



CLAYTON AAUW FEBRUARY 2011 NEWS

DON'T MISS THE

**CLAYTON/CONCORD EF LUNCHEON
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2011**

**CONCORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
1645 WEST STREET, CONCORD**

GATHERING: 11.00 AM LUNCHEON: 11:30



"Our featured speaker this year is **Jenny Martos**. Jenny is a Selected Professions fellowship recipient who graduated from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, NY with her Bachelor's in Nuclear Engineering and is currently studying for her Master's degree at UC Berkeley.

Her degree will be in Nuclear Engineering. Her research interests include nuclear materials and fuels which are present in currently operating reactor pressure vessels as well as materials for future generation nuclear power plants. She is a member of American Nuclear Society and Women in Nuclear club, both of which help inform others of nuclear engineering applications. Some of her hobbies include rock climbing, hiking, and exploring the Bay area."

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 accomplishments.

This year Clayton is responsible for providing desserts. Please plan to bring a dessert for 10. If you have camellias in bloom, call JoAnn or Carol so we can have them Friday eve., or bring them with you to the luncheon on Saturday.

All Clayton members should have received their envelopes requesting EF and LAF donations prior to the luncheon. If you have not yet mailed in you 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 will be able to join us.

JoAnn Caspar and Carol Bever, VP-EF Chairs
Educational Funds are the heart of AAUW



Meet member Mary Ann Knets

I was born on Staten Island, New York (one of the 5 boroughs of New York City). I graduated from St. Vincent's Hospital School of Nursing and joined the US Air Force in 1966. I was stationed in Japan where I met my husband-to-be, Egons, a US Air Force fighter pilot.



We married in 1971 and moved to San Francisco where we worked in Nursing and Aviation fields. I pursued my education at UC Berkeley and received a BA in Anthropology. Nevertheless, I continued to work in various areas of Nursing; Cardiovascular, Infection Control, Quality Assurance & Risk Management.

We have two sons. Talis is an attorney and lives in New York. Kevin is still looking for a "real job" following his college graduation in 2008. He lives at home.

My husband & I retired in 2008 and are enjoying our time. We travel. I volunteer at the Clayton Library and am a member of the Garden Club.

EF month is February—hear another speaker Danville-Alamo-Walnut Creek AAUW Annual Educational Foundation dinner with Educational Fellowships speaker, Tam Ma at Scott's Walnut Creek co-meeting with Delta Kappa Gamma Society-Zeta Zeta Chapter of Women Educators. **Tuesday, February 22nd: 5:30 p.m.**

Tam Ma, the daughter of a Vietnamese boat person, is in her third year of law school at UC Berkeley and a judicial extern for the Hon. Kimberly Mueller, US Magistrate Judge of the eastern district of California. Ms. Ma was also featured in the fall issue of the California AAUW newsletter, Perspective. Prior to working for Judge Mueller, Ms. Ma was a policy consultant to state senator Sheila Kuehl.



Menu choice: 1. Imperial Salmon (mascarpone cheese and spinach, leek and lemon cream sauce) 2. Sliced Chicken Sienna (wild mushrooms, leeks and fontina cheese, toasted poppy seed-Dijon beurre blanc) (Vegetarian is also an option) Fresh lemon tart for dessert.

Mail checks made out to DKG for \$33.50 with meal selection to: DKG Reservations, Bobbie Mortensen, 133 Sedgefield Court San Ramon, CA 94583 . Reservations need to be post marked by February 16. Contact Pat at 831-8518 if you have any questions.

AAUW Spaghetti Feed!



**Wednesday, March 23, 2011
5:30 – 8 PM
Endeavor Hall, Clayton**

**Adults: \$10 Children 6 – 12: \$5
Children under 6: free**

***Dinner includes pasta, choice of sauce,
garlic bread, salad, beverage and a dessert
(beer and wine available for purchase)***

All proceeds benefit AAUW Scholarships and Tech Trek

**Tickets available from any Clayton AAUW Member
For additional information /ticket purchase call:
Judy at 672-4620**

**We will be looking for volunteers for the following so please call or email
jbates5900@sbcglobal.net with the item you will volunteer to do.:**

- 1. Cook sauce with meat**
- 2. Cook sauce without meat**
- 3. Help set up Endeavour Hall for the event
(please as men to help with the tables & chairs)**
- 4. Help clean up Endeavour Hall after the event
(please as men to help with the tables & chairs)**
- 5. Cooks to work in the kitchen**
- 6. Servers (1 hour & 1/4 shifts)**
- 7. Kitchen runners**

LAF by Joan Chesterman

The envelopes for LAF and EF donations will be distributed at the end of January early February. If you would like to make a donation with a credit card let Joan Chesterman (LAF) or Carol Bever (EF) know and we will supply you with the appropriate form.

