

# THE VIEW FROM SAN RAMON

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# LAF FIESTA

**Friday, October 5 at 6:00 PM**

**Hostess: Jeanne Benedetti**  
**2754 Corey Place, San Ramon**

**\$20 in advance/\$25 at the door**

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**Support the Legal Advocacy Fund!**  
**Dine on delicious food from Maria Maria!**  
**Sip tasty Margaritas!**  
**Mingle with AAUW members, spouses, and**  
**friends!**

**(See page 4 for details)**

#### AAUW DIVERSITY STATEMENT

AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability or class.

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~ **(Contact a co-president for information.)** ~

## Presidents' Pen

The month of September passed very quickly as we worked on multiple projects for AAUW San Ramon. Your 2012–13 Board of Directors met twice and we are well on our way to building a quality governance structure, a strategic plan, and a reasonable and sound budget.

Thanks to the generosity of a few members, our branch placed ninth in total branch giving and was presented by AAUW with a 2011 Fundraising Award. The award reads, *"In appreciation of your significant contributions to the AAUW Leadership Programs Fund, your branch is one of the top leaders who develop other women's potential to lead in their schools, communities, and country."*

The Membership Social Brunch was a grand affair in the beautiful Fountain Room of the San Ramon Community Center. If you were not able to attend, following are some highlights. We had a good turnout, great food, and were inspired by our scholarship recipients, Tech Trek campers, and other speakers. Several new members joined at the brunch.

We awarded three scholarships to young women in the Renaissance Scholars program at CSU East Bay. In addition, we presented these women with baskets of gifts of their choice to cover their basic needs. All of this was the culmination of the efforts of our Scholarship Committee led by Julie Gin and Susan Walker-Christensen. Thank you all for your hard work!

We met the six eighth grade girls that we sent to Tech Trek camp in the summer. Laurie Dennen asked the girls specific questions about their experiences at camp; their answers revealed the richness of the program and the gratitude of the girls. Laurie has elevated the job of Tech Trek Coordinator to new heights. Several members at the brunch signed up to form a Tech Trek committee and others donated money to the cause. The Tech Trek budget, without using general funds, is enough to send at least six girls next year! Fantastic job, Laurie! We thank you very much for the incredible amount of work you put into this mission-based program. Your effort is greatly appreciated by all of us.

Margie Goldware and Isabel Lau, thank you for organizing and delivering a very successful brunch!

Now is the time to be thinking about the up-coming election. Absentee ballots will be arriving soon. We are being asked to consider several state propositions. Sue Miller, our AAUW CA vice president, reminds us to carefully look at the propositions to see what they are going to achieve if passed and what extras have been included that are deceptive. We need our branch to seriously get involved with the upcoming election through the AAUW *It's My Vote: I Will Be Heard* program. Getting involved with registering and educating young women is a critical part of the election process. Did you know that 34% of women don't vote? We believe that the world is always a better place when women's voices are heard. We, as AAUW members, have our voices

heard through our lobbying efforts and our spending patterns, but we need to have a louder voice at the ballot box. Are you ready to be heard? Are you ready to help with getting more women in our community to be heard? Contact Sue Miller, Vice President at [vicepres@aauw-ca.org](mailto:vicepres@aauw-ca.org) for more information.

We have several members who are teachers in local schools, so our branch is endorsing Measure D at the request of Marianne Gagen, a former SRVUSD school board member. Read about Measure D in a special article in this newsletter.

We hope you will attend many of the great programs that are planned this year.

