



# THE VIEW FROM SAN RAMON

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### Volunteers Needed

(See pages 4 and 5 for details)

#### AAUW MISSION AND DIVERSITY STATEMENTS

American Association of University Women advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education and research. 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

As we move into the new year, we are actively seeking to identify new members to join the AAUW San Ramon Board of Directors. As a board member, you have the opportunity to develop your leadership skills and provide your insight into how we can continue to develop a thriving organization that serves our mission.

We want to thank you in advance for volunteering when the nominating committee calls you. We understand and appreciate that AAUW volunteering takes time, but it is time well spent. If you are interested in joining the board, please contact one of our nominating committee members (Margie Goldware, Susan Walker-Christensen, Arlene Addison, Sherri Hedman, and Pauline Nolte).

We have two conferences for young girls coming up where your participation is needed. The "She's All That!" conference is February 9, and the "Expanding Your Horizons" conference is March 2. We need volunteers to participate at both of these events. See pages 4 and 5 in this newsletter for details. Please sign up now!

In case you have not heard, the film *The Invisible War* received an Oscar nomination for Best Documentary. This film about military sexual assault features several [LAF-supported plaintiffs](#).

The Every Member Survey is included in the Winter 2013 issue of *AAUW Outlook*. Your opinions help shape AAUW's programs and activities. Please complete and return the survey by mail or [complete it online](#) by April 2.

Be sure to read the page 10 article about important changes that may affect our membership dues.

Hope to see many of you at our upcoming programs and events.

Stella Hadjimarkos, Co-President with Betsy Hoffmann

## Happy February Birthdays

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|------------------|------|
| Renee Coles      | 2/03 |
| Catherine Berry  | 2/08 |
| Carol Lombardi   | 2/18 |
| Sally Scholl     | 2/19 |
| Margo James      | 2/20 |
| Michele Wiley    | 2/20 |
| Julie Perfect    | 2/22 |
| Victoria Bissell | 2/28 |

## Public Policy

First, the good news: At literally the 11th hour, the House of Representatives approved the Senate bill to pull us back from the brink of the so-called "fiscal cliff." AAUW commends the lawmakers for coming together to achieve a compromise that, although far from perfect, includes several AAUW-supported provisions that will help women and their families, such as:

- Returning to the Clinton-era tax rates for high-income earners while continuing the current rates for the middle class;
- Extending the "American Opportunity Tax Credit," a \$2,500 tax credit to help college students and their families pay for tuition and related expenses;
- Ending the payroll tax holiday to protect Social Security's long-term solvency; and,
- Delaying the automatic, across-the-board spending cuts for two months, giving Congress more time to find a way to protect key programs from sequestration.

Now, the (potentially) bad news: Since this bill dealt only with tax changes and merely delayed the spending cuts, the situation is still tenuous. Over the next two months, Congress will need to find a solution to avoid deep cuts to important investments such as education, funding for civil rights enforcement, women's health programs, and workforce training programs.

This is where you come in, and where your AAUW membership gives your voice even greater influence. If you haven't already done so, subscribe to [Washington Update](#), an AAUW members-only weekly e-mail bulletin with an insider's view on public policy, political news, and resources for advocates. By doing so, you'll be alerted to key moments in the coming debate when your voice or action is needed to urge Congress to protect important programs from sequestration.

You can also follow AAUW Public Policy on Twitter, and read the [AAUW Dialog blog](#) for discussion, information, and advocacy for women and girls.

Thank you for all you do, and all you will do. We're nearly there; let's finish the job!

Susan Beyerle, Public Policy Chair

## Conference Events

### She's All That!



**Saturday, February 9**

**9:00 AM–3:00 PM**

**San Ramon Valley High School  
501 San Ramon Valley Blvd., Danville**

“The She's All That!’ Conference started as a way to help middle school girls address issues most affecting their lives,” said Soroptimist Conference Marketing Chair Robyn Forman, a San Ramon resident. Ms. Forman believes this event makes a difference in the lives of middle-school girls. She says, “If we wait until high school to reach these girls, it’s too late. They need to feel comfortable in their own skin and we believe ‘She’s All That!’ will help them get them there.”

