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## THE 11<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL AAUW Garden Tour

Friday, May 6 & Saturday, May 7

10:00 A.M. — 4:00 P.M.

### Seven Superb Gardens Danville, Alamo & Walnut Creek

Adults \$30  
\$35 after April 30

Seniors 65+ \$25  
\$30 after April 30

#### TICKETS & MAP

Mail check by April 30 payable to  
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self-addressed stamped envelope to:

AAUW Garden Tour  
400 Cliffside Drive  
Danville, CA 94526

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Tickets (cash or check only) are also  
available M-F 9-6 & Sat 9-5 after 4/1 at:  
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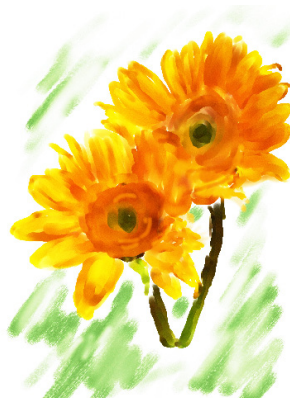
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No children under 12 please

#### Light Refreshments

Proceeds benefit aspiring women scholars

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**REFRESHMENTS NEEDED AND WELCOMED:** We need donations of bite-sized goodies for the refreshment stop on the tour. Please bring baked goods, fruit, cheese cubes, or other 'finger food' goodies in disposable containers already cut into bite-sized portions ANY TIME between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. either Friday or Saturday to **101 Muir Lane, Alamo**. Contact Gus Slavin at 925-736-8399 or [marthaslavin@sbcglobal.net](mailto:marthaslavin@sbcglobal.net) to let her know you will be contributing. Your help will make our 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Garden Tour a very special event!

## PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

BY MARY MIX and MARCIA STEINHARDT  
CO-PRESIDENTS

Hello AAUW Members,

At this writing of our penultimate co-presidents' letter, we reflect upon a very busy yet satisfying year. We are most proud of the fact that we are now AAUW Danville-Alamo-Walnut Creek. We feel like this last step created **ONE** family of AAUW members sharing the same values and goals and en-

joying the same experiences. The Hospitality Neighborhood Groups have been instrumental in solidifying our relationships with each other.

The Legal Advocacy Fund Wine and Cheese Social featuring "Super Lawyer" Leslie Levy was very well attended. Not only was Ms. Levy a dynamic speaker, but also, we came away better informed about the many discriminatory issues that women face in the work place. Our thanks to Susan Terzuoli and Barbara Welch for organizing this very successful event. Many thanks also to Barbara Critchlow for making available the Community Room at the Mercer. It was a very convenient location for members, including the Concord AAUW attendees.

We are most fortunate to have the opportunity to hear our branch member and California Representative, Joan Buchanan, speak to us about the California Budget Crisis. This program is scheduled for May 20, 1:00 to 2:30 P.M. at the Shadow Hills Cabana in Danville.

Our Garden Tour on May 6 and 7 is guaranteed to be a sunny, beautiful weekend. We're looking forward to seeing all of you decked out in your garden hats and "tennis." Don't forget the sunscreen! ❖



Marcia Steinhardt  
Co-President



Mary Mix  
Co-President

## DIABLO INTERNATIONAL RESOURCE CENTER...May Lecture Dates

The DIABLO INTERNATIONAL RESOURCE CENTER gives us the opportunity to continue learning and discussing after the Great Decision program by offering a lecture series on Tuesday evenings in the Spring and Fall. Come and enjoy excellent speakers on the following topics. The lecture is followed by audience question-answer and discussion with the lecturer. This Spring the topics will be:

- May 3: US Foreign Trade Policy
- May 10: Food Crisis on the Horizon
- May 17: Potential Job Market in Bay Area.

The DIRC Spring Lecture Series will again be held at the Del Valle Adult Education Center Library, 1963 Tice Valley Blvd, Walnut Creek, starting @ 7:30 to 9 p.m.

