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## JANUARY BRANCH PROGRAM

**DANVILLE-ALAMO AAUW GENERAL MEETING**  
 Tuesday, January 22, 11:15 A.M.

Join us at De Ming's Asian Cuisine for a lunch meeting and to hear a discussion of Chinese culture.

**Lunch Meeting:** Tuesday, January, 11:15 A.M.  
 11:30 Meeting and Speaker  
 12:00 Lunch

Location: De Ming's Asian Cuisine, 105 Town & Country Dr., Danville

**RSVP:** Please send a \$12.00 check (includes tip) to Danville-Alamo AAUW, P. O. Box 996, Alamo, CA 94507 by **January 15.**

De Ming's is the only five-star Chinese restaurant in our area and has a great reputation. Our meal will consist of seven dishes and hot tea.

**Barbara Bornett Stumph** is a retired teacher and works with the culture-to-culture program traveling to different Asian countries. Barbara speaks conversational Mandarin and does beautiful Chinese brush work. She is a well applauded speaker.

Barbara will take us on a walk in a Chinese garden of ancient characters, bamboo, and flowers. She will introduce the Mandarin Chinese language and culture as she paints in the traditional Chinese brush technique.

For more information, e-mail Roseann Krane at [rkrane@yahoo.com](mailto:rkrane@yahoo.com).

*Roseann Krane, Co-Program V-P*

Mark you calendars for our **February 19<sup>th</sup>** meeting at Scott's Restaurant in Walnut Creek at 5:30 P.M. We will meet to hear Abby Enscoe, Chris Winter's *Educational Foundation* fellow, speak about her experiences. Social at 5:30 P.M., short business meeting at 6:00 P.M., dinner follows and our speaker begins at 7:15 P.M. This is always one of the most outstanding and inspirational talks of the year. Don't miss it.

## NEW MEMBERS HIGH TEA

All new members from 2006 to 2008 are invited to an afternoon High Tea on Saturday, January 19, from 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. at **Lucrezia Mota's home** at 1639 Via Romero, Alamo. Sample a bit of England and meet other new members. This year, our branch's goal is to involve and connect with as many new members as possible. We want you to have a good reason for continuing to support AAUW. RSVP to Marcia Steinhardt, [herbertt@yahoo.com](mailto:herbertt@yahoo.com) or 944-5173.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year!

Are you all recovering from the holidays? I know that the Holiday Home Tour volunteers must be! Can you believe that 597 tickets were sold, compared to 301 last year-that is SO close to twice as many attendees! And the wonderful compliments that we received including from the home owners. WOW. What an accomplishment! Our branch netted over \$14,500 to be used for Tech Trek and also scholarships for local women who are at least a junior in college. And thanks to our webmaster, Roseann Krane, the scholarship application is now on our website so it is easily available.

January brings us a chance to learn about China and its culture. The Art and Garden field trip to the Asian Art Museum's exhibit "Later Chinese Jades: Ming Dynasty to Early Twentieth Century" on Friday, January 15, sounds like a fun and educational trip. Then enjoy lunch at De Ming's on Tuesday, January 22, when Barbara Bornett Stumph will be our speaker. She works with culture-to-culture programs traveling to different countries in Asia. I hope that you can join us for both of these programs.

If you are like me, I make New Year's resolutions. One of mine is to get to know more of our members. So I hope that you will come and join me at Bagel

Street Café on the second Friday morning of each month. So mark your calendar for 9:30 A.M. on January 11. There is always a group of us sharing about ourselves and learning from each other.

One of my other resolutions is to be more observant, especially about the wonderful things around us. And that brings me to thanking each one of you-whether you have sent me e-mails with information, helped with our fundraising tours, attended our program meetings, given your friend or neighbor a membership application, agreed to be on our board, lead an interest section, provided your home for one of our events, volunteered to be a monitor at Expanding Your Horizons, read our newsletter so you are aware of our activities, kept our newsletter, THE ADVOCATE, coming to our members-either by e-mails or snail mail, and the list goes on and on.

The nominating committee will be calling members this month. I hope that you will take this opportunity to get to know other leaders of our branch. We are lucky to have such talented women in our branch.

May 2008 be everything that you have hoped for and more.

