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OCTOBER PROGRAM

Women in Transition, Financial Literacy and the Social Security Question

“Women in Transition, Financial Literacy and the Social Security Question” is the topic of our October branch program presented by Ora Citron, MBA, and Diane Woodward, Certified Financial Planner, of the Oak Tree Wealth Management Team, an independent financial planning firm in Alamo. The meeting will be held from 3-5 P.M., Tuesday, October 19 at Diablo West Club House, 750 Ynez Circle, Danville.

Together our speakers bring 30 years experience as financial planners in retirement and Long Term Care planning and retirement, and advise on the Social Security “safety net” issue. They are also members of various non-profit estate and planning boards. There will be a generous question and answer section. Information is power.

Light refreshments will feature sherry, a savory and a sweet. Cost is \$10 in advance or \$12 postmarked after October 12.

Mail checks payable by October 12 to Danville-Alamo AAUW to Pat Gross, 606 Bridgewater Circle, Danville, CA 94526.

For questions and directions, contact Karen Large at 891-4632 or Pat Gross at 831-8518. ❖

AAUW FUNDS/EF

Northern California Fellows Luncheon

Come and meet the women we work so hard to help through the fund raising efforts of our Garden Tour and from our members' generous donations. Twelve American and International Fellows and four Career Development Grantees are studying in Northern California this academic year. AAUW National awarded a total of 215 scholarships, research projects, and programs totaling \$3.2 million dollars this academic year.

This year's luncheon will be held on **Sunday, October 24**, again at **Crow Canyon Country Club from Noon to 3:00 P.M.** introducing and celebrating the 2010-11 Fellows and Grant Recipients studying in Northern California. Each Fellow and Grant Recipient will give an overview of her own area of study. Awardees are seated at different tables so those attending have the opportunity to personally interact with at least one Fellow. That interaction made the event even more fun and enlightening as we heard more about their personal situations, families, and motivations. It's a great way to see your contributions at work!

Cost is \$35 per person, which also covers the awardees' lunches. Reservation deadline is October 11. Make Checks payable to “AAUW CA,” indicate your branch affiliation and list one entrée choice from Azteca Chicken Salad or Chinese Chicken & Prawn Salad (Iced Tea and Dessert Included).

Mail your checks to AAUW CA Office, P.O. Box 160067, Sacramento, CA 95816-0067 or reserve on-line at www.aauw-ca.org/shop. We hope to see all of you on October 24. ❖

PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

BY MARY MIX and MARCIA STEINHARDT
CO-PRESIDENTS

The frost is not quite on the pumpkin yet, but as we head into the fall season, we look forward to sharing happy times with each other at our upcoming October events. We hope you will join us on October 19 for our program, "Women In Transition: Financial Literacy," which will be presented by Ora Citron and Diane Woodward of Oak Tree Wealth Management. On October 24, we will have the AAUW Funds luncheon at Crow Canyon Country Club in San Ramon. This very special luncheon gives us a chance to hear back directly from some of our AAUW national fellowship and grant recipients and to learn firsthand how our fundraising efforts are making a difference in the lives of these young women. You can register for this event on the AAUW California website @ www.aauw-ca.org.



Marcia Steinhardt
Co-President

A special thanks to our Hospitality Co-Chairs, Sharon Cohune and Holly Sauer, for all their hours of work in helping to create a more cohesive membership. They have divided our membership into neighborhood groups led by hostesses who will arrange quarterly gatherings in their homes for nearby members. E-mails will be coming soon. Special thanks are also due to Karen Schlump, Laurel Harken, and their committee for a very organized, informative, and successful Membership Brunch. We heard many positive comments about this delightful event.



Mary Mix
Co-President

As the new season approaches, change is in the air. This brings us to the topic of our branch name change. Your board is proposing that we change our branch name to "Danville-Alamo-Walnut Creek AAUW". We will be holding an Informational Forum on Wednesday, October 13 at Shadow Hills Cabana in Danville at 6:30 P.M. This is your opportunity to understand the importance of this step before an e-mail vote is presented to the membership on October 18.