Six lectures for \$35.00 (Register for course #05-0320) and \$8.00 per lecture. For information call: 925-280-3980 x 8001. One can pay at the door. Make checks payable to DIRC...credit cards are not accepted. If you have any further questions and are interested in car pooling, call Sue DeVoe 925-389-8774. ❖

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## PUBLIC POLICY

### IN THE NEWS

BY CYNTHIA SAVELL  
PUBLIC POLICY

Members of the Danville-Alamo-Walnut Creek Branch are invited to hear CA Legislator Joan Buchanan bring us up to date on the State of California Budget, June Special Election, if there is one scheduled, and other important legislation, on Friday, May 20, from 1- 2:30 P.M., at the Shadow Hills Cabana, 1001 El Capitan, in Danville. Please be ready to ask questions and enjoy lively conversation with a very knowledgeable and enjoyable speaker. Joan Buchanan is a member of our Branch, and we are proud to have her speak with us. There will also be refreshments. Let's have a large turnout and learn much information about the state of our state.

Last month we observed Equal Pay Day, the symbolic point at which the average U.S. woman's salary finally caught up to the average U.S. man's earnings from the previous year, with hopes that one day women would have equality with what men earn. Meanwhile, statistics haven't improved much since last year when women averaged about seventy-seven cents on the dollar that men earn. In January 2009, a strong bipartisan House majority passed the Paycheck Fairness Act, but the bill got caught up in Senate procedural rules in November 2010.

On Equal Pay Day 2011, two bills to strengthen gender pay discrimination law were reintroduced to Congress, The Fair Pay Act (HR 1493), and a companion bill (HR 1519), which would allow challenges to gender discrimination between sex-segregated jobs and the reintroduced Paycheck Fairness Act (S 797), in the Senate, which would strengthen laws preventing pay discrimination, such as forbidding employers from retaliating against workers who discuss or disclose wage practices. Please urge your members of Congress to cosponsor the **Paycheck Fairness Act** as it is reintroduced in the 112<sup>th</sup> Congress!

What women earn affects all families, and at a time when people in the Bay Area must earn more and more to make ends meet, what women get paid is an issue that concerns us all. Reasons given for the pay gap are compelling: women don't negotiate effectively for salaries, they lack ambition, they focus on family and raising children, they aren't as productive, and they choose s-called female work that pays poorly. Add gender discrimination to the mix and women face overwhelming challenges in their quest for pay equity. We can all benefit if we shift our decade -old ideas away from defining occupation by gende, and instead, focus on forming a society that rewards women as much as men.

President Obama officially proclaimed April 12, 2011, as National Equal Pay Day. Additionally, the U.S. Congress Joint Economic Committee released a new report demonstrating how the pay gap jeopardizes women's retirement security, and Labor Secretary Hilda Solis commemorated the occasio, statint, "Equal pay is not just a woman's issue. It's not just a family issue. It's a recovery issue."

AAUW is committed to supporting fairness in salaries, equitable access and advancement in employment and enforcement of

employment anti- discrimination statutes. For further information, please read, "The Simple Truth About the Gender Pay Gap," found here: <http://www.aauw.org/learn/research/upload/SimpleTruthAboutPayGap1.pdf> AAUW will continue to champion these bills just as we did the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act and the Paycheck Fairness Act during the last congressional session.

This information comes fro the AAUW *Washington Update*, the *Wall Street Journal* and the *San Francisco Chronicle*. ❖

### Danville-Alamo AAUW

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## ROSEANN KRANE

CAROLYN SANCHEZ

### WOMEN'S HISTORY CHAIR

If anyone has ever experienced Roseann's hospitality at her home in one of AAUW's International Gourmet, Bridge, Mahjong, Beads-2-Jewelry or Great Decisions groups, you know her enthusiasm is contagious. Her passions drive her in many directions, and she can talk you into joining her. Roseann grew up in the small copper mining town of Globe, AZ. Her encouragement for achievement came from being the first generation born in the U.S. of Lebanese parents. They wanted their children to have a good education and good work ethic. So while other girls in her class were marrying after high school, she attended Arizona State University at Tempe, Arizona, majoring in Business Education. While there, she met Walt Krane who was a Civil Engineering major. They married before her junior year in 1960. They both continued going to school, and she graduated in 3 ½ years. Roseann recalls their struggle as newlywed students living in a converted garage near the railroad tracks.

