

# Activities in Alamo

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## A.I.A. 2010 - 2011 Meeting Dates

### Planning Committee Dates

May 12, 2010    November 10, 2010  
 June 9, 2010    December 8, 2010  
 July 14, 2010    January 12, 2011  
 August 11, 2010    February 9, 2011  
 Sept. 8, 2010    March 9, 2011  
 October 13, 2010    April 13, 2011

### Board of Directors Dates

May 13, 2010    November 11, 2010  
 June 10, 2010    December 9, 2010  
 July 15, 2010    January 13, 2011  
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## BALLOT INSIDE

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All AIA Members are eligible to vote



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## AIA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE AIA Turns 55 in 2010

by Brad Waite

Since 1955, Alamo residents have been joining the Alamo Improvement Association because they want to preserve the semi-rural character of Alamo.

Generations of residents have also volunteered hours to serve on the AIA Planning Committee and Board of Directors.

Over the years, they have all contributed to the differences we see today between Alamo and other communities in the San Ramon Valley and San Francisco East Bay.

In 2010, it is near-luxury to live in a Bay Area community with tree-canopied, two-lane roads, minimum half acre lots, generous views of open space, and a distinct downtown with local businesses that cater to local needs.

AIA's simple, sustaining, and historic mission is to see that Alamo stays that way.

In my final year as AIA President, I want to thank the members of our Board of Directors and, especially, the members of our Planning Committee – they donate their knowledge from school and career to review applications and make recommendations to Contra Costa County, Alamo's local government, for building and development in Alamo.

I also want to acknowledge our community of over 1,000 member households throughout Alamo. In 55 years, AIA membership has never been higher.

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## AIA President's Message

by Brad Waite, President

My deepest thanks to you all – long-time members, and members of families new to AIA. Be sure to turn to the back of this publication where you will find the AIA Ballot, and send us your choices for AIA Board of Directors in the upcoming membership year. If you are not an AIA member and wish to join, you will also find a membership form in back.

And I invite you to page through our Annual Report and review the past year's work of AIA volunteers and members. We do it with pleasure for you and for Alamo! 🌿

Generally, the County Planning Department staff's recommendation and the County Zoning Administrator's decision are in agreement with AIA's recommendation. However, occasionally the County's decision does not agree with AIA's recommendation. Should this happen, AIA or other interested parties may appeal a County decision to the County Planning Commission, and, again, to the County Board of Supervisors.

AIA Planning Committee members are Chuck Bauman, Jack Behseresht, Glenn Brown, Dave Ciapponi, Pat Gulliford, Jeff McClung (Co-Chair), Ed Moran, and Roger Smith (Chair). All are Alamo residents and customers of Alamo businesses, and many are business owners themselves. Together, they spend an average total 100-135 hours per month on Planning Committee business!

In 2009, the Planning Committee reviewed 46 agenda items, about 40 of which required successive meetings. Most were recommended to the County for approval, many with conditions of approval added by AIA. Several flagrant items were recommended for disapproval, and, in most cases, the County's decision was consistent with AIA's recommendation.

### 2009 AIA Planning Committee Highlights

#### San Ramon Valley Fire District Proposal

In 2009, Alamo's Fire District applied to the County for a land use permit to build a new fire station that would serve Alamo at the signalized corner of Stone Valley Road and Miranda Avenue. The Fire District was seeking to upgrade its facility at a site where firefighters could decrease their response time by controlling an existing traffic signal that drivers on busy Stone Valley Road are accustomed to responding to. The County referred the project to AIA for discretionary review.

Fire District representatives met with AIA Planning Committee members several times, and Planning Committee members met several times with concerned neighbors. As a result of these meetings, the District changed the location of the building, from within the County's required setback from a creek, to outside the setback.

An AIA objective for new buildings in Alamo is that they are compatible

with existing neighborhood buildings. AIA supports the design of the fire station to resemble a residence, and the design of a tower, no higher than neighboring residences, to house and abate noise from utilities. AIA will also work with the Fire District to assure landscape improvements on the site.

#### Residential Proposal Review

A proposed large residence on a sloping hillside prompted neighbor concerns about a history of seismic issues from the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake on the site. AIA forwarded this information to the County.

AIA's support of neighbors concerned about soil stability resulted in a study by soil engineers that determined the structural plans would provide a stable foundation for the house. AIA also worked with the applicant and neighbors to develop a landscaping plan that would create a buffer zone to give privacy to all parties.

