

THE VIEW FROM SAN RAMON

Making a Difference

Featuring Jeanne Benedetti

Thursday, April 11; 7:00 PM

San Ramon Community Center

Alcosta Room

12501 Alcosta Blvd., San Ramon



(See page 4 for details)

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

Presidents' Pen

Spring has come by the time you receive *The View*. Our next Program meeting is on Thursday, April 11. Please mark your calendars, as we also have some branch business items to discuss and on which to vote. The nominating committee will also make their presentation.

Take a minute to peruse the state AAUW California *Perspective*. It gives you an idea of what is going on at the state level. The LAF Funds publication shows how the funds are being dispersed to support lawsuits dealing with unfair, discriminatory actions against women, particularly in the military and at schools. At IBC meetings, our more local level, branch representatives exchange topics of interest and problems. The IBC meets every other month on the fourth Tuesday. Let us know if you are interested in joining us.

In March we watched an amazing film about Qiu Jin, the modern Chinese activist who pushed for women's equality in early 1900s China. Renae Buckser, our vice-president of Program, organized a wonderful meeting at the San Ramon Library. Thank you, Renae and Isabel, for your hard work. Be watching for our new national AAUW logo. At the right, you'll see a new column in the newsletter with financial questions and answers. We thank the many hard-working contributors to our branch.

There are two different on-line voting opportunities for our branch members at the State level and the National level:

1. **AAUW California voting:** Please go to www.aauw-ca.org or the California *Perspective* for more information on the state voting. Besides the offices of president-elect and CFO, you will also vote to raise the AAUW CA dues by \$4—BUT the dues increase will not be implemented until 2014. The voting period is April 21–May 11.
2. **AAUW National voting:** Go to www.aauw.org or the upcoming *Outlook* magazine for the AAUW National voting information. The voting period is April 15–June 10.

Betsy Hoffmann and Stella Hadjimarkos, Co-Presidents

April Birthdays

Mary Whipple	4/04
Patricia Kelly	4/11
Marina Mann	4/13
Patrice Miller	4/13
Betsy Hoffmann	4/14
Mary Arulanantham	4/29

Money Matters

It is my pleasure to be a new contributor to *The View*. My hope is to be a resource on money matters for our AAUW members with financial questions. All questions will be kept confidential and names changed to protect your privacy. I have found over time that I hear many of the same questions over and over. So if you have a question, I suspect other members may have the same question. Please send your questions to me.

This month let's start with how to get your Social Security statement. Did you know that most workers no longer receive annual statements from the Social Security Administration? As of 2012, the only workers who will receive the paper statement are workers above 60 who haven't yet begun to claim benefits and 25-year-olds (on a one-time basis).

Even though you may no longer receive this information by mail, you can access it online at the Social Security Administration's portal. In order to create your account, you will need to visit www.ssa.gov/myaccount and create a profile. You'll have to answer a number of security questions, since keeping your information private is very important. After you've created your profile, you can view your earnings record, see your estimated benefits, and create a paper statement.

If you're currently receiving benefits, you can also use the portal to check your benefit and payment information, change your address and phone number, and change your direct deposit options for your benefit payment.

You can also learn more about Social Security by visiting the Resource Center tab at our website, www.oaktreewealth.com and clicking on the Social Security Info hyperlink.

I look forward to answering your questions, because money matters!

Diane L. Woodward, CFP®
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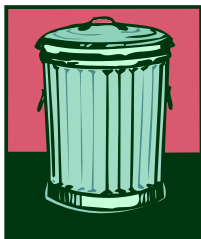
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Throughout Jeanne's life journey, she has been about making a difference. From the lessons competitive swimming taught her about dedication, teamwork, responsibility, time management, and camaraderie to her mentor having the confidence in her potential when he hired her into her first position in the energy sector, Jeanne has used her life lessons, education, and experience on a career path of making a difference.

Jeanne holds a B.S. in Chemical Engineering, an M.B.A., and Juris Doctorate degrees. She is currently a Senior Director of Project Development for Fulcrum BioEnergy, Inc. in Pleasanton. Fulcrum is developing clean, cost-effective, sustainable biofuel facilities that will convert municipal solid waste into renewable advanced biofuels through the deployment of an integrated gasification and proprietary alcohol synthesis technology.



