



## CLAYTON AAUW JANUARY 2011 NEWS

### **NEXT MEETING IS MONDAY JANUARY 24 7:30 PM AT DIAMOND TERRACE**

**Save Mount Diablo** will provide a presentation at the Jan. 24 meeting.

Emily Egan, Organization Event and Volunteer Coordinator, and Julie Seelen, Development Director will be our speakers. They will share valuable information with us about their organization and update us on current issues.

We will be told about land acquisitions and events offered by the organization. Our hiking group participated in a hike with this organization not too long ago and will likely participate again.

For those of us living at the foot of this majestic mountain, this presentation is about our own shared “backyard”. Emily and Julie will show slides, bring literature, and educate us. Please don’t miss this special opportunity!

This will be a very interesting and informative presentation. Please show your support of keeping our mountain pristine and safe by attending this meeting.

*Caroyne Wetzel, Program VP*



## More about "Save Mount Diablo"

**In 1971, our co-founders Mary Bowerman and Art Bonwell united** with many other dedicated and foresighted activists to found Save Mount Diablo. **Their goal was to "save" the mountain from development.** They thought it would take five years.

Thirty-nine years later, we're still going strong. Yes, we've accomplished a lot: We and our allies have helped boost local open space from 7,000 acres in 1971 to over 100,000 acres today. We've fought many battles over the years to stop heedless development projects or include habitat preservation to improve them. But we're not done yet.

We are still **preserving** natural lands through acquisition. We still have our hands full **defending** open space through land advocacy and monitoring of development proposals. We currently own 10 properties that we steward and **restore** until they can transfer to a public agency. We also sponsor many outdoor recreational events (hikes and running events, a bike ride to the summit, and an equestrian event) so everyone can **enjoy** the mountain.

To celebrate our 39th anniversary, we're kicking off an online fundraising campaign. **Our goal is to raise \$39,000 in online donations by year-end.** Your gift will ensure that Save Mount Diablo's land preservation work continues.

Join your friends and neighbors in helping to preserve Mount Diablo for people and wildlife to enjoy forever. **It's your mountain; please help save it.**

Thank you for all that you have done to help us preserve, defend and restore Mount Diablo for wildlife and people to enjoy. With your continued support we can attain our shared dream of preserving the remaining 50% of Mount Diablo for habitat, recreation and beauty

Sincerely, Save Mount Diablo



Web site: <http://www.savemountdiablo.org/home.htm>

## **Membership**

Hope you all had a wonderful holiday. New members Cathy Botello, Sue Coulston, Lisa Ihle, Mary Ann Knets, and Karen Hansen Smith, we are eager to get to know you better and want you to come to the following scheduled interest groups:



- Bunco--1st Tuesdays, January 4, 7:30, very easy and lots of fun, call Judy Bates, 672-4620.
- January meeting, Monday, January 24, 7:30, Diamond Terrace, Clayton, Topic Save Mt. Diablo, interesting discussion, call Carolyn Wetzel 672-0700.
- Lunch/Movie, 4th Wednesdays, January 26, 12:30, Fiori Restaurant, 5100 Clayton Road, Concord, good food and great company, come even if you can't go to the movie, decide what you want to see when you are at the restaurant, call JoAnn Casper, 672-7680.
- Evening Literature Book Club, 4th Wednesdays, January 26, 7:30, book is Mrs. Lincoln and Mrs. Keckley by Jennifer Fleishner. Come even if you haven't read the book--interesting variety of opinions and discussion, home of Barbara Fogerson, 672-2525.
- For other interest groups, see other parts of this newsletter.

2010-2011 Membership Directories: If you have not received yours, please call me at 925-680-8345 or email me at [lolarohrs@msn.com](mailto:lolarohrs@msn.com).

**Lola Rohrs, Membership VP**

## **The Value of Belonging**

Membership in AAUW offers exceptional tangible and intangible benefits — a strong voice, a vibrant community, relevant information, and valuable resources.

### **Strong Voice**

AAUW's 100,000-member voice makes a difference on [critical women's and civil rights issues](#) — briefing policy-makers, spearheading coalitions, and impacting the world through [international initiatives](#) and partnerships. Check out all the opportunities for individual action through activities such as the AAUW [Capitol Hill Lobby Corps](#) and [Two-Minute Activist](#). AAUW provides you the opportunity to support and be the first to learn about [ground-breaking research](#) on women, girls, and education.

