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FOR A SPRING POOLSIDE CELEBRATION
IN ALAMO

2012 - 2013

*EXECUTIVE BOARD
INSTALLATION*

MEET OUR LOCAL

*Thursday, May 31st
5:30 pm*



SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

*HOME OF DAVID BOWLBY
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(Watch for AAUW direction signs!)*

*RSVP BY MAY 28TH
TO
GAIL CLARK: gpc627@aol.com OR 925-831-0782*

Come and enjoy our spring program, delicious refreshments and casual conversation with your friends from Danville-Alamo-Walnut Creek AAUW

*“Call it a clan, call it a network, call it a tribe, call it a family: Whatever you call it, whoever you are, you need one.”—
jane howard*

THE 12TH ANNUAL
DANVILLE-ALAMO-WALNUT CREEK BRANCH
AAUW Garden Tour
Six Superb Gardens
Danville and Alamo area
Friday, May 11 and Saturday, May 12
10:00 A.M. — 4:00 P.M.

Adults \$30 Seniors 65+ \$25
after May 4 Adults \$35 Seniors 65+ \$30

TICKETS & MAP

Mail check by *May 4* payable to *AAUW Funds** with a business size, self-addressed stamped envelope to:

AAUW Garden Tour, P. O. Box 996, Alamo, CA 94507

Tickets (cash or check only) are available *after April 9* from 9-6 Monday to Friday and 9-5 Saturday at:

East Bay Flower Company
206 Sycamore Valley Road West
(Danville Livery)

FURTHER INFORMATION

Candice: (925) 820-8614
gardentour@aauw-daw.org
web site: www.aauw-daw.org/garden



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Dear AAUW Members



From your presidents, both Robin and Roseann would like to thank you for the efforts you have given in helping us raise funds through the Holiday Tour and the Garden Tour for women and girls. The wonderful interaction given by members in participating in our general meetings and all our interest sections and neighborhood groups has made our branch outstanding.

We appreciate all the work our board of directors expends toward building a wonderful program, membership, and friendships. It has been a pleasure to be a part of this association.

We look forward to continued success under the direction of the new board. Thanks to everyone.

Roseann Krane and Robin Halloran, 2011-2012 AAUW Presidents

ONE MEMBER - ONE VOTE

When do we vote for our AAUW CA Board?

This year, AAUW CA begins a new process for electing our state board. Instead of branch representatives voting at convention, every member of AAUW CA will be able to vote. One Member, One Vote will be an online vote process. Voting instructions are available in a presentation provided at convention and now located at www.aauw-ca.org. Click on "elections" to see the candidate information. Download the presentation to view the instructions.

If you need any assistance with this process, please don't hesitate to contact Holly Sauer for information or hands-on assistance. One Member, One Vote will only be successful if every member participates.

The Danville-Alamo-Walnut Creek branch has endorsed Alicia Hetman for President.

INVITE A FRIEND TO JOIN AAUW

Do you have a good friend that you think might enjoy our Danville-Alamo-Walnut Creek branch of AAUW? If so, please forward his/her name, email address and telephone number to Tena Gallagher. She has materials that can easily be emailed to your friend explaining who we are, how we work to accomplish our mission statement: AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research and is some of the many ways that we enjoy our sisters' friendship and support.

Call Tena at 925-837-0826 or email tena@aol.com or membershipvp@aauw-daw.org.

AAUW CA State Convention 2012

by Holly Sauer

AAUW CA Convention 2012, held in Santa Clara, was a fun and exciting event. Three days of presentations and workshops had great participation from our branch.

Attending were Roseann Krane, Holly Sauer, Karen Large, Mary Ellen Blake, Rita Wustner, Carla Pacheco, Caroline Wood and Jo Harberson. In Friday's opening Business Session, our branch was honored with a \$40 Shop AAUW gift certificate recognizing our outstanding mission-based programs. Special thanks to Karen Large, Pat Gross and Norma Spencer for orchestrating our wonderful events, including Seneca Falls, Remember The Ladies, and Autumn Gem. A special thank you to Karen for preparing and submitting our recognition documentation to AAUW CA.

