



Danville-Alamo-Walnut Creek AAUW Breaking Through Barriers for Women and Girls

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The AAUW Contra Costa and Alameda District **Training workshop** for members in all branches in this area will be held at the Stratford Senior Care Center in Lafayette on August 6 at 9:30 a.m.

There will be a number of workshops about aspects of AAUW presented for you to attend. If you are a new member and want to learn more about AAUW or an experienced member or an officer in the branch, this is the workshop you need.

The **cost is free** and a box lunch will be available for \$10.00. Please contact rkrane@yahoo.com to RSVP if you would like to attend. We will car pool.



AAUW STEM » Tech Trek on CBS News

AAUW of California-sponsored program highlighted during feature about STEM. To view the information on California's STEM go to <http://www.cbsnews.com/video/watch/?id=7374372n> on your computer.

The vision of the National Girls Collaborative Project (NGCP) is to bring together organizations that are committed to informing and encouraging girls to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). AAUW's partners in the project include the EdLab Group; Assessing Women and Men in Engineering; and the Education Development Center.

About the Project <http://www.aauw.org/connect/ngcp/NGCPabout.cfm>

Learn how the National Girls Collaborative Project (NGCP) strengthens the capacity, impact, and sustainability of existing girl-serving science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) programs.

Branch Resources <http://www.aauw.org/connect/ngcp/NGCPbranches.cfm>

Access resources to start a STEM project, or to improve and evaluate an existing program.

This calendar is a duplicate of the one on our web site which is more clear — www.aauw-daw.org

August 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 Jul	1 Aug	2 10:00a Mah Jongg	3	4 12:00p Beads2Jewelry	5 11:30a Adventurous Chefs 7:30p First Friday Film	6 Board Member Training
7	8 9:30a Board Meets Monday Movie Mates	9 10:00a Mah Jongg 11:30a Movies & Lunch	10 7:30p Evening Bridge	11	12 7:30p Cinema 1 7:30p Oscars	13 7:00p International Gourmet Golf
14	15 10:00a Party Bridge	16 10:00a Mah Jongg	17 1:00p Photography	18 10:30a Books II	19	20 8:30p Epicureans
21	22 9:30a Duplicate Bridge 12:00p Hooked On Books	23 10:00a Mah Jongg 7:30p Evening Literature	24 9:30a Contemporary Books	25 10:00a Daytime Literature	26	27
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Be sure you check the calendar updates on our website at www.aauw-daw.org/

These are tentative dates. Please check with the Interest Section chair for changes.



Member News: Our sympathy and prayers to Billye Chilcott as her husband, Paul, passed away on Tuesday from cancer. The Funeral Mass will be Saturday, July 30th at 10:00 AM at St. Isidore's Church in Danville.

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

AAUW Fellowships and Grants: Spread the Word!

Summer is in full swing — and it's also application time for AAUW's fellowships and grants. Applications for all programs will be available August 1. Deadlines and eligibility requirements are posted on the web site at www.aauw.org.

Selection Panelists Needed

AAUW's review and selection panelists are seasoned experts in academia and the professions who analyze the thousands of applications for AAUW's fellowships and grants. We are always seeking new talent and expertise. Visit the [Fellowship and Grant Selection Panels](#) web page of www.aauw.org, and please pass the information on to your networks!

Following the Fellows and Grantees

Ever wonder what's happened to past recipients of AAUW fellowships and grants? Read the AAUW blog series on fellowship and grant alumnae and find out about the accomplishments of former awardees.

Connecting with Other Alumnae — and AAUW

If you are a former fellowship or grant recipient and would like to reconnect with AAUW and other grant recipients, join our fellowship and grant alumnae network! At this link: [Submit your updates](#) and share your personal and professional accomplishments. Find out how you can become involved in contributing to AAUW's mission.

The Interbranch Council (IBC) is an organization which coordinates the branches of AAUW located in this area. Our own Tena Gallagher (our membership vice president) is now the vice chair of this organization. We will be participating in a group program on January 29, Sunday, 2-4 p.m., on "Human Trafficking". Plan to attend this IBC meeting.