#### Cellular Structures in Alamo — Can You Find Them?

AIA believes that applications for wireless transmission facilities need to balance the need for better cellular service with sites that are visually non-intrusive. The trade-off is that sites prized for transmission facilities are typically elevated to cover more area and, therefore, prominent and visible.

The Planning Committee has adopted a position that these facilities be located at non-obtrusive sites when possible, camouflaged through paint, landscaped to minimize unsightly effects, and removed when equipment is no longer in use. Performance bonding is required to insure that conditions of application approval are actually met and the facility is maintained.

Wireless sights under review for improvements include the 312 Alamo Square site next to Cherubini's for addition of another service, ClearWire, and, at the Livorna Park/Easy Street location, an improvement to meet new data service requirements and an application to modify the original conditions of approval for the replacement of antennas and the addition of one equipment cabinet. 🌿

#### CAN YOU FIND THEM IN ALAMO ?

Among these photos, one is a flag/bird pole, one is a faux chimney, and one is masquerading as a tree.



### AIA PLANNING COMMITTEE 2010 REPORT

By Roger Smith

The AIA Planning Committee reviews applications to the County Planning Department

that require discretionary review for real estate use in Alamo – sub-divisions, land use permits, rezoning, variances, and occasional amendments to the County's General Plan.

An application is placed on the Planning Committee meeting agenda, which is mailed to all AIA members and distributed by Committee members to neighbors of the project site. At the meeting, neighbors are asked for their input, and Committee members make a project recommendation by majority vote. AIA Board of Directors receive the recommendation and take a subsequent vote. All AIA meetings are open to the public.

The County Planning Agency reviews AIA's recommendations along with those of County agencies, like Public Works and Flood Control, and special districts, like the Fire District, and gives their recommendation to the County Zoning Administrator for discussion at a public meeting in Martinez.





## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

by Dave Ciapponi

Membership has been the foundation and backbone of the Alamo Improvement Association's voice in our community and to the County since inception in 1955. At this writing, over 1000 of Alamo's 5000 plus households are Association members, an unusually large participation rate for a self-funded civic organization. Annual membership dues currently reserved at \$50 per household for renewing members make the AIA a self-sustaining organization. The AIA receives no government funding, and in fact reduces costs to County government through the tireless review and discovery processes by its volunteers on applications that without the AIA would only be reviewed at the County level without local input.

As AIA members, families receive mailed agendas of the monthly AIA Planning Committee meetings where AIA volunteers review County referred applications for zoning changes, lot variances and splits, design reviews, etc. throughout Alamo. This AIA plan review process helps neighbors to stay informed about changes in their neighborhoods and other neighborhoods in Alamo to preserve the semi-rural character we enjoy.

AIA members also receive notices of special meetings that the AIA convenes from time to time about projects and issues of common and widespread interest and concern in Alamo. These special meetings uncover questions from the community at large and allow the AIA to provide responses to the County from experts and officials in our community. This process provides another way by which the AIA, in creating a dialogue about proposed changes in Alamo, helps to preserve the character and charm unique to Alamo.

Last year we reached out to the entire community of Alamo in our first-ever blanket new membership drive, motivating over 400 new families to join AIA. We hope this landmark growth will continue in 2010. We invite you to join us in preserving Alamo by becoming a member of AIA. 🌿



## AIA TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE 2010 REPORT

By Michael Gibson

AIA continues to advocate with the County for residents' wishes about Alamo roads and transportation. We support retention of the trees that give our roads character, and we support road improvements that increase safety without accommodating more freeway traffic – which would make our roads more dangerous and our neighborhoods less livable.

### Danville Boulevard Widening Project

As part of a YMCA facility approved in 2003 but not yet built, the County required a widening of Danville Boulevard from Hemme Avenue south to 200 feet beyond Woodhaven Court. The YMCA facility would be built east of Danville Boulevard and San Ramon Creek, just south of Hemme Avenue off Lewis Lane.

AIA opposes this widening until a YMCA facility is a certainty and is well under construction.

The expressed purpose of this widening of Danville Boulevard is to accommodate the additional volumes of traffic that the YMCA facility would generate. In the absence of the YMCA facility – and if the County retains the residential use that currently exists along Danville Boulevard as called for in the County General Plan– there should be no increase in traffic volumes, and the widening should not occur.