To volunteer, you can either contact our branch liaison, Kim Giuliano, or you can follow the link below, which takes you directly to the Soroptimist sign-up sheet. It also lets you select the shifts you would like to volunteer for—whether it be the morning, afternoon, lunch break, or all of them:

[www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0F49ACA82AAA8-shes2/1240713](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0F49ACA82AAA8-shes2/1240713). If you sign up for the entire day, lunch will be provided for you.

Parents are invited to attend with their daughters, but the parents participate in different workshops and listen to a different keynote speaker.

The keynote speaker for adults this year is Amy Sluss, R.N., who will discuss how parents can support their daughters. Her talk, “Raising Confident Daughters,” will emphasize the challenges today’s young women face and contrast them to what their parents may have faced in prior generations.

The keynote speaker for the girls is Chris Howard, Chevron Talent Management Advisor. According to Robyn Forman, Ms. Howard has been lauded as a role

model for young women and will share her passion for helping others to better the lives of women and children locally.

Following the keynote speeches, the girls and parents participate in three workshops selected from the list when they registered for the conference. The workshop list for girls includes sessions on talking to boys, self defense, relating to parents, dealing with mean girls, yoga, social savvy, and personal style. The workshop list for parents includes presentations on nurturing the pre-teen soul, healthy relationships, teen empowerment, and cyber safety. A “Live Your Dream” expo with informational exhibits will supplement the workshops for both parents and daughters.

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### Expanding Your Horizons



**Saturday, March 2**

**9:30 AM–2:30 PM**

**Las Positas College  
3000 Campus Hill Drive, Livermore**

The Tri-Valley Expanding Your Horizons (EYH) is an annual conference specially designed for 6th- through 9th-grade girls to encourage them to consider education and career options in science and mathematics. About 300 girls from the Livermore, Pleasanton, Dublin, Sunol, and San Ramon school districts attend. Girls from other school districts may also register.

Girls attend two 90-minute workshops that provide hands-on science- or math-related activities and enable the girls to interact with professionals and science enthusiasts. Attendance per workshop is normally limited to 20 students to keep the instruction personal and interactive.

The workshops include titles/themes such as Junior Vets for Pets, PC Maintenance and Repair, Life in a Vacuum, Green Power, Look Out! We’re Surrounded by LEGO™ Robotics, Digital Makeovers, and Negotiation Workshop.



In addition to their workshop selections, girls also visit numerous career displays and are able to interact with professionals from industry, government, academia, and public service. They can discuss career and education choices in a friendly and relaxed environment. Girls will also participate in science-based special activities.

To volunteer, you can either e-mail our branch contact person, Marsha Froines, or you can contact the D/A/WC AAUW EYH Co-Chairs directly: Iris Stone at [iris.stone@bankofamerica.com](mailto:iris.stone@bankofamerica.com) or Pam Burdusis at [p.burdusis@comcast.net](mailto:p.burdusis@comcast.net). You can also sign up directly at <http://www.tveyh.org> if you wish.



member, Diane Woodward, CFP®, here is a very abbreviated synopsis:

Women face unique financial challenges because they tend to live longer than men and are therefore likely to face a decrease in income due to the loss of a spouse, increasing health-care costs related to aging, and a need to stretch their retirement savings over a longer period of time. Women are likely to provide some long-term care for a spouse while they are apt to face their own need for long-term care alone. If women outlive their spouses, they probably will be responsible for the marital estate.

Diane pointed out that women earn less than men, are more likely to take career breaks for care giving (which affects their ability to accumulate savings), are sometimes more conservative investors, and face the risk of financial loss with no asset protection.

She suggested that women take certain steps to achieve financial security, such as taking control of their money, becoming more knowledgeable investors, taking charge of their careers, planning for retirement, protecting their income and assets, and creating an estate plan.

Diane highly recommends reading Susan L. Hirshman's book *Does This Make My Assets Look Fat?* She is also putting on two webinars that we can access if we want to learn more information: (1) Social Security Webinar on February 26 at 1:00 PM, and (2) Kids and Cash Webinar on March 20 at 7:30 PM. If you're interested in accessing either of these webinars, contact Diane through her assistant, Jennifer, at 274-9400 to register.

### Save the Date for the March Program! *Autumn Gem*

Thursday, March 14; 7:00 PM

San Ramon Library  
100 Montgomery Street, San Ramon

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## Program

### January Recap

#### Money Matters at Every Stage: A Guide for Women Who Want to Expand Their Investment Knowledge

For those of you who were unable to attend this interesting, educational program presented by our

Never waste an opportunity to tell someone you love them.

