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VOTE

Election day is just three weeks away — [make a plan to vote!](#) Studies show that voters who make a plan, including figuring out how and where to vote, are more likely to follow through. Before you head to the polls, learn how to protect your vote and what to do if something goes wrong. For example, you should:

- Register or check your voter registration.
- Find out how to vote in your state.
- If you plan on voting in person:
 - Take all necessary precautions to stay safe!
 - Know your polling place's location and hours.
 - Decide how you will get to and from the polling place, and prepare for the possibility of a long wait.
 - Check what type of voter identification you must bring, if any is required.
 - Ask for help from people working at the polls if you need it.
- If you plan to vote by mail:
 - Check the deadlines for requesting options in California. All voters in the Contra Costa County will receive ballots in the mail. Ensure your ballot is sent in the mail or dropped off at official locations, per the instructions of your local Board of Elections.
 - Check the status of your ballot online, if possible.

Voter suppression and voter intimidation are illegal. If your voting rights are challenged at the polls, document and report the problem. As soon as you experience an issue, call the nonpartisan Election Protection hotline, where hundreds of lawyers are standing by to immediately respond. Phone (866) 687-8683.

To check your voter status, voting place, candidates and other information click here on [Voter Information](#).

AAUW PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dana McDaniel

We look forward to welcoming new members again this year when we can. Our Program V.P.'s had been working on the programs when the COVID19 quarantine began. At the moment, there are no events scheduled due to COVID. Hopefully many of you joined the Danville-Alamo AAUW Zoom meeting last week to listen to the League of Women Voters present a program on the Propositions.

Instead of just canceling meeting days, I thought it would be nice for the members to meet by Video Conferencing just to catch up on how they are doing during this COVID Crisis. This month, on October 26, 2020 at 7:00 pm we can meet by Zoom Video Conferencing. It would be nice to hear how our AAUW friends are keeping busy. I have been crocheting again which I haven't done for a long time.

Please go to [AAUW CA Website](#) for additional information for current and archived articles. There are now Webinars available for the members. In addition the Public Policy group would like everyone to respond to a survey by October 22nd. You can find the survey as an email from Linda Pinder or by using the AAUW CA website shown above. There is also news that Tech Trek will be virtual in 2021. That could be interesting.

I look forward to being able to see everyone either in person or by Video Conferencing.

Dana McDaniel

A Thank You Note from Joyce Atkinson

Ladies,

Thank you so much for the lovely, and delicious, fruit basket and the thoughtful, and most welcome cards. It has been a hard year, but my children and I could not wish another day for Dave. It is a terrible disease.

Your welcome advice and expressions of caring have made the past weeks much easier. I love you all.

Joyce

Afternoon Book Group Selections

The Book Group continues to meet via Zoom on the 4th Wednesday at 2:30 pm

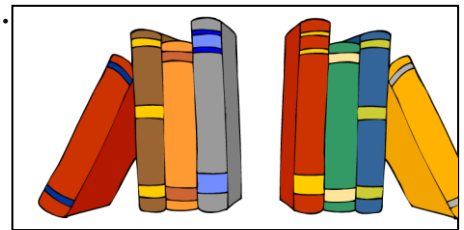
- October 28th - *The Dressmaker's Gift* by Fiona Valpy.
- December 2nd - *The Giver of Stars* by Jojo Moyes and/or *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* by Kim Michele Richardson. These books are on a similar topic. Read one or both as you would like.
- January 27th - *The Murmur of Bees* by Sofia Segovia.

We are always interested in new ideas for books to read.

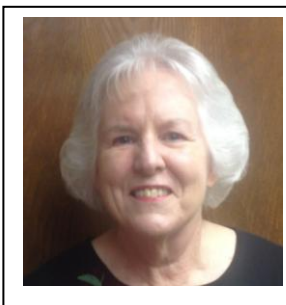
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Ladies Bridge and Saturday Night Bridge have been cancelled during the Covid19 Crisis.



Carol Wolfe and Joyce Atkinson are in charge of Saturday Night Bridge and Ladies Bridge.

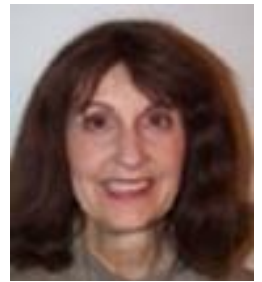
FIELD TRIPS

(A note from Adela)

“I am still on the lookout for field trip day excursions as all field trips through CalRTA are on hold due to the pandemic. So far the only excursion I have been able to find is to the Ruth Bancroft Garden in Walnut Creek. I am checking out the possibility of a docent led tour, but as of now the only thing available is a self guided tour. More info will follow in the next newsletter.

I will endeavor to keep everyone posted on day trips offered by CalRTA.

I am open to any suggestions for possible field trips during the pandemic that I could look into setting up for our group.”



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