Our branch was a key recipient of branch recognitions at Sunday's closing AAUW Funds & Legal Advocacy Funds presentation:

- First Place in AAUW Funds Top Branches, with \$37,254.00 donated
- Fourth Place in AAUW Funds Top Per Capita donations, with \$140.58 per member
- Second Place in Legal Advocacy Fund Top Branches, with \$4,968.92 donated
- Tenth Place in Legal Advocacy Fund Top Branches Per Capita, with \$18.75 per member

These are tremendous accomplishments that would not have been possible without the support of our entire branch for our Garden Tour, Holiday Home Tour, and branch member donations. Special thanks to our 2010-11 Garden Tour chairs Jacque Schubert and Dianne Tinnes, our Holiday Home Tour Chairs Mary Ellen Blake and Holly Sauer, the dedicated committee members who accomplished so much of the work needed to make these tours a success, and all of our branch donors and participants.

"Connection Corner" enabled branches to share exhibits of their programs and branch activities with other branches. Big thanks to Dora-Thea Porter who created a beautiful tri-fold display for our branch that was easily the most professional and beautiful display in the room! The tri-fold will be on display at the Garden Tour and our Fall Membership Brunch.

A great advantage of attending convention is the enthusiasm for new ideas gained from presentations, workshops, and other branches. Here are just some of the ideas we gathered and think are worth exploring. Do you like these ideas or have other ideas? Please let Holly Sauer know what you think.

- BITS program (Butts in the Seats): Arrange for members to attend women's sports games together.
- Community outreach: one "hands on charity" event a year, attracting a wider demographic in our community such as teens, their moms, younger women. AAUW-CA is focusing on hunger next year, perhaps tie into that.
- Use the AAUW Two-Minute Activist program: take one minute to read about the latest issue in Congress. Then, take one more minute to personalize a message and e-mail it to your member of Congress.



Back row: Mary Ellen Blake, Roseann Krane, Carla Pacheco, Karen Large.
Front row: Holly Sauer, Jo Harberson
Missing from photo: Rita Wustner and Caroline Wood

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- Bring a friend rather than rely on word-of-mouth for membership growth and success. Provide rewards to those who successfully bring in a new member.
- Increase our Public Policy activities. Women's issues need real focus. Advocacy is a top reason for membership growth among young women.
- Expand our partnerships with other organizations (maybe Girl Scouts, others?) and our participation when partnering; e.g. for Soroptimist, get our own breakout session with the Soroptimist event "She's All That!"
- Create our own "cyber-bullying" program/video for high schools. Video could address actions kids can take when bullied and could include role-playing.
- Expand our charitable activity to include helping young women get into college. There are kids in school who have very limited financial resources. According to a friend's high school daughter, these children are bullied the most.
- Build our own version of how San Jose branch creates new community projects: Any member may propose a new mission-based project to the board if a project lead is identified and a minimum number of members have agreed to participate in its execution.
- Join the local Chambers of Commerce.
- Participate in local street fairs

Highlights of convention presentations and workshops:

- A plenary entitled "Bullies Anonymous" featured elementary students from bay area schools in a musical. This was followed by a presentation by Napa Valley branch on "Bullying and Cyber-Bullying: A Community Concern", in which they shared research and provided suggestions about how we can help.
- "Miss Representation" was screened. Written and directed by Jennifer Siebel Newsom, the film documents media's often negative views of women and girls, and its role in the under-representation of women in positions of power and influence. Ms. Newsom was also a key-note speaker.
- The San Jose branch presented an insightful overview of the Community Action Projects supported by their members, including:

*Neighbors Helping Neighbors provides assistance to local charitable organizations, such as Second Harvest Food Bank and Next Door solutions for domestic violence.

