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Annual Membership Brunch
Saturday, September 13
9:00 AM to 12:00 PM
Crow Canyon Country Club
711 Silver Lake Drive, Danville
(Off El Capitan Drive and Crow Canyon Road)
Guest Speaker: Sarah Wondolowski
Principal, California High School, San Ramon



(See page 4 for details)

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President's Message

Hello! I extend a warm welcome to everyone!

Our Annual Membership Brunch on September 13 will be a great opportunity to catch up with returning members and meet new members. This event is our first program of the new fiscal year, where we meet our Tech Trek campers and Renaissance Scholarship winners and learn about other upcoming events. If you haven't returned your RSVP form and check, please do so now so we can reserve a place for you!

We will conduct some official business at the brunch: Our annual program will be presented, and our annual budget needs to be approved. The proposed budget is included in this newsletter, so please take a look at it. This is one of the primary tools we use to gauge the financial health of the branch.

During our summer planning meeting, we identified three primary focus areas for the upcoming year:

- Outreach: publicize our branch programs in the community to bring awareness to our group and our mission; get involved in community activities where we can share information about AAUW;
- Membership: grow our membership and retain existing members; emphasize that membership is a group effort—we can all help it grow;
- Fundraising: develop new, creative, fun, easy ways for the community and members to support AAUW Funds, Tech Trek, and Local Scholarship.

You'll hear more about these focus areas during the year.

We give a big thank you to the members who volunteered their time at the Alameda County Fair this summer. Through your dedication, we raised over \$2,000 for our Local Scholarship program. Kudos to Sally Scholl for coordinating this effort. It is an easy way for you to give some time to the branch, enjoy the county fair, and help raise funds for the branch. Awesome effort, ladies!!!

We still have open positions on the Board of Directors. The President Elect and Vice President of AAUW Funds positions are key roles to keep your branch strong and successful. AAUW provides leadership development, and there are many resources to help you be successful in these roles. If leadership is one of your strengths, please consider sharing your talent with the branch! We need good leaders to help the branch grow.

I hope to see many of you at the brunch and at the many exciting events planned for the upcoming months.

Have a great start to September.

Cindy Alpert
President

AAUW Funds

Educational Funding and Awards



AAUW has a long and distinguished history of advancing educational and professional opportunities for women in the United States and around the globe.

One of the world's largest sources of funding for graduate women, AAUW is providing more than \$3.7 million in funding for more than 244 fellowships and grants to outstanding women and nonprofit organizations in the 2014–2015 academic year. Due to the longstanding, generous contributions of AAUW members, a broader community of women continues to gain access to educational and economic opportunities—breaking through barriers so that all women have a fair chance.

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 worldwide.

More information about AAUW Educational Funding, Awards and Fellowships can be found on the National website at www.aauw.org. Please consider donating to AAUW Funds. Donation forms will be available at our Membership Brunch. Every dollar of your donation is tax deductible. By sharing your resources, you will help other women be successful.

The above information was taken from the AAUW National website and can be seen at www.aauw.org.

If you have questions, contact Cindy Alpert.

Program

Annual Membership Brunch

**Saturday, September 13
9:00 AM to 12:00 PM**

**Crow Canyon Country Club
711 Silver Lake Drive, Danville
(Off El Capitan Drive at Crow Canyon Road)**

**Member Cost: \$18 per Person
Guests Are Free
Please RSVP by Friday, September 5**

**Guest Speaker:
Sarah Wondolowski, Principal
California High School, San Ramon
discussing
“Women’s Leadership in Education”**

**Meet Our Renaissance Scholars
and
Tech Trek Campers!**

**Brunch Buffet Menu
Assorted Quiches Country Potatoes
Oatmeal Bacon
Fruit
Beverages**

**Learn about future programs and activities
planned for the year!**

**Be sure to notify one of our Membership Vice
Presidents if you plan to bring a guest:**

Arlene Chang or Millie Kessler



Programs You’ll Love!

Our mission-based program planning is underway, and we anticipate another year of stimulating, enriching programs presented by women for both men and women. As always, your ideas are welcome! Please contact me with your program suggestions.

We are delighted to be partnering with the San Ramon Library again for most of our programs and will be promoting library programs, too, in our newsletters. The City Read for San Ramon and Danville this year is *Orphan Train*, a powerful book by Christina Baker Kline. Look for two related programs in October and November! Here are some other programs in the works:

Assembly member Joan Buchanan will present “California’s Water Woes” at the San Ramon Library Community Room on October 8 at 7:00 PM.

Kathy Napoli, the nutritionist who talked about bones last year, will move to our skin this year, telling how to “Age Proof Your Skin.” We would like a dermatologist, too, for that program to address solutions for skin that may be showing the signs of too much sun and gravity. This program will be at the San Ramon Library Community Room (date to be determined).