We are looking forward to working with all of you this year and to strengthening our connections within our AAUW Branch. ❖

BRANCH NAME CHANGE

The Danville-Alamo Board of Directors is proposing a Branch name change to "Danville-Alamo-Walnut Creek AAUW". Forty one years ago the Danville-Alamo Branch split from Walnut Creek to form their own branch. Now things have come full circle and Walnut Creek has officially merged with our branch. Now that the Walnut Creek Branch no longer exists on its own, this proposal maintains their identity within the community. We are planning an Informational Forum for our membership where all the facts and background information regarding this Board proposal will be presented. This meeting will take place on Wednesday, October 13, 6:30 P.M. at the Shadow Hills Cabana, 1001 El Capitan, Danville. The membership will have the ability to vote on this proposal the following week. We hope you will take time to give thoughtful consideration to this proposal. ❖

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PUBLIC POLICY

BY CYNTHIA SAVELL

PUBLIC POLICY

We are facing another extremely important election next month where California will elect new leaders. Even though AAUW CA is not supporting any propositions this election, and therefore branches may not take positions, we are interested in these issues. Members have been following pros and cons in the propositions, and reading the positions of the candidates running for the offices of governor, senator and legislator. Their views appear in the daily news and opinion sections, and soon voter handbooks will provide more information. The League of Women Voters also provides information to the public.

AAUW is known for its keen interest in education at all levels, preschool through graduate school. In her latest message, Sue Miller, AAUW CA Vice President and Public Policy Director, has suggested that EdSource has valuable information about this on its website. EdSource is independent, nonpartisan, and a not-for-profit organization whose mission is to explain complex education issues, and suggest policy decisions to improve public schools. It compares the positions of Jerry Brown and Meg Whitman on education issues. Look at this information at http://www.edsource.org/sys_election_platforms.html. Also find information about the non-partisan candidates for Superintendent of Public Instruction.

AAUW CA is studying the California Budget Process and seeking solutions for improvement. The final AAUW CA report, to be approved by the Board, will be sent to the new governor and state legislative leaders. You can find the study outline at our website at www.aauw-ca.org/. The California Budget Process is extremely dysfunctional, and needs major work to improve it. As we know, this is the longest span of time we have been without an agreed upon budget.

We will soon receive the fall issue of the state publication Perspective. This will cover much of what is happening in AAUW statewide. The Every Member Survey that gives each member an opportunity to vote on Public Policy Priorities that will guide decisions about public policy for the period of 2011-13 will be coming soon. The survey can either be done online at [AAUW - Public Policy](#), or by mailing a hard copy to the state office.

The news from Washington DC is that The Paycheck Fairness Act has been placed on the Senate Calendar. Senator Harry Reid reintroduced the act (S 3772) and put it on the legislative calendar in an attempt to overcome potential procedural roadblocks. It is intended to give women the tools they need to obtain equal pay for equal work. If you haven't done so, please call the offices of your senators, and tell them to ask the senators to vote for this vital and necessary bill.

Did you know that women earned more doctorates than men in the United States in 2008-09? AAUW Director of Research Catherine

Hill was quoted on the front page of the Washington Post highlighting this first ever news! Despite gains across academe, women still face systemic disparities in wages. As our economy continues to struggle, and more women assume the role of breadwinner, families need this money more than ever. ❖

Danville-Alamo AAUW

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Layout Editor Wanted

The staff of *The Advocate* seeks a layout editor for the 2011-12 year. Have you ever wanted to be a part of an exciting publication? No experience is necessary, but InDesign experience is helpful.

Contact Cheryl Kohleriter at cherylkohleriter@yahoo.com for further information. ❖

LUISA F. HANSEN

by Caroline Sanchez

I first met Luisa Hansen when she was President-Elect of the Walnut Creek Branch of AAUW and I was Program Vice-President in 1988. Now that our branches have merged, I am pleased to learn more about her and find she is just as enthusiastic as before.

Luisa was born in Santiago, Chile to a family of professionals. Her father, originally from Spain, was a professor of music, and her mother was a school principal. One brother is a lawyer and one is a doctor. She received her Bachelor of Science in math with a minor in physics from the *Universidad de Chile en Santiago*. Luisa became an assistant professor there where she met her future husband from Wisconsin, William Hansen. A year after their marriage they moved to the U.S. to do their graduate work at UC Berkeley. Luisa received her Ph.D. in experimental Nuclear Physics and her husband pursued a career in engineering at the Berkeley Lawrence Laboratory where he continues to work in Material Science research even after retirement.