From bringing power to local communities where villagers do not even have toasters to converting your garbage into transportation fuel, Jeanne is "making a difference."

Join us for this inspirational program!

Renaë Buckser, Program Vice-President



The San Ramon AAUW Nominating Committee Presents Proposed Board of Branch Officers for 2013–2014

Special thanks from the entire branch to all of our members willing to lead our branch next year. Your work and dedication is appreciated! The branch board approved the slate of officers at the March board meeting, and the general membership will have an opportunity to vote at our April 11 program. Please come to the installation of officers in May to hear more about your leaders and to wish them good luck as they assume their new responsibilities.

President: Cindy Alpert

President-Elect: **Open**

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Isabel Lau and Millie Kessler

Co-Vice Presidents of Program:
Renaë Buckser and Margie Goldware

Vice President of AAUW Funds: Jeanne Benedetti

Recording Secretary: Kandy Fitch

Treasurer: Claire Mailhot

Thank you to our nominating committee members Pauline Nolte, Sherri Hedman, and Arlene Addison.

Don't forget to come and vote at our **April 11** program meeting!

Respectfully submitted by Margie Goldware and Susan Walker-Christensen, Nominating Committee Co-Chairs

Public Policy

House Passes Bipartisan Senate Version of Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act; President Obama Signs It into Law



On February 28, 2013, the House of Representatives passed the Senate's version of the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act (VAWA), and on March 7, President Obama signed it into law. This action gives VAWA reauthorization for another five years, with \$659 million provided for various programs targeting domestic violence—and, specific to the Senate version, on college campuses.

From AAUW Public Policy Director Lisa Maatz:

“Today is a great day to be part of an organization whose volunteer Lobby Corps and members across the country have knocked on Congress’ door for almost two years urging a VAWA that would protect all victims and improve campus safety. This has been a long, hard battle, and I am thankful for our advocates and partners’ efforts in this incredible victory. AAUW fought for this version of VAWA because it will create meaningful change on college campuses, which is essential in light of high-profile cases of rape and sexual assault.”

For those of you who made your support of the Senate bill known to your representatives, your actions helped to better equip our nation both to prevent violence and to help its victims. Thank you for being a [Two-Minute Activist](#).

Equal Pay Day Will Have You Seeing Red



Tuesday, April 9 is the national observance of Equal Pay Day. Across the country, people will wear red to symbolize a gender wage gap that puts working women in

the red as compared with the compensation of their male counterparts.

According to statistics released in 2012 by the United States Census Bureau, women are paid on average 77 cents for every dollar a man makes for doing the same job—a gap of 23 cents. I’m sorry to report that San Ramon’s working women in the 15th Congressional District are “right on the money” in that regard. Our average pay rate matches the national average of 77 cents to the dollar.

Our statewide average—about 85 cents to the male-earned dollar—is a little better than the national average. But that’s hardly a cause for celebration when you consider that, all over California, women and their families are being shortchanged thousands of dollars a year—and *hundreds of thousands of dollars over a lifetime*.

Gender pay equity is already a rule of law in the USA. **The Equal Pay Act of 1963** prohibits “discrimination on account of sex in the payment of wages by employers engaged in commerce or in the production of goods for commerce.” And yet, gender-based wage discrimination is still rampant. How do we close the gap?

- **We need to keep affirmative action programs in place** to make sure education, jobs, and promotion opportunities are open and offered to qualified women.
- **Employers must examine and correct their pay practices** through equal pay self-audit guidelines from the U.S. Department of Labor. This is especially crucial in the non-union and private sectors, where blocks to pay equity still exist.
- **Women must stand up for equal pay and for themselves.** Is a prospective employer able to show that male and female employees are paid equally for the same job? A hiring process that seeks diversity through affirmative action, written pay and benefit policies, job descriptions, and evaluation procedures are all good signs. Discuss confirmed or open gender pay inequities with your human resources representative. If discrimination persists, file a complaint with local or state fair employment agencies or with the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.
- **Close the pay gap through federal legislation** such as the pending **Paycheck Fairness Act**, which makes it illegal for employers to require a non-disclose/non-discussion of compensation clause as condition for employment. [Contact your representatives in Congress and voice your support](#) for this recently reintroduced legislation.
- **Show your support for gender pay equity by wearing red on Tuesday, April 9 and encouraging others in the workplace to join you.**

Susan Beyerle, Public Policy Chair

Membership

Proud To Be a Member

Why did you join AAUW? Many women join because AAUW works in coalition with other women's organizations to help raise awareness about issues that affect women and to encourage legislators to outlaw behavior that is cruel or unfair to women.