*Tena Gallagher, President*



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Gallagher,  
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DONORS TO EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Hats off to all of our supportive and involved members: we are happy to report that the EF committee has sent off a check for \$17,000.00 to the state in support of the Educational Foundation. This is the largest contribution we have ever made towards EF, and I think we need to extend kudos to our two hard working and dedicated leaders, Connie Cady and Tena Gallagher. **THANK YOU** both for the many hours you put in and the great successes our Branch has yielded from that time. We have solid groundwork established to move forward and continue our generous support of such a worthy cause.

*"This is the largest contribution we have ever made towards EF."*

We would like to thank the following people for their generous contributions this year:

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We'd also like to extend another **Thank You** to all who volunteered for the Garden Tour; without your help we could not have been so successful. Let's look towards an even higher contribution next year!

*Mary Mix, EF Co-Vice-President*




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## HOLIDAY HOME TOUR



*Susan Terzuoli  
& Tena Gallagher*

*Thanks to all who  
volunteered to make  
this the most successful  
tour yet!!!*

After this **Holiday Home Tour**, we really realize that it takes a village to have great things happen. And at this tour, that was evident. Through EVERYONE'S efforts, we were able to gross over \$15,500. We kept our expenses under 6%, an amazing accomplishment for all of us. We can hardly wait to see how many young women we will be able to support in furthering their education through our scholarships or by sponsoring six incoming eighth-grade girls to Tech Trek science camp this summer through our efforts.

**Susan Terzuoli** had the hardest job: find home owners who wouldn't mind several hundred people walking through their homes. And she found wonderful ones this year. All six homes had unique features and provided decorations that anyone would have been pleased to have in their own homes. The **home owners that provided these beautiful homes** to share with our ticket holders were V.K. and Monica Chopra, Doug and Theo Slack, Tom and Robin Halloran, Herbert and Janet Montgomery, Susan and Mike Savod and our own member, Gus Slavin and Bill. Jeanette Ugarte, owner of Leku Eder, Sheila L Jones of Sheila L Designs, Inc., Marilyn Gardunio of JB Turner and Sons, Leslie Kalish of LMK Interiors and Briman Wallior of Design Concepts assisted the home owners in decorating for the holidays but still displaying their personal treasures.

**Refreshments** were recruited and managed by **Pat DeRensis** and her crew: Pat Foley, Rochelle Brown, Ilene Ferguson and Mary Mix. We heard many wonderful compliments about the refreshments. Thanks goes to the many branch members who contributed the very tasty treats. And, we never ran out!!

**Kathie Hixon** led the **Head Docents**: Sally Jess, Cheryl Kohleriter, Olivia Larson, Pat Madsen, Bev Nidick, and Caroline Sanchez and their call for volunteers. We needed many, and through their efforts, members and

friends responded. We'd like to thank the **members who were docents**: Asha Bajaj, Arlene Barnett, Marian Bliss, Tracy Bowlby, Betty Bryant, Karen Campbell, Beth Clark, Gail Clark, Sharon Cohune, Barbara Critchlow, Carmen Curtis, Sue DeVoe, Nadine Durant, Jennifer Enzminger, Pat Foster, Marianne Gagen, Marlena Garcelon, Lyn Griffith, Jo Harberson, Dot Healy, Jan Hersh, Sandy Hoffman, Linda Jimerson, Pat Kenber, Jan Knadle, Diane Larson, Vib Lichtman, Anne Long, Eldene Lucchese, Jeannine Makely, Helen Miller, Laurie Miller, Lucrezia Mota, Nancy Murray, Maurine Murtaugh, Therese O'Meara, Mary Ann Osborne, Dora-Thea Porter, Doris Rice, Cynthia Savell, Jacque Schubert, Sonya Seyler, Mary Skelton, Marcia Steinhardt, Arleen Takayama, Dianne Tinnies, Anne Tompkins, Joan Ward, Jackie Welles, Ally Whiteneck, Barbara Wilson, Chris Winter, Deb Witmer, Marian Worrall, and Deb Zauner. We'd also like to thank **friends who were docents**: Linda Britt, Linda Casey (scholarship mom), Stella Hadjimarkos, Jean Lemberger (scholarship mom) Anne Moulds, Louise Olivares (scholarship mom), and Mary Riley. I'm sorry if I missed anyone.

