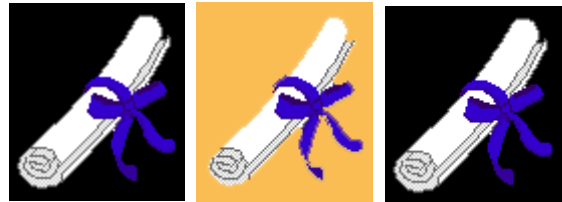

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Annual Spring Scholarship and Awards Brunch

When: Saturday, May 17
Time: 9:00 Social
9:30 Brunch
10:30 Program
Where: Marie Callender's
2090 Diamond Blvd., Concord
Cost: \$14.00



Congratulations!

Come join us as we recognize some very remarkable and dedicated women! May 17 is the day we celebrate the six recipients from DVC and LMC who are receiving Concord Education Foundation scholarships. We will also be announcing our Distinguished Woman and Named Gift honorees, as well as our Concord Branch Board of Officers for 2008-2009.

In addition to our scholarship recipients, we have invited Lindy Wille, Scholarship Director, and her assistant Claudia Azevedo from Los Medanos College and Leslie Mills, Scholarship Director from Diablo Valley College to join us.

We will enjoy a buffet of assorted breakfast foods, and there will be the drawing of the lucky member's check for free membership dues next year. You won't want to miss any of this!

Please note that there will be no Silent Auction this year...instead, we are asking for your help with Afghan Packages (read below).

Please send your check for \$14.00 made out to Concord Branch AAUW to Betty Hirsch, 707 Citrus Ave., Concord CA 94518 by Monday, May 12. (Your check is your reservation).

~Betty Hirsch and Andrea Proctor
Co-EF/CEF VP's

Afghan Packages Needed

The two women who presented our fabulous March program alerted us to the need for supplies for Afghan women. Many of us felt we wanted to help their worthy effort.

Even if you missed the program you may wish to contribute. We will be collecting any donations at the May Brunch. The list of items needed includes: Glue Sticks, Pack of Pencils, erasers, sturdy pair of child size scissors, pencil sharpener, box of crayons or colored markers, bottle of 50 Advil, tube Neosporin, 1 gallon zip lock bag. Toothbrushes toothpaste, floss, hotel body size lotion, hand lotion, shampoo. Please include a couple of dollars for shipping.

Questions: call Carol Slatten 676-7525



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from your President...

Hi All-

I can't believe that May is here already.

I urge you to attend and invite your neighbors to the Barnes and Noble bookfair May 2 - 5. Tech Trek and LAF are the beneficiaries.

This is the month to send your dues to Celeste Graham and maybe your check will be drawn and you'll get 2008-2009 free! The drawing will be held at the May 19th brunch when we meet our Scholarship Winners.

Again I want to thank Betty Hirsch and the rest of the board for all their work during my absence. Elaine Groen and Jean Simutis represented Concord at the state convention recently and have much to share with all of us about the new AAUW Goal Statement, "AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education and research." Please plan to join us for the May 19th Brunch at Marie Callender's from 9-1 (there will NOT be a silent auction). There will be a collection of items for Afghan women (see article in this newsletter) at the May meeting. I have many new membership brochures to pass out to all of you to keep in your purses for whenever . . . membership grows through personal contact.

~~Carol

Update from the EF/CEF Committee

The EF/CEF committee is very pleased to announce the following six recipients of our Concord Education Foundation's \$1,000 scholarships for 2008. Your generous donations and hard work will help these exceptional women continue their education towards the completion of their baccalaureates. We hope you will come to the brunch on May 17 to meet them and to celebrate their accomplishments.

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| Anne Kobayashi | LMC | Biology/UC Davis |
| Laura Medina | LMC | Nursing/CSU East Bay or SF |
| Karla Lanzas | LMC | Math, Education/UC Davis |
| Jennifer Breckel | LMC | Wildlife/CSU Humboldt |
| Esther Kim | DVC | Molecular and Cel Biology/UC |
| Crystal Tieu | DVC | Criminal Justice, Psychology/CSU Sacramento |

As a branch, we can be very proud to be in the position to award these scholarships. Over the past five years, we have awarded over \$25,000 to our scholarship recipients. This has been accomplished with a combination of your donations, the hard work of the ways and means committee (49ers!) and some bequests. Congratulations to us all!

Would you like to join us in the rewarding work of the EF/CEF committee? There are openings for the 2008-9 year. Just give one of us a call or talk to us at the May Brunch.