H. Jackson Brown, Jr.  
*Life's Little Instruction Book*

## Membership

By now, every AAUW member should have received the Every Member Survey, which was in the Winter 2013 issue of *AAUW Outlook* and is available online at [https://svc.aauw.org/survey/EMS2012/aauw\\_ems2012\\_t.cfml](https://svc.aauw.org/survey/EMS2012/aauw_ems2012_t.cfml). We encourage all members to take 10 minutes to help shape AAUW's programs and activities for the coming year by responding to the survey by April 2, 2013, either by snail mail or online. Make sure your voices are heard!

For those of you on Google+, search for AAUW's group under "Communities" and join us in an open conversation. This is a great way to meet other AAUW members across the country and network.

Please consider inviting a friend, neighbor, or co-worker to our March program. This is a perfect opportunity to introduce AAUW to potential members. Special rates for new members will be available at the Autumn Gem program.

Isabel Lau, Membership Co-VP with Margie Goldware

## Member Spotlights

### Starring Faye Isaacson

Birthplace and other places I've lived: I was born and grew up in the Chicago suburbs of Oak Park and River Forest. I spent my college years in Boston and my junior year in Vienna, Austria. The day after I graduated, I moved from Boston to San Francisco, where a job was waiting for me as an associate programmer analyst with Crocker National Bank. I've lived in the Bay Area ever since (35 years).

Education: I graduated from Boston College, Carroll School of Management, in the honors program with a B.S. in Business Administration. I concentrated on Computer Science.

Spouse: Paul Isaacson, retired.

Children: Todd, age 16, is a sophomore at SRVHS.

Significant Mentor or Hero, and Reason: My sister Beth is my hero for going back to college after dropping out and getting married, graduating with highest honors in Accounting, becoming a CPA, and eventually getting a Master's degree in Taxation. In addition to being very successful in her career, Beth has a big heart—she supported our other sister and her children through a very tough time and later was the rock in our family throughout the illnesses and deaths of our parents.

Current and Previous Employment: I've been a consultant for the past 16 years. I recently completed two back-to-back contracts with Bank of the West in their Operational Risk department, first as a project manager and then as a governance risk and compliance systems specialist. I've worked my entire career at Bay Area banks, with many roles in the business application area of information technology.

Current Interests/Pastimes: I started playing tennis at age 44 and have been hooked ever since, playing doubles in USTA league matches. I've also rediscovered my love of reading in the past year. My husband and I watch movies, hike, and go kayaking.

Memorable experiences/adventures: In addition to my year in Vienna and scuba diving in Fiji during my honeymoon, my husband Paul and I backpacked in Hetch Hetchy with my sister Beth and her husband.

Accomplishments: I served three years as a volunteer and organized other computer professional volunteers to meet with disabled students and review their programs at the CIL Computer Training Program in Berkeley. Also, I was a member of the Greenbrook Elementary School parent fund for seven years and served as president for two of those years.

Something that might surprise people: I completed two years in an interpreter training program in American Sign Language, with the goal of becoming not an interpreter, but becoming fluent because I had a few deaf friends and acquaintances.

### Starring Sia Sauer

Birthplace and other places I've lived: I was born in Los Angeles. As a teenager and young adult, I lived in Athens, Greece with my mother, who is Greek. After I married my husband in Greece, we lived in Kitzingen, Germany, his birthplace, and then in Munich. We also lived in Fairfield, Connecticut, New York City, and Freehold, New Jersey before moving to San Ramon.

Education: I have an A.A. in Business Management from Pasadena City College and a B.S. in Biology from State University of New York, Albany.

Spouse or Significant Other: My husband is Reimund Sauer. He has a Masters in Economics and works for the Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco.

Children: Franz is currently working on his Ph.D. in Computer Science at UC Davis in the field of Scientific Visualization. Eric is a high school senior at Dougherty Valley High School. Julianne is an eighth grader at Windermere Ranch Middle School; she participated in AAUW's Tech Trek last summer. Tech Trek nurtured my daughter's love of science and boosted her self-confidence

to pursue her interest in science. This past year, she entered the local science fair and reached the national level, becoming a Broadcom Master Semifinalist. This year, she has set her goals even higher, venturing into advanced physics and doing a project on quantum locking.