We checked out the new national website (www.AAUW.org) and found an updated format, including background information about the Violence Against Women Act recently signed into law by President Obama.

Since April is [Sexual Assault Awareness Month](#), here's an example of some of the items on the new, improved AAUW national website to help us prevent sexual violence. *[Note the many clickable links below. —Ed.]*

- **Believe and help survivors** if they confide in you. Visit the [Rape, Abuse, and Incest National Network \(RAINN\)](#) website to [find information](#) that will [help you](#) help the survivor. They also have information to help you—the [friends and family of survivors](#).
- **#TweetAboutIt.** The [National Sexual Violence Resource Center](#) provides a [variety of tools](#) each year for Sexual Assault Awareness Month.
- **Wear jeans on April 25** as part of [Denim Day in LA and USA](#). The day is a visible way to protest against the misconceptions that surround sexual assault. Order their [Denim Day Action Kit](#) and raise awareness at your workplace, neighborhood, or community. [AAUW staff participated](#) in 2011, and I recently [ordered pins](#) for us to wear when we participate again this year.
- **Advocate against military sexual assault.** Sexual assault in the military is a well-documented problem, and addressing it is one of the AAUW [Legal Advocacy Fund](#)'s current priorities.
- **Do something about campus sexual assault.** The rates of campus sexual assault are quite high, yet prevention programs or proper channels for handling perpetrators are often inadequate.

[AAUW](#) and [Students Active for Ending Rape](#) created a [Program in a Box](#) with ideas for concrete action that can lead to concrete change. [Download the free guide](#). Apply for a grant for campus programs. On a rolling basis, AAUW members can apply for AAUW's [Legal Advocacy Fund Campus Outreach Grants](#) and receive up to \$750 to hold an event about sexual assault on a local campus. This April, AAUW groups in Arkansas, Illinois, and New York are hosting campus events on this topic.

- **Apply for a grant for academic or community work.** AAUW's [fellowships and grants](#) offer numerous funding opportunities for members of the public. Some of the current and past awardees have focused their work on sexual violence issues, and you can, too. [Read the application](#) information.

Intrigued? Find many more interesting articles and view our new AAUW logo on the new national website.

Margie Goldware and Isabel Lau, Co-VPs Membership

Member Spotlights

Starring Diane Woodward



Birthplace and other places I've lived: I was born in Buffalo, New York. I have also lived in Connecticut, Rio de Janeiro, Mississippi, and New Hampshire—besides California.

Education: B.A. in Economics from UCSB.

Spouse: Tony is my husband of 25 years! He is what I call a Renaissance engineer, a man who has many talents, including a beautiful singing voice.

Children: We have three teenage sons—Ian, 18, and Pierce and Bryce, 16. Yes, twins. There is a lot of testosterone in our home.

Current and Previous Employment: I have been a CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™ Professional for 21 years. I own my own firm, Oak Tree Wealth Management. We specialize in working with women in transition.

Current Interests/Pastimes: I love reading—it is such an amazing way to travel to other places and into other lives. I also like to quilt when I can find the time.

Memorable experiences/adventures: This past summer, we combined a family vacation with a celebration of our 25th

wedding anniversary. We went to Bryce Canyon and Zion. The beauty of that area is breathtaking. The best day was the day we hired a guide to take us rappelling through canyons. What a blast!

Accomplishments: I own my own company and have remained profitable even through the Great Recession. I still have most of my sanity, even with three teenage sons at home.

Something that might surprise people: When I was 37, I earned my first-degree black belt in Tae Kwon Do.

Starring Julie Perfect



Birthplace and other places I've lived: I was born in Downers Grove, a suburb of Chicago. I lived in the city of Chicago for four years before moving to California 26 years ago.

Education: B.S. in Physical Therapy from Northwestern University Medical Center in Chicago.