[Invest in the Future: Support Pell Grants!](#)

Tell your members of Congress that slashing Pell is not an option. Pell Grants -- which help more than nine million students afford college -- are facing massive cuts. The students who receive these grants, disproportionately women and minority students, are at risk of being among the victims of Washington's current budget battle.

Cuts to Pell would not only devastate the futures of the students who rely on it, but also our economy, which desperately needs more college-educated workers to rebound. **Pell Grants and other federal tuition assistance constitute a direct investment in the future and long-term economic strength of our country.**

Today, the American Association of University Women and our allies across the country are standing up in support of Pell Grants. We're making sure Congress understands that cuts to Pell would hurt millions of Americans and weaken our economy moving forward.

- Program dates to save on your calendar
- Saturday Sept 10 - buffet brunch:
- October 1: Past Presidents Luncheon
- Sunday, Oct. 23 - Northern California AAUW Fellow Speaker's
- Saturday, November 5, Seneca Falls. Celebrating Women's Suffrage.
- December 9-10, our Holiday Home tour
- December 10: Branch holiday party
- January 29, Sunday, 2-4 p.m., Inter Branch Council program on "Human Trafficking"
- Feb, 21, Tuesday evening, dinner. DKG-Zeta Zeta- AAUW-Pleasant Hill-Danville-Alamo-WC— Educational Fellowship speaker
- Feb 25: Exploring Your Horizons, Diablo Valley College, San Ramon Campus
- March 24, Saturday: Producer Rae Chang presents "Autumn Gem," China's first

Seneca Falls - Celebrating Women's Suffrage

Presented by the
American Association of University Women
(Danville-Alamo-Walnut Creek branch) ,
Contra Costa National Organization for Women,
and Contra Costa Commission for Women

In honor of the 100th anniversary of California women's suffrage, passage of the 19th amendment, and Elizabeth Cady Stanton's birthday

11 a.m. Saturday, November 5, 2011

Crow Canyon Country Club, 711 Silver Lake Drive, Danville

Lunch followed by special guest Louise Vance, writer/director/producer of the award-winning documentary "Seneca Falls," who will screen the film and speak on Knowing Your History Gives You Courage.

Sponsorship Levels

Table of Ten: \$500 Table of Eight: \$400

Elizabeth Cady Stanton Level: \$100 ticket

Susan B. Anthony Level: \$75 ticket

Individual ticket: \$35 by October 12th; \$45 thereafter

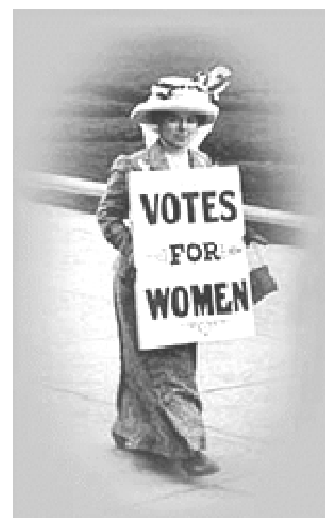
Seating limited to 320. Reservations begin September 25th

For more information, please call 925.945.1938

- April 13-15: AAUW State Convention, Santa Clara Marriott

- May 11-12, our annual Garden Tour

- June: Installation and Awards (TBD)



The Danville-Alamo-Walnut Creek Branch is honored to have Chris Winter, our past branch president and past state president now representing us on the California Special Projects Fund. To learn about this fund, read the information following from Chris.

The AAUW CA Special Projects Fund (SPF) is a separate corporation from AAUW CA. SPF is a 501(c)(3) organization and AAUW CA is a 501(c)(4). A (c)(3) is a charitable organization, and donations are deductible. A (c)(4) is a social welfare organization. It is tax exempt, but donations are not tax deductible.

Tech Trek is a project of AAUW CA, and SPF is their fiduciary agent. SPF receives all their donations and pays all their bills.

