



# Silent Auction & Holiday Boutique Gala

***Thursday, December 5; 7:00–8:30 PM***

***San Ramon Community Center, Terrace Room***

***Support Our Local Scholarship Fundraiser!***

***Shop for the Holidays & Chat with Friends!***

***Enjoy Drinks, Desserts, & Hors d'oeuvres!***

*(See page 5 for details)*



## ***Annual Holiday Brunch***



***Sunday, December 8; 11:30 AM–2:30 PM***

***Jeanne Benedetti's Home***

***2754 Corey Place, San Ramon***

***Catered by Ruggie's***

***Cost: \$25 Per Person***

*(See page 4 for details)*

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## President's Pen

Happy Holidays!

As we approach the last month of 2013, I find myself reflecting on the year and marveling at our successes. It is a good opportunity to pat ourselves on the back and reward ourselves for the work we've done.

In December, we will hold our annual Silent Auction and Holiday Gala, which supports our Local Scholarship program. The event is a great holiday gathering where you can shop early or reward yourself with a wonderful gift. Remember to invite your friends and family, as there are many items available to purchase. I hope to see you at the event.

We will also hold a branch fundraiser in December. We will be looking for volunteers to help wrap gifts at Barnes & Noble in Dublin. Please see the article at right for more details. It is an opportunity to support the branch and help publicize our group in the community.

I would like to thank Jeanne Benedetti for completing an application for a grant from the San Ramon Valley Education Foundation to support Tech Trek. We recently found out we were awarded a \$1,500 grant to help offset the costs of sending middle school girls to Tech Trek. We appreciate Jeanne's efforts to complete the paperwork. The more funds we raise, the closer we get to our goal of sending six girls to the camp!

Speaking of Tech Trek, the camp session at Sonoma State is looking for dorm moms the week of June 22–28. This volunteer position plays one of the key roles in providing an excellent experience to the girls who attend camp. Key qualities include having high energy, being a good listener, and having the right attitude. If you are the right person for this job, let me know and I will send you the information.

Whatever you celebrate during December, remember to take time for one of the most important gifts in this world—YOU. Take a few minutes to reflect on all the special talents you possess and how you make the world around you a better place. I know I appreciate the time, energy, and dedication of so many people who continue to help make our branch a fun group.

Have a wonderful holiday season!

Cindy Alpert, President

## December Gift Wrapping Fundraiser



Our branch will provide gift wrapping services at Barnes & Noble at the Hacienda Crossings shopping center in Dublin on **December 17 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.**

We are looking for people to fill the time. Barnes & Noble provides the wrapping paper and supplies—we provide the hands to wrap gifts for people purchasing items there. Customers pay any amount they choose for this service, and all proceeds are donated to our branch. This is a great opportunity to get involved in the community!

If you can give some time, please contact Isabel Lau at [isalau@aol.com](mailto:isalau@aol.com) or 830-1379.

Thank you for your support!

Cindy Alpert, President

## Happy December Birthdays

Beth Allen	12/04
Sherri Hedman	12/08
Kim Giuliano	12/09
Maria Johnson	12/18
Sandie Alex	12/19
Brenda Hill	12/25
Laurie Dennen	12/29
Heidi Yamaguchi	12/29

## Annual Holiday Brunch

Hosted by  
Cork 'n' Fork



Sunday, December 8  
11:30 AM–2:30 PM

Hostess:  
Jeanne Benedetti  
2754 Corey Place, San Ramon

Catered by Ruggie's  
Chili Relleno Casserole  
BBQ Chicken Salad  
Fresh Baked Pastries  
Mixed Berry Fruit Salad  
w/Orange Poppyseed Yogurt Sauce  
Assorted Breakfast Meats  
Chilled Grilled Vegetables  
Orange Juice  
Gourmet Tea; Regular & Decaf Coffee  
Indulge in one Bloody Mary  
or Mimosa per person

RSVP with your check for \$25 per person by **December 5** to Janice Colby, 344 Mare Lane, San Ramon, CA 94583. Since this is a catered event, your check is your reservation. Unfortunately, we will not be able to accept last-minute reservations or refund for cancellations.