Stella Hadjimarkos and Betsy Hoffmann, Co-Presidents

### Orinda Moraga Lafayette Branch of AAUW

#### Presents the Documentary *Miss Representation*

Thursday, October 25 @ 7:00 PM

The Rheem Theatre  
350 Park Street, Moraga, CA 94556

Cost: \$10 per person

**Watch the film and join the conversation!**

Check the following link to view the poster advertising the documentary screening:

<http://www.missrepresentation.org/post-cards/aauw-oml-chapter/>

Submitted by Diane Bell-Rettger, AAUW OML President

Friday, November 2 at 8:00 PM

Jazz at the Library

Featuring Jamie Davis

Desserts by ChocolatierBLUE

AAUW San Ramon selects one Jazz at the Library concert to volunteer at each year. Our branch gains visibility in the community while enjoying a free concert! Volunteers are needed for various tasks starting at 5:00 p.m.

The band features Jamie Davis, vocals; Glen Pearson, piano; Leon Joyce, drums; Aaron Germain, bass; and Roger Glenn, saxophone and vibes.

Check out the desserts at [www.chocolatierBLUE.com](http://www.chocolatierBLUE.com)

Contact Pauline Nolte for further information and to volunteer.

## Program

### AAUW LAF Fiesta Party

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**6:00 PM**

**Hostess: Jeanne Benedetti**

**\$20 Donation In Advance  
\$25 At The Door**

**Dine on delicious food from Maria Maria!  
Sip tasty margaritas!**

**Mingle with other AAUW members!**

**Spouses and friends are welcome!**

**Raffle prizes for everyone!**

**Donate to a good cause while having fun!**

**Contact Jeanne Benedetti to purchase advance tickets.**

If you have an item you would like to donate as a raffle prize, bring it with you! Re-gift items are welcome!

Directions: From San Ramon Valley Blvd. just north of Montevideo Drive, turn on Ellingson Way, then turn left on Lawton Way and make a slight right onto Corey Place. Jeannie's house is on the left.

### Happy October Birthdays

Margie Goldware	10/03
Anna Fehrenbach	10/08
Diane Bell-Rettger	10/09
Isabel Lau	10/14
Christine House	10/30

## Membership

A big "thank you" to all who participated in the Membership Social & Brunch—attendees, board members, special interest group leaders, and members who donated food contributions. Your efforts and contributions are very much appreciated.

Through the efforts of current members, we were able to register six new women to our branch at the brunch. We warmly welcome Carmen Burks, Renu Deshpande, Kandy Fitch, Faye Isaacson, Sia Sauer, and Diane Woodward. May your involvement in AAUW bring you and others both fun and satisfaction.

Member recruitment is an ongoing program. Please invite friends to our events, talk up the work of AAUW and share with them why you joined AAUW. Continue to provide us with names and contact information, and we will assist you by sending out invitations to programs.

Everyone is invited to a potluck dinner to welcome our new and prospective members on Thursday, November 8. Please save the date and watch for your invite!

Margie Goldware and Isabel Lau,  
Membership Co-Vice Presidents

## Glossary

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### National

**Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF):** A major program of AAUW that provides funding and a support system to women in higher education or in the workplace who are seeking judicial redress for sex discrimination, sexual harassment, or unequal pay. AAUW participates as *amicus curiae* in cases affecting women's rights, particularly those likely to make case history.

**Leadership Programs Fund:** An important program of AAUW that provides structure for developing new, non-endowed programs for members and potential members on issues such as leadership development, career advancement, financial sufficiency, and technology skills enhancement. Smart Start and Elect Her are examples of projects funded by the Leadership Programs Fund. Also, it hosts the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders, which brings women campus leaders around the country together to learn skills such as civic engagement, advocacy, career planning and life balance.

## Public Policy

### Measure D

The San Ramon Valley Unified School District is committed to providing students with an outstanding education that prepares them for college and future careers. Our dedicated teachers and rigorous academic programs help make our local schools in Alamo, Blackhawk, Danville, Diablo, and San Ramon among the best in the state. We are proud of our students' success!

#### Our School Facilities Need to Be Upgraded

Our classrooms and school facilities, however, need capital improvements to ensure that all students have access to up-to-date classrooms and quality learning environments. We need additional classrooms to better ensure that children can continue to attend their neighborhood schools. Updated science labs and technology infrastructure are needed to support 21st-century teaching and learning. Fire, security, and earthquake safety system improvements are also needed.