Sia and Julienne in June, 2012

Current and Previous Employment: I am a substitute teacher for the San Ramon Valley Unified School District. I am also completing the College Admissions and Career Planning Certificate Program through the UC Berkeley Extension and am planning to open my own business within the next few years.

Current Interests/Pastimes: I am co-coordinator of the National History Day Program for Contra Costa County and a judge at the state-level competition. We are holding our first ever NHD Competition in February at the Blackhawk Museum with over 100 students from SRVUSD participating. I am an active volunteer for the Contra Costa Science and Engineering Fair and have helped promote science and history education through various local and national programs for the last 12 years. I have volunteered to help Laurie Dennen with the Tech Trek program; maybe in the future I can help out with the actual summer camp.

Memorable experiences/adventures: Skydiving to commemorate my 40th birthday with my husband and spending a week's vacation on a remote island in the Maldives.

Accomplishments: Raising three healthy and productive children and surviving the perils of being a stay-at-home-mom.

Something that might surprise people: I speak fluent Greek and German. Also, I embraced my geekiness over the last decade and focused on doing the things I love, like playing computer games, discovering new music, and conducting experiments with students.



## NATIONAL ART CONTEST

AAUW National is having their annual art contest. This contest is a great way for AAUW members to showcase their talent. From January 4 to February 4, AAUW members may submit an electronic version of a design on the AAUW Art Contest webpage at [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org). Submissions can be photography or a digital photo of your painting, drawing, sculpture, collage, or other form of artwork.

AAUW members will be asked to vote for their favorite entries beginning February 8 and continuing through March 8. Members may vote once every seven (7) days for their six (6) favorite images.

Six images selected by members and judges who previously won the contest will appear on note cards that will be mailed to tens of thousands of AAUW members across the country this spring. Three images will be chosen by member votes, and the judges will select three. The note cards will acknowledge the name of the artist, the title of the art, and, if the artist belongs to a branch, the name of that branch will also be acknowledged.

We hope you will consider participating in this year's contest and encourage your AAUW friends to do the same. All contest details can be found on AAUW National's website [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org).

Be bold and courageous. When you look back on your life, you'll regret the things you didn't do more than the things you did.

H. Jackson Brown, Jr.  
*Life's Little Instruction Book*

## Circle of Legacy

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### MAKE A LIFETIME GIFT TO AAUW

Have you considered making a legacy gift to AAUW? Your gift will help ensure that the work of AAUW continues long into the future. By providing for AAUW in your estate plans, you can become part of the distinguished AAUW Legacy Circle.

Our regional Legacy Circle Chair, Liz Bathgate of the Castro Valley branch, has become a Legacy Circle member in part because she found the process to be one of the best ways for her to provide for AAUW for years to come. She says, "Providing for AAUW through my will and through CGAs (charitable gift annuities) is just the kind of commitment I want to make to AAUW, which has provided me with such a wonderful community for so many years." Liz is a fixture at national and state conventions and would love to speak with you about how to make your gift a reality. You may contact her at [lbbathgate@att.net](mailto:lbbathgate@att.net).

The simplest form of a legacy gift is a bequest, or a gift left to a charity in your will. Bequests often can allow donors to make a sizable gift to a charity that may not have been possible during their lifetime. In a simple bequest, the donor gives a stated amount to a non-profit group without attaching any conditions. Bequest language usually reads:

After fulfilling all other provisions, I hereby give, devise, and bequeath to AAUW (Federal Tax ID #52-6037388), a charitable organization duly existing under the laws of the District of Columbia and located at 1111 Sixteenth St. NW, Washington, DC 20036, \_\_\_\_\_ percent of the rest, residue, and remainder of my estate [or \$\_\_\_\_\_ if a specific amount] to be used in the areas of greatest need as the board of directors may determine.

You can also name AAUW as the beneficiary of your life insurance, bank account, stock account, or retirement plan. In addition to bequests in your will or living trust, charitable gift annuities are available that can provide you with tax savings and income during your lifetime.

For more information, call Catherine Heffernan at the AAUW Planned Giving Office at 877-357-5587 or e-mail her at [heffernanc@aauw.org](mailto:heffernanc@aauw.org).

Submitted by Liz Bathgate  
National Legacy Circle Chair for  
AAUW Northern California



### SAN FRANCISCO BRANCH SILVER JUBILEE SCHOLARSHIPS

The San Francisco AAUW branch is offering scholarships of \$2,000 each to help upper division and graduate school women complete their final year of study at an accredited college or university for the school year 2013–2014.

