

Danville-Alamo-Walnut Creek AAUW October 2011 e-news

Please send your checks today to register for both of these events.

2011 - 2012 Funds
Fellows and Grant
Recipients
Studying in California

October 23, 2011, time 12:00 noon Crow Canyon Country Club 711 Silver Lake Drive, Danville, CA \$35 how much per person RSVP Deadline: October 11, 2011

Featuring: Fellows and Grantees

Our October general meeting will be the 2011-2012 Funds - Fellows and Grant Recipients Studying in California. Please join us for this outstanding event where members from other East Bay AAUW branches also participate. Bring your daughters and granddaughters to hear these inspiring women talk about the studies and struggles. These women our the future leaders of America. Do not miss this meeting.

Send RSVP check payable to AAUW CA AAUW CA OFFICE, PO BOX 160067, SACRAMENTO CA 95816-0067

Crow Canyon Country Club
711 Silver Lake Drive, Danville
\$35 for your choice of entree:
Sunburst Chicken Salad, Prawn Salad, or
Fruit Salad (Vegetarian)
Registration deadline 10/12

Link: http://www.rsvpbook.com/event.php?475930

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

Presented by

American Association of University Women (AAUW) Danville-Alamo-Walnut Creek branch Costa National Organization for Women (NOW)

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.

Saturday, November 5, 2011 at 11:00 a.m.

Crow Canyon Country Club, 711 Silver Lake Drive, Danville

Clip, complete and mail. Seating limited. Sponsorship Levels

Lunch followed by writer/producer Louise Vance, who will screen her award-winning documentary "Seneca Falls."

For more information, call 925.945.1938

Elizabeth Cady Stanton Table of Ten \$500
Susan B. Anthony Table of Eight \$400
Alice Paul Level \$100 per ticket Lucy Stone Level \$75 per ticket
Individual ticket $\$35$ by October 12th or $\$45$ thereafter
NameTitle
PhoneE-mail
Choices: Chinese Chicken and Prawn Salad Vegetarian Salad
Chicken, Spinach and Romaine Salad with Parsley Dressing

Please print additional guests' names and entrée choices on back of this slip. Send your check payable to "Danville-Alamo-WC AAUW" to P.O. Box 996, Alamo, CA 94507

SATURDAY	1	Past Presidents' Luncheon		8	Hiking Group: Angel Island/Fleet Week/	Tiburon. Bring friends.	15	6:30 pm Enjcureans	Golf	Art & Garden: San	Francisco City Guides Gold Rush City	Walking Tour	22		29			5	12:00 pm Member Event: From SF to Seneca Falls	6:30 pm International Gourmet: Japan
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MONDAY	26	9:30 am Duplicate Bridge 12:00 pm	Hooked on Books	3			10	9:30 am Board Meeting	Monday Movie Mates				17	10:00 am Daytime Party Bridge	24	9:30 am Duplicate Bridge	12:00 pm Hooked on Books	31		
SUNDAY	25 Sep			2			6						16		23	12:00 pm – 3:00 pm Member Event:	Northern CA AAUW Fellow Speaker's Lunch	30		

A Special Thank You to our Special Interest Group Leads

Our Special Interest Groups are a wildly popular part of our branch activities with a whopping 29 groups! I'd like to offer a huge "Thank You" to our members who have taken on lead roles for these groups, both past and present. Without you, our branch would be diminished: smaller, less successful, and less fun! Thank you so much for all that you do.

New Special Interest Groups Forming

With 29 current special interest groups, you might be surprised that we have a demand for more! Lists have started to form new sections of our most popular groups: Evening Literature, Movies, Mah Jongg, and Monthly Gourmet. Also, even with so many group topics, there might be something that interests you that doesn't have a group. For example, our newest group is Biking!

You can see a list of all our interest groups, the group leads, and descriptions of the groups on our website at http://www.aauw-da.org/index.html There is a link called Sections-Interests about half-way down on the left side of the home page.