The County-required widening project calls for the east side of Danville Boulevard to be widened about six feet from Lewis Lane south to about 200 feet south of Woodhaven Court, coming near the fences of homeowners. The west side would be widened five or six feet for almost the full project length. A total of fifteen trees would be removed, and a twelve-foot wide center two-way left turn lane would be constructed between Hemme Ave. and Lewis lane.

Should this widening occur, we are also concerned that the County would then seek to extend the existing two-way left-turn lane, now running from downtown Alamo south to La Serena Avenue, further south to Hemme Avenue to meet up with the two-way left turn lane that would be constructed as part of the YMCA-

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related widening. Doing so would cause more tree loss and increased traffic and safety impacts to these neighborhoods – all residential – along Danville Boulevard.

### Impending Release of the Two-Year Update of the County's Roads Plan – Which Projects Will It Include?

As we go to press, Contra Costa County's updated plan for Alamo roads is due to be revealed. It is called the CRIPP, which stands for Capital Roads Improvement & Preservation Program. It contains a list of projects that the County intends to plan for and seek funding – whether or not current funding is yet available. If identified in the CRIPP, a project is much more likely to be implemented if funding is identified.

Two years ago, the "Ultimate Configuration" – the County's infamous plan to widen the downtown intersection at Danville Boulevard and Stone Valley Road – was listed in the

CRIPP as "Danville Boulevard/Stone Valley Road Intersection Improvements". There was no description given with that title, but AIA, which has followed the County's plans for Alamo roads for years, knew the project description from the previous CRIPP and pressed for the County to remove

the Ultimate Configuration from the project list of another funding source, the Tri-Valley Transportation Council (TVTC).

Due to strong opposition from Alamo residents, the Ultimate Configuration was removed from the TVTC project list. Thereafter, AIA asked the County to remove the project from the CRIPP at its next update and AIA understands that the county now proposes to do so.

Other projects that would likely remain in the CRIPP are the "Miranda Avenue Widening and Curb Project", the "Stone Valley Road Improvements: High Eagle Road to Roundhill Road" project and the "Stone Valley Road Improvements: Roundhill Road to Glenwood Court" project. These projects are categorized as underfunded. As with all of the underfunded projects



in the CRIPP, there is no description of the project other than the title.

AIA will continue to monitor the CRIPP update process, confirm that the "Danville Boulevard/Stone Valley Road Intersection Improvements" project is removed and determine the intent of any undescribed projects.

### Historical Discussion of Downtown Alamo Traffic and Pedestrian Circulation

The County has made no further public decision about a discussion going on since 2006 of changes called Phase I and Phase II to downtown Danville Boulevard. Phase I was completed in late 2008 with lane and traffic signal changes to the downtown intersection at Stone Valley Road and the installation of in-pavement flashers at the Jackson Way pedestrian crosswalk. Phase II would involve more significant changes, including possible driveway closures and modification of the intersection at Orchard Court to either construct

a roundabout or realign the Alamo Plaza entry and install another traffic signal.

County staff indicated they would observe downtown traffic patterns for at least a year before making decisions about implementing Phase II. We are unaware of any report of these observations. However, the County's own traffic studies showed that

the traffic signal option (but not the roundabout) at Orchard Court/Alamo Plaza Entry would cause large new peak hour back-ups. Remedying these back-ups would likely require widening of Danville Boulevard north of Orchard Court, eliminating landscaping along Oak Tree Plaza, Andrew Young Park and likely north of Jackson Way.

AIA's 2006 and 2007 Transportation Committee reports have detailed descriptions of Phase I and Phase II, including a 2006 discussion of pros and cons of the Phase II roundabout, driveway realignments, and traffic signal alternatives. We strongly urge you to go to the AIA website at [www.alamoca.org](http://www.alamoca.org) and view these alternatives, because their effects on traffic in our community would be different and profound. 🌿



## Code Compliance Committee Report

by Jack Behseresht

Building construction in Alamo is governed by Contra Costa County zoning and building codes. Any deviation from these codes is deemed out of compliance unless it is approved by the County Planning Department as a variance or similar development review procedure. Examples of deviations are a fence that is over six feet tall, work that is done without a building permit, and work that encroaches into a required setback or an adjacent easement or a business not complying with the approval conditions placed on its permit and the development agreement (operating hours, number of parking spaces, signage,

etc.). There are no variances to the building code, however code compliance is often a “judgment call”, made by the building official.