Kim Legocki, the social media expert who wowed us last year, will return this year, probably in April, to inform us of new developments in the rapidly changing tech world to both help us and potentially harm us. Stay tuned. This program will also be at the San Ramon Library Community Room (date to be determined).

We look forward to seeing you at our programs. Bring a friend or two!

Margie Goldware
Vice President, Programs

Happy September Birthdays

Anne Hayden	9/05
Pat Barley	9/14
MaryBeth Hodges	9/15
Diane Griffiths	9/27
Arlene Addison	9/28
Millie Kessler	9/30



PROPOSED 2014-2015 BUDGET

	2013-2014 *APPROVED*	2013-2014 *ACTUAL*	2014-2015 *PROPOSED*
<i>Income</i>			
Dues - National + Donations	4,410	4,270	3,920
Dues - State	1,440	1,532	1,600
Dues - Branch	1,800	2,044	2,100
Dues - Branch MPP Deposit	2,100	1,100	0
Sub-total Dues	\$9,750	\$8,946	\$7,620
Interest	7	8	10
Advertising - Newsletter	250	315	300
Tech Trek	200	1,460	2,600
Local Scholarship	7,700	8,944	8,200
Wind Festival	4,500	7,370	4,500
Other - Brunch, Program, Admin	1,850	2,004	2,000
Reserve	3,678	0	3,515
Total Income	\$27,935	\$29,046	\$28,745
<i>Expense</i>			
Dues - National + Donations	4,410	4,319	3,920
Dues - State	1,440	1,568	1,600
Dues - Branch	1,800	840	0
Dues Paid by Branch Chk to MPP	\$7,650	\$6,727	\$5,520
Administrative	600	352	500
Insurance	350	376	400
IBC	50	50	50
Brunch	1,400	1,683	1,700
Installation Dinner	1,600	1,425	1,600
Hospitality	200	295	300
Membership	800	421	800
Program	1,500	830	1,000
Newsletter	275	0	275
Publicity	200	0	200
Public Policy	100	32	100
Virginia Gildersleeve	100	0	200
Wind Festival	2,500	3,667	2,500
Local Scholarship	6,510	6,601	7,700
Tech Trek	3,600	2,534	5,400
Training	100	0	100
State Convention	200	0	200
National Convention	200	0	200
Total Expenses	\$27,935	\$24,995	\$28,745
Net Income / (Expense)	\$0	\$4,052	\$0

Public Policy

Midterm Elections Are Tuesday, November 4

AAUW priority issues such as [pay equity](#), [minimum wage](#), and [health care](#) are in play at the November midterm elections. The It's My Vote: I Will Be Heard campaign was a great success in 2012, registering and turning out millennial women voters nationwide. AAUW is renewing efforts for the midterm elections, a time when young women are less likely to vote than in presidential election years. With so many women's issues at stake at every level of government, YOUR VOTE in the upcoming election carries more impact than you may realize. If you aren't already a registered voter or your registration isn't up to date, take a minute to use the link in this sentence to register to [vote](#) now! Deadline to register is October 20, 2014.

Department of Labor Proposes Equal Pay Report Rule

The Department of Labor has announced a proposed rule requiring federal contractors and subcontractors with more than 100 employees to submit an annual equal pay report. This report would be submitted to the agency that oversees federal contractors and would detail employee compensation and demographic data—including sex, race, and ethnicity—to ensure compliance with federal pay equity laws. This proposed rule is the next step in implementing the presidential memorandum that President Barack Obama signed on Equal Pay Day in April, after more than two years of advocacy by AAUW members and supporters. The proposed rule is open for public comment until November 6.

House And Senate Scheduled To Be in Session 133 Days This Year

The House and Senate are scheduled to be in session for just 133 days this year, about half the number of days the typical American worker will be on the job. Hold your elected officials accountable during this break and make sure they are working for you by attending political candidate forums and town hall meetings in your district. Be an informed voter on issues that are impacting your life. Ask questions of your representative. What you learn may surprise you.

Legislative Response to SCOTUS' Hobby Lobby Decision

Following the Supreme Court ruling that "closely held" corporations can refuse to provide contraceptive coverage

of any kind based on the employer's religious beliefs, Congress introduced legislation to protect women's access to affordable contraception with the [Protect Women's Health From Corporate Interference Act](#). This AAUW-supported legislation will prevent employers from refusing to cover any health coverage (including contraception) guaranteed to their employees and dependents under federal law. The Act would also retain the coverage exemption for houses of worship and the third-party accommodation for religiously affiliated non-profits.

AAUW Joins United Call to Action in Support of Equal Rights Amendment

AAUW joins the United Call to Action in support of the Equal Rights Amendment, urging Congress to remove the deadline to ratify the ERA. We've already waited 40 years; it's time to ratify. [Take action: Tell Congress to support the Equal Rights Amendment!](#)

Susan Beyerle
Public Policy Chair

Membership

We give a big thank you to everyone who renewed their membership over the summer! We have tried to make it as easy as possible, including using the online option. If you have questions or issues with renewal, do not hesitate to contact either Millie Kessler or Arlene Chang.