Questions? Contact Janice Colby at 355-9293 or e-mail her at [janicecolby@comcast.net](mailto:janicecolby@comcast.net).

## Program

### December

Enjoy a happy and healthy holiday season with your families and friends! Greet 2014 anticipating an exciting AAUW agenda!

### Coming in January!

January 18  
2:00 PM

San Ramon Library  
100 Montgomery Street, San Ramon

Beth Greer, award-winning speaker, author, and entrepreneur will tell us how to "Stay Healthy in a Toxic World." Find information about Ms. Greer at [supernaturalmom.com](http://supernaturalmom.com).

### Coming in February

Saturday, February 8

Volunteer at the She's All That Conference, to be held at San Ramon Valley High School in Danville. This fun and educational conference for middle school girls is sponsored every year by the Soroptomists, who rely on volunteers from groups like AAUW to help them.

Thursday, February 13  
7:00 PM

San Ramon Library  
100 Montgomery Street, San Ramon

Listen to Kathy Napoli, dietician and holistic nutritionist, talk to us about "Building and Maintaining Strong Bones."

Margie Goldware, Program Co-Vice President with Renae Buckser

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS**



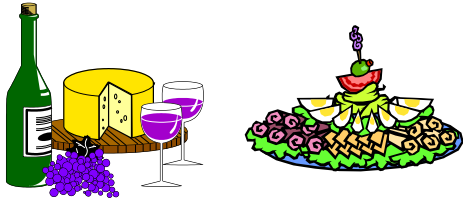
### Got Stuff?

Don't toss it—save it to donate to our April Garage Sale fundraiser.

## Local Scholarship



### Silent Auction & Holiday Boutique Gala Thursday, December 5; 7:00–8:30 PM San Ramon Community Center Terrace Room



We look forward to seeing everyone at the Silent Auction Gala & Holiday Boutique on Thursday, December 5 at the San Ramon Community Center Terrace Room from 7:00–8:30 PM. This is our major fundraiser to raise funds for local high school girls and Renaissance Scholars at CSU East Bay. Please respond to the evite invitation so we have an idea of how many will attend this event.

Over 100 items have been donated from local businesses. Look for the list of donated items, which will be sent via e-mail before the auction for your perusal. You can plan ahead to bid on items you're interested in. Here are a few examples: gift certificates to Firehouse 37, Mimi's Cafe, and Forbes Mill Steakhouse; a tour of and wine tasting for eight at Concannon Vineyards; golf outing for four including carts at Bridges; tickets to Blackhawk Museum; a Trader Joe's bag filled with Italian products; and coffee from Starbucks.

This year we're featuring a table with delicious baked desserts from local bakeries for the holidays. You can bid on mouth-watering cakes, cookies, and cupcakes, which you can take home that night and serve over the weekend.

Beautiful items will be sold by four of our AAUW members. Look for unique prints, cards, and artwork by Linda Yoshizawa; lovely craft items by Sydney Allison; original designed jewelry by Victoria Bissell; and wine bags by Laurie Dennen.

The drawings for the themed baskets will begin at 7:20 PM. Come early to look at the beautiful baskets donated by the Interest Groups, our AAUW members, and friends as well as all of the other auction items. It will be an enjoyable evening! Don't forget to bring your checkbook and a friend or two with you!

## Renaissance Scholar Update



We received a delightful handwritten thank-you note from Akina Langston, our Renaissance Scholarship recipient.

*"Thank you so much for accepting me for the AAUW Scholarship. It helped me beyond measures (that) I can't explain. The brunch was an experience that will not be forgotten, probably the most fancy event I have ever been to in my life. I feel honored and spoiled with the gifts I received and I will forever be grateful.*

*"I am on track to graduate next spring!! I am now sure (that) hard work pays off for the best!!*

*"Thank you!!*

*"Akina Langston"*

Thank you again to all of our members who helped in different ways to support this very deserving young woman.