Thanks to the support of local voters, some of our schools have been upgraded over the years. Although some of our schools have been upgraded, others have not.

#### A Local Bond Measure To Upgrade Our Schools

To provide all of our students with a safe and up-to-date learning environment, the SRVUSD School Board voted unanimously to place Measure D, a \$260 million local school bond measure, on the ballot this November. Measure D will upgrade our San Ramon Valley school facilities by extending, but not increasing, our voter-approved tax rates beyond what we were already scheduled to pay starting next year in 2013–14.

#### Measure D Provides Locally-Controlled Funding

If approved by voters, Measure D will:

- Provide additional classrooms to better ensure that students can attend their neighborhood schools;
- Update technology infrastructure for 21st-century teaching and learning;
- Renovate aging science labs, classrooms, and school facilities;
- Upgrade fire, security, and earthquake safety systems;
- Keep schools well-maintained and in good condition; and,
- Bring all schools up to the same high facility standards.

### Fiscal Accountability Provisions Are Required

Measure D requires that:

- Every penny will support San Ramon Valley schools;
- The State cannot take Measure D funds;
- Independent citizens' oversight is required;
- No funds can be used for administrators' salaries; and,
- It qualifies our schools for state matching funds.

Strong schools make strong communities. With strict fiscal oversight, a citizens' advisory committee and annual audits, the voters in the SRVUSD can be certain that funds generated by Measure D will be spent according to voter-approved priorities.

Measure D will appear on the November 6, 2012 ballot. To pass, Measure D must be supported by 55% of those who vote.

#### Questions or Comments?

If you have any questions about our school facilities' needs, the planning process, or Measure D, please contact Superintendent Mary Shelton at [MShelton@srvusd.net](mailto:MShelton@srvusd.net).

Denise Jennison, Governing Board Member,  
San Ramon Valley Unified School District

### Open Positions Still Need To Be Filled

The Hospitality/Fellowship Coordinator(s) and Publicity positions still need to be filled. Neither of these positions is difficult to do, and neither of them requires a lot of time. However, both positions are vital to our branch and both can be easily shared with a fellow member (which makes the time required even shorter).

Please contact either Stella Hadjimarkos or Betsy Hoffmann if you can devote approximately half an hour per month to help our branch have successful, friendly programs.

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## AAUW Funds

### Legal Advocacy Fund

#### Third Military Sexual Assault Case to Be Filed

On September 28, the firm that represents the plaintiffs in the military sexual assault cases *Cioca v. Rumsfeld* and *Klay v. Panetta* will file a third lawsuit on behalf of service members who were sexually assaulted or raped by other service members while serving their country. AAUW is providing financial support to this case in addition to the two existing cases. The third case will be filed against the U.S. Air Force and the U.S. Army in the U.S. District Court for Northern California.

#### AAUW Signs On to Affirmative Action Supreme Court Case

In August, AAUW signed on to an amicus brief urging the U.S. Supreme Court to uphold racial preferences in college admissions. The Supreme Court will hear the case, *Fisher v. University of Texas, Austin*, in October. In 2008, Abigail Fisher filed a lawsuit against UT after she was denied undergraduate admission. Fisher argued that since the university already had a race-neutral policy to increase minority admissions, it should not have an additional race-conscious policy. Legal experts believe that, given the Supreme Court's current composition, it will strike down the policy. AAUW supports affirmative action programs that establish equal opportunity for women and minorities, and improve gender, racial, and ethnic diversity in educational institutions, which is why AAUW signed the amicus brief in support of UT's current admissions policy.

#### Participate in the Fall Legal Advocacy Fund Information Conference Call

On Tuesday, October 2, 2012, at 8:00 p.m. EDT/5:00 p.m. PDT, LAF staff will hold a conference call open to all members who want to learn about the latest LAF programs and updates. The presentation will last about 30 minutes with additional time for questions. To participate and to receive call-in information, please email [laf@aauw.org](mailto:laf@aauw.org) by October 1.