Spouse: My husband, Scott Perfect, was born in Elmhurst, Illinois and graduated from the University of Illinois with a B.S. in Civil Engineering and a Ph.D. in Theoretical and Applied Mechanics. He works for Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory.

Children: Brad, 22, is a senior at Harvey Mudd College; Meghan, 20, is a sophomore at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo; Ellen, 18, is a senior at Cal High.

Significant Mentor or Hero, and Reason: Eleanor Roosevelt, because she was a strong woman who believed in herself, shared her accomplishments, and was a role model for many women in her era.

Current and Previous Employment: Currently, I have a private practice in pediatric physical therapy. I previously worked for Children's Hospital in Oakland and Children's Memorial Hospital in Chicago.

Current Interests/Pastimes: Working with teenagers through the Girl Scouts, walking my dog, gardening, camping, reading, and doing crossword puzzles.

Memorable experience/adventure: Going to Hawaii and kayaking off the central coast with my family.

Accomplishments: Surviving three teenagers! I started and operate a successful small business.

Something that might surprise people: I love classic rock music!

Member spotlights are collected and edited by Elaine Baldwin.

San Ramon Art & Wind Festival Ice Cream Sale Fundraiser



Sunday, May 26 and Monday, May 27

It is that time of year again to get ready for our FUN fundraising event! We will sell ice cream at the San Ramon Art & Wind Festival to earn money for our branch's general expenses, such as room rentals for our programs and events, speaker fees for our programs, supplies, etc. Lots of volunteers are needed to ensure a successful, FUN fundraising event! A three-hour shift is all we ask of you.

Please contact Debbie Marconi to sign up for your chosen shift.

Debra Marconi,
San Ramon Art & Wind Festival Chair

Local Scholarship

Great Opportunity to Raise Money for San Ramon AAUW Scholarships!



Every year the Alameda County Fair needs volunteers. If the volunteers are with a non-profit group, such as AAUW, they will get paid \$4 per hour during the day and \$5 per hour in the evening. The dates are Wednesday, June 19 through Sunday, July 7.

If we can get at least 30 volunteers to work four sessions each, we can earn over \$2,000! That's two additional scholarships! I believe shifts are six to eight hours long in the daytime and four hours long in the evening.

Volunteers get free parking and entrance for each day they sign up to do a shift. You could do two shifts in one day! As a senior (age 62 for the fair), I worked two Thursdays because on that day, seniors get into the fair free and I was able to have extra parking and entrance tickets to either use another day or give to a friend.

Volunteers sign up for the shifts and locations they prefer. I (Sally Scholl) will keep track of everyone's shifts via e-mail. Our AAUW branch will be given the money we earned in September. Anyone 16 or over can volunteer. I did this last year with the mission group "She Is Safe." They had 30 volunteers and raised \$1,912.00. They averaged three-plus shifts per person.

You can sign up for as many shifts as you wish. Please keep me advised via e-mail how many shifts you volunteer for and when you have completed a shift.

All volunteers are invited to a kickoff breakfast on Saturday, June 15 from 9:00–11:00 AM. At the breakfast, you will learn more about volunteering and see all the other non-profit groups that benefit. Let's earn scholarship money and have fun at the same time! Please contact Sally Scholl to let her know if you will volunteer. I will send you the sign up information when I receive it.

Contributed by Sally Scholl

High School Scholarships Update



Applications for the local scholarship awards have been distributed to the counselors at California High, Dougherty Valley High, and Venture Schools. To qualify, the recipient must be a female resident of San Ramon and planning to attend an accredited four-year college or university in the fall of 2013. The awards are based on scholastic achievement, test scores, educational goals, community/campus involvement, and financial need. The due date for completed application packets is April 5.

If you know of any high school seniors who you feel should apply for one of our scholarships, have them ask their counselor for an application, obtain an application form via the link on our branch website (<http://www.sanramon-aauw.net>), or contact anyone on the Scholarship Committee.

Again, we want to thank all of our members who have supported our fundraisers throughout the year—our annual Silent Auction/Holiday Gala, cookie sales, etc. Your continued support and generosity has a direct and positive impact on the lives of the young women who are our scholarship recipients, both for local high schools and Cal State East Bay Renaissance Scholars.

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

April showers bring May flowers.