Candidates must live within a 100-mile distance of San Francisco or attend a college or university within that distance and be on track to complete their course of study by June 2014. There is no restriction on the use of the funds.

Completed applications are due by April 30, 2013.

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

Pat Camarena, Silver Jubilee Scholarship Chair  
[tappat157@aol.com](mailto:tappat157@aol.com)



## AAUW Funds



### And the Oscar Goes to...

*The Invisible War*, we hope! This film about military sexual assault featuring several LAF-supported plaintiffs received an Oscar nomination for Best Documentary. The website *RottenTomatoes.com* ranked the film as the “best film of 2012” based on an aggregate of film reviews and ranking on their “tomatometer” score. If you haven’t seen this powerful film yet, it is available to rent from Netflix and to purchase from Amazon.

### Hearings on Military Sexual Abuse

*The Invisible War* and the lawsuits that AAUW supports have raised the public’s awareness about military sexual abuse, and now there is enough public pressure that government leaders are addressing the issue.

On January 11, the United States Commission on Civil Rights held a briefing in support of its annual enforcement report on sexual assault in the military. The Department of Defense’s own surveys indicate that approximately 4 percent of female service members compared to 1 percent of male service members experience some form of sexual assault each year. In fiscal year 2011, the Armed Services completed investigations in 2,353 reports of sexual assault, which represented only a small fraction of the sexual assaults estimated to have actually occurred. Of those cases investigated, fewer than half (989) went forward for disciplinary action, and only about half of those (489) were referred to court-martial. Of those who were convicted of sexual assault, only 78 percent served any time in prison. The Commission report examined the Department of Defense’s efforts to ensure the administration of justice in the military’s investigations of sexual assault allegations, its discipline of perpetrators, and its efforts to address and reduce discrimination against women in the Armed Forces. LAF Program Manager Holly Kearl and Regulatory Affairs Manager Beth Scott attended on behalf of AAUW. A write-up on the briefing by Ms. Kearl can be found on the AAUW Discussion Information Advocacy Blog at <http://blog-aauw.org/2013/01/15/weak-progress-on-ending-military-sexual-assault/>.

In Congress, the House Armed Services Committee Chair Howard McKeon (CA-R) has committed to holding a hearing on the issue in January 2013 in the Military Personnel Subcommittee.

Jeanne Benedetti, AAUW Funds Vice-President

*Editors’ Note: The above information can be found in its entirety in the January 2013 LAF Express on the national AAUW website.*

## Glossary



### AAUW National

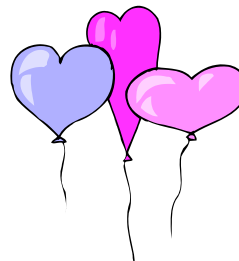
**Gift Annuity:** A contract between a donor and AAUW in which the donor gives stock, real property, or other assets to AAUW and receives part of the gift back as income.

**Legacy Circle:** A group of AAUW members who have designated a bequest to AAUW Funds in their wills or have established a gift annuity.

**Named Gift Honoree:** An individual who is honored, usually by a branch or state AAUW, by a gift to AAUW of \$750 or more given in that individual’s name.

**Membership Payment Program (MPP):** A secure online dues processing alternative to the regular (print out, write, mail) branch dues report remittance process for AAUW branches and states. See the AAUW Annual Starter Kit for details.

**AAUW Annual Starter Kit:** A kit that is sent to all states and branches. It contains the latest resources, materials, and forms for membership as well as information on the benefits of belonging to AAUW.



## Balancing the AAUW-CA Budget May Require an Increase in Dues

The AAUW CA Board of Directors informed us about two priority actions taken by them with the purpose of reducing the operating budget at the state level. These two actions will require a vote of the membership.

First, in order to reduce costs, the state board voted to recommend the reduction of the total number of directors from 16 to 12 through a proposed bylaws amendment.

Second, the board also recommends a \$4 increase in dues. This will be the first state dues increase in eight years. The new state dues would become \$20, beginning July 1, 2013.

Both of these recommendations will appear on the ballot in the spring and, along with electing new directors and officers, every member will have the opportunity to vote on both measures.

There are several documents that address this budget issue in more detail on the state website at [www.aauw-ca.org](http://www.aauw-ca.org) under **AAUW CA Business**. There will be an open discussion on this topic at the AAUW CA Annual Meeting on April 20, 2013 in Sacramento, and you may contact any state board member with your questions.