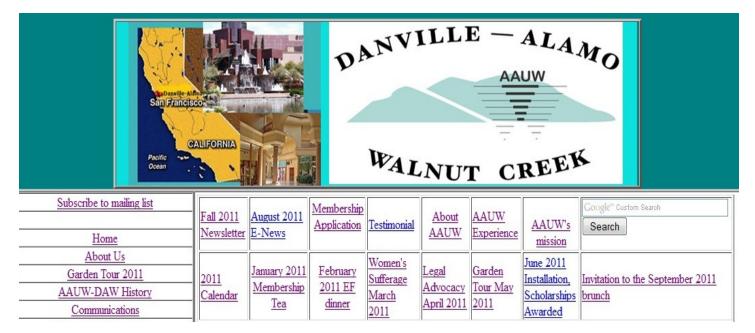
Please contact Holly Sauer at holly.gr8f8@gmail.com or 925-837-8302 if you would like to be on a list for one of these new group sections, would like to form a completely new group, or have any questions at all about our Special Interest Groups. Please contact me even if you think you are already on a list, just to make sure I have your name.

Our Complete Branch Calendar is now Online

Keeping track of our general meetings, program events, and interest group meetings is now easier than ever. With our online calendar you can now see everything scheduled so far for the current branch year (current month through June). Please check it frequently on our website, http://www.aauw-da.org/index.html There is a link on the home page called 2011 Calendar in the second row of links across the top, left side.

The calendar displays one month at a time, a different month can be displayed by using the navigation bar across the top. Times and activity names are listed on the calendar. To access more information about an activity, right-click on the activity name. A pop-up window will appear if additional information is available. Step-by-step information on how to use the calendar will be provided soon to all Special Interest Group leaders for sharing with their groups. Please ask about it!

Activities are updated on the calendar at least once a month. To ensure that your updates are in place for the upcoming month, please provide information by the 25th of the preceding month to Holly Sauer at holly.gr8f8@gmail.com or 925-837-8302. Please also let me know if you have any questions about the calendar.





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Our AAUW branch participates in the eScrip Prgram.

At no cost to you, eScrip is a program by which a percentage (2 to 5%) of your regular retail, online and dining purchases are donated back to our branch by the merchants you use.

We only have 8 members enrolled currently and they have already contributed almost \$40 through escrip. Please consider joining us.

Here are some examples:

Retail -Lunardi's, Big O Tires, Draegers, Food 4 Less, Diablo Foods, Pak'n Save

Online - Amazon.com, expedia.com, hotels.com, Barnes&Noble, eBay, Home Depot

Dining – Pavlo's Pizza in San Ramon, The Duck Club and Il Giardino in Lafayette, Vic Stewart's in Walnut Creek, Jack's in Pleasant Hill. Here is how it works:

- 1. Simply signup at www.escrip.com. Register your credit cards, debit/ATM cards, grocery and retail loyalty cards. Note that eScrip is a very reputable program widely used by thousands of other schools and nonprofit groups. Sycamore Valley Elementary earned \$ 26,972 through Escrip.
- 2. **Designate 500000792** as the group you support. Then use you registered cards at your usual merchants or restaurants. There is **no cost** to you. A donation will then be routed by eScrip to AAUW.
- 3. For dining, if you are interested in who participates, look at the list at eScrip Dining. For example, there are many restaurants that will donate via eScrip. Just use a registered card to pay for your meal. No extra effort required.
- 4. For online purchases, there is one easy additional step to get the donation back to AAUW. Click on the eScrip Online Mall at www.escrip.com, select your preferred merchant and the link takes you directly to their site where you shop as you normally would. The only difference is that AAUW now receives a donation. **Questions? Feel free to contact Tena Gallagher at Tena@aol.com.**

AAUW is pleased to collaborate for a second year with <u>She Should Run</u> as a part of our highly successful <u>Elect Her</u> initiative. She Should Run is a program that provides the resources and information needed to help women explore whether public office is right for them. This collaboration is an important aspect of Elect Her, which builds the pipeline of women running for office in order to diminish the long-standing gender gap in political leadership.

- Through the She Should Run online tool, individuals can nominate themselves or encourage women they know to run for office.
- She Should Run also provides a monthly newsletter and companion notebook that demystifies the process of running for office and includes resources, training, and information about running for office nationwide.

