. Please visit the Danville-Alamo Branch website at http://da-aauw.org and check out "How to Support AAUW Programs" for more details.

## **Public Policy**

The perplexing problems of health care reform loom even as the daily blogs, newspapers, and periodical articles throb with speculation. President Obama's elegant speech proposed those coverages he wants included in the health care reform bill. AAUW wants three tenets included: an end to the practice of gender rating, coverage of reproductive health services, and access to and coverage of preventive services and care. Under the president's version, abortion costs, however, would not be covered. You are urged to ask your congress person to make these three critical pieces a part of the final health care reform bill. The president's presentation of the public option appears to be the most troublesome. Covering a pool of persons whose health insurance would not be covered by employers, or who could not afford individual health insurance, so they could obtain basic insurance from companies who compete in this marketplace to offer less expensive policies, appears to be overly optimistic. It could be realized within four years, and, with a safety net for stop-gap coverage, the president is confident this would work. The objective in signing up the young population with health insurance is essential in the reform plan. Their coverage spreads out the cost for everyone else. Everyone must be covered. Can we trust that health insurance companies, though the president has promised they cannot drop

claimants with pre-existing diseases, or those with needed but hugely expensive procedures, will indeed cover those subscribers without assessing a greater cost? Insurance companies have always figured out ways to make the most money possible. It is a given that they need competition! The president suggested charging these companies a fee for the most expensive policies. If all this could be finalized in the next year, at a cost of nine hundred billion dollars, saving by ferreting out waste in Medicare and Medicaid, etc., and maximizing spending cuts, it would be amazing.

HR235 and S484 are two interesting bills in committee now which AAUW has done coalition work on along with older groups that represent retired teachers, government employees, and others affected by these provisions, according to Seth Chase, Public Policy in the Washington D.C. office. The bills would eliminate the Government Pension Offset (GPO) and Windfall Elimination Provisions (WEP), the so-called double-dipping preventions. HR235 and S484 would eliminate GPO and WEP, and provide a fair way for those affected to obtain their rightful Social Security. HR235 has 308 co-sponsors, and S484 has 28 co-sponsors. The president has indicated he will sign the refined bill when brought to his desk.



The national town hall meeting September 15, which Secretary of Education Arne Duncan held in anticipation of the reauthorization of No Child Left Behind solicited questions and discussion about education reform via telephone and web access to be a part of the process to shape federal education policy. AAUW favored questions on how Duncan could help to correct the imbalance of girls' representation in STEM subjects, science, technology, engineering and math, and include science as a requirement of assessment, to ensure compliance with Title IX, providing girls in high school and college with equal athletic opportunities with what the male athletes have, and working on ways to prevent sexual harassment and bullying in schools in grades six through ten.

#### **SAVE THE DATE:** November 18 "An Evening with SRVUSD Superintendent, Steve Enoch"

Learn about the current state of our schools and what to expect in the future as a result of budget cuts. Mr. Enoch has been the Superintendent of SRVUSD since July1 of 2008. He will reflect on his first year and share his vision for education in the San Ramon Valley. Event time and location will be:

#### November 18, 7:00 P.M. Charlotte Wood Middle School 600 El Capitan Dr., Danville.

This open-forum is co-sponsored with San Ramon AAUW Branch.

#### Cynthia Savell, Public Policy

### PAST PRESIDENT'S BOOK SALE

The Past President's Book Sale during the Membership Brunch was a huge success! We raised \$200 from the sale which goes to the Branch's President's Fund. I would like to thank all the membership who donated books and bags. Also, a big "Thank-You" goes to Arlene Barnett, Kathy Harkins, Merilyn Milan, and Caroline Sanchez for their help in selling and packing up the books.

Pat Foster

## **CHRIS WINTER**



Chris Winter came to California via Alaska where she was born. She also lived in Seattle Cand studied at Oregon State University where she met and married her husband, Paul. They moved to Danville where she joined AAUW Danville-Alamo Branch in 1972. She soon volunteered to do the newsletter which then was done on a mimeograph machine. While raising her daughter, Karen, she was membership VP and became president-elect. When the incoming president unexpectedly moved, she assumed the position of president in 1978-79–a year earlier than she anticipated. She recalls that they had 350-400 members and soon the San Ramon Branch was formed with about 100 of the members.