Julie Gin and Susan Walker Christensen,  
Local Scholarship Co-Vice Presidents

***The easiest way to get what you want is to help others get what they want.***

Deepak Chopra

## Public Policy



### Senate Women Work Across Party Lines to Reopen Government

Although their gender is represented in only 20 percent of the Senate, it was a bipartisan group of female senators who led the effort to end the government shutdown. Multiple reports, including praise from some of their male colleagues, credit Senators Susan Collins (R-ME), Lisa Murkowski (R-AK), Kelly Ayotte (R-NH), Barbara Mikulski (D-MD), and Patty Murray (D-WA) with shaping the negotiations and working across party lines to address ideological concerns in settling the issue.

### The Federal Budget: Stepping Back and Going Forward

Political one-upmanship aside, the October shutdown helped no one. The American economy paid dearly during those 16 days, losing an estimated \$24 billion, according to Standard & Poor.

Although Congress managed to avoid default and agreed to let federal employees and contractors return to work, the next four months will likely see more conflict. The October 16 agreement lifts the debt limit until February 7, setting up another confrontation in March over the government's ability to pay its bills. Federal agencies are funded through January 15, but they might shut down again unless lawmakers agree on funding levels and ending sequestration.

The agreement also tasked a Congressional budget conference committee with reconciling the two chambers' spending proposals by December 13. The leaders of the committee—Senators Patty Murray (D-WA) and Jeff Sessions (R-AL) and Representatives Paul Ryan (R-WI) and Chris Van Hollen (D-MD)—have begun their discussions. But, unlike the “super committee” established after the 2011 debt ceiling fight, there are no immediate consequences for failing to reach an agreement other than the prospect of another government shutdown when the current spending resolution expires in January.

As the House and Senate come together to negotiate a budget, AAUW will continue to urge Congress to pursue a responsible appropriations process that ends the harmful effects of sequestration, and will oppose any attempt to cut critical entitlement programs. Your voice is needed to strengthen AAUW's. Watch for Congressional updates on our branch Facebook page and elsewhere in the media. Use this link to [tell Congress how they should move beyond the shutdown](#).

### House Passes Bipartisan Bill Protecting Students from Predators

On October 22, the House passed the “Protecting Students from Sexual and Violent Predators Act” (H.R. 2083). The act requires public schools to conduct comprehensive background checks for employees or applicants with unsupervised access to children and prohibits school districts from hiring anyone convicted of violent crimes such as rape, sexual assault, or child pornography. Currently, legislation on background checks and hiring practices is inconsistent across states. H.R. 2083 seeks to make the process more uniform nationwide.

### AAUW Pushes Funding for American STEM Students

American businesses are struggling to find qualified employees to fill job openings in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM). In response, AAUW is supporting a STEM education initiative within immigration reform legislation that would help to supplement our homegrown STEM workforce. The proposed initiative would be funded through fees collected from U.S. employers who recruit foreign STEM workers, and used to *educate the next generation of American STEM workers*. [Contact your representative today and ask him or her to include this fund in any immigration proposal.](#)

### Potential Governors Queuing Up

Historically, women have been vastly underrepresented in the state executive office, with only five current female governors (four of whom are running for re-election). However, with 36 states holding gubernatorial elections in 2014, **an impressive 27 female candidates** have already filed in a governor's race, and 10 of those candidates are running for an open seat.

### Key Cases Coming to the Attention of the Supreme Court

A new term has just started for the Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS). AAUW is watching closely, because many of our fundamental rights and liberties are protected by SCOTUS decisions. Federal courts are often the last, best hope for women who have experienced discrimination in education, employment, and health care. AAUW closely monitors Supreme Court decisions with the concern that the clock is not turned back on decades of progress for women and girls.