Most code compliance issues can be avoided when the homeowner contacts the County before starting work on a project by either applying for a building permit or calling the Planning Department at 925-335-1210 and talking to a planner. It is advisable to not rely on a contractor alone to tell you whether or not your building plans are in compliance with County codes!

To report a compliance issue, call the County Building Inspection Department at 925-335-1171. AIA is ready to help you if you want to talk with someone about the issue before you talk to an official. If we find that a violation exists, we will make the referral to the County if you wish. To avoid neighborhood friction, we always keep the identity of the reporting neighbor anonymous. 🌿



## LOCAL GOVERNANCE IN ALAMO

Alamo’s local government is Contra Costa County, governed by a five-member Board of Supervisors, each elected for a

four-year term to represent a geographic district. Alamo is part of District III, which the Board reconfigured in 2001 to include several East County communities as well as Alamo, Diablo, Danville, and San Ramon. Alamo’s representative is Supervisor Mary N. Piepho, with a district office in Danville, 309 Diablo Road, 820-8683, fax 820-6627. The County makes appointments to four citizen groups that advise the County on policies and practices for specific County services in Alamo. All meetings are open to the public.

**Alamo Municipal Advisory Council (MAC)** was created in 2009, when the County appointed seven Alamo residents to advise the County on issues of planning, roads, flood control, parks, and beautification in Alamo. The MAC, staffed by the District III Supervisor’s staff (see above), meets on first and third Tuesdays at 7 PM in Hap Magee Park. **Hap Magee Ranch Park Planning and Joint Operations Committee (JPOC)**, a joint powers authority between Contra Costa County and the Town of Danville, is staffed by the Town and meets quarterly at the Park. **Police Services Advisory Committee (P-2B)** meets first Mondays at 4:30 PM at the Sheriff’s Valley Station, 150 Alamo Plaza. P-2B services are supported by an Alamo parcel tax. **Police Services Advisory Committee (P-5)** meets second Wednesdays at 7:00 PM at Roundhill County Club conference room. P-5 services are supported by a parcel tax on residents of Roundhill.

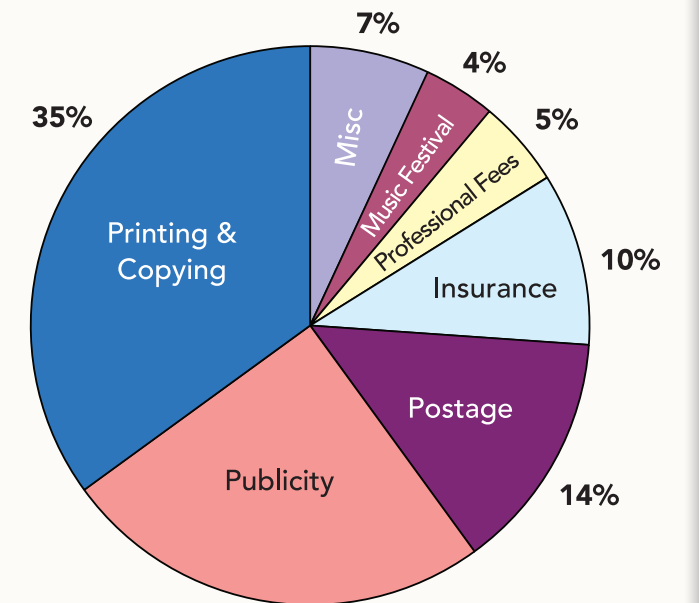
### How can you access the Board of Supervisors?

The Board meets in public session on most Tuesday mornings at the County administration building, 651 Pine Street, downtown Martinez 94553-1229. The County web site is [www.co.contra-costa.ca.us/](http://www.co.contra-costa.ca.us/).



The Weekly agenda of the Board is prepared by the Clerk of the Board, also in the County administration building, at 925-335-1900, fax 925-335-1913. Agendas are available on the Friday morning before the Tuesday meeting at the County web site at [http://64.166.146.155/agenda\\_publish.cfm#ReturnTo0](http://64.166.146.155/agenda_publish.cfm#ReturnTo0) or at the Office of the Clerk. The agenda consists of (1) open session items discussed in public, (2) “consent items”, not discussed and passed in a single vote unless someone requests discussion at the beginning of the meeting, and (3) closed session items, issues that by law are not discussed in public. **How can you register your opinion with the Board of Supervisors?** If you see an item on the Board of Supervisors weekly agenda and you want to give the supervisors your opinion about it during the 96 hours before they vote on it, you can: **Call or e-mail the District III Supervisor** (see above), or **call or fax the Clerk of the Board** (above), who will give your message to all five supervisors, or **go to the Tuesday Board of Supervisors meeting** in Martinez and fill out a card at the beginning of the meeting to speak during the public comment period. 🌿

## WHERE DO YOUR 2010 MEMBERSHIP DOLLARS GO?



Join Or Renew Your Membership In The AIA Today!