*Technical Excellence partners with one local school to provide science and math projects and field trips for select middle school girls.

*Sports Equity Project monitors and supports Title IX compliance in high schools.

For additional information about the convention, please contact Holly Sauer., or visit our CA AAUW website at <http://www.aauw-ca.org/index.cfm>

MEETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CELEBRATION OF CREATIVITY NIGHT

Come Out of Your Artistic Closet

Wednesday

May 16

7-9 pm

Member Celebration of Creativity Night

Shadow Hills Cabana - 1001 El Capitan Dr. Danville.

We are looking for fine art, writings, objects of art, photography, pottery-ceramics, jewelry, fiber art, wearable, sculpture, crafts, musical talent, etc.. Share your creative endeavors. If you have a creation that we could display or you would like to read to AAUW members, please contact Tena Gallagher at tena@aol.com or 925-837-0826



The International Gourmet section will be having an Argentine meal with grilled meat on May 5. Please see the menu and recipes at <http://www.aauw-daw.org/gourmet/argentina/index.html>.



Everyone is invited to participate - singles or bring a partner. Choose the item you'd like to prepare and email your preference to rkrane@yahoo.com. We are doing an outdoor barbecue at the home of Judy Simkin. RSVP & we shall give you directions.



BEADS2JEWELRY

Thursday MAY 3 1:00PM BLACKHAWK GALLERY

3416 Blackhawk Plaza Circle (in the classroom which is in the back - right hand side)

Maureen Mapes will again be teaching Tila Bracelet making. You will be sent a list of supplies needed after you rsvp. Please bring your own drinks and snacks.

RSVP: Gail: gpc627@aol.com, or Roseann: rkrane@yahoo.com

You will be sent a list of supplies needed once we receive the RSVP.



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ART & GARDEN INTEREST GROUP MAY 23rd - 10:00 A.M.

ART & GARDEN MAY EVENT: **Wednesday, May 23rd**, we'll drive to Benicia to see **Glass Blowing at the Nourot Glass Studio**. The glass blowing techniques we'll observe are the same ones used for centuries. We'll also see and shop at two studio Gallery Shops. After the tour and galleries, we'll lunch in Benicia. Meet at Sycamore Park n' Ride or Alamo Safeway Plaza at 9:00 am and carpool to Benicia for our 10:00 am tour.

Contact Jacque Schubert
 @jacqueschubert@comcast.net to sign up



DIABLO INTERNATIONAL RESOURCE CENTER - May Lecture Dates

The DIABLO INTERNATIONAL RESOURCE CENTER and THE ACALANES ADULT EDUCATION gives us the opportunity to continue learning and discussing international topics after the Great Decisions program topics, by offering a lecture series on Tuesday evenings in the spring and fall. The lecture is followed by audience question-answer and discussion with the lecturer. All Events begin at 7:30 pm and will be at Rossmoor in Walnut Creek, Hillside Clubhouse-Las Trampas Room.

May 1- Brazil Rising-Speaker Ronald Ahnen

May 8- Economic Inequality in USA-Speaker to be announced

May 15- European Monetary Crisis- Speaker Sudip Chattopadhyay

The cost is \$8.00 per lecture. Pay at the door or pre-Register for course #05-0340. For further information call: 925-280-3980 x 8001 or Sue DeVoe 925-389-8774. Make checks payable to DIRC

credit cards are not accepted



GREAT DECISIONS

5/8 at the home of Pat Gross -R. Halloran/S. Killoran bring snacks. rsvp: Pat_pbgross@aol.com

5/22 at the home of Sandy Shalon - Gail Kamera brings snacks.
rsvp: Sandy_shalonathome@yahoo.com

5/7 and 5/21 7:30 Monday Evenings are always at Mercer Hall
RSVP Mary at mgranzo@earthlink.net

FRIDAY FLICKS

May 11- 7:30 pm

We will meet at the home of Jessica Barret (this is a change in time for this Friday only, due to the Garden Tour. The Movie Selection is "Chimpanzee".