Several of the cases the SCOTUS may hear this term are directly related to AAUW's public policy priorities regarding Affirmative Action, reproductive rights, and the separation of church and state. For some of these, AAUW joined an amicus (friend of the court) brief arguing the ruling's constitutionality. [To read more about these key cases, visit our branch website's News page.](#)

Susan Beyerle, Public Policy Chairwoman

## Membership

### Membership Matters

Membership hosted an informal get together at the home of Millie Kessler on November 7. What a lively group! It must have been the wonderful wine and delicious appetizers that put everyone in such a good mood! It was a great opportunity to just chat and get to know several of our new and returning members. We want to thank Marie Schilly, Sandi Alex, and Ralph Hoffmann for joining us.

We hope that through events like this, our new members will get to know some friendly, interesting faces (that's us!) and get actively involved in branch activities.

Membership will be there at upcoming events—the Silent Auction (December 5) and the programs in 2014. Pick up a branch brochure for a friend. Membership is the “life-blood” of the branch—the more members, the more we can do in the community. Send us names of any potential member and we'll be happy to get them on board!

Remember to keep us updated on any change in contact info to be sure you receive all our notifications and invitations.

We hope your holiday season is happy and bright.

Millie Kessler and Isabel Lau,  
Membership Co-Vice Presidents

# HAPPY HOLIDAYS!



### **If You Hate to Drive after Dark**

or you need a ride to an AAUW meeting or event  
for any other reason,  
contact our Caring, Creative Carpool Coordinator  
for help arranging it!

Marsha Froines  
[msfroines@att.net](mailto:msfroines@att.net)

828-5707

## AAUW Funds

### Legal Advocacy Fund



### What's at Stake in the Supreme Court This Term?

In October, AAUW LAF Program Manager Mollie Lam and Regulatory Affairs Manager Beth Scott hosted a conference call to discuss important cases before the U.S. Supreme Court this term. This term, the U.S. Supreme Court will hear a number of cases that will significantly impact the rights of women and girls. Reproductive rights, affirmative action, and health care coverage are on the court's docket. Read more at the AAUW Advocacy blog, <http://www.aauw.org/2013/11/01/scotus-preview/>.

### U.S. Supreme Court Will Not Consider Oklahoma Law Banning Medication Abortion

During the October 24 Supreme Court call, we discussed *Cline v. Oklahoma Coalition for Reproductive Justice*. In that case, the Oklahoma Supreme Court overturned a 2011 Oklahoma law that severely restricted the use of medications to end pregnancy. Before hearing the case, the U.S. Supreme Court had asked the Oklahoma Supreme Court to clarify whether the law banned medication abortion altogether. Last week, the Oklahoma Supreme Court confirmed that the law did in fact ban all medication abortion. The U.S. Supreme Court has declined to hear *Cline v. Oklahoma Coalition for Reproductive Justice*. In that case, the Oklahoma Supreme Court had overturned a 2011 Oklahoma law that severely restricted and banned the use of medications to end pregnancy. Although the Oklahoma law has been overturned, a similarly restrictive state law in Texas may soon make its way to the U.S. Supreme Court.

### Please consider making a tax-deductible donation to AAUW Funds or one of its specific funds or programs.

A diagram that graphically displays all the AAUW funds can be found at <http://www.aauw.org/files/2013/02/AAUW-Funds-Diagram.pdf>.

Jeanne Benedetti, AAUW Funds Vice-President

## 9th Annual Holiday Home Tour

Danville-Alamo-Walnut Creek Branch of AAUW  
Friday, December 13 and Saturday, December 14  
10 AM–4:00 PM



Visit Five Festive Homes in Alamo  
Adults—\$30; Seniors (65+)—\$25  
Prices go up \$5 each after December 6

### Ticket Options:

**US Mail:** Send a check postmarked by December 6 payable to Danville-Alamo-Walnut Creek AAUW with a self-addressed #10 envelope to AAUW Holiday Home Tour, PO Box 996, Alamo, CA 94507.

**In Person:** Tickets are available at East Bay Flower Company, 206 Sycamore Valley Road West (Danville Livery). Cash and checks only accepted Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM and Saturday from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

**On Line:** Pay through PAYPAL on our website: <http://daw-ca.aauw.net/programs/hht>. A \$2 processing fee will be added for each ticket.

Proceeds benefit local women scholars and Tech Trek.