Jeanne Benedetti, AAUW Funds Vice-President

*Editor's Note: This article was excerpted from the September 2012 LAF Express and can be read in its entirety on the national website.*

### 2012–13 Funds Northern California Luncheons for Fellows & Grant Recipients

Join us for an enjoyable and informative day when we will celebrate the **2012–13 Funds Fellows & Grant Recipients studying in California**. Fellowship and grant recipients perform research in a wide range of disciplines and work to improve their schools and communities. Their intellect, dedication, imagination, and effort promise to forge new paths in scholarship, improve the quality of life for all, and tackle the educational and social barriers facing women in the United States and around the globe.

Join us at one of the following locations from 12:00–3:00 PM:

**Saturday, October 20, 2012**  
**San Jose Sainte Claire Hotel**  
**Cost: \$40**

**Sunday, October 21, 2012**  
**Napa Embassy Suites Hotel**  
**Cost: \$40**

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RSVP due by October 8, 2012. You can register online at: [www.rsvpbook.com/aaufundsluncheonfall2012](http://www.rsvpbook.com/aaufundsluncheonfall2012) and enter pass code: **aauwca**. Then you can pay by credit card or check.

*Editor's Note: The above information was taken and adapted from the AAUW-CA website.*

## Social Media and AAUW

### Facebook

San Ramon University Women/AAUW—that is our name on Facebook. Look for us and “like” our page. We share informative and useful news that national AAUW and AAUW California share with us.

### Twitter

Are you on Twitter? You can follow national AAUW lobbying efforts through Twitter and share information with colleagues.

Here is a snapshot of recent tweets:



23h  [AAUW @AAUW](#)

The fight for desegregation is much older than you think: "Opening the Schoolhouse Doors: Mendez v. Westminster" <http://goo.gl/OjFR5>



13 Sep  [AAUW @AAUW](#)

Angry about the unchanging [#gender](#) wage gap? Share our feisty e-cards in your battle for [#fairpay](#): <http://goo.gl/zUmeq> [#myvote @itsmyvote](#)



13 Sep  [AAUW @AAUW](#)

"Budget 101: Where We Are Today" It's been a year since the Debt Ceiling Crisis, but more hard decisions must be made: <http://blog-aauw.org/2012/09/12/budget-101-where-we-are-today/>

### Website

Don't forget to check out our new webpage at: [sanramon-ca.aauw.net](http://sanramon-ca.aauw.net).

Isabel Lau, Webmaster

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## Budget & Finances

The Board of Directors and the general membership approved the budget for the General Fund on September 6 and September 8, 2012, respectively. The budget column will be reviewed on a monthly basis. Any changes during the year will be communicated to the branch.

The General Fund is the primary source of support for the majority of activities within the branch. We always try to maintain a balanced budget to avoid taking money from our cash reserves. As of June 30, 2012, we held \$19,834.34 in the bank. The primary source of income to support our general business comes from members' dues and our Art & Wind Festival ice cream sales. The majority of our expenses support our membership. This year, the Board of Directors approved funds to send six girls to Tech Trek (same as last year). The board also approved new expense items for the Installation Dinner (previously charged to Program) and Training (previously charged to Administration) in order to improve expense tracking.

In May 2012, the San Ramon Branch opted in to the Membership Payment Program (MPP) administered by the national organization in order to provide our members with the option of paying dues or making donations online by credit card. This will require some changes to the format of the budget for reporting purposes, but will not affect income or expense amounts.

If you have any specific questions regarding the budget, please feel free to contact me.

Claire Mailhot, Treasurer

*Editor's Note: The budget follows on page 8.*

Follow your bliss and don't be afraid, and doors will open where you didn't know they were going to be.