Please RSVP to Debbie Rumfelt or Holly Sauer.

This group is open to new members.



Danville Community Band
Our 10th Anniversary season bringing musical entertainment to the greater Danville area.

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

Upcoming Concerts

February 12, 2012; 5PM
A Musical Potpourri Dinner Concert
Diablo Country Club
1700 Clubhouse Rd., Diablo
Call 925.837.4221 for reservations

April 1, 2012; 2PM
An Instrumental Road Trip
Blackhawk Museum
3700 Blackhawk Plaza Cir., Danville

June 17, 2012; 3PM
10th Anniversary Season Finale
Community Presbyterian Church
222 W. El Pintado Rd., Danville

Spirit Space

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RITES OF SPRING EVENT

The Rites of Spring Event held April 21 was a great success!

We met the quorum needed for the election, and we now have a new Board of Directors duly elected.

A special thanks to Asha Baja, Fari Falaki, and Gus Slavin for preparing such wonderful food and giving us a great program about food from Japan, India and Persia and Haiku Poetry.

Asha, with the help of her husband, prepared and served amazing Indian food for us all to enjoy and showed us how to wear a sari; Fari made delectable bites of Persian desserts and had a display of different spices for us to sample. Gus kept the event running smoothly, and we were all seated in time to listen to the speaker on Haiku poetry. We not only learned what it is, but we also had a turn at writing it ourselves.



2012-2013 Appointed Branch Board Members Needed

At state convention this year, Danville-Alamo-Walnut Creek received wonderful recognition of our fund-raising efforts. One of our awards was placing #1 in AAUW Funds! If there were an award for Local Scholarship and Tech Trek fund-raising, I'm sure our efforts would place us at the top for those projects, also.

None of this is possible without the dedicated work of our Garden Tour and Holiday Home Tour Co-Chairs and their committee members. If these tours and the causes they support are important to you, please volunteer to be a co-chair for the upcoming year. Many member volunteers are lined up to help you. It really is a fun and worthwhile experience (I can attest to this from personal experience!)

If interested in serving as a co-chair for the Garden Tour or the Holiday Home Tour, please contact me, Holly Sauer. Thank you!



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May 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	Apr 30	1 May	2	3	4	5
		10:00a Mah Jongg		1:00p -4:00p Beads to Jewelry at Blackhawk Gallery Classroom,	11:30a Adventurous Chefs 7:30p First Friday Film	6:30p International Gourmet: Argentina
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	7:30p -9:30p Great Decisions	10:00a Mah Jongg 11:30a Movies & Lunch 1:30p -3:30p Great Decisions	7:30p Evening Bridge		10:00a -4:00p AAUW Garden Tour 7:30p Cinema 1 7:30p Friday Flicks 7:30p Oscars	10:00a -4:00p AAUW Garden Tour 11:00a Biking: Easy Riders
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	9:30a Board Meets Movie Mates	10:00a Mah Jongg 7:00p Book Group: Novel Ideas		8:30a Hiking - Iron Horse Trail 10:30a Books II	7:30p Travel Group	6:30p Epicureans
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	10:00a Daytime Party Bridge 7:30p -9:30p Great Decisions	10:00a Mah Jongg 1:30p -3:30p Great Decisions 7:30p Evening Lit	9:00a Art & Garden - Benicia Glass Blowing, Nourot Studio 9:30a Contemporary Books	9:30a Daytime Literature 1:00p -3:00p Writer's Workshop		
27	28	29	30	31	1 Jun	2
	9:30a Duplicate Bridge 12:00p Hooked On Books	10:00a Mah Jongg			11:30a Adventurous Chefs 7:30p First Friday Film	8:30a Hiking - Bort Meadows in Chabot Regional Park

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