AAUW Funds

Legal Advocacy Fund



AAUW Board Votes To Support Ongoing Cases

The AAUW Board of Directors voted to contribute funds to seven ongoing LAF cases in the following amounts:

- *Cioca v. Rumsfeld, Klay v. Panetta, and Hoffman v. Panetta*—\$15,000
- *LeBlanc v. Trustees of Indiana University*—\$6,500
- *Jaureguito v. Feather River Community College*—\$5,000
- *Thein v. Feather River Community College*—\$5,000
- *Wartluft v. Feather River Community College*—\$5,000

Updates on Two Military Cases

In February, the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia granted the defendants' motion to dismiss *Klay v. Panther*, stating, "As the Supreme Court has made clear: Judges are not given the task of running the Army." This was the same reasoning the court offered in the *Cioca v. Rumsfeld* lawsuit, which essentially classified rape as an occupational hazard. Attorney Susan Burke will appeal the decision.

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the 4th Circuit was to hear oral arguments in *Cioca v. Rumsfeld* at Washington and Lee University School of Law in Lexington, Virginia on Friday, March 22, but the hearing was postponed.

Senate Hearing on Military Sexual Assault

On March 13, the Senate Armed Services Subcommittee on Personnel held a hearing on military sexual assault. Sen. Kristen Gillibrand (D-NY) announced the hearing shortly after being appointed chair of the subcommittee. AAUW submitted a statement and attended. Regulatory Affairs Manager Beth Scott's blog post about the hearing should be posted on the national website sometime in March.

AAUW Discusses Sexual Harassment in Schools During the U.N. Commission on the Status of Women

During the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women in New York City, AAUW held an event on sexual harassment in schools during the parallel events for nonprofit organizations. More than 80 people from around the world, including many students, attended. AAUW Executive Director Linda Hallman opened the session, which was moderated by AAUW board member Kathleen Cha. LAF Program Manager Holly Kearl presented the key findings of the 2011 AAUW report, [Crossing the Line: Sexual Harassment at School](#). The stars of the panel were a high school teacher and three students who shared their views and recommendations. A blog posting about the panel written by AAUW Director of Fellowships, Grants, and International Programs Gloria Blackwell can be found at the following link:

(<http://www.aauw.org/2013/03/08/students-speak-against-sexual-harassment-on-aauws-u-n-panel/>).

Please consider making a [tax-deductible donation to LAF](#) to help balance the scales of justice for women.

Jeanne Benedetti, AAUW Funds Vice-President



Remember: Success truly is the result of good judgment. Good judgment is the result of experience, and experience is often the result of bad judgment.

Anthony Robbins

Interest Groups

LUNCH BUNCH

First Tuesday

Tuesday, April 2; 11:30 AM

Pasta Primavera Ristorante 830-9500

3124 Crow Canyon Place, San Ramon

Join us for another delightful Italian lunch! Please RSVP to Marsha by Sunday, March 31 so she can make a reservation. If you would like to be a part of this group, contact

Marsha Froines

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CHINESE MAH JONG

First Tuesday and Third Thursday

Tuesday, April 2; 7:00 PM

Hostess: Debbie Marconi

Thursday, April 18; 7:00 PM

Hostess: Diane Griffiths

Please RSVP to the hostess.

If you have questions about this group, contact Beth Allen

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GAME NIGHT

First Saturday of Month

Saturday, April 6; 7:30 PM

Hostess: Lucy Weed

Questions? Contact Lucy Weed

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Interest Groups

WALKING GROUP

Second Saturday

Saturday, April 13; 9:00 AM

Meet at the Bollinger Park and Ride at 9:00 AM to carpool to Sunol for a moderate 4.9-mile walk along the Indian Joe/other trails. Estimated time of return is 12:30.

Let us know you are coming, and we will wait for you.

Diane Griffiths

Lois Kamoroff

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DAYTIMERS

Watch your e-mail for an opportunity to accompany Marsha Froines and her sister to the Heritage Rose Garden in San Jose, either April 17, 18, or 19. We will have lunch also.

Saturday, April 20; 8:00 AM–4:30 PM (est.)

Sacramento Cemetery Heritage Rose Garden Open House
Meet at the CVS Marketplace parking lot to carpool to the Sacramento Cemetery for their annual heritage rose garden open house and plant sale. We will have lunch at a local restaurant close to the cemetery before returning to San Ramon. RSVP to event coordinator: Marsha Froines.

