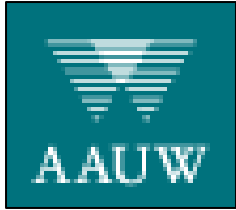


AAUW Clayton Branch



Volume 37, Issue 2
Judy Bates, Editor

February Newsletter

**The Next Board Meeting will be on
Monday, March 1, 2010 at 7:30pm
at Dana McDaniel's House.**

General Meeting

No general meeting in February.
We will enjoy the EF Luncheon as
our February social event.

DON'T MISS THE CLAYTON/CONCORD EF LUNCHEON

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20

Brookview Club House
1201 Monument Blvd.

Gathering – 11:00 AM Luncheon – 11:30 AM

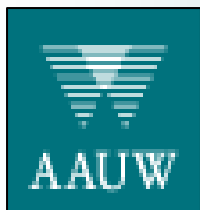


Mark your calendars and save the date! The EF Luncheon is always one of the highlights of our year—delicious food, inspiring speakers, and pride in EF's accomplishments.

This year, Clayton Branch is responsible for providing salads. Please plan to bring a salad (with utensils) to serve 10, generously. Parking is limited at the clubhouse, so carpooling is recommended. If you have camelias in bloom, deliver them to Joyce Atkinson or Diane Rogers on Friday, or bring them with you to the luncheon on Saturday.

Our featured speaker will be Katie Miranda, who is the recipient of an EF Career Development Grant and is working on a Masters in Fine Arts at the Academy of Art in San Francisco. Her emphasis is on illustration and graphic arts, and her thesis will be a graphic novel about life in Palestine as a human rights worker. Upon graduation, she hopes to have her work published and to teach women in Palestine how to write/illustrate their own comic books.

All Clayton members should have received their envelopes requesting EF and LAF donations prior to the luncheon. If you have not yet mailed in your donations, there will be a basket for these envelopes at the luncheon. Thank you in advance for your support for these two worthwhile foundations. We hope you all will be able to join us!



FEBRUARY 2010 CALENDAR

BOWLING
 MEETS 2ND FRI.
 CONT: DANA
 672-5025

BUNKO
 MEETS 1ST TUES.
 CONT: JUDY B.
 672-4620

COUPLES BRIDGE
 MEETS 4TH SAT.
 CONT: CAROL W.
 672-1303

EVE. BRIDGE
 MEETS 2ND WED.
 CONT: MARYANN
 672-4391

EVE. LITERATURE
 MEETS 4TH WED.
 CONT: BARBARA
 F. 672-2525

READING:
SEE BELOW

FIELD TRIP
 NONE SCHEDULED

CONT: ADELA O.
 @ 672-9446
 OR E-MAIL:
 GRAMADELA@
 COMCAST.NET

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 BOARD MTG @ DANA'S 7:30PM	2 BUNKO @ ALICE P. 7:30PM	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 EVENING BRIDGE @ JOYCE A.	11	12	13
14 	15 LUNCH & MOVIE SEE E-MAIL GREAT DECISIONS	16	17	18	19	20 EF LUNCHEON 11:00AM
21	22 NO GENERAL MEETING GREAT DECISIONS	23	24 EVE. LIT. 7:30PM @ BARBARA'S	25	26 DEADLINE NEWSLETTER ITEMS FOR MAR.	27 COUPLES BRIDGE @ ROSEMARY H.
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Reading for February: "Year of Wonder" by: Geraldene Brooks

Save the Date: March 13th for Gourmet Night. See page 3 for details

BOARD MTG.
 MEETS 1ST MON.
 7:30PM
 DANA'S HOME
 672-5024
 (NONE IN JUNE,
 JULY & AUG.)

GEN. MEETING
 MEETS 4TH MON.
 DIAMOND TER-
 RACE @ 7:30PM
 (NONE IN FEB.,
 MAY, JUNE,
 JULY, AUG. &
 DEC.)

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

AAUW promotes equity for all women and girls, lifelong education, and positive societal change. AAUW is currently promoting Education as the Gateway to Women's Economic Security and Workplace Issues.

Our February meeting will be held on February 20, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. located at Brookview in Concord. This will be our Annual EF/LAF Luncheon with the Concord Branch of the AAUW. Parking is limited.

The following articles can be found on the AAUW website.

The Pandemic Protection for Workers, Families, and Businesses Act (H.R. 4092/S. 2790)
Bill # H.R.4092

Original Sponsor:
[Rosa DeLauro](#) (D-CT 3rd)

Cosponsor Total: 6
(last sponsor added 12/03/2009)
6 Democrats

About This Legislation:

AAUW supports the **Pandemic Protection for Workers, Families, and Businesses Act (H.R. 4092/S. 2790)**. Introduced by Sen. Christopher Dodd (D-CT) and Rep. Rosa DeLauro (D-CT) in response to the H1N1 pandemic, this emergency paid leave legislation would allow workers to earn up to seven job-protected paid sick days to use for leave due to their own flu-like symptoms, medical diagnosis or preventive care, to care for a sick child, or to care for a child whose school or child care facility has been closed due to the spread of contagious illnesses. While reflecting the core principles of the AAUW-supported [Healthy Families Act](#) (H.R. 2460/S. 1152), this legislation would sunset after two years. AAUW hopes that the passage of the Pandemic Protection for Workers, Families, and Businesses Act will be a positive step towards enactment of the Healthy Families Act.