# 2010 A.I.A. Board of Directors Statements

## Glenn R. Brown

Civil Engineer, Ridgewood Road, 7 year resident

**Community Involvement:** AIA Board Member; Upper Ridgewood HOA Member

**Statement:** *The citizens of Alamo have chosen to remain under County jurisdiction and are now officially represented to the County Board of Supervisors by a Municipal Advisory Committee [MAC] appointed by our Supervisor. This arrangement infers that these MAC members might be more influenced by their appointor than by their fellow citizens. There is a need for a collective voice in local affairs which is responsive to the people in order to provide the benefits of a representative democracy. The AIA can provide this collective voice for the residents of Alamo. I encourage you to take this opportunity to participate in choosing someone to represent you to the MAC, which is making decisions about your future largely without your input.*

## Michael C. Cameron

Ironwood Place 24 year resident

**Community involvement:** Former soccer coach for Mustang soccer. I was an active participant in the debate regarding the Alamo YMCA and the recent election regarding Alamo incorporation. I also attended and spoke at a hearing which resulted in removal of the recently erected "no right turn" sign on Southbound Danville Blvd. at the intersection of Stone Valley Road.

**Statement:** *My desire is to do everything possible to keep Alamo rural and shielded from unnecessary growth, traffic congestion, and government bureaucracy. My working career includes 15 years with the Walnut Creek Police Dept., 10 years as an senior executive in the Financial Services Industry, and 15 years as the General Manager of a local sanitary district. I am a licensed General Contractor and have built several homes, including my current residence.*

## Mike Gibson

Architect/Planner, Sara Lane, 25 year resident

**Community Involvement:** AIA Board of Directors for 23 years, current Transportation Chair & liaison to Alamo MAC, past President & Planning Chair; Association for the Preservation of Danville Boulevard Board of Directors for 24 years, past V.P.; San Ramon Valley Regional Planning Commission 1994-2010; Alamo road Improvement committee 1993-2004; Alamo Road Advisory Committee 2008-2010; 2005 Alamo Citizen of the Year.

**Statement:** *Alamo's small town character and rural, low-density beauty are rare. They need not be sacrificed to suburban growth around us or careless development and ill-advised "improvement" within our own community. I believe we can continue to refine and renew our community, but not intensify our neighborhoods or expand the limits of our downtown. We can work to make our roadways safer, but we must also avoid damaging Alamo's character or attracting more regional traffic through our community. AIA's primary missions should be to preserve and enhance Alamo's character, protect the quality and livability of our neighborhoods, promote an attractive, safe and more pedestrian-friendly downtown and strengthen our sense of community.*

## Jeffrey E. McClung

Businessman, Livorna Road, 25 year resident

**Community Involvement:** Current AIA Board Member, co-chairman of the Planning Committee, member Round Hill Country Club

**Statement:** *I would like to help preserve the quality of life we enjoy in Alamo, present and future. My wife and I built our home here and raised our children in this community. We have all seen many changes over the past 25 years. To insure that these changes do not destroy the semi-rural atmosphere we enjoy, we must all be vigilant in how the remaining open areas and the properties in Alamo are planned and developed. With my business and real estate development experience I feel that I can help the community to this end.*

## Steve Mick

Retired, La Sonoma Dr., 20 Year Resident

**Community involvement:** *Current member AIA Board of Directors, Member of the Alamo Municipal Advisory Council, Board of Directors of the Veterans Memorial Building Development Committee of the San Ramon Valley, Board of Directors of the Exchange Club of the San Ramon Valley, Member of the San Ramon Valley Unified School District Facilities Oversight Advisory Committee.*

**Statement:** *Our semi-rural Alamo lifestyle is increasingly being pressured by the demands of growth and a concomitant increase in traffic. Any further development in the downtown area must be closely monitored and assessed to ensure that there is minimal impact to traffic. It is vitally important that Alamo retain its unique character and identity. The best way to do this is to ensure that the political and administrative control of Alamo remains with the residents of Alamo insofar as possible.*

