

AAUW Clayton Branch September Newsletter



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Judy Bates, Editor



**The Next Board Meeting will be on
Monday, October 5, 2009 at 7:30pm
at Dana McDaniel's House.**

PROPOSED BUDGET
Please be sure to review the proposed budget shown on page 3. The budget will be voted on at our September 19th meeting.



Membership Lunch
Saturday, Sept. 19th., at 11:30 a.m.
La Veranda Cafe in Clayton



Don't forget about our Membership Luncheon on Saturday, September 19th. We will all gather at La Veranda at 11:30am for a nice afternoon of good food and good friends! This is a wonderful way to kick off the new year. We will be meeting new and prospective members, so let's all be there to say "welcome" and show the "newbies" what a great group they've joined! Last years TechTrek girls also will be with us to talk about their camp experiences.

Lunch includes an entrée, coffee or tea and a scrumptious dessert. Your cost including tax and tip is only \$22.00.

Please send the reservation form below with menu choice and check by Wednesday, September 16th to: Luz Argyriou 1861 Yolanda Circle, Clayton, CA 94517

Tear off and include with your payment



MEMBERSHIP LUNCH
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2009
PLEASE MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: CLAYTON AAUW

(CHOOSE ONE)

- SALAD WITH GRILLED SALMON NAME: _____
- FETTUCCINI ALFREDO WITH CHICKEN PHONE: _____
- MEAT LASAGNA # ATTENDING: _____ TOTAL COST: _____



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SEPTEMBER 2009 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 LABOR DAY	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 BUNKO 7:30PM JOAN C	9 EVENING BRIDGE 7:30PM ALLEGRA M	10	11 BOWLING CALL DANA	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19 MEMBER LUNCH
20	21 LUNCH & A MOVIE CALL JOANN C.	22	23 EVE. LIT. 7:30 BARBARA F.	24	25 DEADLINE NEWSLETTER ITEMS FOR OCT.	26 COUPLES BRIDGE 7:30PM
27	28	29	30	<div style="border: 2px solid magenta; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> <h3>GREAT DECISIONS 2010</h3> <p>(Something to be thinking about!)</p> <p>Topics will be out soon along with sign up info.</p> </div>		

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.)

Reading for September -
The Elegance of the Hedgehog
By: Muriel Barbery

It turns out that the book we decided to read, "Outliers: The Story of Success" By: Malcolm Gladwell is not in paperback (English Version) yet, so we will have to wait on this one for awhile. Sylvia also mentioned "The Elegance of the Hedgehog". It is in paperback and only \$9 thru Amazon.com. Lets read this one for September, OK? It sounds good.

Check out Linda Pinder's request for help on page 9!

September 19, 2009
Clayton AAUW
President's Message
By: President 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.

Our September meeting will consist of our annual membership lunch. This year our membership luncheon will be held on Saturday, September 19, 2009 at 11:30 a.m. located at La Veranda in Clayton.

Our Membership V.P.'s and Program V.P.'s have arranged informative meetings for the 2009-2010 AAUW Program.

Our upcoming general meeting for the month of October will feature The League of Women Voters. Our meeting will be held on **Monday, October 26, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.** located at Diamond Terrace in Clayton, CA.

The following two articles can be found on the AAUW website.

AAUW is promoting (Two-Minute Activist) as an ongoing project. The website links to our elected officials, and editors.

"Boost the Economic Security of Women and Our Nation"

In the current economic downturn, an unprecedented number of women are now the family breadwinners. However, many do not have the skills and opportunities necessary to obtain the high-wage jobs needed to adequately support themselves and their families. Urge your representative to support the **Pathways Advancing Career Training Act (H.R. 2074)** to help women train for and thrive in jobs that will boost the economic security of women and our nation.

This important legislation would fund programs that provide outreach, education, training, support, and job placement assistance to encourage and prepare women for careers in high-wage, high-skill nontraditional fields where they are underrepresented, filling the void left when similar programs were eliminated from the Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act in 1998. It would also break through barriers to employment faced by single mothers, displaced homemakers, women re-entering the workforce, and victims of domestic violence.

Even as unemployment rates rise, America faces a skilled-labor shortage. Providing comprehensive, high-skill job training to a relatively untapped section of the current workforce benefits American businesses by matching employers with the skilled workers they need to compete in a global marketplace. It will also serve to diversify the workplace.

AAUW believes that career and technical education is increasingly important for women and girls working towards economic self-sufficiency for themselves and their families. It is in these fields traditionally dominated by men that women workers can begin to close the persistent wage gap between women and men.