Membership is the life-blood of our organization. Our modest membership dues make our wonderful programs possible and support the mission of AAUW.

We would love to grow our membership, and you can help! This year we again have interesting and informative programs planned—a perfect opportunity to bring a friend and introduce them to our branch. We hope you plan to attend the September 13 kick-off brunch to get all the info on our upcoming events.

Millie Kessler and Arlene Chang
Membership Co-Vice Presidents



Local Scholarship

2013–2014! A Successful Year

Welcome to a new and exciting year of AAUW! Due to our successful fundraisers and generous donations from our members this past year, we were able to award a total of eight \$1,000 scholarships, two scholarships to Cal High seniors and four scholarships to Dougherty High seniors. The remaining two scholarships will be presented to Renaissance Scholar students at the brunch on September 13. Please join us to meet these two young women and learn more about the Renaissance Scholar program.

2014–2015 Plans

Our goal for this year is to raise \$6,000 for scholarships to be awarded to San Ramon high school seniors and to the Renaissance Scholar students at CSU East Bay.

Our major fundraiser will be the Holiday Silent Auction Gala. This event will be held on Thursday, December 4 in the Terrace Room at the San Ramon Community Center from 7:00–8:30PM. We will have drawings for beautiful themed gift baskets that evening. Light appetizers and desserts will be served with coffee, tea, and sparkling cider. Wine will be available for purchase. Save the date for a fun-filled evening!

To make this a successful event, we will need the support of our AAUW membership. Could you help by donating an item for the auction or for one of the gift baskets? Items donated can be a gift certificate, a dinner, a bottle of wine, dessert for a year, candy, clothing, jewelry, wine glasses, current books, vacation weekend, etc. Some items will be put together to make gift baskets. Perhaps you can get together with a friend or two to create a gift basket. Please use your imagination to help us get some interesting items to bid on! Perhaps you have a friend or know of a business that might consider donating an item. You may contact any of our committee members to pick up a donation.

Please sign up to help during the auction. We'll need volunteers to donate appetizers and desserts. We have several jobs that we need help with from setting up, supervising the appetizer/dessert table, selling tickets for gift baskets, collecting money after the auction, and cleaning up after the auction.

Our second fundraising event will be asking volunteers to work a shift or two at the Alameda County Fair. This year, Sally Scholl was the coordinator for this fundraiser. Sally and many AAUW members worked many hours, and we were able to raise \$2,000! Thank you, Sally, for doing a great job and also for donating over 60 hours of your time. With a few more volunteers next year, we could earn

enough money for two or more scholarships! Please read Sally's article about this successful fundraiser when it appears next spring.

Remember to stop by the Scholarship table at the brunch to sign up to help or donate an item at the auction.

Julie Gin
Local Scholarship Co-Vice President with
Susan Walker-Christensen

Committee Members: Sydney Allison, Sally Blackwell,
Pat Campbell, Stephany Gooch, Millie Kessler, Pauline
Nolte, and Sally Scholl

AAUW D-A-WC BRANCH MEMBERSHIP BRUNCH

**Women in Film:
From Evolution to Revolution
Speaker: Marilyn Fabe, Ph.D.,
UC Berkeley Senior Lecturer**

Saturday, September 27

9:30 AM–12:30 PM

**Roundhill Country Club
3169 Roundhill Road, Alamo**

Join us for the privileged opportunity to welcome Marilyn Fabe, PhD, author and retired senior lecturer at UC Berkeley as our guest speaker this year. Film buffs will not want to miss this event. This will be similar to the presentation that Marilyn gave in June at Rossmoor Womens' Conference to a sold out crowd.

Marilyn has taught a wide variety of film courses for the Department of Film and Media at Berkeley, including many on the representation of women in film. Learn about the film industry through film clips and the role women played in that evolution.

This program is open to the public, but they must have a reservation by September 22. Pay online at: <http://daw-ca.aauw.net/2014-membership-brunch/>

Bring a friend to introduce them to our branch. Let them know this will be a "Shape the Future" event and if they join at the brunch, they will get a reduced rate of only \$61.50 instead of the regular \$86 membership fee.

For further information, contact our membership co-chairs: Tena at 925-837-0826 or Soni at 925-286-1737.

Interest Groups

LUNCH BUNCH

First Tuesdays

Tuesday, September 2; 11:30 AM

Erik's Deli Caf  743-0101

2551 San Ramon Valley Blvd., San Ramon

Join us for a delicious sandwich and/or bowl of soup, and lively conversation! Erik's is located between Norris Canyon and Crow Canyon roads, sharing the driveway with Crow Canyon Cinema to the parking lot. Notify Marsha the previous Sunday if you will attend the lunch.
Marsha Froines

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GAME NIGHT

First Saturday of Month

Join us for Game Night! The hosts supply games, and members may also bring games they want to share.