She Should Run is forming state partnerships in all 50 states to ensure that more women know about the program at the local level. Since AAUW works so closely with She Should Run, we would love for you to get more involved!

AAUW and She Should Run want to make sure that women in your community have the local resources and connections they need to explore whether running for office is the right path for them.

For more information, please contact Julie Daniels, She Should Run programs director, at 202/393-8164 or by e-mail at <u>Julie@wcfonline.org</u>.

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 <u>Fellowship and Grant Selection Panels</u> web page, and please pass the information on to your networks!

Last year I read applications for grants. It was rewarding to be able to give grants to deserving women. Do apply to be a reader. If you have questions concerning this position, email rkrane@yahoo.com. Roseann Krane

Get the Latest on AAUW Fellowships and Grants

Applications for all programs are currently available.

<u>Deadlines and eligibility requirements</u> are posted on the association website.

As I read the applications for grants I kept thinking my friends and even I could have qualified for these grants if only we had applied. Do apply today.

Are you subscribed to our news? Everyone who has email needs to subscribe to receive the news in a timely manner. Just click on the Subscribe button on our web site and then when asked to confirm in a separate email, click yes.

The DIABLO INTERNATIONAL RESOURCE CENTER and the ACALANES ADULT EDUCATION CENTER give us the opportunity to continue learning and discussing international topics 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 Fall the topics will be:

Tues. Sept. 27- Are We Out of the Recession?- Speaker: Tappan Munroe- writer CC Times

Oct. 3- Prospects for Peace in the Middle East- Speaker: Fred Lawson-St. Mary's Prof.

Oct. 11- China-Communism vs Capitalism- Speaker: Roger Dong- Asia Economic Advisor

Oct. 18- Prison Reform- Speaker: to be announced

The DIRC Fall Lecture Series will be held in Rossmoor at the Las Trampas room in the Hillside Clubhouse in Walnut Creek. The Rossmoor gate agent can give location instruction for those not familiar with the Hillside Clubhouse. The lectures start at 7:30 to 9 p.m.

The cost is \$8.00 per lecture. (Register for course #05-0340) For further information call: 925 -280-3980 x 8001 or Sue DeVoe 925-389-8774. One can pay at the door. Make checks payable to DIRC- credit cards are not accepted.



Danville Community Band

Our10th Anniversary season bringing musical entertainment to the greater Danville area.

Look online for info about the **Danville Community Band** *www.danvilleband.org*

Upcoming Concerts

October 16, 2011; 3PM Rossmoor

November 19, 2011 Herbst Theater, San Francisco

December 4, 2011; 3PM East Bay Fellowship 2615 Camino Tassajara, Danville

February 12, 2012 Dinner Concert, Diablo Country Club

April 1, 2012; 2PM Blackhawk Museum 3700 Blackhawk Plaza Cir., Danville



Easy Riders will have our first meeting next Tues.9/27 at 11:30AM at Stanley school (3455 School St., Lafayette, Ca.) in the Stanley school parking lot. Those who want to meet for coffee/tea/snack afterwards, at about 12:45 or 1, Please let me know. We can just have a picnic lunch or go to a local nearby place. RSVP if you're coming. We will wait 10 minutes for everyone to get there, so it's good to know who is coming, so we can call in case of rain or cancellation due to emergency.

Some of you can meet only on the weekends. So we will also have a bike ride next Sat Oct 1 at 10:30AM.at the Lamorinda bike trail ,larger parking lot on Olympic Blvd, The north end of the trail begins at A staging area at Olympic Boulevard and Pleasant Hill Road in Lafayette, south of Highway 24.

The website is www.ebparks.org/parks/trails/lafayette moraga, for more information. Both ends of this trail have only a very slight incline at 2 parts and then when you go down, it is kind of fun. There are no major hills to deal with on this particular trail.