Stella Hadjimarkos  
San Ramon AAUW Co-President

### Enjoying your newsletter?

Do you have a question, a comment, a fabulous idea, or (perish the thought) a complaint?  
Let us know.

Marsha Froines  
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Carol Lombardi  
[carol4editing@gmail.com](mailto:carol4editing@gmail.com)



## Annual Academy Awards Oscar Celebration and Potluck

**Sunday, February 24  
4:00–7:00 PM**

**Hosts: Janice and Ed Colby  
344 Mare Lane, San Ramon**

**Watch for Evite!**

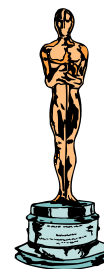
Come join us as we continue the Academy Awards Party tradition!

Watch the Oscars broadcast while enjoying good food and friends. Feel free to dress in your “Red Carpet” finery.

This event is open to all AAUW members, their spouses and significant others.

To RSVP: Please respond to the Evite and indicate the number of guests and the type of food you’ll be sharing—appetizer, salad, or dessert.

Soft beverages will be provided (BYOB).



If you have questions, call or e-mail  
Chris Burchik  
[chrisburchik@comcast.net](mailto:chrisburchik@comcast.net)

828-2203

**Interest Groups**

**GAME NIGHT**

**First Saturday of Month**

**Saturday, February 2; 7:30 PM**  
 Hostess: Lucy Weed 820-1683  
 1639 St. Norbert Drive, Danville  
 Questions? Contact Lucy Weed 820-1683  
*L-weed@comcast.net*

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**LUNCH BUNCH**

**First Tuesday**

**Tuesday, February 5; 11:30 AM** 831-1795  
 Bourbon Street Deli Cafe  
 2217 San Ramon Valley Blvd., San Ramon  
 Join us this time for a tasty lunch and lively conversation!  
 Please RSVP to Marsha by Sunday, February 3 so she can  
 make a reservation. If you would like to attend some of  
 our lunches but aren't on the e-mail list yet, contact  
 Marsha or Linda. Our lunches are generally one hour to  
 accommodate working members.  
 Marsha Froines 828-5707  
*msfroines@att.net*  
 Linda Mendonsa 829-3797  
*lindakm@ix.netcom.com*

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**CHINESE MAH JONG**

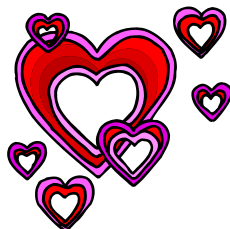
**First Tuesday and Third Thursday**

**Tuesday, February 5; 7:00 PM**  
 Hostess: Mary Venkat 964-0707  
 120 Victoria Place, Danville  
*maryvenkat042012@gmail.com*

**Thursday, February 21; 7:00 PM**

Hostess: Lucy Weed 820-1683  
 1639 St. Norbert Drive, Danville  
*L-Weed@comcast.net*

Please RSVP to the hostess.  
 If you have questions about this group, contact  
 Beth Allen 487-7897  
*blyn@comcast.net*



**Interest Groups**

**WALKING GROUP**

**Saturday, February 16; 9:00 AM**  
 Meet at the Bollinger Park and Ride at 9:00 AM to carpool  
 to the Diablo Foothills entrance on Livorna Road. We'll  
 hike 4.5 moderate (hilly) miles.  
 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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**READING SOCIETY**

**Third Monday**

**\*Note new start time**  
**Monday, February 18; 7:00 PM**  
*The Light Between Oceans* by M.L. Stedman will be  
 reviewed at the home of  
 Chris Burchik 828-2203  
 3204 Vallejo Place, San Ramon  
*chrisburchik@comcast.net*  
 RSVP to Chris. If you have questions, contact  
 Cheri Ng 829-4974  
*chng@comcast.net*

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**TUESDAY NIGHT BRIDGE**

**Third Tuesday**

**Tuesday, February 19; 7:00 PM**  
 Hostess:  
 Mary Beth Hodge 954-1158  
 1563 Ptarmigan Drive #1B, Walnut Creek  
*marybeth238@comcast.net*  
 RSVP required: E-mail or call hostess as soon as possible  
 to let hostess know if you are playing or not.  
 Questions? Contact Chris White 829-2809  
*chriswhite925@gmail.com*



## Interest Groups

### FOURTH FRIDAY FLICKS

**Friday, February 22**

Monthly Organizer: Pat Barley  
*pat.barley@sbcglobal.net*

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 829-2809  
*chriswhite925@gmail.com*

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### CORK 'N' FORK

**Sunday, February 24; 4:00 PM–7:00 PM**

**Academy Awards Party and Potluck**

Join us at our annual Oscar-watching event! See details on page 10.