Saturday, September 6; 7:30 PM

Hostess: Diane Griffiths

Questions? Contact Lucy Weed

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First Tuesday and Third Thursday

Tuesday, September 2; 7:00 PM

Hostess: Fran Bartholomew

Thursday, September 18; 7:00 PM

Hostess: Diane Griffiths

Please RSVP to the hostess.

If you have questions about this group, contact Beth Allen



Interest Groups

WALKING GROUP

This group takes a walk once a month on a Saturday. The schedule will be available at the Brunch, but if you have to miss the Brunch, feel free to e-mail me, and I will send you the schedule. Lois Kamoroff and I plan the walks in advance with the dates, but the walks are also listed each month in the newsletter.

These walks are to places fairly close to home and highlight the beautiful area where we live. Walks are between 2 and 5 miles, and we would love to have you join us!

Diane Griffiths

Lois Kamoroff

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READING SOCIETY

Third Monday

Monday, September 15; 7:00 PM

Elaine Baldwin will review *The Impossible Lives of Greta Wells*, by Andrew Sean Greer, at the home of Millie Kessler

RSVP to Millie if you plan to attend!

Questions? Contact Cheri Ng

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THIRD TUESDAY BRIDGE

Tuesday, September 16; 7-10 PM

Hostess: Sandy Budde

RSVP always required.

Contact hostess as soon as possible to let her know if you are playing or not. If you have questions or would like to join this group, please contact me:

Chris White



Interest Groups

AUDIO BOOK GROUP

The Audio Book Group has room for new members, and the sign up is at the brunch. The Audio Group passes around CDs of a mix of books: new and older. Each member buys one audio book to circulate.

For those of you unavailable the day of the brunch, here are a few details about the group:

Each member buys one book to circulate—but how they do this and what they do when they receive a book on CD depends on the individual.

To send a book: some members will simply purchase the book on CD. Individuals who (1) are members of Audible or (2) own their chosen book as an iTunes or other audio file may transfer the book onto CD so they'll have a CD to pass along to the next member. (Help is available to teach you how to do this, so long as you have a CD player in your computer.)

To receive a book: when you receive a CD and wish to translate it into other media, help is available to convert that CD to whatever medium you prefer.

Any way you look at it, this is a deal! You buy one book and get 10 to 12 others! If you want more information, but will miss the brunch, call or e-mail

Diane Griffiths

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PROSPECTIVE DAYTIME BOOK CLUB

Does a Daytime Book Club sound interesting to you? This idea is currently in the planning stages, so input from prospective members is encouraged. The following schedule is tentative: first or fourth Wednesday of the month, or second Monday of the month. The time slots being considered are 11:30 AM—1:30 PM or 1:00—3:00 PM. The time allocation can be lengthened, shortened, or changed. The book selection will be a group decision, as will the hostess rotation. Providing food and beverages is open to discussion. So, if you are interested, contact SANDIE ALEX. A sign-up sheet will be available at the September 13 bunch.



Interest Groups

FOURTH FRIDAY FLICKS

Friday, September 26, 2014

Organizer: Diane Griffiths

On the Fourth Friday of each month, members of this group meet at a theater—location and time to be announced via e-mail—to enjoy a movie picked by the Monthly Organizer. This group is very e-mail-dependent as last minute changes in location and time may frequently occur. The organizer will change monthly and will come from volunteers from members of the group.

Chris White is the overall Coordinator. If you would like to receive these e-mails, please contact me:

Chris White

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TRAVEL GROUP

We will have a table at the September brunch. Please stop by to get the complete details about the wonderful programs we've planned for the year. We'll look forward to seeing you.

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 our event's hostess if you will be attending.

Rena Buckser

Anne Hayden

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SEPTEMBER 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 11:30 AM Lunch Bunch Marsha Froines 7:00 PM Mah Jong Fran Bartholomew	3	4	5	6 7:30 PM Game Night Diane Griffiths
7	8 4:30 PM Board Meeting Cindy Alpert	9	10	11	12	13 9:00 AM Membership Brunch Cindy Alpert
14	15 7:00 PM Reading Society Millie Kessler	16 7:00 PM Bridge Sandy Budde	17	18 7:00 PM Mah Jong Diane Griffiths	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26 Fourth Friday Flicks Diane Griffiths	27
28	29	30				

SNIPPETS



Condolences to our colleagues who have recently lost family members:

Diane Woodward's mother passed.
 Judy Bracken's husband, Ryan, passed in August after a long battle with cancer.
 Marsha Froines's uncle, Robert Hyle, recently passed due to cancer.

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.**