### **Vibrant Community**

Wherever you go, you will find a community of friends and professional contacts in AAUW — a powerful local and national network for personal and professional growth. Locate AAUW colleagues from around the world through our [Member Services Database](#) and give back to your local community through projects to benefit women and girls as a branch member. Stay on the pulse of all issues and activities through AAUW's growing social media network by joining the AAUW Facebook [page](#) and [group](#), and following us on [Twitter](#), [YouTube](#), and the [AAUW Dialog blog](#).

## LAF from Joan Chesterman

### New Information

#### Case Support:

The AAUW Board of Directors voted to approve \$3,000 in funding to *Lulu Sun v. University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth*. Lulu Sun has alleged sex and race discrimination in the promotion process at UMass Dartmouth throughout the institution. The public hearing was held December 6–10, and the outcome of the hearing will be announced in a few weeks.

On December 6, the [U.S. Supreme Court agreed](#) to decide whether 1.5 million female employees of Walmart can pursue job discrimination claims in one suit or whether they'll have to split up and file against individual stores. The case—the largest employment class-action suit in the nation's history—will be argued in early 2011 and will set an important precedent. For this reason, AAUW is in communication with the case's lead lawyers about opportunities to offer financial support to the plaintiffs and to sign an amicus brief to put our organizational support behind them.

#### Case Support Travel Grants:

The AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund awarded [Case Support Travel Grants](#) to AAUW of Florida, AAUW of Kentucky, and AAUW of Minnesota so that LAF-supported plaintiffs or their lawyers can attend spring state conventions to talk about their cases.

#### Title IX Compliance

Recently a dozen [Title IX complaints](#) were filed against high schools across the country, alleging that the schools aren't providing equal opportunities to girls and are violating Title IX. AAUW is very involved in the effort to help high schools reach the goal of Title IX compliance in athletics through community activism. LAF's [Title IX Compliance: Know the Score](#) program provides members with materials about Title IX, high school athletics, and resources to help members find out if schools in their community are in compliance with the law. [Get involved](#) and help improve girls' opportunities to play sports!

### Reminders

#### LAF on the AAUW Blog

AAUW's new Regulatory Affairs Manager Beth Scott writes LAF-related blog posts twice a month. Be sure to visit the [AAUW blog](#), accessible on the AAUW homepage, to [read them](#).

#### New Book by LAF Program Manager

Need a holiday gift idea? Purchase [Stop Street Harassment: Making Public Places Safe and Welcoming for Women](#), LAF Program Manager [Holly Kearl](#)'s new book about how we can end the sexual harassment that occurs in public spaces.

#### Case Support

LAF is actively reviewing new case support applications. If you would like to make a case recommendation, please contact [laf@aauw.org](mailto:laf@aauw.org). Recommendation forms are accepted on a rolling basis.

Please consider making a donation to LAF when our branch actively pursues support in January and February.



**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.

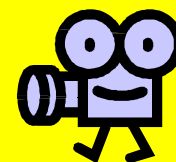
JoAnn Caspar



Hi Movie Goers,

Lunch and movie date is on the fourth Wednesday of January. We meet on January 26 for lunch at 12:30. Please join us at **Fiore Restaurant**, 5100 Clayton Rd # A14 Concord, CA

JoAnne Caspar



## **International Gourmet will meet in February**

Contact JoAnn or Roseann with your ideas. Members (and guests ) are invited and all attending share in the preparation of the dinner and divide the costs. Please note that although guests are invited this is not just for couples. We have tentatively set **February 12**—please let us know if this is a good date.



Email Roseann at [rkrane@yahoo.com](mailto:rkrane@yahoo.com) or call JoAnn Casper 672-7680 to chose what you want to make and RSVP please.

## **Evening Literature Meetings**

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

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

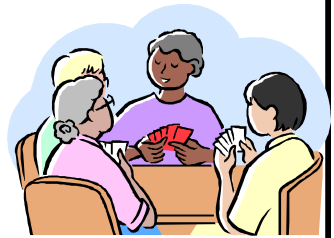
**Meeting January 26, 2011**— “Mrs. Lincoln and Mrs. Keckley”  
by Jennifer Fleishner

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



**Mark your calendar now for upcoming events:**

**January 22—COUPLES BRIDGE** – 4th Saturday, 7:30 p.m. at the home of **LUZ AND DIMITRIS ARGYRIOU**



**January 24—General Meeting—Monday at 7:30 pm**  
**Save Mount Diablo**

**January 24 -EVENING LIT** – 4th Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. B. Fogerson's – 672-2525

**January 26—LUNCH & A MOVIE** – 4th Wednesday , 12:30 p.m. Fiore Restaurant

**February 3—Monday—Board Meeting—everyone invited 7:30 p.m.**

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

**February 12:** Gourmet

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

**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

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**THANK YOU TO LUZ AND DIMITRIS ARGYRIOU**