From 1979-80 Chris served on the California Public Policy Committee and served as chair for another three years. She also served a one-year term on the Association's Public Policy Committee. At state level she served as program vice president and as regional director for the Association from California. From 1990-92 she served as AAUW CA president. During

her presidency, the Association held a statewide roundtable emphasizing the need for equity in the classroom for girls and she was involved in restructuring the state organization.

After her state presidency she became director of public policy for the Association with a committee of eight people making trips to Washington D.C. four or five times a year. She held that position for four years. The Voter Education Campaign was launched during her term. From 2004-06 she was AAUW CA's Reproductive Rights chair. In that position she represented AAUW on the Statewide Coalition for Reproductive Freedom. In 2001 during the Association Convention in Dallas, TX, our state campaigned for her candidacy for president of the national association. We were so proud of her candidacy.

Chris has an AAUW Education Foundation American Endowment in her name that provides fellowships to women seeking advance degrees. A current vice president of AAUW CA Special Project Fund, she just completed a two-year term as their president. This is the state's charitable corporation which helps branches raise money for Tech Trek and Local Scholarship.

Chris's focus in AAUW and locally has been the area of women's rights and equity issues. The most important changes she has seen during her time in AAUW are the enactment of Title IX, the Roe v. Wade decision, more equitable pay for women and affirmative action.

Locally Chris served on the Board of Directors of the San Ramon Valley Community Services Group which assisted people in need, operated a youth center for at-risk teens and enrichment classes and sports programs for the community. She was honored "1995 Woman of Distinction" by Soroptimist International of San Ramon. She has also served as Executive Director of Leadership San Ramon Valley, a non-profit organization to develop community leadership skills and promote community involvement.

During Danville/Alamo AAUW 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary it is fitting that we acknowledge her many achievements for AAUW and locally for the advancement of women and girls.



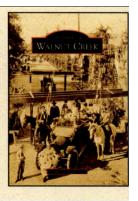
#### Caroline Sanchez, History Chair

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## NOVEMBER BRANCH PROGRAM

AUW Danville-Alamo Branch proudly presents on Thursday, November 5, a special presentation on "Women's Art, Symbols and Spirituality" by Tricia Grame, Ph.D. This exciting event is being held at Pascal French Oven in Danville. We have been given the use of the entire restaurant for our event. Our social time starts at 6:15 P.M. with wine and cheese, followed by dinner with your choice of quiche (lorraine or spinach) and salad, or turkey, ham or vegetarian croissant sandwich , beverages, and assorted desserts and features an excellent and exciting speaker.

Tricia Grame is well known in her field and is one of our distinguished Art Commissioners for the Town of Danville. She is currently a curator and



"Women in Stone VI" Tricia Grame

teacher of the creative process for the Women's Spirituality Department at California Institute of Integral Studies in San Francisco and is an independent curator. She previously was curator for Stanford's Women's Studies Program and New College San Francisco. She will share with us her passion for the sculpted symbol which took her to Italy and the islands of Malta where hundreds of sculptures and etchings have been found depicting women. Then join her on this journey while she looks at ancient female symbols. Her research combines archaeology, religion, history, social issues and contemporary art to create two- and

three-dimensional art that is inspired by prehistoric female symbols. She will motivate, inspire and delight you as she reveals a relationship between time, history and memory. Her lectures result in conversations about the position of women, and the psychological effects and aesthetic significance of this work.

If you would like to attend, please send a check for \$28 per person (Payable to Danville-Alamo AAUW) by Friday, October 23 to AAUW Danville-Alamo Branch, P.O. Box 996, Alamo, CA 94507 Attn. Loretta Altshuler Thank you and we look forward to seeing you at this exciting event.

(Note: Pascal French Oven, 155-B Railroad Avenue, Danville, CA 94526 838.7349.