Most companies weren't hiring women, but Luisa was fortunate to be hired by the Lawrence Radiation Laboratory in 1959, which was convenient since they lived in Alamo and had a young son. Luisa was one of the only women scientists hired in the 1950's. She says, "Men found it difficult to relate to women. I was the only female physicist." In the late 1960's, minorities and more women started to be hired. Luisa has worked to bring more young women into scientific and engineering fields.

Luisa is proud of her son, George, a computer scientist in the Silicon Valley. He and his wife Debbie live in Danville. She is also proud of her many achievements in science. During the first 30 years of her career, she concentrated in unclassified work, enabling her to publish 170 papers. She was invited to visit labs in France, Germany, England, Russia, China and Japan, has worked with top researchers, and has been recognized by many professional organizations. In the field of Defense Technology, she worked on issues related to the dismantling of nuclear weapons after the treaty between the U.S. and Russia in the 1960's to reduce their arsenal of weapons.

In 1989, Luisa was selected Fellow of the American Nuclear Society. She's been recognized for "development of the Pulsed Sphere Program in the measurements of Neutron Cross sections for defense programs and for fission, fusion, and radiation shielding efforts in the U.S. and worldwide." She is most proud of that honor, as only 1% of members are chosen as Fellows by their peers. In 1998, she was chosen one of 50 top minority women in Science, Engineering and Technology in the U.S. by the National Technical Association.

As a member of the committee of the Status of Women, Luisa has helped women increase their interest in science and engineering. She has chaired the Scholarship Committees of the Pan American Round Table of Contra Costa and Alameda Counties and *Centro Chileno Lautaro* of San Francisco, giving support to college and university Hispanic students.

Luisa was president of Walnut Creek Branch AAUW in 1988-89, has been involved in Expanding Your Horizons in Math and Science for many years, and this year, she is Tech Trek Co-Chair of our Danville-Alamo Branch.

In 1992, Luisa was president of the Lawrence Livermore Laboratory Women's Association (LLLWA) in which she set a record for recruiting the most members. In 1989, she endorsed pay equity for women and worked on a salary study report, which resulted in a significant increase in women's salaries. LLLWA awarded a scholarship in her name.

Luisa officially retired in 1996, but doesn't relate to the word 'retirement.' In 1997, she continued to do research as a participating guest and since 1999 as a lab associate. She joyfully continues to work everyday in support of Defense Technologies Engineering and NIF. She has served over 50 years in her scientific career, because that is what she loves most to do. We are so fortunate to have Luisa Hansen as a member of our Danville-Alamo Branch AAUW. She continues to follow her own advice to those in science careers, "Be assertive, work very hard and enjoy it because it is not just a job." ❖



Danville Community Band

Join us for our 10th season of bringing musical entertainment to the greater Danville area.

Upcoming Concerts

October 17, 2010; 3PM
A Concert for Rossmoor Residents

December 12, 2010; 3PM
East Bay Fellowship
2615 Camino Tassajara, Danville

March 6, 2011; 2PM
Blackhawk Museum
3700 Blackhawk Plaza Cir., Danville

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

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Landscape and Fine Garden Design

ART & GARDEN - October 14

On Thursday, October 14, we have an 11:00 A.M. docent tour of **Frank Lloyd Wright's Hanna House** near the Stanford campus in Palo Alto, CA. This house, also known as the Honeycomb House, isn't just another Frank Lloyd Wright design. Built in 1937, it occupies a pivotal place in the career of a man whose roughly 450 buildings helped define architecture as we know it. It is one of 17 Wright works selected by the American Institute of Architects as his most treasured gems. At Hanna House, right turned to the hexagon, the shape of honeycombs, which he found more conducive to human movement than the square. He designed an open floor plan of interlocking hexagons – there are no 90-degree walls in the entire house – and the pattern appeared in floors, tiles, and furnishings. This 3,750 square foot house of simple, straightforward materials was Wright's first non-rectangular design that actually got built. This house inaugurated the last phase of Wright's career, when shapes like circles, hexagons, and triangles dominate his work, culminating in New York's spiral wonder, the Guggenheim Museum.