**San Ramon branch members who volunteered** were Sally Blackwell, Renee Coles, Andy Gibson, Anne Hayden, Sherri Hedman, Marcia Pick, and Mary Venkat. Even friends were recruited. We appreciate Missy Davis, Jan Glomstad, Jean Jackson (Tech Trek parent - SR) and her daughter, Payton Gordon (Tech Trek), Nan Karns, Marvie Lee, Ann Lewis, Donna Mikolaj, Arlene McCullouch, Penny McFarland, Anne Moulds, PJ Overholt, Dana Morehouse, Wendy Peterson, Linda Scanlon, and Lynn Tobias for volunteering as docents. **Husbands** were asked to volunteer, too. Thanks goes to the husbands who provided the shuttle drivers for the Savod home each day: Bruce Hixon, Frank Terzuoli, Ernie Nidick, and John Gallagher.

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But, special thanks go to the **Hixons** for allowing us to use their van. And, if you happened to be at a house when **Marian Bliss** was visiting, you saw her taking hundred of photos. We are very fortunate that she has been pursuing this interest. Each home owner will be given a CD and an 8-½ x 11 sheet of the best photos of their homes as part of our appreciation, thanks Marian.

**Mary Mix** handled all of the ticket sales whether they were mailed or bought at Design Concepts. She spent many hours mailing tickets and answering questions on the telephone. Besides this big job, she also **made the raffle prize: the holiday quilt**. We sold raffle tickets during the tour and raffled the quilt at the holiday branch party Saturday night. This is the first time in three years that a branch member won: Diane Larson.

Did you see those great **directional signs**? **Connie Cady** was in charge of them and she was so clever...the reverse side of the laminated green signs will be used for our Garden Tour each May. There were many comments about the ease in finding their way to the homes. Connie is also responsible for the flyers that we distribute but, most importantly for the layout and copying of the tickets, complete with maps.

So, thanks to everyone; this was a very successful tour. Whether you volunteered, went on the tour with friends, baked some treats, or helped in other ways, the Holiday Home Tour committee thanks you.

*Tena Gallagher, President*

## AAUW CHRISTMAS HOME TOUR

a poem by *Caroline Sanchez*

We all worked to make our fund raising a success  
The Christmas Home Tour, I'm sure you guessed  
Susan had homes to secure  
Connie made a beautiful brochure  
Tena did all the advertising  
Kathie did the docent supervising  
Home hosts hung Christmas decorations  
Pat busied with food preparations  
Members brought tasty food goodies  
Head docents set signs and a bag of booties  
Members came to the homes looking their best  
Stood guard as docents and welcomed the guests  
As almost 600 people passed through their doors  
Wearing booties —so as not to soil the floors.

Then we celebrated at Gus's with goodies to spare  
Members kept coming, everyone seemed to be there  
We raffled Mary's quilt, her efforts we praised  
With almost \$15,000 we cheered for money we raised.  
And you all responded when we made the call.  
Thank you to everyone we needed you all.



*Caroline Sanchez*  
*December 12, 2007*

### Lost & Found

**Found:** Serving pieces left at the Slavin's after the Members' Party include \*Oval platter with 3 Christmas trees, \*Clear tray with etched flowers, \*Gold platter, \*See-through red oval dish, \*2 Glad containers, \*Large oval tray w/ornaments around edge, \*1 clear shot glass, \*1 small ceramic toothpick cup, \*1 slotted serving spoon, \*1 Cowgirl Creamery cheese knife.

**Lost:** During the tour, one guest lost a Canon camera. If found, contact **Lynn Brown** at 256-9666.



**ART & GARDEN EVENT Friday, January 18, 9:30 A.M.**

AAUW Art & Garden is going to the *Asian Art Museum* on Friday, January 18, 2008, to view the *Later Chinese Jades: Ming Dynasty to Early Twentieth Century*. We'll see 73 superb examples of later Chinese jades from the museum's permanent collection. The core of this collection of approximately 1,200 pieces was donated by Avery Brundage (1887-1975). Over the past decades considerable new information has become available in this field, both from archaeological discoveries and from careful research of period texts and of objects for which the date and history is well established. Much of this new research has been undertaken by experts in China, with the Asian Art Museum bringing in a series of experts from China to survey their collection in the late 1990s.