Joseph Campbell



**San Ramon Branch  
2012-2013 Budget**

	2010-2011 Actuals	2011-2012 Actuals	2012-2013 Budget	Budget Comments
<b><u>Income</u></b>				
Dues - National	\$5,341	\$2,352	\$4,900	115 members x \$17
Dues - State	\$1,808	\$976	\$1,890	
Dues - Branch	\$2,006	\$1,156	\$1,955	
Sub-total Dues	\$9,155	\$4,484	\$8,745	
Interest	\$9	\$9	\$9	
Advertising - Newsletter	\$350	\$100	\$250	Five ads
Tech Trek	\$2,140	\$375	\$350	Member donations, family contrib.
Local Scholarship	\$2,615	\$8,134	\$6,900	
Wind Festival	\$6,476	\$4,810	\$4,500	
Other - Brunch, Program, Admin	\$1,039	\$1,336	\$1,200	Includes Installation Dinner receipts
Reserve			\$5,264	From Branch cash carryover
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$21,784</b>	<b>\$19,248</b>	<b>\$27,218</b>	
<b><u>Expense</u></b>				
Dues - National	\$5,390	\$3,030	\$4,900	
Dues - State	\$1,840	\$640	\$1,890	
Sub-total Dues	\$7,230	\$3,670	\$6,790	
Administrative	\$326	\$737	\$800	Includes website maintenance
Insurance	\$281	\$248	\$300	
IBC	\$40	\$40	\$50	Based on 101 members
Brunch	\$1,910	\$1,595	\$1,600	Room rental (+kitchen)+ food
Installation Dinner			\$500	New category/expense tracking
Hospitality	\$169	\$128	\$300	
Membership	\$27	\$252	\$450	
Program	\$1,007	\$2,243	\$1,500	Excludes Installation Dinner
Newsletter	\$0	\$222	\$350	
Publicity	\$0	\$273	\$200	
Public Policy	\$0	\$0	\$100	
Virginia Gildersleeve	\$100	\$100	\$100	
Wind Festival / 4th of July	\$3,931	\$404	\$4,640	Last year's expenses carried over
Scholarships	\$2,581	\$4,663	\$6,825	Local scholarships + Renaissance
Tech Trek	\$4,146	\$3,507	\$2,113	Six campers + misc. expenses
Training			\$200	New category/expense tracking
State Convention	\$267	\$1,558	\$200	No State Convention in 2013
National Convention	\$0	\$0	\$200	Revise in Jan. 2013, if attending
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$22,016</b>	<b>\$19,641</b>	<b>\$27,218</b>	
<b><u>Net Income / (Expense)</u></b>	<b>(\$232)</b>	<b>(\$393)</b>	<b>\$0</b>	

Beginning Bank Balance	\$19,598	\$21,823
Plus Deposits and Interest	\$21,784	\$19,248
Less Checks Cleared	(\$19,560)	(\$21,236)
Ending Bank Balance	\$21,823	\$19,834

Scholarships (incl. in Bank Bal.)                      \$1,746                      \$5,218

## Local Scholarship

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Once again, the Scholarship committee feels so fortunate that our branch has chosen to support the young women from Cal State East Bay's Renaissance Scholars program as they continue their education. This year we again presented three scholarships to students from this program. These impressive young women present a wide variety of skills and accomplishments. They have demonstrated a high level of determination and motivation in order to achieve their academic and career goals. I hope that those of you who were able to attend the annual brunch had a chance to meet these exceptional young women. Below is a brief review of our three recipients.

