

MORGAN HILL COMMUNITY FOUNDATION PHILANTHROPY AWARD

On Friday, November 15, at their Annual Philanthropy Dinner, the Morgan Hill Community Foundation will publicly recognize our Branch Honoree, **Donna Dicker**, who has made a significant philanthropic/volunteer contribution to the AAUW Morgan Hill Branch.

Donna has done much for our Branch as described below. The photo at right shows Donna (seated) with President, Maggie Leininger, standing behind her at left, and Peggy Martin at right.

Donna and her husband moved to Morgan Hill in the summer of 1996. At the time she was teaching in the Santa Clara School District at Peterson middle school. She continued there until she retired in 2003. Donna joined AAUW through an invitation from Carol O'Hare after she had been attending the AAUW book group for several months.

Carol's invitation opened up the opportunity to meet many wonderful, talented women, to form lifelong friendships and to become a contributing member to the larger Morgan Hill community.

Donna's first job with AAUW was as an interest group chair. In this capacity, she informed new members of the many groups that were available to them and signed them up if they were interested.

Donna was passionate about supporting women to continue their education and became a member of the high school scholarship committee. Eventually, she became chair of the re-entry scholarship committee and in 2010 she got branch board approval to form **Keeping In Touch**, a grant program to continue giving financial assistance to former AAUW scholarship winners so they can pursue their education further. Donna also serves on the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) and Lauren Jenkins Healthcare Profession Scholarship committees. Finally, Donna became scholarship coordinator overseeing the four local scholarship programs.

Donna was also interested in Tech Trek, and for a number of years has served on the Tech Trek committee and annually helps select the girls who will attend the math and science camp each year at Stanford University.

For many years she acted as the chair of the Wildflower Run Goody Bag committee, and as Friendship chair she wrote a column for the Wildflower newsletter. She continues to communicate with members who have had a personal loss or illness. Last, but not least, in 2004 she paired up with Judy Kinker to become co-president.

Donna's greatest personal pleasure as an AAUW member has been to participate in the evening book group, the Mamas in the Kitchen cooking group, and the Writers Group. Although Donna's membership in the branch spans many years, she looks forward to continuing to contribute to the goals of AAUW.