We'll also have a docent tour titled "Jade: Beauty, Wealth, and Power," which traces jade's complex development from powerful burial talismans to treasures prized by emperors. We'll also learn about the dedication, patience, and years of training artisans must possess to produce objects of such beauty.

Cost is \$10.00 (seniors 65+ \$7.00) PLUS splitting the \$75.00 docent fee. Once you sign up, this is a non-refundable event as fees will be paid in advance for a maximum group of 15. We'll meet at 9:30 A.M. at either the Sycamore Park-N-Ride or the Alamo Safeway and then BART to Civic Center. We'll lunch after the tour. More information is available at [www.asianart.org/jade.htm](http://www.asianart.org/jade.htm). To sign up or for more information, please contact Jacque Schubert, 925-855-7002 or [jacqueschubert@comcast.net](mailto:jacqueschubert@comcast.net).

*Jacque Schubert, Section Leader*



**BABY QUILTS FOR CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL**

Fourteen baby quilts were delivered to Children's Hospital Oakland over the Thanksgiving weekend.

The hospital staff had great things to say about the quality of our donation. They are proud to use them and send them home with a well baby. Our group is small and caring and we continue to feel a great sense of gratitude for the opportunity to sew for Children's Hospital Oakland. A special thanks to Diane Larson for her commitment to this ongoing project

*Mary Kelly, Section Leader*



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## JANUARY CALENDAR

## SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

- 1/04 9:15 *Board Meeting.* Tena Gallagher, President. The Shadows Hills Cabana, 1001 El Capitan Drive, Danville.
- 1/09 7:30 *Evening Bridge.* Host: Sandy Hoffman at 837-8759.
- 1/11 9:30 *Monthly Coffee Get-Together.* Contact Tena Gallagher at 837-0826.
- 1/11 7:30 *Cinema 1. Atonement and Charlie Wilson's War.* Host: Tena Gallagher, 837-0826.
- 1/11 7:30 *Oscar 1. Atonement.* Host: Marcia Steinhardt, 944-5173.
- 1/17 10:00 *Great Decisions. Gertrude Bell Queen of the Desert, Shaper of Nations* by Georgine Howell. Host: Mary Ann Osborne at 637-6079.
- 1/18 9:30 *Art & Garden. Asian Art Museum Tour,* San Francisco. Details on page 6.
- 1/20-21 ----- *Golf.* Weekend golf at *Silverado* in Napa.
- 1/21 9:30 *Daytime Bridge.* Contact Mary Kay Anderson.
- 1/22 7:30 *Evening Literature. Water for Elephants* by Sara Gruen. Host: Judy Lauper, 831-0156 or [jlauper@pacbell.net](mailto:jlauper@pacbell.net).
- 1/24 9:30 *Daytime Literature.* Contact Lynne Heyne.
- 1/28 9:30 *Daytime Duplicate Bridge.* Contact Roberta Brenner.

## 2007-08 BRANCH PROGRAMS

- 1/22 —— International Relations, Great Decisions or Travel Focus
- 2/02 11:00 AAUW-CA LAF Speaker Lunch, Sacramento
- 2/19 5:30 Educational Fellow Speaker—Dinner Mtg., Scott's
- 3/15 —— EYH Expand Your Horizons—DVC-San Ramon Campus, San Ramon
- 3/18 —— Global Warming—LL Lab Speaker & Branch Elections
- 4/4 to 6 —— 87<sup>th</sup> AAUW—CA Convention, Rohnert Park
- 5/9 & 10 —— Annual Garden Tour (Educational Foundation Benefit)
- 5/20 —— Culture—Art Program—Elaine Reisert
- 6/18 5:30 Installation & Awards Presentations

For details and updates on the 2007-08 Branch Programs,  
see our web site at:

<http://www.aauw-da.org/program.html>

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Beginning with this issue, Cheryl Kohleriter becomes the new layout editor. Please send her and Marge Christensen your articles and announcements. I have enjoyed greatly working with everyone to bring you an informative and inviting newsletter. Cheryl has graciously accepted the torch and so the beat goes on! Be seeing you at the EYH (Expanding Your Horizons) Conference March 15 at DVC-San Ramon Campus, San Ramon.



*Dora-Thea Porter*  
*Past Layout Editor*