Please RSVP to me $\,$ if you can come and which dates. Also, I have 1 or 2 extra bikes if someone needs one, or wants to invite a guest. Looking forward to seeing you, Marjorie Singler

925-283-9931 Cell 925-878-5915



We had a delightful brunch where members were able to sign up for interest sections, buy members' books, view their neighborhood groups, hear interesting reports from the TechTrek camper girls, and hear two outstanding women talk about supporting incarcerated women by helping them pursue legal justice. Here are the photos from the brunch **http://www.aauw-daw.org/2011brunchphotos.pdf**

Statistics by Marisa Gonzalez, Staff Attorney for Legal Services for Prisoners with Children

The numbers of people in women's prisons – both around the country and here in California – have increased exponentially since the late 1970s, particularly as a result of the "War on Drugs". The number of people serving sentences of more than a year in state women's prisons grew by 757% between 1977 and 2004, nearly twice the 388% increase in the male prison population. As of December 31, 2010, there were 9,780 people in CA's women's prisons: Upwards of 80% have experienced violence and abuse as adults, children, or both (at least 60% are survivors of DV) Incarcerated women in California (and across the country) are disproportionately women of color: 28% "Black", 31% "Hispanic", 35% white and 6% "other". In 2001 in the U.S.:

1 in every 19 black women were likely to go to prison at some point in their life (5.6%).

1 in every 40 Latinas were likely to go to prison at some point in their life (2.2%)

1 in every 118 white women were likely to go to prison at some point in their life (0.9%)

Sentences in CA (as of December 31, 2010): 1,035 lifers, 18 women on death row, 169 LWOP, 536 were in for 1st Degree Murder, 611 were in for 2nd Degree Murder

People convicted of attempt, conspiracy, mayhem, third strikes, and other crimes can also receive life sentences. 7,200 determinate sentences (almost 75%) 1,243 2nd strikers 84 3rd strikers. **Almost half are in for non-violent, non-serious crimes, and have no violent or serious priors.** Almost two-thirds (61.3%) are in for property or drug crimes, as opposed to crimes against a person. We welcome donations to the Habeas Project by going to **www.prisonerswithchildren.org** and clicking on the "Donate Now" button. Any size contributions are very appreciated.



Legal Advocacy Fund Informational Call

On Thursday, September 29, at 7 p.m. EDT, you can hear case updates and program information during a conference call with LAF staff that is open to all AAUW members. Please RSVP to laf@aauw.org by Tuesday, September 27, to receive the call-in information. A transcript of the call will be available on request starting September 30.

AAUW CA Welcomes New Advocate, Shannon Smith- Crowley

Shannon Smith-Crowley has been retained by AAUW CA as our new legislative advocate, effective July 1,2011. Shannon earned her law degree from California Western School of Law, and holds a Masters in Health Administration from the University of Southern California, as well as Bachelor of Arts in Sociology with Concentration in Information Sciences from the University of California Santa Cruz. In 2003 she founded Partners in Advocacy, a legislative and regulatory advocacy firm.

In addition to representing AAUW CA before the California Legislature, she will be improving communication to AAUW members about legislation on both our website www.aauw-ca.org and Facebook page www.facebook.com/aauwca. The Public Policy section of our website already reflects Shannon's work in making timely updates on AAUW CA's bill package available to members. Welcome, Shannon!

AAUW VP, Public Policy Director

Sue Miller

Public Policy is an important component of our Advocacy on behalf of women and girls. **Legislature Sends Bills to Governor Brown**

After a flurry of late-evening activity, the California Legislature concluded its 2011 session on September 9. Of the 49 bills being supported or followed by AAUW CA, 16 have been passed by the Legislature and sent to the Governor. Key among these:

- SB 14 (Wolk) **State Budget** Requires performance based budgeting by state agencies after 2013.
- SB 15 (DeSaulnier) **State Budget** Requires multi-year budgeting.
- SB 222 (Evans) **Maternity coverage**: requires every individual health insurance policy to provide coverage for maternity services.
- AB 9 (Ammiano) Bullying local educational agencies must adopt policies to prohibit discrimination, harassment, intimidation, and bullying, receive and investigate complaints, and require school personnel who witness such acts to take immediate steps to intervene, investigate and resolve complaints.
- AB 90 (Swanson) Human trafficking current law, the California Control of Profits of Organized Crime Act, provides the procedure for the forfeiture of property and proceeds acquired through a pattern of criminal profiteering activity. This bill includes within the definition any crime in which the perpetrator induces, encourages, or persuades, or causes through force, fear, coercion, or violence, a person under 18 to engage in a commercial sex act.
- AB 499 (Atkins) **Minors Medical Care** For minors 12 and older, adds to current law the right to consent to medical care related to the prevention of a sexually transmitted disease.
- AB 568 (Skinner) Requires law enforcement personnel to use the least restrictive restraints on pregnant inmates.