~Betty Hirsch and Andrea Proctor

8th Annual Garden Tour

Sponsored by the Danville-Alamo Branch of the AAUW
Friday, May 9th & Saturday, May 10th 10:00AM - 4:00PM
Alamo, Blackhawk and Danville

Seven Delightful Gardens and Light Refreshments
\$25 if postmarked by May 3rd, \$30 thereafter

For tickets with garden locations, mail check by May
3rd payable to: "Danville-Alamo AAUW EF" with a business
sized, self-addressed, stamped envelope to:
AAUW Garden Tour, PO Box 996, Alamo, CA 94507
Tickets also available at Leku Eder, 178 E. Prospect Ave,
Danville. After May 3rd or Questions? Call Mary, (925)831-
1784 or email her at garentour@aauw-da.org

All proceeds benefit AAUW's Educational Foundation.

Section Meetings

Evening Book: Evening Book will meet at Helen Nelson's
home on Tuesday, May 13 at 7:30. the book to be reviewed is
Inheritance of Loss by Kiran Desai. Come join us!

the June meeting will be on June 10th. The location will be
decided at the May meeting.

Helen Nelson, 682-0511

Afternoon Book: We will meet on Monday, May 12 at 12:00
at the Luna Restaurant in downtown Concord. It is off
Willow Pass Rd., behind Starbucks and across from the park.
The book to read is *Love in the Time of Cholera* by Gabriel
Garcia Marquez. Call Lucille if you need directions.

Lucille Rudik, 686-9165

BUNCO: Bunco will meet Wednesday, May 21 at 7 pm at
Joanne Brown's. Please call Andrea (672-7847) by May 17 if
you would like to join us. Anyone can play and each player
donates \$5.

Wine and Whine: Wine and Whine will be at Carol Slatten's
and Celeste Grahams on May 30 at 7pm. Their address is 1201
Monument Blvd. #32, Concord CA. The selection for May
will be "BRUT" Champagne or Sparkling Wine. Please
RSVP at 676-7525

2008 Named Gift Honorees

If you have a nominee for the Named Gift award, please
submit to Betty Hirsch (689-7234) or Andrea Proctor (672-
7847) as soon as possible.

Dues Renewal Time!!!

It's spring again and annual AAUW dues are due. As in the
past, we will have the drawing at the May meeting and if
your check is in the basket you might win a free year of
membership. You can't beat that deal. We really appreciate it
if you pay your dues before June 30th as our paperwork is
reduced.

The Dues for 2008-2009 are: Association \$49, California \$16
and Branch \$13

Regular Members pay \$78

Life Members pay \$29

Dual Members pay \$13

Honorary Life Members pay \$0 because they paid dues for
50 years. If you joined AAUW in 1958 or earlier, and you
have maintained your membership, please let us know. We
will apply for Honorary Life Membership for you.

If you would like to become a paid Life Member of the
Association, the amount is 20 times the association dues,
plus annual state and branch dues.

This comes to: $(20 \times 49) + 16 + 13$ or \$1009. In future years
you only pay state and branch dues and avoid association
increases. This is a very good deal if you plan to stay in
AAUW more than 20 years.

If the \$78 payment doesn't fit your budget right now,
contact the membership treasurer (Celeste Graham, 676-
7525). It's easy to set up a partial payment plan.

Celeste Graham
1201 Monument Blvd. #32
Concord, Ca 94520
cqgraham@yahoo.com



Congratulations!

Fall FUNDrasing

We have been fortunate to have our booth at the 49ers games for many years. The more people we have to represent the Concord branch, the larger share we get to keep. Last year, our branch made about \$5,750 from sales plus around \$780 in tips. The other groups who worked with us received \$6,200 from sales plus \$920 from tips.

Think about what we could do with a larger share of the funds. We could give more local scholarships. We could send one girl from each of the Concord Middle Schools to Tech Trek every year. We could be honored as one of the top fundraisers for EF or LAF. WE could send more members to state and association conventions.

We are happy to have friends and relatives help. You don't need to be an AAUW member. The only requirement is that volunteers have a large block of time and can stand for most of that time.

The stadium opens two hours before game time. We need to arrive between 1 and 2 hours before the stadium opens. This means gathering around 8 am for day games, and around 1 pm for evening games. We travel in car pools and give drivers some money for gas and bridge tolls.

Here's the 49ers schedule for 2008. Pick one game. Pick 10 games. Ronni and Jean would love to have lots of company. We need to have a minimum of 7 workers at each game.