AAUW's Position on Federal Judicial Nominations

AAUW "supports constitutional protection for the civil rights of all individuals, including the right to privacy."¹ Civil and constitutional rights and individual liberties are protected by the judiciary; therefore, AAUW's 2009-2011 Public Policy Program actively supports "a fair and balanced and independent judiciary."²

AAUW monitors the judicial nominations process because so many of our fundamental rights and liberties have been established and are protected by the federal courts. Our courts need judges who will uphold our Constitutional values of liberty, equality, and justice for all. This is the best way to ensure that the clock is not turned back on decades of progress that has been achieved for women and girls.

For more information, call 202/785-7793 or e-mail VoterEd@aauw.org.

AAUW's Position on Balancing Work and Life: Family Friendly Workplace Policies

AAUW believes that creating work environments that help employees balance the responsibilities of work and family is good public policy — good for workers, good for families, and good for business. AAUW's 2009-2011 Public Policy Program supports "greater availability of and access to benefits and policies that promote work-life balance," which are critical for women for "equitable access and advancement in employment."¹

Despite the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) and a patchwork of state laws and employer-based benefits — many of which AAUW members helped to pass — family and personal sick leave remain elusive to many working Americans. In addition, despite the relative wealth of the United States, family oriented workplace policies in this country lag dramatically behind those in much of the rest of the world, including all high-income countries and many middle- and low-income countries as well.

While American workplace policies have lagged, the past 50 years have seen substantial changes in the composition of the American workforce. Two-thirds (64 percent) of women with children under six are in the labor force.² Nationwide, 22.9 million families provide care for an adult family member or friend, and nearly 80 percent of those care recipients are over the age of 50.³

AAUW will also work to advance policies that will improve workplaces for employees with family responsibilities of all kinds. Such protections and improvements are critical to breaking through educational and economic barriers for women. For more information, call 202/785-7793 or e-mail VoterEd@aauw.org.

I hope to see everyone in February. This will be a terrific way to meet new friends and to learn something new and to find out what is new with AAUW at the State and National levels.

Check the State and National AAUW Website for Public Policy Issues. The latest Action Alert can be found online.

Dana McDaniel
Clayton Branch President
And Public Policy Chair

GREAT DECISIONS

The first meeting of Great Decisions will be on February 8 at Joanne Brown's, 4125 Sacramento St, Concord at 3:15PM. to 4:45PM.

The next meeting will be on February 15 at Ruth Lyle's, 3032 Santa Maria Ct, Concord 687-4893.

The meeting for February 22 has yet to be determined.

Any questions call Ruth Lyle

GOURMET NIGHT MARCH 13, 2010

Gourmet Night has been set for March 13 and it will spotlight Russian Cuisine.

This is the link <http://www.claytonaauw.org/gourmet/russian/>

Please rsvp to Roseann at rkrane@yahoo.com.

PS: About 3 years ago JoAnn and I went to Russian Night with the Danville group. It was Fabulous. The food was delicious. I was a little afraid of Russian food at first but I am so glad I went. It really was wonderful. Plus we always have such a nice time visiting with everyone!

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- Special Needs
- Pages

Please let me know when you are available and select a sub-committee of particular interest to you. Those who volunteer at least four hours of their time will receive a discount on the registration fee. I look forward to working with each of you to make this year's Convention the best ever.

Muriel Fry

mnrfray@comcast.net (incorrect in the state directory)

925 937 4709

What's Happening Around Us

The Concord Branch is conducting a Speaker Series on the following topics in March and April of 2010. More information to follow in the coming months.

Event #2: Women Breaking Barriers in Business, Sports and the Public Sector

Date: Thur Mar 25, 7-9p, **Location:** Gallery Concord

Event #3: Volunteerism -- What a Busy Woman Can Do and How it Can Enrich Her Life

Date: Thur Apr 22 , 7-9p, **Location:** Gallery Concord

FASCINATING WOMEN PIONEERING CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

*Roles Women have played in Area History
Presented by Local Authors**

- Catherine Accardi on Walnut Creek area
- Karen Terhune and Traci Parent on Black Diamond Mines area
- Beverly Lane on the San Ramon Valley area

* All were contributors to Arcadia Publishing "Images of America" series

Open to the public

Sunday, February 21, 2010

2-4 PM

Refreshments provided

Book Sales on site

Optional library tour following

LAFAYETTE LIBRARY AND COMMUNITY HALL

3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette, CA

*A free presentation hosted in cooperation by:
Contra Costa County Interbranch Council of AAUW
Contra Costa League of Women Voters
Contra Costa Commission on Women*