Coming in May:

Wednesday, May 1; 9:15 AM–2:00 PM

Tour of Peerless Coffee and Tea

Oakland, CA

Meet at the CVS Marketplace parking lot at 9:15 AM to carpool to Peerless Coffee for a tour. We will have lunch in the Jack London Square area afterwards. RSVP to Chris White.

Questions? Contact Chris White

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Interest Groups

READING SOCIETY

Third Monday

Monday, April 15; 7:00 PM*

*Note new start time.

Marielle Boortz will review *Carter Beats the Devil*, by Glen David Gold at the home of Anna Fehrenbach

RSVP to Anna. If you have questions, contact Cheri Ng

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TUESDAY NIGHT BRIDGE

Third Tuesday

Tuesday, April 16; 7:00 PM

Hostess: Jane Young

RSVP required: E-mail or call Jane as soon as possible to let hostess know if you are playing or not.

Questions? Contact Chris White

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FOURTH FRIDAY FLICKS

Friday, April 26

Organizer Arlene Addison

We meet on the Fourth Friday of each month to enjoy a movie chosen by the Monthly Organizer. Contact the Monthly Organizer via e-mail if you are interested in joining us.

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

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Interest Groups

TRAVEL GROUP

Goes to Rwanda to Photograph the Mountain Gorillas Saturday April 27; 7:30 PM

Hostess: Anne Hayden

Please join us for a very special evening! April Rovero, a local San Ramon Valley resident, had the opportunity of a lifetime to travel to Rwanda to photograph the endangered mountain gorillas. Working with renowned wildlife photographer Suzi Eszterhas, April trekked for five days through the jungle photographing many gorilla families. She will share with us a smattering of the amazing photos she took and provide us with a cultural history of the region. She will also provide information about Dian Fossey's habituation of the mountain gorillas in that area.

Travel Group programs are open to AAUW members and their spouses, friends, and significant others. We'd love to see you at our events this year! Because refreshments are served, please respond positively to our event's hostess if you will be attending.

Rena Buckser
Anne Hayden

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CORK 'N' FORK

We gather to enjoy great food and excellent company. For more information, contact Janice Colby

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WANNA GO (BUT NOT BY YOURSELF?)

E-mail me and I will let the group know you are interested. Group members who are also interested will contact you to schedule your excursion!
Marsha Froines

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APRIL 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 11:30 AM Lunch Bunch Marsha Froines	3	4	5	6 7:30 PM Game Night Lucy Weed
		7:00 PM Mah Jong Debbie Marconi				
7	8 Wear red tomorrow to honor Equal Pay Day!	9 5:00 PM Board Meeting Stella Hadjimarkos	10	11 7:00 PM Making a Difference Program	12	13 9:00 AM Walking Group Diane Griffiths
						11:00 AM D-A-WC Women's Issues in Africa (see flyer)
14	15 7:00 PM Reading Society Anna Fehrenbach Newsletter Deadline and D-Day for taxes!	16 7:00 PM Bridge Jane Young	17	18 7:00 PM Mah Jong Diane Griffiths	19	20 8:00 AM Daytimers to Sacramento Cemetery Rose Garden Marsha Froines
						AAUW CA meeting, Sacramento
21	22	23	24	25	26 Fourth Friday Flicks Arlene Addison	27 7:30 PM Travel Group Goes to Rwanda Anne Hayden
28	29	30 Deadline for Silver Jubilee Scholarship applications				

SNIPPETS

Pat Baran is scheduled to have her hip replacement surgery on April 1. We wish her a successful surgery and speedy recovery.

If you have a Snippet item (family events, career changes, etc.) that you would like to share with branch members, please contact Marsha Froines. **This column depends on member contributions.**

Save the Dates

May 10–11: Danville-Alamo-Walnut Creek AAUW 13th Annual Garden Tour; RSVP by April 30 for \$5 discount

May 26–27: San Ramon Art & Wind Festival Ice Cream Sale Fundraiser

May 28: IBC Meeting, Pleasant Hill

June 8: Tech Trek Ice Cream Social for campers

June 9–12: AAUW National Convention, New Orleans

September 7: San Ramon AAUW Annual Membership Brunch