## Joseph A. Rubay

Business Owner, Erselia Trail 36 year resident

**Community Involvement:** AIA Alternate Board Member Contra Costa Fair Board Director Former Director of Missile Defense Advocacy

**Statement:** *I moved to Alamo with my family in 1973. I attended Monte Vista High School then commuted to Cal State East Bay. I started my professional career with the National CPA firm of Ernst & Young and now run a small real estate appraising business here locally. It has been my pleasure to serve on the AIA board.*

## Roger Smith

Businessman, High Eagle Road, 19 year resident

**Community Involvement:** Current member A.I.A.; Board of Directors; Planning Committee member, current Chair; numerous coaching positions for our area's youth teams; RHCC Swim Team Board member.

**Statement:** *The small town ambiance of Alamo needs to be preserved. Without community involvement, the small town character of Alamo will continue to face haphazard and uncontrolled development. We need to have a balanced approach to development, one with common sense and awareness of protecting our community. Traffic congestion continues to be a problem and of concern to our community. I would like to be of service to Alamo by finding solutions that work.*

## Brad Waite

Businessman, Las Trampas Road, 18-Year Resident

**Community Involvement:** Current President, Board of Directors (10 years), AIA Membership chair, Past member Alamo Beautification Zone 36 committee, member of AIA 18 years.

**Statement:** *I have enjoyed my time these past few years with the AIA Board and its efforts to preserve what we all enjoy in Alamo. I would like to continue my involvement with the AIA Board in the effort to have Alamo's voice heard at the County level. My goals if elected for another term would be to expand our membership base and to broaden the AIA's role into the future of our downtown, the ever-increasing traffic issues, and other areas that affect quality of life in Alamo.*

# NON PROFIT COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS *Serving Alamo*

**Alamo Chamber of Commerce** ~ Founded in 1992, has had recent rapid growth to 137 members ~ Advances local economic, professional, cultural and civic welfare ~ Encourages establishment and growth of retail, commercial and professional business ~ Supports activities beneficial to Alamo business and residents ~ Sponsors the popular Alamo Tree Lighting in December, a Crab Feed and Officer Installation Dinner in January, a Business Expo in March ~ Publishes an annual Business Directory ~ Awards annual scholarships to Monte Vista and San Ramon Valley High School seniors ~ Organizes networking mixers on fourth Wednesdays of most months, 5:30 pm, at various community locations, posted at [www.alamochamberofcommerce.com](http://www.alamochamberofcommerce.com) ~ Chairman Rich Woods, 208-4707.

**Alamo Rotary** ~ Local affiliate of the international service organization of business and professional men and women ~ Sponsors the popular September Wine & Music Festival in Alamo Plaza to fund music education in local schools ~ Provides dictionaries to all Alamo school third graders ~ Recognizes an educator and a student of the year in each local school ~ Sponsors a spring egg hunt for all children in the community ~ Meets Wednesday noons, Round Hill Country Club ~ President Bill Randall, [randall2u@astound.net](mailto:randall2u@astound.net).

**Alamo Women's Club** ~ Women of all ages in Alamo and larger community who raise funds for local charities ~ Supports Hospice, Vestia and Family Crisis Center ~ Supplies blankets to local Sheriff's Department ~ Provides music and art scholarships to local high schools ~ Owns clubhouse at 1401 Danville Boulevard, a popular rental site for other community groups ~ Meets every month except July and August on second Wednesdays for tea and business, and on fourth Wednesdays for lunch and program ~ Clubhouse phone, 820-1943.

**Alamo Improvement Association** ~ Volunteer membership of about 15% of Alamo households dedicated to preserving Alamo's semi-rural character ~ AIA Planning Committee reviews, receives neighbor input, and makes recommendations about Contra Costa County-referred building applications for which the County makes final decisions ~ Sponsors community meetings on issues of importance to Alamo ~ Sends Annual Report to every Alamo residence ~ Planning Committee meets on second Wednesdays, and Board of Directors meets on Thursdays following second Wednesdays, both meetings at 7 PM at Creekside Community Church, 1350 Danville Boulevard ~ All meetings open to the public ~ President Brad Waite, [brad@lhfinancial.com](mailto:brad@lhfinancial.com).

