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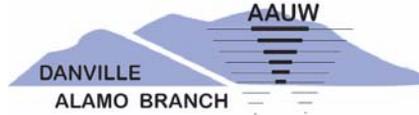
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*Tena Gallagher,  
President*



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## 4<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL HOLIDAY HOME TOUR

Join our 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Home Tour on Friday, December 12, and Saturday, December 13, from 10 A.M. - 4 P.M. Tickets are \$30 per person if postmarked by December 5, and \$35 thereafter or day of tour. We are offering a senior (65+) ticket price of \$25 prior to the event or day of. Tickets can be purchased by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope, along with a check payable to Danville-Alamo AAUW and mailed to Danville-Alamo AAUW, 255 Morris Ranch Ct., Danville, CA 94526. Tickets may also be purchased at Leku Eder, 177 E. Prospect Ave., Danville, and at Design Concepts, 3235 Danville Blvd., Alamo during their regular hours and on the days of the tour. For questions, contact Mary at [memix@sbcglobal.net](mailto:memix@sbcglobal.net) or 831-1784. Proceeds from the Holiday Home Tour support Local Scholarship and Tech Trek.



### BRANCH HOLIDAY PARTY

Please join us for our Branch Holiday Party at the home of Asha and Dinesh Bajaj on Saturday, December 13, at 6: 30 P.M. Please bring a finger food appetizer or dessert on a tray to share. Come and celebrate the holidays and hear the results of our 2008 HHT! Spouses and significant others are included. The Bajaj's are at 3575 Country Club Terrace, Danville (Blackhawk East Entrance). For questions, contact Kathie Hixon at [kathiehixon@comcast.net](mailto:kathiehixon@comcast.net) or Tena Gallagher at [Tena@aol.com](mailto:Tena@aol.com). A suggested donation of \$5.00 per person covers the cost of beverages.

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy Holidays to each of you and your families!! A huge thanks goes to Susan Rogers for all of her efforts for making our Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF) dinner on November 18, a success. We were able to donate \$750 divided among the three litigants. And thanks to each one of you who attended and/or donated. Isn't this a great time of year? You can start your holiday festivities by bringing your family and/or friends to our Holiday Home Tour on Friday, December 12, and Saturday, December 13, from 10 A.M. - 4 P.M. It will be such a fun time. The five houses this year are GORGEOUS with one of the houses having over 20 trees!! If you can serve as a docent, Kathie Hixon at 838-8632 can find an opening for you. Or, if you'd like to bring some homemade goodies for our refreshment house, please contact Marcia Steinhardt at 944-5173. I enjoy volunteering one day and touring with several friends on the other day. I hope to see you there.

Our branch Holiday Party will be at Asha and Dinesh Bajaj's home on Saturday, December 13, at 6:30 P.M. Please RSVP by calling her at 736-7969 and also mention AAUW at the Blackhawk gatehouse. This party is for all members, spouses, and significant others.



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (cont'd.)

Before you buy all of the groceries for this holiday season, consider signing up for eScrip at [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com), and by entering our #500000792. Two percent of your purchases at Safeway, Whole Foods, Lunardi, Draegers or Macy's can support our branch. How easy is that? Please do this today.

Remember if you have always wanted to be a part of the theater, an organizational meeting for our March production of *Twelve Angry Women* will be at Lynn Goodwin's home, phone 324-0143 on Wednesday, December 3, at 7 P.M. Maybe you have a friend who's interested in acting and might consider joining AAUW to be a part of this fun endeavor.

Our Public Policy Chair, Cynthia Savell, has had two back surgeries in November and has been unable to contact each of

us personally. However she asks each of us to complete the "Every Member Survey" that is on our web site, [www.aauw-da.org](http://www.aauw-da.org). It is at the bottom of the left hand banner and needs to be mailed or faxed by December 1. Help AAUW California in setting Public Policy Action priorities for the coming biennium.

There will no monthly coffee at Bagel Street since our Holiday Home Tour is on the second Friday this month. We will continue our regular coffee get-together on Friday, January 9, at 9:30 A.M. when I look forward to seeing you.

I hope that you are able to share this special time of year with loved ones. Enjoy a wonderful holiday season and a new year full of peace, joy and good health.

*Tena Gallacher, President*

## JANUARY GENERAL MEETING

Save your place now!!! We urge all members to attend this very entertaining and interesting General Meeting and dessert featuring Contra Costa Times writer Joan Morris. Joan will speak to us about her work as a female journalist and about her famous diet program on Tuesday, January 20, 2009, 7:15 P.M., Shadow Hills Cabana, 1001 El Capitan Dr., Danville.