February is the month our branch supports LAF/EF with a luncheon and a foundation recipient guest speaker shared with the Concord branch of AAUW. Our luncheon this month is to be on February 19th at 11:30 AM at the United Methodist Church, 1645 West St, Concord. All members attending are requested to bring a dessert to share. This is always a inspiring luncheon to attend.

The speakers are amazing. Hope to see everyone there.



Legal Advocacy: Gloria Weston Campus Outreach Fund

Four programs in California have been approved for this year through the *Gloria Weston Campus Outreach Fund*. There were a few years where we didn't have any campus outreach programs and the funds were unused, so we are pleased that the funding is being well spent with a nice diversity of topics this year.

- **January 13, 2011:** AAUW Newport-Mesa-Irvine will hold an event at UC Irvine on *stalking awareness*
- **January 29, 2011:** AAUW San Jose will hold an event at Santa Clara University about *workplace gender discrimination*.
- **April 12, 2011:** AAUW Thousand Oaks will hold an event on *discrimination in athletics* at California Lutheran University
- **April 13, 2011:** AAUW Long Beach will hold an event on *equal pay* at California State University Long Beach

Case Support

In late March, the U.S. Supreme Court will review lower-court decisions that allowed female Wal-Mart employees to pursue employment discrimination claims as a class action. If approved, [*Dukes v. Wal-Mart Stores Inc.*](#) will become the largest civil rights class action in U.S. history, including as many as 1.5 million women who will be seeking billions of dollars in back pay. [Lawyers representing](#) the plaintiffs have applied for case-support funding and have asked AAUW to sign an amicus brief, a request that reflects the influence these lawyers feel we may have with the court. The AAUW board is currently considering the requests. AAUW is watching this case closely, since the ruling will have important implications in the future ability of discrimination victims to claim redress as a class in federal court.

AAUW and the Future of California Education

Throughout our history, AAUW has advocated for equitable funding of public education as the foundation of a democratic society. Although California is a state rich in resources, human talent, and industries, our elementary and secondary schools have been financially challenged for many years. In a nationwide survey the Public Policy Institute of California found that adjusting for costs, California's per pupil spending ranks near the bottom and California's pupil-teacher ratios are among the highest in the nation. Already Governor Brown has indicated further cuts to Education are likely in his 2011 budget.

What does California's future look like if we continue to chronically underfund public education? Professor Wendy Brown of UC Berkeley stated that:

1. There will be no substance to the promise of equality and freedom, of overcoming disadvantage, or of individuals fulfilling their potential.
2. We will see an ever-increasing divide between the educated and uneducated, corresponding to a divide between the rich and the poor.
3. California's disinvestment in education will choke the engine of invention and achievement.

We, the people, will not be able to challenge the powers that govern us. We will face a populace taught only the skills needed for work, ill-equipped to participate in civic and political life.

"California must recommit to first-class K-12 education and the California Master Plan for higher education.

We must come to our senses quickly and preserve the most esteemed public university system in the world. We must do so not only because education is what lifts people from poverty, equalizes opportunities, reduces crime and violence, builds bright individual and collective futures, but (it) makes democracy real," emphasized Professor Brown.

As an AAUW member, what can you do?

Become informed. There are a number of non-partisan sources of information about education policy in California, www.edsource.org, www.ppic.org, www.cbp.org, www.lao.ca.gov to name a few.

Encourage your branch members to form a Study Group about California education using the research such as California 2025, a PPIC multidisciplinary, multi-year research project. Develop recommendations.

Attend the March 18, 2011 EdSource Forum in Irvine: The Future of Public Education in California and report back to your branch and your Inter-Branch Council (IBC).

Write "factoid" articles for your branch newsletter throughout the year explaining what underfunding education means to the future of California. Write letters to the editor or an op-ed article for your paper.

Visit elected state representatives to discuss the recommendations of your Study Group. Let your congressional representatives know your position regarding federal assistance to education in California.

Forward your recommendations to AAUW CA Public Policy Committee; request that they be reviewed, shared with other branches and communicated to elected officials in Sacramento.

- Karen Abu-Hamdeh, AAUW CA Public Policy Committee Member

Mark your calendar now for upcoming events:

February 7: Board Meeting

February 7, 14, 21, 28 and March 7, 14, 21, 28: Great Decisions

February 12: International Gourmet dinner out

February 19: EF Luncheon 11:30am Methodist Church in Concord

February 26: 7:30 p.m. Couple's Bridge at Joyce Atkinson's

March 23: Annual Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser 5:30pm Endeavour Hall,

April 25: TBD 7:30pm Diamond Terrace

Other Interests Sections - Contact these chairs:

FIELD TRIPS AND OUTDOOR ADVENTURES – Call Adela Oldford – 672-9446

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

TRAIL HIKING – Hike Clayton's trails. Call for info Linda Pinder – 672-7815



Hi Movie Goers,

Lunch and movie date is on the fourth Wednesday of February. We meet on February for lunch at 12:30.