After graduation they moved to West Los Angeles, CA, where Walt started his new job. She earned her Masters Degree in Business Education from CSU, Los Angeles in 1966. Roseann taught business classes at College of the Canyons for five years. She joined AAUW at Santa Clarita Valley in 1969 and has been a member for 41 years. In 1971, they adopted a son, Jason, and their son, Timothy, was born in 1973. She continued working while raising her sons, and was president-elect of Santa Clarity Valley AAUW when they moved. Living in Clayton, CA, Roseann was immediately hired to teach at Diablo Valley College in Pleasant Hill where she was an instructor of Business Administration from 1974 until 1983. She became a charter member of the Clayton Branch of AAUW in 1974 and is a dual member and former president of that branch.

In 1984, Roseann left DVC to teach at Monte Vista High School in Danville to concentrate on Computer Science AP classes. While at Monte Vista, she received many, many awards and honors, including Outstanding Teacher Awards 1984-2000; Math, Science and Computer Technology Outstanding Teacher in 1990; and in 1995, was named as a Top 100 Math, Science and Computer Teacher in the United States. In 1994, Roseann received the Presidential Award for Excellence in Science and Math Teaching. She also received three National Science Foundation grants in her field and three grants with her students, one of which, the National Smithsonian Institute Carbons to Computers award, won first place out of 5,000 entries. A special programming team she worked with also developed and presented a program with Visual Studio for Bill Gates.

During the summers while teaching at Monte Vista, Roseann was an instructor for the California State University at Hayward graduate education program teaching computer courses to teachers and was an instructor for graduate education extension computer classes for the University of San Diego. In 1991 and 1992 she spent two summers at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory working with Super-kids, assisting students from all 50 states with graphic programming development. For ten years Roseann worked for Microsoft beginning in 1993 as an Educational Consultant helping develop teaching programs for other teachers across the nation.

Along with taking many classes, teaching at Monte Vista High School until she retired in 2004, and teaching summer classes, Roseann also has owned her own business, ABC's Computer Services from 1983 to present. Roseann has continued to volunteer as webmaster for: AAUW Clayton Branch, Pleasant Hill Branch and the Danville Alamo Walnut Creek Branch, Danville Alamo Art Society, Diablo Valley Retired Teachers and Delta Kappa Gamma. What does she do for fun? She likes to play bridge with three groups, make jewelry that she also sells, and attends the other interest groups mentioned. Roseann and Walt have two grandchildren and last summer celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

In AAUW, Roseann was awarded Danville Alamo Walnut Creek Gift Honoree and AAUW California State Named Gift Honoree in 2010. The saying goes, if you want someone to do a job, ask the busiest person, that's why Roseann, along with Robin Halloran will be our 2011-12 Co-Presidents.



### 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](http://www.danvilleband.org), or [www.instantencore.com](http://www.instantencore.com).

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## JOAN BUCHANAN - May 20

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For details, contact Cynthia Savell at 838-3002.

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## INTERNATIONAL GOURMET - May 21

Dine with us on the foods of Australia on Saturday, May 21. Choose what you want to prepare from the menu at [www.aauw-daw.org/gourmet/australia/](http://www.aauw-daw.org/gourmet/australia/). First contact gets first choice.


If you are interested in participating, contact Roseann at [rkrane@yahoo.com](mailto:rkrane@yahoo.com). ❖

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## HIKING - May 11, May 11 & May 21.