*Carole Allen  
Program Co-Vice-President*

## GOURMET TRAVELERS

There will be a Turkish Gourmet Travelers dinner on Saturday, January 3. View the menu and recipes at <http://www.aauw-da.org/Turkey>. If interested, e-mail [rkrane@yahoo.com](mailto:rkrane@yahoo.com) or call 552-9799.

*Roseann Rayes Krane*



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## YOUR EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION DOLLARS AT WORK

The Educational Foundation (EF) Northern and Southern California Luncheons are over and what a great success! Over 275 men and women attended this year's events. What a pleasure to hear the Fellows up close and personal. Their research and projects are awesome and their personal stories make you feel proud that you donate to the Educational Foundation. While listening to their stories we heard repeatedly how much they truly appreciated the fellowships and grants and how they made a difference in their lives.

The AAUW Educational Foundation is committed to breaking down educational and economic barriers so that all women have a fair chance. For more than a century, AAUW has advanced educational and professional opportunities for women

nationally and globally-funding women pursuing advanced degrees, fostering girls' achievements and gender equity, and supporting women entering new or non-traditional careers.

As one of the world's premier sources of funding for women's education, AAUW provided a total of \$4,452,200 in fellowships and grants to 271 recipients for the 2008-2009 academic year.

As you can see, AAUW is still one of the largest sources of funding exclusively for graduate women. You can be proud that California continues to be the top contributor to EF.

*Connie Cady*  
EF Co-Vice-President

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## EXPANDING YOUR HORIZONS IS COMING

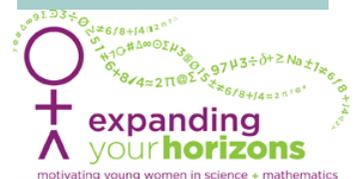
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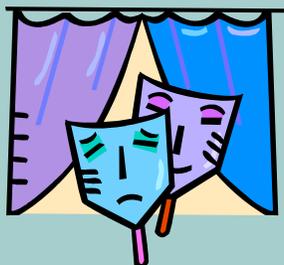
We're getting ready for another *Expanding Your Horizons* day for our junior high girls. This is the annual science and math careers fair day organized by a team of women at Lawrence Livermore and Sandia Labs. Pat and I have just returned from one of the planning meetings and wish to share this information with you.

Date: Saturday, February 28, 2009 (a month earlier this year)  
Location: Diablo Valley College, San Ramon (same site as last year)  
Workshops: 15 classes (similar topics as last year)  
Hours: Morning Session 9:00 to 11:00, Afternoon Session 12:30 to 2:30

If you are a new member to our branch, this is a great event with which to "get your feet wet" in one of our community outreach programs. If you are a seasoned veteran, we still want to hear from you. Pick a morning or afternoon session, and let us know you can volunteer. Please contact me at [dtporter@comcast.net](mailto:dtporter@comcast.net) or Pat at [paderensis@comcast.net](mailto:paderensis@comcast.net) with the good news.

*Dora-Thea Porter & Pat DeRensis*  
EYH Co-Chairs





**BE A STAR**

**BE PART OF AAUW’S PRODUCTION OF TWELVE ANGRY WOMEN**

Have you ever been in a play? Being a carrot in a kindergarten play counts. So does singing in the chorus of your high school musical. Whether you are a veteran actor or have never set foot on stage, AAUW invites you to discover and share your talents in AAUW’s production of *Twelve Angry Women*, a fundraiser for our Legal Advocacy Fund that will be performed in March.

Characters are meek, bold, knowledgeable, brassy, explosive, short-sighted, irate, infuriating, and sometimes surprisingly insightful and perceptive. Part of the fun of acting is bringing your character to life, moment by moment. Using the principles of support, trust, cooperation, and building, I will help you discover what drives your character. Find out what she wants, what she can do to get what she wants, and what is in her way.

I originally directed *Twelve Angry Jurors* at San Ramon High School in 1973. Since then, I’ve directed over 75 other plays and musicals in high school, college and community theatre. The actors I work with are often amazed at how convincing they can be and how much they grow, as they inhabit a fictitious character’s life.

*Twelve Angry Women* is a remake of Reginald Rose’s 1957 teleplay, *Twelve Angry Men*, in which 12 jurors must decide the fate of a young man accused of killing his father. I never serve on a jury without remembering the way the twelve people in his play interacted.

AAUW will hold an organizational meeting on Wednesday, December 3, at 7:00 p.m. at my home at 417 Old Orchard Ct., Danville. If you need additional information or want to be sure you are called about the meeting, please contact producer Susan Terzuoli at 820-9071, [susanterz@hotmail.com](mailto:susanterz@hotmail.com) or director B. Lynn Goodwin at 324-0143, [Lgood67334@comcast.net](mailto:Lgood67334@comcast.net). If guest parking is full, please park on the street.