Please join us at Fiore Restaurant, 5100 Clayton Rd #A14, Concord.

JoAnne Caspar



Evening Literature Meetings

are at the home of Barbara Fogerson, 672-2525.

Books for December, January, and February are as follows:

Meeting January 26, 2011— “Mrs. Lincoln and Mrs. Keckley”
by Jennifer Fleishner

Meeting February 23, 2011 — “Cutting for Stone”
by Abraham Verghese



The 2011 GREAT DECISIONS AAUW PROGRAM begins the first week of February.



The topics areas that will be covered in the *Great Decisions 2011* briefing book can be found below.

**Rebuilding Haiti, U.S. National Security
Horn of Africa, Responding to the Financial Crisis
Germany Ascendant, Sanctions and Nonproliferation
The Caucasus, Global Governance**

Save the dates for our discussion group which is held Mondays at 3:30-4:45 during February and March 2011. Please see last month's newsletter issue for more details.

JoAnn Caspar

International Gourmet will meet on February 12 and experience eating International Cuisine at a restaurant.

Suggestions include

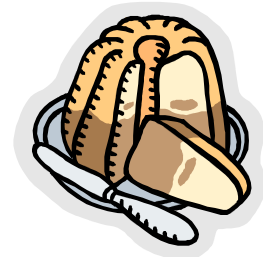
1. Havana 1516 Bonanza St, in Walnut Creek for **Cuban**,
2. Bravo Bistro, 1050 Contra Costa Blvd., Concord for **Italian/Mediterranean** food,
3. Chopin 1574 Palos Verdes Mall, Walnut Creek for **Polish** Food.

Suggest other restaurants for future dates.

Members (and guests) are invited and all attending share in the costs. Please note that although guests are invited this is not just for couples.

Contact JoAnn Casper 672-7680 to make your **RSVP and your preferred restaurant.**

Meeting time will be 6:15 p.m.



"Remember the Ladies!," the battle cry of California's suffragists will be heard again when members of the Museum of San Ramon Valley reenact women achieving the right to vote in California 100 years ago.

The local 45 -minute historical drama will be held during the general membership luncheon **Saturday, March 12** from 11 to 3 p.m at Crow Canyon Country Club, 711 Silver Lake Drive, Danville.

This centennial program will highlight local women of the San Ramon Valley and early 19th and 20th century suffrage movements which accomplished this historic feat. California's vote in 1911 pioneered passage of the 19th amendment on women's voting rights nationwide. AAUW is recognizing this achievement by early California women nationally and statewide.

This local presentation kicks off a Remember the Ladies exhibit set to run May-June at the Museum of the San Ramon Valley. Registration and Social hour: 11 a.m. General Meeting and luncheon: Noon "Remember the Ladies" performance: 1:30 p.m.

Cost of the luncheon is \$26 in advance (\$30 after March 4 deadline.) Meal includes choice of entrees: Sunburst Chicken Salad or Chicken and Prawn Chinese Salad, iced tea, coffee, rolls and dessert. Please specify entree choice with registration.

Mail checks payable by **March 4** to Danville-Alamo-Walnut Creek AAUW 606 Bridgewater Cir, Danville, CA 94526. Designate preferred salad entree.

For questions, contact Karen, 891-4632 or Pat, 831-8518.

Show your colors! Attendees invited to wear red, white and blue.



TITLE IX – GENDER EQUITY NEVER GOES OUT OF STYLE—

As an educational organization of women we should make it our duty to recognize the need of Title IX for our young daughters and grandchildren. If we know the subject we can be of help to our families and others.

Passed on June 23, 1972, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, states "No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance..." (Wikipedia)



<http://www.titleix.info/> is the website for information on this topic.

**CLAYTON BRANCH AAUW
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
January 3, 2011**

Call to Order: 7:35 p.m. by **Judy Bates**

Members present: Judy Bates; Carolyn Wetzel; Priscilla Schmalzel; JoAnn Caspar; Linda Pinder; Joan Chesterman; Barbara Fogerson; Sue Kelson; Lola Rohrs; Carol Bever; Rosemary Harwood

Minutes: **Linda Pinder** presented the minutes from the November 1, 2010 meeting. The minutes were accepted with one correction.

Treasurers Report: **Joan Chesterman** presented the financial report on behalf of **Carol Wolfe** who was absent. The financial report was accepted and filed for audit. Judy mentioned that the bank will now be charging a \$15 fee each month that our balance falls below \$5,000.