Tour and quilt drawing tickets are not tax deductible.

Please, no children under 12 years or pets.

Any questions, e-mail [aauwht@gmail.com](mailto:aauwht@gmail.com) or go to the website <http://daw-ca.aauw.net/programs/hht>.

Submitted by Tena Gallagher

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## Interest Groups

### LUNCH BUNCH

#### First Tuesday

**Tuesday, December 3; 11:30 AM**

This month, join us for lunch and conversation at  
Gianni's Italian Bistro 820-6969  
2065 San Ramon Valley Blvd., San Ramon

They're finally open for lunch! Gianni's is located on the west side of SRVB a little north of Fostoria Way. Please contact Marsha to RSVP by Sunday, December 1. If you think you would like to join us once in a while for lunch and want to be on the e-mail reminder list, contact

Marsha Froines 828-5707  
*msfroines@att.net*

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### CHINESE MAH JONG

#### First Tuesday and Third Thursday

**Tuesday, December 3; 7:00 PM**

Mercedes Daggett 838-1987  
2716 Bollinger Canyon Road, San Ramon

**Thursday, December 19; 7:00 PM**

Chris White Home: 829-2809  
94 Lewes Court, San Ramon Cell: 323-6394  
*Chriswhite925@gmail.com*

Please RSVP to the hostess.

If you have questions about this group, contact

Beth Allen 487-7897  
*blyn@comcast.net*

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### DAYTIMERS

**Saturday, December 7; 1:00 PM**

#### Tea/Lunch at Dublin Heritage Center

And House tour of the 1911 Kolb House, \$25.

We have a group that already made reservations. If you would like to attend this event and do not have a reservation, contact Pat to see if you can join the group.

Coordinator: Pat Barley 735-7855  
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If you would like to receive Daytimers e-mails, contact  
Chris White *chriswhite925@gmail.com*

## Interest Groups

### GAME NIGHT

#### First Saturday of Month

**Saturday, December 7; 7:30 PM**

Hostess: Pauline Nolte 819-6192  
123 Orchard Road, Orinda  
*niteowl458@aol.com*

Please RSVP to Pauline via phone or e-mail.

If you want to play or if you can host, contact

Lucy Weed 820-1683  
*L-weed@comcast.net*

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### WALKING GROUP

**Saturday, December 7; 9:00 AM**

Meet at the Bollinger Park and Ride at 9:00 AM to walk on San Ramon Valley Blvd. from Bollinger to Forest Home Farms for the Holiday Boutique. Estimated end of hike: about noon. Easy 5 miles round trip. Let us know you are coming, and we will wait for you.

Diane Griffiths (*gdiane11@comcast.net*) 828-3921  
Lois Kamoroff (*logo47@sbcglobal.net*) 355-1207

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### CORK 'N' FORK

#### AAUW Holiday Brunch

**Sunday, December 8; 11:30 AM–2:30 PM**

See page 4 of this newsletter for details.

This is a catered event, so your payment is your reservation. Unfortunately, we will not be able to take any last-minute reservations or cancellations.

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## Interest Groups

### READING SOCIETY

#### Third Monday

**Monday, December 16; 7:00 PM**

We will discuss *Too Much Happiness* by Alice Munro.

Hostess: Anna Fehrenbach 833-9570

7 Duncan Hill Court, San Ramon

[annafehrenbach@comcast.net](mailto:annafehrenbach@comcast.net)

#### November Book Review by Marielle Boortz

*The Book of Air and Shadows*, by Michael Gruber

If you enjoyed reading *The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo* and *The DaVinci Code*, you will probably like this thriller.

There are unique characters in interesting families, secret pasts, plot twists, a couple mobsters, a little romance, one murder, and a race to find a lost play by

Shakespeare...that is, if the play exists. The book is one of the few I've ever read that I couldn't figure out how it would end. Several people in the group said they struggled to get through the book's first half, but then the action picked up and they were sucked into the mystery. So, if you enjoy mysteries and some intellectual challenge in your books, try this one.