Three hikes are planned for the month of May:  
May 1: Devil Mountain Run.  
May 11: Save Mt. Diablo Property.  
May 21 Morgan Territory.

Contact Kathie Hixon at [kathiehixon@comcast.net](mailto:kathiehixon@comcast.net) for details or see Monthly Special Interest Section. ❖



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## LEGAL ADVOCACY FUNDS UPDATE

To date LAF fundraising efforts total \$2175 On, Saturday, April 2, approximately fifty members of our branch and guests from the Concord branch gathered to socialize and listen to Leslie Levy, employment law attorney and adjunct professor of law. Ms. Levy addressed employment and workplace law pertaining to womens' issues. Ms. Levy was an informative and effective speaker. Additionally, this was a fundraising event for LAF and \$600 was raised. A special thanks goes to Susan Terzuoli, chairperson of the event, and Barbara Critchlow, who hosted the gathering.

At the end of March the annual LAF fundraising letter was sent to the membership. This year's goal is to increase our participation rate by five percent from 2010 to twenty percent this year. As of April 11, we have reached fifty percent of our goal with 27 members responding to the letter and donating \$1,575. If you would like to contribute you may write your check to the Legal Advocacy Fund #3099 and mail it to Barbara Welch, 1163 Oakmont Dr. #8, Walnut Creek, CA 94595.

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## DAYTIME LITERATURE - May 26

Daytime Literature will meet on Thursday, May 26 to discuss *Little Bee* by Chris Cleave. Hosting: Lynne Heyne. ❖



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# THE ADVOCATE



The 90th convention of AAUW California 2011 was attended by four Danville-Alamo-Walnut Creek members, incoming co-president Roseann Krane, president elect Holly Sauer, California Membership Director Jo Harberson, and Chris Winter who as past California AAUW state president presented at the 90th celebration.

The convention was interesting and invigorating. We attended workshops and business sessions and voted on new directors. Some key highlights included Cynthia D'Amour who gave us a great introduction and very interesting leadership training. Featured speakers included California State Senator Sheila Kuehl and Lilly Ledbetter who gave a very moving talk concerning her struggle with Goodyear Tire Company and the first bill which President Obama signed "the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act." ❖

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## JANE TRITTIPO SCHOLARSHIP

The deadline to make contributions to the Jane Trittipio Scholarship is rapidly approaching. Jane Trittipio, a past president of Danville-Alamo AAUW, passed away a few years ago. A scholarship has been created in her memory to be awarded to a student in the health science field. This is an additional amount to the \$1,000 scholarship awarded from Local Scholarship.

If you would like to make a contribution to this fund, please mail your check made out to Danville-Alamo-Walnut Creek noting the Jane Trittipio Scholarship Fund, and mail it to P.O. Box 996, Alamo, CA 94507, c/o AAUW Jane Trittipio Scholarship.

For more information, please contact Alicia Jones at 838-0422. ❖

## 2010-11 BRANCH PROGRAMS

05/06 - 05/07	10:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.	<b>11<sup>th</sup> Annual Garden Tour.</b> An Educational Foundation benefit.
05/20	1:00-2:30 P.M.	<b>CA Budget Meeting.</b> Speaker: Joan Buchanan, Shadow Hills Cabana, Danville. See Page 5 for details.
06/16 - 06/19	---	<b>AAUW National Convention.</b> Washington, DC.
06/09	5:30 P.M.	<b>Installation and Awards Presentation.</b> Hosting: Holly Sauer