**AAUW BRANCH DIRECTORY
ADDITIONS**



The www.claytonaauw.org web site belongs to you. Please send photos, articles and suggestions for inclusion to: rkrane@yahoo.com

INTEREST GROUPS

BICYCLING –Take advantage of our great weather and bike trails. Times and dates TBA.
Marcia Hart - 827-9540



BOWLING at Clayton Valley Bowl the 2nd Friday of the month. Spouses welcome. Dinner afterwards call Dana McDaniel - 672-5024



BUNKO – First Tuesday, 7:30 PM. Judy Bates - 672-4620



COUPLES BRIDGE - Meets the 4th Saturday of the month at 7:30 PM. Carol Wolfe - 672-1303



EVENING LITERATURE - Meets the 4th Wednesday of the month at 7:30 PM.
Barbara Fogerson 672-2525. Reading: See Calendar on page 2



FIELD TRIPS AND OUTDOOR ADVENTURES - None scheduled
Adela Oldford - 672-9446

FINE ARTS – Visit local museums and art exhibits. Times TBA. Barbara Fogerson - 672-2525

GOURMET – Jo Ann Caspar - 672-7680 & Roseann Krane - 552-9799



GREAT DECISIONS – Does the world seem to get more complex as it grows smaller? Our discussion group can help put things into perspective as we discuss global issues. Topics and background are from the Foreign Policy Association of America. Joann Caspar - 672-7680.

LADIES EVENING BRIDGE - Meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7:30 PM.
Mary Ann Hayes - 672-4391



LUNCH & A MOVIE: - Meets the 3rd Monday of the Month. JoAnn Caspar 672-7680

MAH JONG –Learn this ancient Chinese tile game. Sue Kelson - 672-0674



TRAIL HIKING - Hike Clayton's Trails. Meets 3rd Sat. of the month, Call Linda for meeting place and time. Linda Pinder – 672-7815



Clayton AAUW
Board Meeting, January 4, 2010
Minutes of the Meeting

The meeting was called to order by **President** Dana McDaniel at 7:35 p.m.

Members present: Dana McDaniel, Jeanne Boyd, Judy Bates, Sue Kelson, Joyce Atkinson, Carol Wolfe, Babara Fogerson,, Joan Chesterman, Rosemary Harwood, Luz Argyriou, JoAnn Caspar, Priscilla Schmalzel, MaryAnn Hayes.

MaryAnn Hayes, **Secretary**: The October 2009 minutes were approved as corrected. The November 2009 minutes were approved as read.

The **Treasurer's** report was presented by Joan Chesterman. She stated that the budget review was approved.

Membership Treasurer, Carol Wolfe reported that two of our members were omitted from our official branch roster by AAUW National. She is working to resolve the problem.

President Dana McDaniel and Judy Bates, President Elect have been re-working the bylaws that had been submitted to include new name of AAUW Action funds and mandatory changes. The bylaws have been submitted to Carla Panhero at the East Bay District office for review and final approval. The name change from *The American Association of University Women* to *AAUW* has presented many problems.

President Elect Judy Bates, Chairperson of the annual Spaghetti Feed fundraiser asked for assistance with the distribution of raffle prizes, volunteers to help gather and store the prizes, cleanup after the event. It was suggested that the winners pick up their prizes after the Spaghetti Feed or at a member's home.

She also asked that anyone making or obtaining raffle prizes submit these to MaryAnn Hayes who is to be chairperson of raffle prize solicitation. Rosemary Harwood volunteered to store any prizes collected.

V.P. Membership Luz Argyriou, on behalf of the membership committee, expressed appreciation for the new name badges prepared by MaryAnn Hayes. The new badges were re-designed with the new AAUW logo. Luz placed the badges in new holders that have a neck cord, no pins. Co-chairpersons of the committee, Lola Rohrs and Audrey Veregge were not present.

V.P.s Program: Sue Kelson and Barbara Fogerson stated that the Christmas party held at Diamond Terrace was very nice but not as well attended as in the past.

Upcoming programs: January 25, Joel Harris of Clayton Books--speaker. February 20, EF Luncheon. March, Spaghetti Feed. April, to be determined. May, Installation Luncheon.

V.P. EF Joyce Atkinson said the Concord/Clayton branches have secured a speaker for the EF Luncheon in February. Joyce distributed envelopes for annual E.F contributions.

V.P.LAF Priscilla Schmalzel distributed envelopes for annual LAF contributions.

Scholarship: Chairpersons Lynn Cheny, Janice Trezise, Carolyn Wetzel were not present.

Tech Trek Chairpersons Rosemary Harwood and Jeanne Boyd stated that their request for supporting funds was turned down by CBCA. They have reapplied for same.

Communications Chairperson needed. Present committees to report as needed to *The Clayton Pioneer, Concord Transcript, Contra Costa Times*

New Business The members on the 2010 nominating committee will be Jeanne Boyd, Carolyn Wetzel, Linda Pinder and Carol Bever.

Interest Groups MaryAnn Hayes will hostess Ladies Bridge on January 13th,

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
MaryAnn Hayes
Secretary