*B. Lynn Goodwin*

**ART & GARDEN MISSION MURALS TOUR**

The Art and Garden group was on the go again. This time it was to view the murals in San Francisco’s Mission District on a late Indian summer day in October. The names of muralists who come to mind are usually the male triad—Diego Rivera, José Orozco and David Siqueiros. But many of the murals in the Mission and around San Francisco have been painted by Precita Eyes including the only one that exists in a

McDonald restaurant located at 24<sup>th</sup> and Mission. Precita Eyes is a cooperative of mostly women who expanded the subject matter of murals from political concerns to community action. This is some of the fascinating facts we learned during the tour. For a photo essay of our trip, you can click this link

<http://home.comcast.net/~dspporter/AAUW/MissionMuralTour.pdf>

*Dora-Thea Porter*



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## GREAT DECISIONS

Great Decisions is just around the corner! This annual discussion group meets for eight weeks during February and March to discuss topics pertaining to foreign affairs. The Danville-Alamo AAUW Great Decisions Groups are open to all members and their guests. There is one day and one evening session each week; men are invited to attend the evening program.

Great Decisions is America's longest standing global affairs education program. A Great Decisions discussion group is composed of interested individuals who want an opportunity to learn and participate in the foreign policy decision-making process.

Great Decisions, the centerpiece of the longest-running civic education program in the United States devoted to foreign affairs, empowers readers to discuss global issues shaping U.S. foreign policy and the world. The briefing book provides historical background, current U.S. policy and alternative policy options, informative maps and detailed graphs, suggested readings and resources, as well as opinion ballots for each topic. The true focus of the discussion group is the critical examination of all issues and opinions, each recognized as equally valid. Consensus is not a goal.

Published annually by the Foreign Policy Association, the Great Decisions briefing book features impartial, thought-provoking analyses on eight issues of concern to U.S. policymakers today. The 2009 edition features articles on U.S. and rising powers, Afghanistan/Pakistan, Energy & the global economy, The Arctic, Egypt in the 21st Century, Global food supply, Cuba after Castro, and Universal human rights.

Opinion ballots are tabulated and the results presented in the National Opinion Ballot Report, a representative survey of readers' views on the eight Great Decisions topics. The Report is made available to members of Congress, the White House, the media, concerned citizens and our readers.

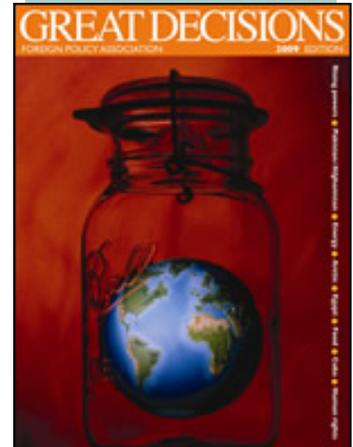
Join our group by emailing Joan Ward at [jaward@pacbell.net](mailto:jaward@pacbell.net), Martha Slavin at [marthaslavin@sbcglobal.net](mailto:marthaslavin@sbcglobal.net), or Roseann Krane at [rkrane@yahoo.com](mailto:rkrane@yahoo.com) to be put on the list. We have two groups: Daytime group meets on Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m. beginning February 3 and the evening group meets on Mondays at 7:30 p.m. starting on February 2. Each meets once a week for eight weeks in February and March.

*Joan Ward, Martha Slavin, Roseann Krane*

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## NEW MOVIE GROUP FORMING

A new film group is organizing! Join us on Saturday, January 17, at 7:30 P.M. for our first meeting. Location of meeting to be determined. For more information, contact Susan Terzuoli at 820-9071 or [susanterz@hotmail.com](mailto:susanterz@hotmail.com).



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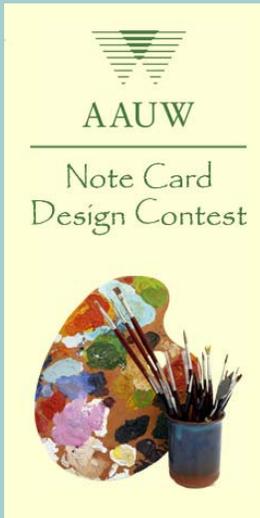
SILVER JUBILEE SCHOLARSHIPS

The San Francisco AAUW branch will offer two scholarships of \$2,000 each to help upper division and graduate school women complete their final year of study in an accredited college or university for the school year 2009-2010.

Candidates must live or be attending a university or college within a 100-mile distance of San Francisco and be on track to complete their course of study by June 2010. There is no restriction on the use of the funds. Completed applications are due by February 28, 2009.

If you are interested, or have friends or relatives who may benefit from the scholarship, please check the Silver Jubilee information on the AAUW San Francisco website at [www.aauwsf.org](http://www.aauwsf.org).