Soon we will have our thank-you and sign-up party. If you worked in 2007, you will be invited. If you didn't work in 2007 but are thinking about volunteering in 2008, please let Ronni (925-890-0319) or Jean(925-682-3195) know so that you don't miss the invitation. If you can't work at the games, but would help with the party, we'd appreciate your efforts.

Preseason

Sat Aug 16 Green Bay 6:00 PM
Fri Aug 29 San Diego 7:00 PM

Regular Season home games

7-Sep Arizona 1:15
21-Sep Detroit 1:05
5-Oct New England 1:15
12-Oct Philadelphia 1:15
26-Oct Seattle 1:15
16-Nov St. Louis 1:05 *
7-Dec NY Jets 1:05 *
28-Dec Washington 1:15 *

* The game times may be changed by the league depending on Sunday night football game

Do you shop online?????

Remember to shop through iGive. This is an easy way to give money to the Concord Branch Tech Trek Fund without writing a check.

We recently received a check for \$25.18 from a few purchases made on line over the past year. If you and your friends shop and renew magazines and buy plane tickets online, we could get larger checks more often.

Since 2003, we have earned over \$190, with only 9 shoppers. Just think how well we could do with more shoppers. You don't need to be an AAUW member. Invite your family and friends to join and support us.

Register at iGive.com and ask that your donations go to AAUW Concord Branch. Then, just remember to go through iGive when you shop.

There are over 680 participating websites. You can buy just about anything. A few of the store websites include

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| ABT Electronics | Lands' End |
| Ann Taylor | LEGO |
| Apple Store | Macy's |
| Barnes & Noble | MLB.com |
| Blockbuster Online | Office Depot |
| Buy.com | Oriental Trading |
| Coldwater Creek, | TimeLife.com |
| Cooking.com | ValueMags |
| Drugstore.com | Travelocity.com |
| FAO Schwartz | United Airlines |
| FTD.com | |
| Harry & David | If you want a guided tour, call Jean |
| Hotels.com | Simutis. She'll come over and help |
| Hotwire | you sign up. Or ask her to invite |
| JCPenney | you. She can send your email |
| JCWhitney | address to iGive and you'll receive |
| | an invitation to join. |



Public Policy--California

Updates

AAUW-CA Convention Public Policy Breakfast follow-up:

Charlotte Newhart, AAUW-CA Public Policy Advocate, presented and discussed aspects of the public policy package (www.aauw-ca.org). Jackie Page, Reference Manager at American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), reminded us that elderly women are twice as likely as elderly men to be poor. Helen Grieco, Executive Director of National Organization for Women (NOW), described how NOW is reframing the discussion on rape by talking about consensual sex. Patricia Dilks, board member of the National Women's Political Caucus (NWPC), remarked on the organizational similarities between NWPC and AAUW, which can support collaboration between our organizations. She also noted differences; NWPC's #1 goal is to elect pro-choice candidates, and it also strives to get women on local boards and into county, state, and federal positions. Beth McGovern, Legislative Director for the California Commission on the Status of Women, encouraged our membership to talk to our local legislators about budget cuts affecting family planning, childcare, and preschool funding. See the California Budget Project at www.cpb.org. Jenny Erwin with the Women's Bureau, U.S. Department of Labor, Region 9, stated that there is a 45% growth rate in the number of women ages 55 and older who are in the workforce. In 2009, 62,000 employees from the federal government will retire, which will have a substantive effect on the government; it expects a skills and knowledge gap. Shortages in education, nursing, and business are expected. However, more older women are in the workforce than ever before, and many businesses are not prepared to tap into this knowledge.

ACTION Items

Summer 2008: Thank you for checking and responding to Action Alerts during the summer (<http://www.aauw-ca.org/>).

Upcoming Events

06/01/08: If any branch member is interested in registering people to vote, please contact me at [MJaaaw@aol.com](mailto: MJaaaw@aol.com) by June 1.

Special Reports

Reflecting on Being a Mom: Yes, No, Maybe?

How do women, moving into adulthood post *Roe v. Wade*, navigate their options for motherhood especially given the academic and professional opportunities available to them today? How do they decide if, when, and how to manage life with a family? It's rarely an easy decision, and, often, it's actually difficult. Since it's such a personal decision and one answer doesn't fit all, here are some resources for those who are in the midst of such questions so that they can make the decision that's right for them. No pressure. Just information. Good luck in your journey.

On making the decision that's right for you...