Donnisha Udo-Okon is a returning recipient of this honor from our branch. She was first awarded a scholarship in 2010. Throughout her years at CSUEB, she has worked in a campus department and received numerous commendations from her supervisors. Last summer, she also volunteered in the office of 5th District Supervisor Keith Carson of Oakland. This experience strengthened her interest in working in some area of community or social service. She was also a volunteer member of the Eden Township Youth Court. Donnisha lost her mother when she was very young. She is proud of the accomplishments she has achieved on her own, and said that she tries to model her efforts after her memory of her mother as a caring and positive person. Donnisha highly values this quality and believes that she offers it to her relationships with other people, especially to her friends. Donnisha will graduate in June 2013 with a major in Criminal Justice and a minor in Sociology. Her career goals include working in the field of corrections or probation with juveniles, especially foster youth. Her personal experiences have provided Donnisha with a passion and empathy that will serve her well in this chosen field. Along with her best friend and apartment roommate, Clarresha Slay, Donnisha hopes that she can continue her interest in the world of fashion, either as a hobby or a business interest if the opportunity becomes available. She has a lot of personal style!

Clarresha Slay (Clare) received her first scholarship from our branch in 2011. Clare has continued to work on campus at CSUEB in the Planning and Enrolling Department. Recently, she also began working in a retail store located within walking distance of her Castro Valley apartment. Clare said this has been a particularly difficult year for her because she had to deal with emotional issues from her family upbringing. She feels that she benefited greatly from individual therapy services and support, and that she is becoming a more confident, independent person and friend. Clare has strong personal goals of overcoming

past social difficulties. Her motivation and vibrant spirit are noticeable assets as she develops her career goals. She values her personal qualities as a caring and passionate person, and is very proud of the difficult decisions she had to make this past year. Clare plans on graduating in June 2014. Her major is sociology with a social science option, and her minor is criminal justice. She is hopeful that during her senior year, she will be eligible for an internship position in the field of social work as this is her long-term career goal. The world of fashion continues to strongly interest Clare, and she hopes she can continue to develop skills and contacts in this area.

Loan Nguyen presents with very strong academic skills (maintaining consistently above a 3.5 GPA) and already received an associate degree from Laney College prior to transferring to CSUEB. She has an extensive background in volunteer work, beginning during her high school years at a childcare center in Alameda. She currently volunteers as a Vietnamese translator at Frank Klang Medical Center in Oakland. One of her proudest accomplishments is raising her three-year-old daughter as a single parent while maintaining these excellent grades and volunteer activities. Although Loan lives with her mother and her younger brother, she has always been the sole support for her daughter. Loan and her three siblings are all in the process of earning or completing college degrees. Loan views her ability to "just keep going" or strong motivation and perseverance as her most positive quality. This is one strong, determined young woman! Loan also enjoys sharing her creative interests in art and drawing with her daughter. Loan will graduate in June 2013 with a major in sociology. She plans to attend graduate school with the goal of becoming a social worker. She is very interested in giving back to the community and also working with foster youth.

Thank you again to all of our members for your continued support of our fundraising efforts that enable us to provide financial support and recognition for these deserving young women. An additional special thank you once again to all of our members who contributed to the gift baskets given to support these young women in their living situations and with personal needs. We provided them with office supplies (paper, notebooks, pens, printer ink), grocery and transportation gift cards, sheet sets, and towels plus a few personal items.

Susan Walker-Christensen, Co-Chair with Julie Gin  
Committee Members: Sydney Allison, Cindy Alpert, Sally Blackwell, Pat Campbell, Pauline Nolte, and Sally Scholl



## Interest Groups

### READING SOCIETY

#### Third Monday

**Monday, October 1; 7:00 PM**

Our book group will meet at Bay Books in San Ramon for a review of "hot" suggestions for our next year's reading pleasure.