Cost is \$10/person. We'll lunch in Palo Alto after the tour. Meet at 9:30 A.M. at the Sycamore Park n' Ride to carpool to Hanna House. For more info, contact Jacque Schubert at 925-855-7002 or jacqueschubert@comcast.net. ❖

2011 GREAT DECISIONS AAUW PROGRAM - Advance Notice

Great Decisions 2011 begins in February. Meetings will be held Monday evenings and Tuesday during the daytime through February and March. Price of the *Great Decisions 2011* briefing book is \$20. The topics that will be covered are:

Rebuilding Haiti
U.S. National Security
Horn of Africa
Responding to the Financial Crisis
Germany Ascendant
Sanctions and Nonproliferation
The Caucasus
Global Governance

Please note that the final titles and order of the topics is subject to change.

If you intend to participate you need to order a briefing book through Roseann Krane. Contact her at rkrane@yahoo.com. ❖

HIKING GROUP - October 20

We will meet at Sycamore Park n Ride at 8:30 A.M. on Wednesday, October 20 and drive to Garin Park in Hayward. Bring a snack, layers of clothing, water, and \$5 parking fee. Cheryl Kohleriter will lead the hike returning around 1:00 pm. We'll be taking a 3.3 mile moderate hike in the rolling hills, windy summits and shaded creeks. RSVP Cheryl at cherylkohleriter@yahoo.com if you plan to join us. ❖

FIRST FRIDAY FILMS - October 1

Meet at the home of Lynn Goodwin to discuss *Despicable Me* and *Scent of a Woman* (DVD). RSVP to Lynn at 838-9057 or lgood67334@comcast.net. ❖

2010 DIABLO INTERNATIONAL RESOURCE CENTER - Fall Lecture Series

Tues. October 5, Immigration: A Vital Issue

Speaker: Mark Silverman, Immigration Legal Resource Center, San Francisco

Tues. October 12, Russia and Europe

Speaker: Boris Barkanov, Professor UC Berkeley, Political Science

Tues. Oct. 19, World Terrorism: A Solution?

Speaker to be Announced

The lectures are held at the Del Valle Adult Education Center Library, 1963 Tice Valley Blvd, Walnut Creek, starting @ 7:30 PM. Six lectures for \$35.00 (Register for course #05-0320) and \$8.00 per lecture. For information call 280-3980 ext. 8001, www.DIABLOirc.org, or call Sue DeVoe 837-9634 or devoetahoe@yahoo.com.

Make checks payable to DIRC- credit cards are not accepted. ❖



HOLIDAY HOME TOUR 2011

- Friday, December 10 and Saturday, December 11

Don't miss this spectacular event! Save the dates Friday, December 10 and Saturday, December 11 from 10 – 4. View the homes on one day, volunteer on the other.

We have secured homes for the upcoming AAUW Holiday Home Tour and are most excited about them. One home comes with a “Resort in Alamo” feel complete with an outdoor kitchen. Our ticket holders will marvel at it. ❖

SANTA'S HELPERS NEEDED

Let us know if you would like to volunteer as one of Santa's helpers. You may contact Ingrid at 788-1698 or Robin at 743-8362. ❖

ART & GARDEN November Event

- Advance Notice

Save the date: Friday, November 19 we will travel by BART to the Jewish Museum in San Francisco to view the art of husband-and-wife team of Margret and H. A. Rey, creators of Curious George, the little monkey hero of the famous children's books. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$8 for seniors. We meet at the Sycamore Park 'n Ride or Alamo Safeway Plaza to carpool to Walnut Creek BART. For further information, contact **Bev Nidick at 828-6993, bev2ern@comcast.net** or **Jacque Schubert at 855-7002, jacqueschubert@comcast.net**. ❖