President: **Judy Bates** addressed the topic of the Spaghetti Feed which is to be held on March 23 from 5:00 – 8:00.

- Since no one else has stepped forward, Judy will act as chair for this event, but she is asking for everyone's help.
- Judy needs a certificate of insurance listing the City of Clayton as additional insured by February 15. Joan will ask **Carol Wolfe** to obtain a copy.
- The City issues an alcohol permit for \$50, however as a non-profit we are not allowed to actually sell alcohol, therefore we need to "ask" for donations of \$4 for wine at the Spaghetti Feed.
- We need to make sure we have a raffle permit before the event. Joan thinks that Carol may have already obtained it and will check on that.
- Judy will make a list of the items we need to purchase for the dinner. **Rosemary Harwood** will help with the shopping for all non-perishable items that can be purchased a few weeks in advance. **Carol Bever** will pick up the lettuce and the garlic bread the day of the event.
- **Barbara Fogerson** will solicit cookie donations. It was decided to forego brownies and they were too messy. At least 5 people already signed up to bring cookies. Everyone making cookies should plan on 3 – 4 dozen cookies.
- **Lola Rohrs** said she would help in soliciting raffle donations, but she would like **Mary Ann Hayes** to provide her with a list of people who donated prizes last year. We can then use that list to try and solicit donations for this year, although we decided that

we do not need quite so many prizes. If we can get 10 – 20 raffle prizes, that will be sufficient. Linda Pinder already promised a quilt. Judy will draft a solicitation letter for Lola to use in requesting donations.

Carolyn Wetzel volunteered to take care of advertising, with notices to be placed in the Clayton Pioneer, Concordian, Concord Transcript, Contra Costa Times, and also to check out the web site, <http://claycord.com/>. Carolyn will check with Jennifer Jay about getting some photos of last year's Spaghetti Feed to possibly include with the notice to the Clayton Pioneer. They may post the photo and announcement under Club News.

The table decorations will be the same as last year.

President Elect: Luz Argyriou was not in attendance, but Carolyn Wetzel reported that 37 people attended the Christmas party and that 50 pounds of food was collected for the Food Bank.

Secretary: Linda Pinder, Adela Oldford - nothing to report

V.P. Membership: Lola Rohrs – nothing to report, no new prospects

V.P. Program: Carolyn Wetzel – The January 24th meeting will be a talk by Save Mount Diablo. We need a \$50 stipend check available that night. **Joan Chesterman** will pass this information along to **Carol Wolfe**. We need to locate a screen to use for their slide show.

V.P. LAF: Joan Chesterman - envelopes for donations will be sent out on January 24th.

V.P. EF: JoAnn Caspar and Carol Bever– The luncheon is set for February 19th at the Methodist Church on West Street in Concord. Our branch is responsible for providing desserts this year. Anyone with Camellias is asked to bring them for the center pieces.

Scholarship: JoAnn Caspar – needs to make contact with the school in early March to start getting the application process going. We need to be reviewing the applications in April with awards presented in May.

Tech Trek: Rosemary Harwood - the plans are to send 3 girls to Tech Trek again this year. They are going to Diablo View this week to solicit applications.

IBC: Judy Bates – Nothing to report.

Communication: This position still needs to be filled.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: None

Announcements:

- Next General Meeting will be January 24, 2011 at 7:30 pm, Diamond Terrace. Save Mount Diablo will be the speaker.
- February Newsletter deadline will be January 21, 2011. Send your articles to Roseann Krane.
- Next Board meeting will be February 7, 2011 at 7:30 pm, Diamond Terrace
- Judy mentioned that the Field Trip for the December Tea at Shadelands was spectacular and recommends it to everyone for next year.

Linda Pinder mentioned that there will be a Dog Safety Seminar held at the Clayton Museum on Sunday, January 30, 2011 from 1 – 3 pm. This is a people’s only event – leave your dogs at home. This is a free event. Gift bags for the kids with treats for everyone.

Adjourn: 9:25 p.m.

Interest Groups:

Aspiring Artists	Evening Literature: Mary Ann Hayes @ Barbara Fogerson’s
Bicycling	Field Trips/Outdoor Adventures: Adela Olford
Bocce Ball	Gourmet: JoAnn Caspar, Roseann Krane
Bowling: Dana McDaniel	Great Decisions: JoAnn Caspar
Bunko: Judy Bates – 1 st Tues. of month	Lunch & Movie: JoAnn Caspar – 4 th Wed. of each month
Bridge – Couples: Carol Wolfe	Mah Jongg: Sue Kelson
Bridge – Ladies Evening: Mary Ann Hayes	Trail Hiking: Linda Pinder
Bridge – Marathon: Diane Rogers	

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Pinder, Secretary