**Monday, October 15; 6:00 PM**

Hostess: Thea Scioscia

Please RSVP to the hostess. Annual potluck and book selection begins at 6:00 PM with book selection and dessert to follow at 7:00 PM. Come for both the potluck and book selection or feel free to come later for the book selection only. Don't miss this wonderful time of building friendships and deciding on selections—it's great fun! Bring five (fewer is fine) of your favorite selections to share with the group. These might be books you've read and loved and want to discuss with the group, or they could be books you've heard about and would love to read and share with the group. We will share our knowledge and vote for the coming year's selections. Bring your calendars so we can mark the dates in advance and sign up for hostess and reviewer duties. Questions? Contact Cheri Ng

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### TUESDAY NIGHT BRIDGE

#### Third Tuesday

**Tuesday, October 16; 7:00 PM**

Hostess: Lois Kamoroff

RSVP required by Friday, October 12.  
Questions? Contact Chris White

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### FOURTH FRIDAY FLICKS

#### Friday, October 26

Monthly Organizer: Fran Bartholomew

On the fourth Friday of each month, members of this group will meet at a theater or home—location and time to be announced via email—to enjoy a movie picked by the monthly organizer. Contact the monthly organizer if you are interested in joining us.

If you would like to receive these e-mails, please contact Chris White

## Interest Groups

### \*\*WANNA GO (BUT NOT BY YOURSELF?)\*\*

#### A New Interest Group!

This new group operates primarily by email for members who would like to do something and would like someone to do it with. Want to see a "chick flick" matinee or go to a ceramics show, on a garden tour, or something else that is not a planned Daytimers activity? Contact Marsha and group members will be notified of your interest. You can then make plans with other interested group members. We need more members as we currently only have three!

Marsha Froines

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### CORK 'N' FORK

#### Sunday, December 9

#### Holiday Potluck Brunch & Ornament Exchange

This year we will have a potluck brunch and ornament exchange at Jeannie Benedetti's home for our branch holiday party. All members welcome! Watch the November newsletter for details!

We gather to enjoy good company and good food. We'll see you at the September brunch! If you'd like to participate in this group or help organize an event, contact Janice Colby

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**OCTOBER 2012**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 7:00 PM Reading Society at Bay Books, San Ramon	2 7:00 PM Mah Jong Mary Venkat	3	4 5:00 PM Board Meeting Stella Hadjimarkos	5 6:00 PM LAF Fiesta Jeanne Benedetti	6 7:30 PM Fran Bartholomew
7	8	9 11:30 AM Lunch Bunch Marsha Froines	10	11	12	13 9:00 AM Walking Group Diane Griffiths  7:00 PM Travel Group Chris Burchik
14 Tomorrow is the Nov. Newsletter deadline day.	15 6:00 PM Reading Society Thea Scioscia	16 7:00 PM Bridge Lois Kamoroff	17	18 7:00 PM Mah Jong Diane Griffiths	19	20 12:00 PM Funds Luncheon in San Jose Daytimers RSVP due for Dec. High Tea
21 12:00 PM Funds Luncheon in Napa	22	23	24	25 7:00 PM <i>Miss Representation</i> Documentary OML AAUW Diane Bell-Rettger	26 4th Friday Flicks Fran Bartholomew	27 Make A Difference Day
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**SNIPPETS**

Best wishes to Walt Hayden for a speedy recovery from his emergency surgery for a detached retina while traveling in France.

If you have a Snippet item (family events, career changes, etc.) that you would like to share with branch members, please contact Marsha Froines at 828-5707 or [msfroines@att.net](mailto:msfroines@att.net). **This column depends on member contributions.**

**Save the Dates**

- Friday, November 2: AAUW San Ramon volunteers at Jazz at the Library, San Ramon Main Library
- Thursday, November 8: AAUW San Ramon Member Potluck at Bollinger Hills Cabana
- Tuesday, November 13: Daytimers to Florence Gold Auditorium, Legion of Honor in San Francisco
- Thursday, November 29: AAUW San Ramon Local Scholarship Silent Auction Gala at SRCC
- Monday, December 1: Daytimers High Tea at DVC
- Sunday, December 9: AAUW San Ramon Holiday Potluck Brunch
- April 20, 2013: AAUW CA Annual Meeting in Sacramento
- June 9–12, 2013: AAUW National Convention in New Orleans