Take Action!

To urge your representative to cosponsor the **Pathways Advancing Career Training Act**, simply enter your zip code and click "Go!" Then follow the instructions to compose and send your message.



If your representative has already signed on as cosponsors, you will be able to send her or him a message of thanks.

For more information, read AAUW's position paper on [career and technical education for women and girls](#).

“LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY UPDATES”

Judiciary Committee Delays Sotomayor Vote

Republicans on the Senate Judiciary Committee invoked their right to postpone the committee vote on Judge Sonia Sotomayor's nomination until July 28, the [New York Times](#) reported. There are currently five Republican senators who are expected to join all Democratic and Independent senators in backing the Sotomayor confirmation: Susan Collins (ME), Olympia Snowe (ME), Mel Martinez (FL), Richard Lugar (IN), and Lindsey Graham (SC). Sotomayor is expected to be confirmed before September 9, the first meeting of the Supreme Court's next term.

Read the [questions submitted to the committee by AAUW](#), and the [transcripts](#) of our liver-blogging of the hearings. For more information, read our position paper on [federal judicial nominations](#).

ERA Reintroduced in Congress

The Equal Rights Amendment was reintroduced in the 111th Congress on Tuesday and commemorated with a press conference on Capitol Hill held by lead cosponsors Reps. Carolyn Maloney (D-NY) and Judy Biggert (R-IL). The ERA, now also called the Women's Equality Amendment, states plainly that, "equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on the account of sex and that Congress shall have the power to enforce, by appropriate legislation, the provisions of the article."

The ERA was first introduced in 1923 and reintroduced in every Congress until 1972, when it was passed and sent to the states to ratify. However, when the amendment reached the end of its congressionally imposed time limit in 1982, only 35 of the required 38 states had ratified. The legality of assigning a time limit to ratification is often challenged. The reintroduced House bill does not impose a deadline of the ratification process; however, if passed, the state ratification process will have to start over.

Several AAUW members showed their support at Tuesday's press conference. Check out the recent [AAUW blog post](#) for more details and pictures from the event. Visit the [ERA website](#) to learn about the amendment's history, the problems associated with its ratification, and its current status.

“House Subcommittee Hearing on Women in STEM”

The House Science and Technology Subcommittee on Research and Science Education held a hearing on Tuesday examining the role of federal agencies in promoting female participation in science, technology, engineering and math fields. Hearing speakers echoed AAUW's belief that a highly skilled STEM workforce is critical to our nation's ability to compete and innovate in the global economy. They recognized the persistent gap in performance within STEM education between boys and girls as problematic and examined current research findings and analyzed the best practices federal agencies can adopt to increase girls' involvement in STEM in primary and secondary school.

AAUW supports research and legislative efforts to close the achievement gap and increase the number of women engaged in STEM studies and careers. For more information, read AAUW's [STEM education position paper](#). You can also read the [written testimony](#) AAUW submitted to the hearing.

#RESOURCES FOR ADVOCATES

AAUW Publishes Health Care Resource Page and Position Paper

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) believes that everyone is entitled to health care that is high-quality, affordable, and easily accessible.

This position stems from AAUW's 2009-2011 Public Policy Program, which advocates: "increased access to quality affordable health care." As Congress is debating health care legislation, AAUW has developed a position paper and resources on health care policy. You can find these on the AAUW website at:

http://www.aauw.org/advocacy/issue_advocacy/actionpages/healthcare.cfm.

Sign Up Your Friends and AAUW Colleagues for Action Network!

Visit AAUW's [Take Action page](#) of our website, where AAUW members and nonmembers alike can [sign up for Action Network](#). It is an excellent way to introduce potential members to AAUW's advocacy. You can also [print out flyers online](#). Use flyers to sign up friends, family and coworkers to AAUW Action Network. These flyers are great to use at branch events, community events, etc.

AAUW on Twitter and Facebook

[Log on or sign up for a Twitter account](#) and start following Executive Director [Linda Hallman](#), Director of Public Policy and Government Relations [Lisa Maatz](#), and [AAUW](#) members from around the nation to hear the latest AAUW and public policy news through the latest form of online communication technology. You can also follow your elected officials, and join AAUW's [Facebook](#) group.