2010-11 BRANCH PROGRAMS

10/13	6:30 P.M.	Name Change Informational Forum. Shadow Hills Cabana, 1001 El Capitan, Danville.
10/19	3:00 P.M.	Program: <i>Women in Transition: Financial Literacy and the Social Security Question.</i> Oak Tree Wealth Management, Ora Citron and Diane Woodward. Diablo West Club House.
10/24	Noon	Educational Foundation Luncheon. Crow Canyon Country Club.
12/10 - 12/11	10:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.	6th Annual Holiday Home Tour. A Local Scholarship and Tech Trek benefit.
12/11	TBA	Branch Holiday Party. Location to be determined.
January	TBA	International Program. TBA.
January	TBA	Program. TBA.
02/22	5:30 P.M.	DKG/AAUW Combined Program. Scotts Seafood Restaurant, Walnut Creek.
03/12	11:00 A.M.	Luncheon Program. San Ramon Valley Museum presents <i>Remember the Ladies</i> honoring 100 years of Women's Right to Vote in CA. Crow Canyon Country Club.
April	TBA	LAF Program. TBA.
04/08 - 04/10	---	State Convention. Irvine. 90 Years AAUW-CA, 1921-2011.
05/06 - 05/07	10:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.	11th Annual Garden Tour. An Educational Foundation benefit.
06/16 - 06/19	---	AAUW National Convention. Washington, DC.
June	TBA	Installation and Awards Presentation. Location to be determined.

OCTOBER CALENDAR: SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

10/01	11:30 A.M.	Adventurous Chefs. Contact Phyllis Sheller at 280-0437. [WAIT LIST]
10/01	7:30 P.M.	First Friday Films. <i>Despicable Me</i> and <i>Scent of a Woman</i> . Hosting: Lynn Goodwin at 838-9057.
10/05 10/12 10/19 10/26	10:00 A.M.	Mah Jongg. Weekly meetings at various locations. Contact Paula Weintraub at pauladuck@yahoo.com
10/08	9:00 A.M.	Board Meeting. Mary Mix and Marcia Steinhardt, Co-Presidents. Shadow Hills Cabana, 1001 El Capitan Drive, Danville.
10/08	7:30 P.M.	Cinema I. <i>Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps</i> and <i>Catfish</i> . Hosting: Dot Healy at 743-0877.
10/08	7:30 P.M.	Oscar I. Movie TBA. For details, contact Sharon Cohune at 648-5153.
10/09	TBA	Golf. TBA. Contact Marian Bliss at 820-4709.
10/13	7:30 P.M.	Evening Bridge. For details, contact Barbara Nexson at 837-9625.
10/14	9:30 A.M.	Art & Garden. Docent tour of Frank Lloyd Wright's Hanna House. See Page 5 for details.
10/15	---	ADVOCATE DEADLINE. E-mail your articles to Cheryl Kohleriter and Cindy Cassady by Noon today.
10/16	7:30 P.M.	Epicureans. Contact Judy Finch at 946-0249. [WAIT LIST]
10/18	10:00 A.M.	Daytime Bridge. Hosting: Kathy Marke at 837-2057.
10/19	11:30 A.M.	Movies n' Lunch. Contact Diane Stangel at 939-0373.
10/20	8:30 A.M.	Hiking Group. Garin Park, Hayward. Contact Cheryl Kohleriter at 820-6158. See Page 5 for details.
10/21	10:00 A.M.	Books II. <i>The Thirteenth Tale</i> by Diane Setterfield. Contact Doris Ringot at dring@ifn.net for information and meeting location.
10/25	9:30 A.M.	Daytime Duplicate Bridge. Contact Sandy Hoffman at 837-8759.
10/26	7:30 P.M.	Tuesday Evening Literature. <i>Moloka'i</i> by Alan Brennert. Hosting: Sandy Shalon at 736-9798.
10/27	9:30 A.M.	Contemporary Books. <i>Cutting for Stone</i> by Abraham Verghese. Hosting: Mary Sorenson at 256-8961.
10/28	9:30 A.M.	Daytime Literature. <i>The Help</i> by Kathryn Stockett. Hosting: Marian Worrall at 837-3103.

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OCTOBER BRANCH PROGRAM

WOMEN IN TRANSITION: FINANCIAL LITERACY

**Tuesday, October 19, 2010
3:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.**

Diablo West Club House, Danville

**Guest Speaker: From Oak Tree Wealth Management
Ora Citron and Diane Woodward**

Light Refreshments Served

\$10 in Advance

For details and updates on upcoming Branch Programs, see our website at
<http://www.aauw-da/org/program.html>