Questions? Contact Cheri Ng 829-4974

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### TUESDAY NIGHT BRIDGE

#### Third Tuesday

**\*\*Note special time for Holiday Party\*\***

**Tuesday, December 17; 6:00-10:00 PM**

Potluck dinner and \$15 gift exchange

Hostess: Fran Bartholomew 829-1832

3271 El Suyo Drive, San Ramon

[f.bartholomew@comcast.net](mailto:f.bartholomew@comcast.net)

RSVP required! Call hostess as soon as possible to let her know if you are playing or not.

Questions? Contact Chris White 829-2809

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### FOURTH (4TH) FRIDAY FLICKS (FFF)

#### Friday, December 27

Chris White is the Organizer. Watch for specific information from Chris and contact her if you're interested in joining us.

If you would like to receive FFF e-mails, please contact Chris White [chriswhite925@gmail.com](mailto:chriswhite925@gmail.com)

## Interest Groups

### WANNA GO?

Want to do something but not by yourself? Contact Marsha and she will e-mail the group members to find out if someone wants to join you. Some possible activities for December are taking in the Civic Arts Education Artists Market on Friday, December 6 in Walnut Creek or visiting the Paragon Outlets in Livermore for holiday shopping. If you're interested, contact

Marsha Froines 828-5707

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### TRAVEL GROUP

#### Save the Dates!

Please join us for our next Travel Group events:

**Saturday, January 11, 2014; 7:30 PM**

Sally Scholl will present an enlightening program based on her recent trip to Cambodia and Bangkok. More information will be provided in next month's newsletter.

**Saturday, April 12, 2014; 7:30 PM**

Several presenters will share their adventures on European river cruises.

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

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**DECEMBER 2013**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 11:30 AM Lunch Bunch Marsha Froines <u>828-5707</u> 7:00 PM Mah Jong Mercedes Daggett 838-1987	4	5	6	7 9:00 AM Walking Group Diane Griffiths <u>828-3921</u> 1:00 PM Daytimers Tea in Dublin Pat Barley <u>735-7855</u> 7:30 PM Game Night Pauline Nolte 819-6192
8 11:30 AM– 2:30 PM Holiday Brunch Janice Colby 355-9293	9	10 5:00 PM Board Meeting Cindy Alpert 829-7813	11	12	13	14
15 Newsletter Deadline	16 7:00 PM Reading Society Anna Fehrenbach 833-9570	17 6:00 PM Bridge Fran Bartholomew 829-1832	18	19 7:00 PM Mah Jong Chris White 829-2809	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27 Fourth Friday Flicks Chris White	28
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**SNIPPETS**

Our best wishes for as speedy a recovery as possible go to Renae Buckser, who broke her pelvis when she tripped and fell while traveling in New York and is still confined to bed. She and her husband returned to California on November 25; Renae is currently in Manorcare Rehabilitation Hospital in Walnut Creek.

Congratulations and best wishes to Pauline Nolte and Robert Seymour, who were married with family and close friends in attendance on Friday, November 22, 2013.

In addition to displaying some of her work at our upcoming Silent Auction & Holiday Boutique Gala, Linda Yoshizawa also displays her artwork at Valley Art Gallery in Walnut Creek year-round. She also has her work displayed at several galleries in San Francisco and Berkeley this holiday season (contact her for specifics if you're interested in seeing Linda's artwork).

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 (2014 already!)**

Saturday, January 11: 7:30 PM: Travel Group presents Sally Scholl's trip to Cambodia and Bangkok.

Saturday, January 18: 2:00 PM: "Stay Healthy in a Toxic World" Program by Beth Greer

Tuesday, January 28: 7:00 PM: IBC Meeting, Lafayette

Saturday, February 8: She's All That Conference

Thursday, February 13: 7:00 PM: "Building and Maintaining Strong Bones" Program by Kathy Napoli, dietician and holistic nutritionist

April 11–13: AAUW-CA Convention, Los Angeles, CA

Saturday, April 12: 7:30 PM: Travel Group presents several adventures on European river cruises.