

Clayton Branch AAUW



January Newsletter

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Judy Bates, Editor



Field Trip

The next planned trip will be January 5, 2009. "San Francisco 1906 Earthquake and Fire". The field trip has an early afternoon return time scheduled, so there should be no conflicts with the Board meeting that evening. **Meet at Concord BART at 8:15am. Tour begins at 10am. After the tour, eat lunch in the City, then head home around 1:30 or 2pm. Let Adela know if you are going on the tour. Ph# 360-6305.**

GREAT DECISIONS

Great Decisions discussion group will start Monday, February 9, at 3:15 PM at Ruth Lyle's house, 3032 Santa Maria Court, Concord, CA 687-4893.

We need to know who wants books. Please contact JoAnn Caspar if you want to participate. She will order your books and deliver them in late January. Each book is \$17.50.

"Published annually by the Foreign Policy Association, the Great Decisions briefing book features impartial, thought-provoking analyses on eight issues of concern to U.S. policymakers today. The 2009 edition features articles on [U.S. and rising powers](#), [Afghanistan/Pakistan](#), [Energy & the global economy](#), [The Arctic](#), [Egypt in the 21st Century](#), [Global food supply](#), [Cuba after Castro](#), and [Universal human rights](#).

Great Decisions empowers readers to discuss global issues shaping U.S. foreign policy and the world. The briefing book provides historical background, current U.S. policy and alternative policy options, informative maps and detailed graphs, suggested readings and resources, as well as opinion ballots for each topic.

**Next Board Meeting: Monday, January 5, 2009
7:30pm - Jean Cain's home.**

January General Meeting

Our January general meeting will be held on Monday, January 26, 2009 - 7:30pm at Diamond Terrace. Our guest speaker will be Sonja Christopher, a past participant on the television show, Survivor. Her talk is entitled, "Survivor Story". Another fun and interesting evening planned to entertain! Hope to see everyone there!!

LOOKING AHEAD MARCH 18TH and APRIL 27TH!

March 18th is our annual fund-raiser, The Spaghetti Feed! How Will you help out this year!



April 27th, our general meeting, will bring back our own "Antiques Roadshow".

Sunny Trammel will be our "Roadshow Host" and will do appraisals for us as she did last year! So....start scouting around your home for that one special item!

This promises to be a lively and entertaining evening you do not want to miss!





JANUARY 2009 CALENDAR

Bowling
Meets 2nd Fri.
Cont: Marcia H
827-9540

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
Jan. 5, 2009
"San Francisco
1906 Earth-
quake & Fire"
A walking tour
of San Fran-
cisco and the
earthquake.

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Board Mtg.
Meets 1st Mon.
7:30pm
Jean's Home
672-5539

Gen. Meeting
Meets 4th Mon.
(Except Feb.&
Dec.)
7:30pm
Diamond
Terrace

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 	2	3
4	5 Board Mtg. Jean Cain's 7:30pm	6 Bunko 7:30 Place: TBD	7	8	9 Bowling 5:45pm @ CV Bowl	10
11	12	13	14 Evening Bridge Call Mary Ann for place	15	16	17 Trail Hiking 10am Grove Call Linda Pinder for details
18	19 	20	21	22	23	24 Couples Bridge 7:30pm Allegra Mills
25 DEADLINE Newsletter Items For Feb.	26 General Meeting 7:30 Diamond Terrace	27	28 Eve. Lit. @ Barbara's 7:30pm	29	30	31

We will be reading for January —
"A Crack In The Edge of the World:
America and the Great California
Earthquake of 1906"

By: Simon Winchester

Gourmet Evening
on Feb. 7th.

It will feature Turkish foods.
See link: <http://www.claytonaauw.org/gourmet/Turkey/index.html> to
Choose the dish/item you would
like to bring.
Place & time to follow.



Clayton American Association of University Women

... promoting equity for all women and girls, lifelong education and positive societal change

Clayton AAUW PUBLIC POLICY

By: Dana McDaniel

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. The Association and California website has been changed to reflect the new name. Instead of American Association of University Women, it is now AAUW.

The new AAUW California and Association websites includes many recent changes in the law and in Public Policy.

The following excerpts are copies of AAUW position on the issues:

Presidential Transition

As the country prepares for President-elect Obama to take the oath of office on January 20, 2009, AAUW continues to be involved with the changes taking place in Washington, D.C. and beyond. On this page, you can find more information on events surrounding the Inauguration, read documents AAUW has submitted to the transition team, learn more about the members of the president-elect's new cabinet, and find additional helpful resources.

AAUW looks forward to working with the Obama administration and the 111th Congress to move AAUW's priority issues forward. In

fact, AAUW has already been working closely with the president-elect's transition team to ensure that breaking through educational and economic barriers for women is on top of his agenda. Below are documents submitted to the transition team by AAUW, highlighting our federal policy priorities and goals for the new administration.