## APRIL CALENDAR: SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

05/01	7:45 A.M.	<b>Hiking Group.</b> Devil Mt. Run/Walk 5K. Meet at Lunardi's, Danville. Contact Kathie Hixon at <a href="mailto:kathiehixon@comcast.net">kathiehixon@comcast.net</a> for details.
05/01	11:30 A.M.	<b>Adventurous Chefs.</b> Contact Phyllis Sheller at 280-0437. [WAIT LIST]
05/03 05/10 05/17 05/24 05/31	10:00 A.M.	<b>Mah Jongg.</b> Weekly meetings at various locations. Contact Paula Weintraub at <a href="mailto:pauladuck@yahoo.com">pauladuck@yahoo.com</a> .
05/06	7:30 P.M.	<b>First Friday Films.</b> For details, contact Judy Halden at 735-8832.
05/10	11:30 A.M.	<b>Movies 'n Lunch.</b> Contact Diane Stangel at 939-0373 for details.
05/11	8:45 A.M.	<b>Hiking Group.</b> Hike Save Mt. Diablo property, Mangini, led by David Ogden. Contact Kathie Hixon at <a href="mailto:kathiehixon@comcast.net">kathiehixon@comcast.net</a> . Bring water and poles.
05/11	7:30 P.M.	<b>Evening Bridge.</b> For details, contact Barbara Nexson at 837-9625.
05/12	10:00 A.M.	<b>Beads2Jewelry.</b> This month's project is earrings. Hosting: Roseann Krane at <a href="mailto:rkrane@yahoo.com">rkrane@yahoo.com</a> . Please RSVP.
05/13	9:00 A.M.	<b>Board Meeting.</b> Mary Mix and Marcia Steinhardt, Co-Presidents. Shadow Hills Cabana, 1001 El Capitan Drive, Danville.
05/13	7:30 P.M.	<b>Cinema 1.</b> <i>Lincoln lawyer</i> and <i>OPotiche</i> . Hosting: Bev Nidick at 828-6993.
05/13	7:30 P.M.	<b>Oscar 1.</b> For details, contact Sharon Cohune at 648-5153.
05/14	---	<b>Golf.</b> For details, contact Marian Bliss at 820-4709.
05/15	---	<b>ADVOCATE DEADLINE.</b> E-mail your articles to Cheryl Kohleriter and Cindy Cassady by Noon today.
05/16	9:30 A.M.	<b>Daytime Party Bridge.</b> Contact: Angela Domer at 838-8320.
05/19	10:30 A.M.	<b>Books II.</b> Contact Doris Ringot at 934-8199 for location.
05/20	7:30 P.M.	<b>Travel Group.</b> Explore China and more with Walt and Roseann Krane. RSVP to Karen Larkin at <a href="mailto:aauw.da.tavgrp2@att.net">aauw.da.tavgrp2@att.net</a> .
05/21	8:30 A.M.	<b>Hiking Group.</b> Morgan Territory, Livermore led by Carol Gerich. Meet at Danville P&R. Lunch at Carol's. Contact Carol at <a href="mailto:carolgerich@ewnet.net">carolgerich@ewnet.net</a> .
05/21	7:30 P.M.	<b>International Gourmet.</b> Australian cuisine. See Page 5 for details. RSVP Roseann Krane at <a href="mailto:rkrane@yahoo.com">rkrane@yahoo.com</a> .
05/21	10:30 A.M.	<b>Epicureans.</b> Contact Judy Finch at 946-0249. [WAIT LIST]
05/23	9:30 A.M.	<b>Daytime Duplicate Bridge.</b> For details, contact Sandy Hoffman at 837-8759.
05/24	7:30 P.M.	<b>Evening Literature.</b> <i>The Lacuna</i> by Barbara Kingsolver. Hosting: Nadine Rosenzweig at 736-5708.
05/25	7:30 P.M.	<b>Contemporary Books.</b> Contact Diane Stangel at 939-0373 or <a href="mailto:lstangel@astound.net">lstangel@astound.net</a> .
05/26	9:30 A.M.	<b>Daytime Literature.</b> <i>Little Bee</i> by Chris Cleave. Hosting: Lynne Heyne.

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## 2011-12 EXECUTIVE BOARD INSTALLATION

*Thursday, June 9*  
*5:30 P.M.*

BRANCH RECOGNITION

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**\*Please bring an appetizer or a small dessert.**  
**Wine, lemonade and coffee will be provided.**

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