**THANK YOU**

*The annual holiday event was held at the beautifully decorated Argyriou home on Sunday December 5. A good time was had by all who attended. The food was delicious and the white elephant gift exchange added laughter along with honing some "stealing" skills.*

*A big thank you to Luz and Dimitris. Also, thank you to all who participated by bringing food for the party, food for the food bank, and white elephant gifts. Clayton Branch knows how to party!!!*



## NEWS FROM AAUW CALIFORNIA



AAUW California wants you to know that Convention 2011 registration opens January 1, 2011!! We celebrate the 90th year on April 8, 9, 10 at the Irvine Marriott Hotel, 18000 Von Karman Avenue, Irvine, California. Mark your calendar now.

Also, they ask you to please take a look at the AAUW California Facebook page where they encourage branches to post their news and activities. Director Carlyne McDonnell adds, "Better yet, why not set up your branch's own page and let AAUW CA know so we can "friend" you. Contact me if you would like assistance."

Director Shelley Mitchell tells us, "AAUW California is one of several states that will follow the lead of National and give every member the opportunity to vote whether she or he is at convention or not.

One member/one vote is more complicated than many members realize. Will CA members be voting on amendments and resolutions as well as leadership candidates? Will we vote by mail or electronic vote or both?

Is there also a provision to vote in person at our state convention? Is there any provision for discussion of the proposed business by everyone before the vote, or will it be strictly a yes or no vote? What quorum will we use? We need to make all of these decisions.

Director Sherry Ludwig tells us, "The International Protecting Girls by Preventing Child Marriage Act (S 987) passed unanimously in the Senate on December 1st.

By the time you read this, we will know if it passed in the House.

S 987 ensures that child marriage is recognized as a human rights violation and develops a comprehensive strategy to prevent child marriage and empower young girls.

This strategy will include child marriage prevention approaches in existing U.S. foreign assistance programs and scale-up proven approaches to end the practice. Let's hope that this piece of legislation promoting women's empowerment proves to be successful as we move toward increasing international women's rights, beginning with protecting girls."

## Fellowships and Grants—Association News

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 million in funding for more than 200 fellowships and grants to outstanding women and non-profit organizations in the 2009-10 academic year. Due to the longstanding generous contributions of AAUW members across the U.S., a broader community of women continues to gain access to educational and economic opportunities -- breaking through educational and economic barriers so that all women have a fair chance.

The AAUW Board of Directors has selected **Clayton member, Roseann Krane**, to serve on the **Career Development Grants Selection Panel** for the association from January 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012.

You are invited to attend events held by other branches:

Danville-Alamo-Walnut Creek Branch:

Don't be bullied!

Award winning Renaissance Club Sports trainer, movement coach and community volunteer, Pedro Bernardy, will lead a 90-minute program on Self Defense for Women on **Thursday, January 6**, in the Oak View Room at the new Walnut Creek Library, 1644 N. Broadway at Civic Drive.



Mr. Bernardy will focus on assertiveness, safety and the legalities of protection: Is it safe to carry pepper spray? Be well and stay strong, says Mr. Bernardy. Comfortable attire recommended.

Self-guided tours of the library will showcase this new community facility which opened July 2010, following a brief video of the library by long-term volunteer, Bob Brittain.



Morning refreshments: 9:30 a.m., defense program: 10 a.m., video and self-guided tours of new library, 11:30 a.m. Parking is recommended at the structure on Broadway between Crescent and Duncan. On site and underground parking is available at the library but limited to 2 hours and is strictly enforced. Handicap parking is available.

To reserve, send checks for \$10 payable to Danville-Alamo AAUW to Pat Gross, 606 Bridgewater Circle, Danville, CA 94526. Postmark deadline: January 3; \$12 at the door.

Information: Pat Gross at 831-8518 or Karen Large at [kjlarge@gmail.com](mailto:kjlarge@gmail.com).

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## **FEBRUARY PROGRAM SAVE THE DATE - February 22**

**Tuesday, February 22, 5:30 p.m. Annual Educational Foundation dinner and Educational Fellowships speaker at Scott's Walnut Creek co-meeting with DKG Zeta Zeta Women Educators. \$33.50.**

**Tam Ma, the daughter of a Vietnamese boat person in 1979, will be the featured speaker at the joint Delta Kappa Gamma-Zeta Zeta-AAUW meeting Tuesday, February 22 at Scott's Seafood, California Blvd., Walnut Creek.**

**Contact Karen Large at [kjlarge@gmail.com](mailto:kjlarge@gmail.com) or Pat Gross at 831-8518 for more information.**