AAUW's recommendations for [pay equity and workplace opportunity legislation](#)

AAUW's recommendations for [improving access to higher education](#)

AAUW's recommendations for [improving girls' and women's opportunities in STEM fields](#)

AAUW's recommendations for the [No Child Left Behind Act reauthorization](#)

AAUW's recommendations for [family friendly work-life policies](#)

The National Coalition for Women and Girls in Education (NCWGE) is a nonprofit organization of approximately 50 groups dedicated to improving educational opportunities for girls and women. Currently chaired by AAUW, NCWGE submitted recommendations for the first year of the Obama Administration. [Read the recommendations here.](#)

AAUW recently led coalition efforts to bring together 41 women's organizations to submit a letter to President-elect Barack Obama urging him to appoint more women than his predecessors to his cabinet and other political appointments. The letter also asks Presi-

dent-elect Obama to restore and strengthen all offices that in past administrations have played a fundamental role in protecting and advancing women's issues and opportunities such as the White House Office for Women's Initiatives and Outreach and the President's Interagency Council on Women. [Read the letter here.](#)

The National Coalition for Public Education is comprised of more than 50 education, civic, civil rights, and religious organizations devoted to the support of public schools. As a leading member of NCPE, AAUW joined with the coalition in submitting recommendations for ending the D.C. school voucher program. [Read the coalition's recommendations.](#)

AAUW also joined with the he National Council of Women's Organizations in presenting recommendations to the Obama transition team on the areas of economic security, health, education and training, and civil/human rights. [Read NCWO's recommendations.](#)

AAUW is also pleased to see the appointments of highly-qualified women to key administration positions. Read AAUW's [press release on the nomination of Rep. Hilda Solis](#) for Secretary of Labor.

Check back frequently; information will be added to this page as it becomes available.

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AAUW Concerned about Bush Administration's "Midnight" Regulations

Urges President-elect Obama and Congress to Block Implementation of Harmful New Rules

WASHINGTON — AAUW opposes a new Department of Health and Human Services regulation, finalized today as the latest in a series of last-minute regulations issued by the Bush administration.

"The Bush administration has issued another 11th hour rule that will make it harder for women to balance work and family," said AAUW Executive Director Linda D. Hallman, CAE. "From restricting the ability of women to take leave under the Family and Medical Leave Act to blocking access to essential family planning services, the administration's last-minute regulations are a giant lump of coal this holiday season."

The new HHS regulation will severely limit women's access to reproductive health and family planning services, including some of the most common forms of birth control. The rule unnecessarily expands existing policies that allow health care employees to refuse to provide any service that is in any way contrary to their personal beliefs — so-called conscience clauses. The new rule allows workers to refuse to provide such services, information, and referrals without any consideration for pa-

tients' access to appropriate care and full information.

"There is an extensive body of laws, regulations, and court precedent that currently balances the religious rights of workers with the practical needs of employers, all while ensuring a patient's access to reproductive health care," said Lisa M. Maatz, AAUW director of public policy and government relations. "This delicate balance, which is vital to providing critical health care services including family planning, is destroyed by the new rule."

The problematic HHS rule comes on the heels of a regulation published just last month that weakens the protections afforded by the Family and Medical Leave Act, making it more difficult for most workers to take job-protected leave and impinging on their privacy in the process.

"AAUW is urging both the president-elect and the new Congress to take a hard look at all the midnight regulations issued by the outgoing administration, and we're confident that we can effectively reverse this latest direction in the damaging course laid by President Bush," said Hallman.

AAUW submitted comments urging the secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services to improve the reproductive health and safety of all women and girls rather than limit it. In addition, thousands of AAUW members contacted the Bush administration and urged them not to finalize the harmful regulation. Similar comments were submitted to the Department of Labor regarding the FMLA rules.

AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research. Since 1881, AAUW has been one of the nation's leading voices promoting education and equity for women and girls. It has a nationwide network of 100,000 members, 1,300 branches, and 500 college/university institutional partners. Since its founding 127 years ago, members have examined and taken positions on the fundamental issues of the day — educational, social, economic, and political. AAUW's commitment to educational equity is reflected in its public policy advocacy, community programs, leadership development, conventions and conferences, national partnerships, and international connections.

Visit the AAUW website at www.aauw.org.

The above issues are an example of many issues that AAUW is involved in. Please check the website weekly.

Happy New Year! I hope to see everyone in January. 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.

Dana McDaniel
Public Policy Chair
President Elect
Past President



Clayton American Association of University Women

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AAUW BRANCH DIRECTORY CHANGES



None for January

Changes/Additions/Deletions

Any amendments to the **2008/09 Directory** please send to Judy Bates at jl Bates5900@sbcglobal.net

Clayton Branch
www.ClaytonAAUW.org

California State
www.AAUW-CA.org

National Association
www.AAUW.org

Check out these websites for the latest in what's happening locally, state wide and nationally.

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



BOCCE BALL – Once a week, beginning in April. Learn the game and have lots of fun!
Rosemary Harwood - 672-3490



BOWLING at Clayton Valley Bowl the 2nd Friday of the month. Spouses welcome. Dinner afterwards call Marcia Hart - 827-9540



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 - Jan 5, 2009 "San Francisco Earthquake"
Adela Oldford - 672-9446 (See page 1 & Page 2-Calendar for info)

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



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



TRAIL HIKING - Hike Clayton's Trails. Meets 3rd Sat. of the month, 10am in the Grove.
Linda Pinder – 672-7815