*Barbara Spencer*  
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*Silver Jubilee Scholarship Chair*



AAUW SPRING 2009 NOTE CARD DESIGN CONTEST

Visit AAUW's gallery featuring the many beautiful paintings, photographs, and artwork which AAUW members have submitted to the Spring 2009 Note Card Design Contest. Vote for your 3 favorite images. Voting is open until December 12, and you can vote once a week. Each time you vote, you will be entered into a drawing to win one of ten \$25 gift certificates to *ShopAAUW*.

The link to the AAUW website is <http://www.aauw.org/contests/index.cfm>. Click on the "GALLERY" to view the entries, then click on "VOTE" and make your selections.

Two Danville-Alamo members submitted entries: Caroline Sanchez submitted her painting *Sedona in the Autumn* and Dora-Thea Porter submitted 2 photomontages *Santa Fe April* and *Reflections*.

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## DECEMBER CALENDAR

## SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

- 12/02 8:30 A.M. *Hiking Group.* Lafayette Reservoir Hike. Meet at Sycamore Park 'N Ride to carpool. Leader: Kathie Hixon at [kathiehixon@comcast.net](mailto:kathiehixon@comcast.net).
- 12/02 7:30 P.M. *Evening Literature. The Desert Queen: The Extraordinary Life of Gertrude Bell* by Janet Wallach. Hosting: Pat Foster at 736-3132.
- 12/03 7:00 P.M. *Twelve Angry Women.* Organizational meeting. Hosting: Lynn Goodwin at 324-0143 or [Lgood67334@comcast.net](mailto:Lgood67334@comcast.net). For more information, contact Lynn or Susan Terzuoli at 820-9071 or [susanterz@hotmail.com](mailto:susanterz@hotmail.com).
- 12/04 1:00 P.M. *Writer's Workshop.* Hosting: Jan Hersh at 820-7542. Come early with a bag lunch for social time at 12:30 P.M.
- 12/05 9:15 A.M. *Board Meeting.* Tena Gallagher, President. The Shadows Hills Cabana, 1001 El Capitan Drive, Danville.
- 12/10 6:30 P.M. *Evening Bridge. POTLUCK.* Hosting: Roseann Krane at 552-9799.
- 12/14 5:30 P.M. *Cinema 1. Australia and I've Loved You So Long* and HOLIDAY PARTY. Hosting: Caroline Sanchez at 736-7940. RSVP, please.
- 12/15 10:00 A.M. *Daytime Bridge.* Contact Mary Kay Anderson.
- 12/20 11:30 A.M. *Golf.* Holiday Luncheon at Bridges followed by 9-holes of golf at Canyon Lakes. Contact Nadine Rosenzweig at 487-1774 or Maryanne Cucchiaro at 785-4915. Gift exchange at luncheon.
- 12/22 9:30 A.M. *Daytime Duplicate Bridge.* Contact Sandy Hoffman at 837-8759.

## 2008-09 BRANCH PROGRAMS

- 12/12 & 12/13 10-4 **ANNUAL HOLIDAY HOME TOUR.** Local Scholarship & Tech Trek benefit. Details on Page 1.
- 12/13 6:30 **HOLIDAY PARTY** at the home of Asha and Dinesh Bajaj. Details on Page 1.
- 1/20 7:15 Guest speaker: Joan Morris, Contra Costa Times columnist. Shadow Hills.
- 2/17 6:00 Educational Fellow Speaker—Dinner Meeting, Scott's. Joint meeting with DKG and Pleasant Hill.
- 2/28 9-3 EYH Expand Your Horizons— DVC-San Ramon Campus, San Ramon.
- March TBA *Twelve Angry Women* (LAF benefit).
- 4/21 TBA Guest speaker: Loy Volkman. Shadow Hills.
- 4/24 - 4/26 — 88<sup>th</sup> AAUW—CA Convention, San Diego.
- 5/8 & 5/9 10-4 Annual Garden Tour (EF benefit).
- 5/19 7:30 Dessert with Budd MacKenzie, Trust in Education (TIE).
- 6/16 6:30 Installation & Awards Presentations.
- 6/26 to 6/28 — National AAUW Convention, St. Louis, MO.

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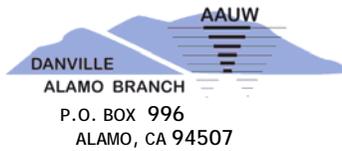
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**Danville-Alamo AAUW  
Holiday Home Tour**

Friday, December 12  
and  
Saturday, December 13  
10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

*Tickets can be purchased day-of event at Leku Eder, 177 E. Prospect Ave., Danville, at Design Concepts, 3235 Danville Blvd., Alamo, or by mail. Details on Page 1.*



For details and updates on the 2008-09 Branch Programs, see our web site at:  
<http://www.aauw-da.org/program.html>