#### 2009 HOLIDAY HOME TOUR DECEMBER 11 & 12 10:00 а.м. - 4:00 р.м.

Circle your calendars for our 5th Annual Holiday Home Tour!!! Bring a friend and see beautifully decorated homes for the holidays. The event benefits Local Scholarship and Tech Trek. Last year we raised over \$17,000. We can do it again!!! Volunteer to be a docent and/or bake some holiday treats for the refreshment home. Also, join us for the Branch's Holiday Party after the tour on December 12. Please contact Kathie Hixon at kathiehixon@comcast.net or Tena Gallagher at tena@aol.com with any questions.

## EYH ARRIVES IN FEBRUARY SAVE THE DAY: February 27



Expanding Your Horizons (EYH) will be on Saturday, February 27, at Diablo Valley College San Ramon, once again. Debi Zauner and I will be meeting with the Lawrence Livermore and Sandia women in a few weeks and shall have more details for you in the next *Advocate*.

Last year, 281 middle-school girls attended the allday math and science conference, some from as far away as Vallejo, Tracy and Pittsburg. We provided a wonderful service and presence for a larger area than just our little San Ramon Valley. You may find out more about EYH on their web site at http:// www.expandingyourhorizons.org.

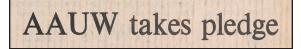
Many thanks to you who signed up to volunteer at our recent Membership Brunch. Debi and I look forward to having you, our regular crew back with us, as well as extending a big welcome to new members who are able to volunteer a few hours on a Saturday in February. Contact Dora-Thea at 837-8064 or dtporter@comcast.net.

> **Dora-Thea Porter** and **Debi Zauner** Co-Chairs, *Expanding Your Horizons*



#### AAUW-DA HISTORICAL REVIEW





The Great American Smoke-Out AAUW takes the pledge 1976-77 Season

10/10	6:00 р.м.	<b>40</b> <sup>th</sup> <b>Anniversary Celebration.</b> Danville Community Center. An Oktoberfest theme to commemo- rate 40 years as a branch.	
10/25	Noon	Educational Foundation Luncheon. Crow Canyon Country Club.	
11/05	6:15 р.м.	<b>Speaker and Dinner Meeting.</b> Pascals Restaurant, Danville. Keynote Speaker: Tricia Grame, Ph.D. will speak about Women's Art and Spirituality.	
11/18	7:00 р.м.	An Evening with SRVUSD Superintendent, Steve Enoch.	
12/11 - 12/12	10:00 а.м 4:00 р.м.	Annual Holiday Home Tour. A Local Scholarship and Tech Trek benefit.	
12/12	TBA	Branch Holiday Party. Location to be determined.	
01/19	Noon	<b>Speaker and Luncheon.</b> Bridges Restaurant, Danville. Keynote Speakers: Drs. Melanie Brandabur and Brigitt Schuele will speak about medical implications of stem cell research.	
01/22	6:00 р.м.	Member Wine and Cheese Gathering. Hosting: Marian Bliss.	
01/26	7:00 р.м.	Interbranch Council Meeting. Shadow Hills Cabana. Hosted by the Danville-Alamo Branch	
02/16	5:30 р.м.	Annual Educational Foundation Dinner. Scotts Seafood Restaurant, Walnut Creek. A combined DKG and AAUW Program.	
02/21	2:00 - 4:00 p.m.	Inter Branch Council Presentation. <i>Roles Women Have Played in Local History</i> . Location to be determined. Look for details later in the year.	
March	TBA	Women's Wellness Panel. General Meeting and Program. Details coming soon.	
04/23	TBA	LAF Event: Voices Speak Out. Lynn Goodwin, Sustan Terzuoli and Barbara Welch.	
April	TBA	International Month. Details coming soon.	
04/30 - 05/02		State Convention. San Ramon Marriott.	
05/07 - 05/08	10:00 а.м 4:00 р.м.	Annual Garden Tour. An Educational Foundation benefit.	
June	TBA	Installation and Awards Presentation. Location to be determined.	