**American Association of University Women** ~ Advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research ~ 250-member Danville-Alamo Branch sponsors a December Holiday Home Tour to fund local women undergraduate, graduate, and post graduate scholarships, and scholarships for middle school girls at summer college campus Tech Trek programs ~ Sponsors a May Garden Tour to fund AAUW's national Education

Foundation ~ Honored in 2008 as fifth largest contributor to the EF and as sixth largest contributor to all AAUW programs ~ Invites diverse membership, graduates of accredited, four-year college/universities and graduates with associate/equivalent degrees from qualified educational institutions ~ Contact Pat, 837-5044, or Barbara, 287-1543, for membership ~ For this year's Garden Tour, May 7 and 8, 10 am to 4 pm, contact [president@aauw-da.org](mailto:president@aauw-da.org).

**Kiwanis Club of San Ramon Valley** ~ Founded in 1955, has organized the popular Danville 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade for nearly 40 years ~ The motto WE GIVE reflects the international mission of giving back to the community through service projects and charity ~ Annual competitive Grants Program, up to \$3,000 per grant, has distributed over \$750,000 to local non-profits over 20 years ~ Raises funds through 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade and April Golf Tournament, individuals and businesses invited to participate ~ Meets Thursdays at noon at Round Hill Country Club, welcomes guests to enjoy camaraderie at lunch ~ Contact [www.kiwanis-srv.org](http://www.kiwanis-srv.org).

**National Charity League** ~ A volunteer force of mothers and teenage daughters who volunteer together at local philanthropies ~ Daughters complete a six year educational program from 7th grade in leadership, organizational skills and cultural experiences ~ Annual membership drives each January ~ Three local chapters cover the San Ramon Valley – Diablo Valley Chapter, [www.dvncl.org](http://www.dvncl.org); Vista Oak Chapter, [www.nclvistaoak.org](http://www.nclvistaoak.org); and Rolling Hills Chapter, [www.nclrollinghills.org](http://www.nclrollinghills.org).

**Veterans of Foreign Wars** ~ A fraternal, patriotic, civic, and service organization ~ Four main objectives are preserving and extending veterans rights, advocating a strong national defense, promoting patriotism, and serving local communities ~ VFW Post 75 of the San Ramon Valley meets every second Thursday at Swain House in Hap Magee Park while the Danville Veterans Hall, 400 Hartz Avenue, is closed for remodeling ~ Post Commander Nate Greene, 875-1747.

## **Alamo Needs You!**

The larger our membership, the louder our voice. Your opinion is important – not just to us, but to the County as well.

If a substantial portion of Alamo is represented by A.I.A., the needs and desires of our community achieve more recognition. The character and quality of life that make Alamo unique and beautiful are constantly being challenged. Your help and support give A.I.A. increased ability to ensure that our area retains its peaceful, rural atmosphere.

*Please join us and send in your 2010 dues!*

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The Alamo Improvement Association has been privileged to conduct meetings of the Board and the Planning Committee at the Creekside Community Church, 1350 Danville Boulevard. They have provided facilities and equipment that allow us to comfortably conduct the business of the Association and its committees.

We would like to thank the congregation of the Creekside Community Church for hosting us and for their service to the community.

*The Board of Directors*

**2010 – 2011 A.I.A. Board of Directors Ballot**

Please vote for six (6) candidates only. Ballots must be received by April 30, 2010.

You must be an AIA member for your vote to count.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Glenn R. Brown     | <input type="checkbox"/> Jeffrey E. McClung | <input type="checkbox"/> Roger Smith |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Michael C. Cameron | <input type="checkbox"/> Steve Mick         | <input type="checkbox"/> Brad Waite  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mike Gibson        | <input type="checkbox"/> Joseph A. Rubay    |                                      |

**2010 – 2011 A.I.A. Membership Form**

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please check one:*

- I/We am/are renewing my A.I.A. membership
- I/We am/are joining the A.I.A. for the first time
- I/We have already paid my 2010-2011 AIA Dues

*Please check one:*

- Send my monthly agenda by mail only
- Send my monthly agenda by e-mail only
- Send my monthly agenda by both methods

*I would be willing to volunteer time to the A.I.A in the following area(s):*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Membership | <input type="checkbox"/> Roads & Highways  | <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter  |

*Please detach and return this entire page (and your check for \$50) in the enclosed envelope and mail it to Alamo Improvement Association, P.O. Box 156, Alamo, California 94507.*