Do I Want to Be a Mom?: A Woman's Guide to the Decision of a Lifetime by Diana L. Dell. Many women aren't sure how to best time motherhood in their lives. Others think they may want a child but aren't sure they really want to take on the responsibility. Still others want to be child-free, but they are afraid they will regret the decision later on when it's too late. Do I Want to

Be a Mom? offers expert information, insights, and tools necessary for each woman to make her own best choice (summarized on Borders.com).

On waiting to have children...

But I Don't Feel Too Old to Be a Mommy!: The Complete Sourcebook for Starting (and Re-Starting) Motherhood Beyond 35 and After 40 by Doreen Nagle. Fully address[es] the concerns of the ever-growing but greatly ignored audience of literate, educated women who have delayed motherhood. In this comprehensive work, women who are considering parenting in their 30s, 40s and later-whether for the first time or starting over-will find all the information they need to make informed choices (summarized on Borders.com).

Hot Flashes, Warm Bottles: First-Time Mothers Over Forty by Nancy London. With tips for renewing physical and sexual energy, parenting after infertility and adoption, balancing career and family, and caring for elderly parents, the personal stories from these older moms are often humorous, sometimes surprising, but always reassuring (summarized on Borders.com).

On the decision not to have children...

Beyond Motherhood: Choosing a Life Without Children by Jeanne Safer. This book is about making a conscious decision not to have a baby – how to do it, how it feels, what it means, and the impact it has on your life (author's introduction, pg. 1).

Childfree and Loving It! by Nicki Defago. Interviewees speak freely and honestly about their experiences, providing readers with both the many reasons people choose to live child-free and insight into what seems to them an unhealthy amount of societal pressure to become mothers and fathers. This book also presents interviews with parents who wish they had not had children while offering their reasons for feeling regret. Concluding with a look into the workplace, this title evaluates the fairness of allowing parents shorter days and time off to accommodate children, compared to the working environment of those who have chosen to live without children (summarized on Borders.com).

Baby Not on Board: A Celebration of Life Without Kids by Jennifer L. Shawne. This book offers insight, advice and support on the decision to be childfree, and helps you join in the celebration.

On choosing single motherhood...

Choosing Single Motherhood: The Thinking Woman's Guide by Mikki Morrisette. The first comprehensive resource book available for women who have chosen, or are thinking of choosing, single motherhood... Every year thousands of professional, unmarried women debate whether to have a child; this book gives them the tools to make and responsibly execute that decision (summarized on Borders.com).

Single Mothers by Choice: A Guidebook for Single Women Who Are Considering or Have Chosen Motherhood by Jane Mattes. The first handbook for the rapidly growing number of American women choosing single motherhood, written by the director of the national organization, Single Mothers by Choice (summarized on Borders.com).

~ *Monica Johnston, with a special note of thanks to Lindsay Baker for the list of resources.*

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Your Senators' Vote on the Ledbetter Fair Pay Act

Under heavy pressure from AAUW members and our coalition partners, the Senate yesterday narrowly failed to pass a vote to move forward with the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act (H.R. 2831). While the pure vote on the measure was actually 57-41, Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV) changed his vote in a procedural move that will allow him to bring the bill up again at a later date. See how your senator voted.

Sen. Barbara Mikulski (D-MD) called the vote "a call to arms" for the women of America. A large majority of women identify equal pay for equal work as a national priority. As we pass Equal Pay Day and continue our pay equity efforts this month and throughout the year, AAUW believes Wednesday's vote is a good way to

measure a senator's support for pay equity in this election year.

AAUW believes that the narrow legislative fix contained in the Ledbetter Fair Pay Act would more justly allow victims of pay discrimination to seek vindication, and AAUW and its members will not stop until the Senate gets it right by adopting this critical measure.

Please write and thank the senators who supported the Ledbetter Fair Pay Act and urge them to continue to push for another vote on the bill. Express your extreme disappointment to those senators who voted against the Ledbetter bill, and urge them to support this and other pay equity legislation in the future.

Set Aside These Dates...

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| May 2-5 | Barnes and Noble Book Fair for LAF/Tech Trek |
| May 9 | Garden Tour: Danville-Alamo |
| May 12 | Afternoon Book |
| May 13 | Evening Book |
| May 17 | GENERAL MEETING |
| May 21 | Bunco |
| May 30 | Wine and Whine |



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In principle and practice, AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. Membership is open to all college or university graduates) and to students enrolled in college or university. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin or disability.



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