#### 2009-10 BRANCH PROGRAMS

#### SEPTEMBER CALENDAR: SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

10/02	11:30 а.м.	<i>WC: Adventurous Chefs.</i> Contact Phyllis Sheller at 280-0437. [CLOSED GROUP]
10/09	9:30 а.м.	<b>Bagel Street Chats.</b> Bagel Street Cafe, Livery. Contact Marian Bliss at 830-4709 or Kathie Hixon at 838-8632.
10/09	7:30 р.м.	<i>Oscar 1. The Informant.</i> Contact: Judy Benedict at 831-3483. See Page 5 for details
10/10	6:00 р.м.	<i>40th Anniversary Celebration.</i> Danville Community Center. An Oktoberfest theme to commemorate 40 years as a branch. See Page 1.
10/12	7:00 р.м.	<i>Board Meeting.</i> Marian Bliss and Kathie Hixon, Co-Presidents. The Shadow Hills Cabana, 1001 El Capitan Drive, Danville.
10/14	7:30 р.м.	Evening Bridge. Hosting: Arlene Barnett at 947-6122.
10/15	10:00 а.м.	<i>WC: Books II. Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet</i> by Jamie Ford. Hosting: Doris ringot at 934-8199.
10/15		<b>ADVOCATE DEADLINE.</b> E-mail your articles to Cheryl Kohleriter and Marge Christensen by Noon today.
10/16	10:00 а.м.	WC: Walnut Creek New Library Meeting. See Page 3 for details.
10/16	7:30 р.м.	<i>Cinema 1. My One and Only</i> and <i>The Other Man.</i> Hosting: Roberta Smith at 837-3946. See Page 5 for details.
10/17	9:00 a.m.	<i>Golf.</i> Diablo Hills, Walnut Creek. Contact Susan Terzuoli at 820-9071. See Page 5 for details.
10/17	7:30 р.м.	<i>WC: Gourmet Group.</i> Contact Judy Finch at 946-0249 for details. [CLOSED GROUP]
10/19	10:00 а.м.	Daytime Bridge. Contact Mary Kay Anderson at 837-6902.
10/19	11:30 а.м.	WC: Movies n' Lunch. Contact Diane Stangel at 939-0373.
10/21	1:00 р.м.	<i>Great Decisions Book Group. The Politics of Immigration</i> by Jane Guskin and David Wilson. Hosting: Anne Long at 831-8649. See Page 5 for details.
10/21	7:30 р.м.	<i>WC: Travel Section.</i> Mysterious India. Contact Mimi Knox at 939-2383. See Page 3 for details.
10/22	9:30 a.m.	<b>Daytime Literature.</b> Becoming Madame Mao by Anchee Min. Hosting: Clarice Hart at 743-9245.
10/22	1:00 р.м.	Writer's Workshop. Hosting: Jan Hersh at 820-7542.
10/23	9:30 a.m.	<i>Art &amp; Garden.</i> Murals and the Multi-Ethnic Mission. Contact Jacque Schubert at 855-7002. See Page 4 for details.
10/24	8:30 a.m.	<i>Hiking Group.</i> Lone Oak Trail, Tilden Park. Meet at Sycamore Park 'n Ride. Contact Kathie Hixon at 838-8632. See Page 5 for details.
10/25	9:30 а.м.	Daytime Duplicate Bridge. Contact Sandy Hoffman at 837-8759.
10/25	Noon	<i>Educational Foundation Luncheon</i> . Crow Canyon Country Club. See Page 6 for details.
10/27	7:30 р.м.	<i>Evening Literature. Book Thief</i> by Markus Zusak. Hosting: Judy Lauper at 831-0156.
10/28	9:30 а.м.	<i>WC: Contemporary Book Group. Unaccustomed Earth</i> by Jhumna Lahrir. Hosting: Mary Sorenson. Contact: Diane Stangel at 939-0373.

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#### **NOVEMBER BRANCH PROGRAM**

*Women's Art, Symbols and Spirituality* with Patricia Grame, Ph.D.

> Thursday, November 5, 2009 6:15 р.м.

Pascal French Oven 155-B Railroad Ave., Danville

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