#UNIQUELY AAUW

AAUW Leadership Corps Informational Conference Call

AAUW is growing. AAUW is building. We are recruiting AAUW members to be part of a new initiative called the Leadership Corps. The Leadership Corps is a new member involvement opportunity being created to support AAUW's grassroots. Any AAUW member with a passion for the mission, a vision for AAUW's future, and a talent for seeing and inspiring leadership in others will want to be a part of the Leadership Corps. AAUW will hold a nation-wide conference call for anyone thinking about applying to be a part of the Leadership Corps on Wednesday, August 5, 2009 at 8:00 p.m. EDT (please adjust for your time zone). To participate in the conference call, [please fill-out the online RSVP form](#)

[Washington Update](#) is internal communication for public policy leaders and members of the American Association of University Women. If [Washington Update](#) was forwarded to you and you would like to request a subscription please contact AAUW's [Field Director](#).

I want to strengthen AAUW's voice with policy-makers! [Contribute now!](#)

Besides the general meeting in October, all of the interest groups are meeting again after the Summer break.

I hope to see everyone in September. 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.

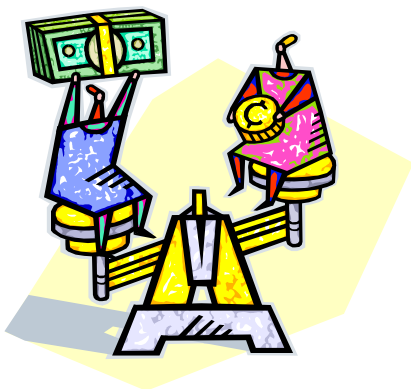
Check the State and National AAUW Website for Public Policy Issues. The latest Action Alert can be found online.

Dana McDaniel
Clayton Branch President & Public Policy Chair

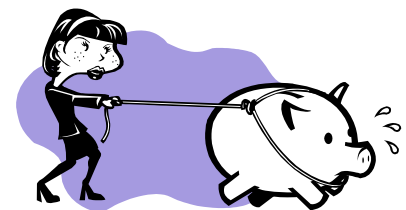
2009-2010 PROPOSED BUDGET

BEGINNING BALANCE		\$2,617.00
REVENUES		
Membership	\$4,250.00	
eScript	\$600.00	
Bridge Marathon	\$400.00	
Meals/Holiday Party	\$250.00	
Donations	\$150.00	
Fundraising	<u>\$2,500.00</u>	
Total Revenues:		\$8,150.00
TOTAL CASH AVAILABLE		\$10,767.00
MANDATORY EXPENSES		
Variable	\$3,450.00	
Fixed	\$260.00	
OPERATING EXPENSES		
Administrative	\$120.00	
Travel/Leadership	\$1,100	
Program/General Meetings	\$2,120.00	
Publications	\$110.00	
Projects*	\$2,675.00	
Carry over for 2010-11	<u>\$932.00</u>	
Total Expenses:		\$10,767.00

Projects include: Tech Trek, CVHS Scholarship, Women's History Month, and Sunshine Fund



PLEASE REVIEW
WE WILL BE VOTING TO ADOPT THE
2009-10 PROPOSED BUDGET
AT THE SEPTEMBER 19, 2009
LUNCHEON MEETING





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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



Welcome



New Members

Bienvenido

Anne Fuller

Carolyn Wetzel

Janis Trezise

Bienvenue

Lynne Cheney

Welkom

It's wonderful to have you!

ORNAMENTS NEEDED!

Many of you are CBCA members and are familiar with the Festival of Trees that they run each year at Diamond Terrace. This is where individuals or groups decorate a small, table-top tree to be auctioned off in a silent auction that runs for about a month before the CBCA Christmas party. Last year the organizer asked AAUW to sponsor a tree. The request came just a week or two before the trees were due at Diamond Terrace, so I just did a tree myself - on behalf of AAUW. Since I didn't have much time, I just selected small ornaments from Beverly's that fit in with a bake-shop theme.

For this year, I was thinking that it might be more appropriate if an AAUW tree had more of an educational theme. I occasionally see ornaments that look like something students might give a teacher. Things like apples and rulers, etc. I would like everyone to keep an eye out for these types of ornaments that you would be willing to donate to decorate an AAUW tree for the CBCA Festival of Trees. Even though we still have several months before the trees are due at Diamond Terrace - and the fact that these are small trees, they take a lot more ornaments than you think. That is why I am asking for help in accumulating educational themed ornaments early. You never know when you will be in some cute little shop and find the type of ornament we need.

You can bring your ornaments to any meeting between now and November, or make arrangements for pickup with Linda Pinder 672-7815.

FYI - The proceeds from the Festival of Trees goes to purchase food for the needy at Christmas.

Thanks,
Linda Pinder