We'll send an Evite; kindly RSVP online.

If you have questions about this group, contact  
 Janice Colby 355-9293  
*janicecolby@comcast.net*

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### DAYTIMERS

**Wednesday, February 27; 9:30 AM**

We'll visit the Walt Disney Family Museum, in the San Francisco Presidio. We'll carpool from the CVS Marketplace parking lot. Lunch will be in museum café. Cost: \$20 adults/\$15 seniors (65+) plus lunch and gas/toll contribution to driver. We should return no later than 5:00.

RSVP to Event Coordinator:  
 Marsha Froines 828-5707  
*msfroines@att.net*



## Interest Groups

### TRAVEL GROUP

Special thanks to Chris White, Lucy Weed, Jane and Mike Young, and Bernie Silva for providing us with a fascinating multimedia presentation of their recent trip to Australia (including Tasmania) and New Zealand. They also provided us with delicious drinks and sweets typical of Australia.

#### Save the date!

Please join us for the next Travel Group program.

**Saturday, April 27; 7:30 PM**

This will be a very special evening. April Rovero, a San Ramon Valley resident, had the opportunity of a lifetime to travel to Rwanda to photograph the endangered mountain gorillas. Working with wildlife photographer Suzi Eszterhas, April trekked for five days through the jungle and photographed 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.

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, please respond positively to our event's hostess if you will be attending.

Rena Buckser (*rbuckser@gmail.com*) 735-9611  
 Anne Hayden (*whayden@pacbell.net*) 736-6082

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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 828-5707  
*msfroines@att.net*

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**FEBRUARY 2013**

| Sunday   | Monday  | Tuesday   | Wednesday   | Thursday  | Friday   | Saturday   |
|--|---|---|---|---|--|--|
|  |   |   |   |   | 1  | 2 7:30 PM<br>Game Night<br>Lucy Weed<br>820-1683           |
| 3  | 4   | 5 11:30 AM<br>Lunch Bunch<br>Marsha<br>Froines<br><u>828-5707</u><br>7:00 PM<br>Mah Jong<br>Mary Venkat<br>964-0707 | 6   | 7   | 8<br>Voting<br>starts for<br>National Art<br>Contest       | 9  |
| 10   | 11  | 12 5:15 PM<br>Board Meeting<br>Stella<br>Hadjimarkos<br>735-1441  | 13  | 14<br>Happy<br>Valentine's<br>Day!              | 15<br><br>Newsletter<br>Deadline                           | 16 9:00 AM<br>Walking Group<br>Diane Griffiths<br>828-3921 |
| 17   | 18 *7:00 PM<br>Reading Society<br>Chris Burchik<br>828-2203<br>*Note new time | 19 7:00 PM<br>Bridge<br>Mary Beth<br>Hodge<br>954-1158  | 20  | 21 7:00 PM<br>Mah Jong<br>Lucy Weed<br>820-1683 | 22<br>Fourth<br>Friday<br>Flicks<br>Pat Barley<br>735-7855 | 23   |
| 24 4:00 PM<br>Academy<br>Awards Party<br>Chris Burchik<br>828-2203 | 25  | 26  | 27 9:30 AM<br>Daytimers to<br>Walt Disney<br>Family<br>Museum<br>828-5707 | 28  |  |  |

**SNIPPETS**

Congratulations to Elaine Francisco! She won the raffle drawing at the January program for a copy of Susan L. Hirshman's *Does This Make My Assets Look Fat?*

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**

- March 2: Expanding Your Horizons Conference, Las Positas College, Pleasanton
- March 8: Voting ends for AAUW National Art Contest
- March 14: *Autumn Gem* Screening, San Ramon Library
- April 20: AAUW CA Annual Meeting, Sacramento
- April 27: Travel Program on mountain gorillas
- April 30: Deadline for Silver Jubilee Scholarship Applications
- June 9–12: AAUW National Convention, New Orleans