Governor Brown has until October 9 to sign or veto bills. Our new lobbyist, Shannon Smith-Crowley is keeping current our legislative summary on the website, posting on Facebook and preparing our Action Alerts. Great work, Shannon!

AAUW CA has received an Impact Grant from AAUW national to develop and implement a Voter Education project. The education focus will be on the impact of federal and

state budget cuts on women, in the areas Education; Healthcare including Reproductive Freedom; Social Security changes including potential privatization; Safe Campuses and Communities; and the Social Safety Net for low-income women, children, the disabled, and elderly. These touch all of us!

Study the California Initiative Process!

Did you know that Ballot Initiatives, when passed, actually amend the California Constitution? In 1911, an amendment to the California Constitution established the California Initiative process, giving voters the right to enact legislation, a power equal to the power of the legislative branch of state government. At that time, progressives were concerned about the influence that moneyed interests, such as the Southern Pacific Railroad, exercised over the legislature led the movement. In this century the process has now become dominated by moneyed interests who can pay signature gathers in order to get their special issues on the ballot.

Some initiatives previously passed have constrained the allocation of tax revenues and affected the state budget process. There are increasing calls for making modifications to the Initiative process. This led the AAUW CA Public Policy Committee to recommend that branches study the Initiative process, in similar fashion as the State Budget Study was conducted earlier this year. Branches do individual studies and make recommendations. All branch studies are combined by the Committee into a single document which, after approval by the AAUW CA Board, is distributed to State Elected Officials.

Please consider taking part in this study. The combined work of AAUW's educated members gains respect for our organization and is an opportunity to influence public policy. Contact Sue Miller, if you are interested in doing a study or have questions.





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Beads2Jewelry will be meeting at noon on October 6 at the home of Arlene Barnet. Please RSVP arbar@astound.net if you plan to attend so material and instruction information can be sent to you.

International Gourmet will meet on October 15 and will taste the foods of Japan. Contact rkrane@yahoo.com if you want to participate.



Centennial Program for 10/10/11

The final program for 10/10/11. AAUW CA with the assistance of AARP will host the final reception where the Secretary of State will be featured. Come join us. in Sacramento. Gather at the California Museum – 1020~°O″ Street at 9:30 and our day ends at 6:30.

Gloria Taylor, CO-President AAUW California, CO-Chair California Women's Suffrage Centennial, Celebration Committee

2011 AAUW Holiday Home Tour

Preparations are in full swing for our 7^{th} annual Holiday Home Tour and your HHT Committee is very excited about the tour this year. It will be held on Friday and Saturday, December 9 and 10, 10 AM to 4 PM.

To increase our value to our community and increase our fund-raising results this year, we are organizing a Holiday Boutique. This boutique is intended to spotlight the talent of our branch members. Please let us know if you would like to contribute to our boutique. We ask that proceeds from sales after materials cost will be donated to our fund-raising efforts. Our first boutique participant is Lorretta Altshuler, who will be making beautiful floral arrangements. We are also looking for someone to serve as our Boutique Manager. Please let us know if you would like to participate in any way.

Volunteers are needed to provide refreshments and/or serve as docents. In addition, we are selling raffle tickets for a beautiful holiday quilt donated by Mary Mix. Please be on the look-out for sign-up sheets and raffle tickets at branch events. You may also contact me to volunteer or purchase tickets: Holly Sauer, gr8f8@gmail.com, 837-8302.