The 5% administrative fee for Tech Trek funds deposited with SPF is paid by Tech Trek and is a part of their operating expense. It becomes part of their cost per girl. So, branches do not pay a 5% fee on deposits to Tech Trek. All funds from a branch are credited to that branch with no deductions. Camp treasurers keep track of each branch's funds. They do their accounting by branch. SPF keeps track of the funds by camp. While we can research the money a branch has submitted if there is a question or problem, that is not the way we do our accounting and reports.

Branch scholarship funds are a whole other story. A branch would pay a 5% administrative fee on all deposits for a scholarship fund. SPF would be their fiduciary agent and receive their funds and pay their bills just like a state project. Because of the way our branch raises its funds, it is not a prime candidate for using SPF.

SPF works best for outright donations and not fundraising events. Many branches raise Tech Trek or scholarship funds from the community--businesses, foundations, and major donors. That's the primary reason we formed SPF--to make it easier to raise funds outside the branch. On donations over \$250, we provide an acknowledgment as required by the IRS so the donor can prove they've made the contribution to a 501(c)(3). And, many corporations and most foundations will only give money to a 501(c)(3).

Development, Marketing and Visibility for AAUW

Do you have experience with marketing or fundraising? Has your branch come up with a great idea for visibility? A new committee, Development, Marketing and Visibility, is forming and we need your help. If you can help or have ideas contact **Shelley Mitchell** (smitchell@aauw-ca.org).

Public Policy:

Every public policy principle for which AAUW CA stands is under attack in the current budget process in California.

The Legislative Conference Committees in both the Senate and Assembly completed their work in early March, after altering some of the cuts proposed by Governor Brown. The cuts already agreed upon have dealt a huge blow to services to the poor, elderly and disabled in California.

As proposed by the Governor, a major budget assumption is the continuation of temporary taxes that were enacted in 2009 and due to expire June 30, 2011. The deadline for getting the tax extension on the June ballot was not met, as the Republican members of the Senate and Assembly have taken positions in opposition .

AAUW CA supports the Tax Extension, as well as a number of reforms, as outlined in AAUW CA's ***Position Paper on the California Budget 2011-2012: Revenue, Reductions, Reforms***, found at http://www.aauw-ca.org/assets/resources/AAUW_CA_Positions_on_State_Budget_Feb_2011.pdf

However, proposed reforms require legal and financial analyses, discussion, and negotiation, thus taking time to implement. California requires revenues now, and since the tax extension is not on the ballot, additional cuts of \$12 billion will be required. K-12 Education will be a major target for additional cuts of over \$5 billion, and result in even greater reductions in the quality of education in the state. A cuts-only approach to achieve a balanced budget is an unreasonable solution, and harmful to all state residents.

Sheila Kuehl, former California Senator and a budget expert, who spoke at the AAUW CA Convention in April, states the choices succinctly on her website: "Under virtually any scenario, the most vulnerable in the state seem slated to continue to suffer a lack of support for even their most basic needs while the people of California decide whether they are only for themselves, individually, or whether they are a part of a larger community--the old California in which we share the burdens and benefits of caring for our own.

Each of these budget "buckets"--education, higher education, CalWORKS, healthcare, transportation, environmental protection, protection of our most vulnerable, public safety, emergency services--all of them are intertwined, none stands alone. Time will tell if the people of California see it this way, or if they will continue the fragmentation and dissolution signified by their votes (many of them against their own best interests) on the continuing plethora of initiatives."

All AAUW members should be concerned about the partisanship that is so divisive both in California and in Congress. Sign up for Action Alert on the website, and communicate with your elected representatives. Demand that they engage in reasonable dialogue and compromises that will constructively move California forward!

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We hope all members get to know our web site, www.aauw-daw.org. Check out the boxes at the top of the home page. Several are linked to YouTube Videos about our organization.

About AAUW

Mission statement: AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

Since 1881 the American Association of University Women has been the nation's leading voice promoting education and equity for women and girls through its research, public policy, legal advocacy, international programs, and fellowships, grants and awards.

AAUW conducts advocacy work at both the national and local level and has approximately 100,000 members, 1,000 branches, and 500 college and university partners nationwide.

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

Visit the [AAUW.org website](http://AAUW.org) to learn more.