We have identified five magnificent homes for our tour, however all are not finalized. Please consider volunteering your home, or volunteer some of your time to ask friends and acquaint-ances to open their homes for our fundraiser. We will follow up on all of your suggestions. This will also help us prepare for next year's tour.

Whatever amount of time you have available, whatever your interests and skills, we would love your help in making this our most successful Home Tour yet!

Our Holiday Home Tour is one of two fundraisers we host each year. Funds raised directly support young women in both the middle-school and college levels. We send middle-school girls to Tech Trek, a summer camp dedicated to raising interest and skills in science and we provide scholarships for under-graduate and graduate studies to outstanding young women in multiple areas of study. Last year we sent 14 girls to Tech Trek and provided 13 scholarships.

We can't make these critical contributions to our community without your support. Please give us a call, together we can make s difference and have some fun, too!

Holly Sauer and Mary Ellen Blake Holiday Home Tour Co-Chairs

Holly: 837-8302, holly.gr8f8@gmail.com

Mary Ellen: 735-9889, maryellenblake@comcast.net

Please be aware that raffle tickets are not tax deductible. Purchasing a raffle ticket is not considered a charitable donation, it is the purchase of a chance to win. All of our branch raffle tickets will state that **they are not tax deductible**.

You might be interested in this young woman who has founded a school in Rwanda. She and two students will be in San Francisco on Oct.6. Hope to see some of you there. We tried to arrange an AAUW meeting for her, but we didn't have enough time or the right date to set anything up. This is a good chance to see someone who is following AAUW's mission!

Martha Slavin, International Relations



The Akilah Institute for Women cordially invites you to spend an inspirational evening with Co-Founder Elizabeth Dearborn Davis and special guests from Kigali, Rwanda. Two of our students, Allen and Noella, are making the journey from Rwanda to the United States for the first time to meet supporters and share their life-changing experiences at Akilah. Come meet them and learn more about the work of Akilah. All proceeds from the evening will support the Akilah Institute for Women.

This event is one of many the students will be attending during their 10 weeks in the US. Events will also occur in Tampa, Chicago, Seattle, San Francisco Bay Area, New York, Providence, Ithaca, Boston, Philadelphia and Washington, D.C.



Allen Kazarwa

Thursday, October 6, 2011 6:30 pm Appetizers, Wine & Presentation

> Monroe 473 Broadway Street San Francisco CA 94133 Hosted by Tyler Dikman

Tickets: \$35 per person

Tickets available at www.metropolitiansafari.org

Please email any questions to

Jennifer DeSimone at jen@akilahinstitute.org



Noella Abijuru



The Akilah Institute for Women is a college in Kigali, Rwanda preparing the next generation of leaders and entrepreneurs.

Our first Diploma, Hospitality Management, prepares young women to find meaningful employment and launch ventures in the fastest growing sector of the economy.

The Akilah Institute is an initiative of Project Akilah, Inc., a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. All contributions are tax deductible according to law.

Great Decisions is Americas largest discussion program on world affairs and U.S. foreign policy. Order the Great Decisions 2011 Briefing Book by sending a check for \$20.00 by October 25 to Beverley Nidick, 91 Tumbleweed Ct, San Ramon, CA 94583-2489 as she will order the books so we get a group discount. If you have questions contact Bev at Bev2ern@comcast.net.

The Great Decisions briefing book features impartial, thought-provoking analyses on eight issues of concern to U.S. policymakers today. Each article is written by carefully selected experts, offers questions and tools for discussion, as well as policy options for U.S. officials. Readers are encouraged to complete the accompanying National Opinion Ballot that is compiled by the FPA and presented to the U.S. Secretary of State, Congress and the White House at the end of the year. We will be meeting in February and March for the discussions.

2011 Topic Descriptions: Rebuilding Haiti, U.S. National Security, Horn of Africa, Responding to the Financial Crisis, Germany Ascendant, Sanctions and Nonproliferation, The Caucasus, Global Governance.

Our sympathies to Phyllis Duggan who lost her husband of 60 years on Sept. 15. She is an Honorary Life Member. There will be a Memorial Service for Curtis Duggan on October 23, at 10 am at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Rossmoor.

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