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Alameda Branch News

AAUW Alameda Branch celebrates our strengths
and promotes education and equity for women and girls in our community.

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Join us to hear author Melissa Cistaro

Melissa Cistaro's stories and interviews have been published in numerous literary journals. She works as a bookseller and event coordinator at Book Passage, an independent bookstore.

Melissa graduated with honors from UCLA and followed her literary pursuits through the UCLA Extension Writers' Program and the Tin House Writer's Workshop in Portland. Between the years of raising her children, writing, bookselling, teaching horseback riding, and curating a business in equestrian antiques – Melissa completed her first memoir Pieces of My Mother.

Saturday, April 8, 2017 Meeting

11:30 am Social, 12:00 pm Lunch

Asena Restaurant

2508 Santa Clara Ave, Alameda

Salad

Organic mix greens , spicy pecans, kalamata olive, Gorgonzola cheese, vinaigrette

Choice of Entrée

Fillo pastry, fresh spinach, caramelized onion, feta, Fire roasted bell pepper coulis
Pan seared Petaluma chicken breast, artichoke, basil olive tomato buerre blanc
Parmesan crusted fresh Tilapia fillet, Mediterranean green apple- caper salsa

Asena's bread with olive oil/balsamic vinegar

Includes Crème Brûlée for dessert and coffee / tea

Please select entrée and note in the memo section of your check.

Make the check out to AAUW-Alameda Branch for \$39 and mail to: Mary Ann Rose,
933 Shoreline Dr, #306, Alameda, CA 94501, marose94501@gmail.com
for receipt by Tuesday, April 4

Our Mission is advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research. AAUW is the nation's leading voice promoting equity and education for women and girls. Since our founding in 1881, AAUW members have examined and taken positions on the fundamental issues of the day – educational, social, economic, and political.

President's Letter

March has been another busy month for the Alameda Branch with a lot of attention also given in the press to the most successful American Muslim: Islam 102 panel in February. Attended by 150 people, the event received full coverage with pictures in the February 24 edition of the Alameda Journal and a story in the Alameda Sun on March 2, 2017. The March newsletter of the Friends of the Alameda Library The Anthemion also has a long story with pictures and can be viewed at Friends of the Library website.

The success of the February panel and co-sponsorship with the League of Women Voters of Alameda and Friends of the Library has led to an invitation to work together again on a follow up event. We have decided on the topic of "Immigration" to be held at the Alameda Library on September 27 from 6:30 pm - 8 pm. If any members would like be on the planning committee, please let me know as soon as possible, as we will begin our work this April.
pwashbou@hotmail.com

A special thanks to Kevis Brownson for coordinating our Alameda Author Series co-sponsored with Cardinal Point which had its first of three events on March 20. Lisa Lucca and Mark Fiore presented their book, You Are Loved ... an Email Memoir, based on a ten year email correspondence. Kevis hopes to make this an annual series at Cardinal Point.

Another Special Thanks to the planning committee for the "ENHANCING OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN IN STEM CONFERENCE" which took place on March 22 at the College of Alameda Student Center. Designed to celebrate Women's History Month, this event was a 9 months in the making and was spearheaded by our new member Char Perlas, formerly of the College of Alameda and now Dean of Math and Science at Chabot College. Members Patti Heimburger, Karen Guthrie and Dorie Behrstock participated in the planning. It represents a new level of collaboration with the College of Alameda, now an official AAUW partner college, and with faculty and students from the MESA program. Girls Inc of the Island City also co-sponsored and brought students from the Eureka ! Teen Achievement program. The conference was opened by the new College of Alameda President Tim Karas and we heard from nine women in STEM fields from California Pacific Medical Center, Google, Lawrence Berkeley Labs, EBMUD, Argo- Chemistry, Los Alamos Labs, College of Alameda, KQED, Zymergen, and moderated by Char Perlas. Attended by high school and college age women from local schools and the Peralta Community College District, Chabot and Ohlone Colleges, the conference offered excellent opportunities for networking and support for women planning on STEM careers. Thanks to all for making this a successful event!

The Nominating Committee, chaired by Betty Hatch, with members Patti Heimburger and Inge Grethe, are greatly to be thanked for their work to bring forward a new slate of elected officers for the Board. Thank you all who agreed to put your name in nomination. Voting takes place at our April meeting, with installation of the new Board in May.

The Alameda Branch By Laws and Policies and Procedures documents have been revised and are posted on the Branch website under the Menu tab About Us.

General Business Meeting

Our next board meeting is Monday, April 3 at 7:00 pm in Conference Room 'C' at the Alameda Hospital. All are welcome.

Membership & Outreach

We have (83) members and please spread the word about we are doing because we would love to have even more new members.

Outreach update:

The panel discussion, "American Muslims: ISLAM 102" at the library on February 23rd was such a success and with that we want another panel discussion but on the broad topic of, "Immigration." This will be on (Wednesday), September 27 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. also at the Library. This will be cosponsored by the FAL and still in the planning stage.

The "Alameda Authors Series" will have three separate local authors at Cardinal Point, and all at 7:00 p.m. The first one is March 20th with Lisa Lucca and Mark Fiore. Then on April 19th with Bronwyn Harris, and the last one on May 17th with Renee Macalino Rutledge. Please RSVP through the flyer, on our website, Facebook.

“Enhancing Opportunities for Women in STEM” a panel and networking event will be at the College Of Alameda on March 22nd (Wednesday) from 3:30 – 6:00 p.m., which is rapidly developing through different meetings into something we will be proud of.

Two \$1,000 scholarships that is held in our Peralta Colleges Foundation fund will be awarded in the spring to women going to the College of Alameda with a GPA of 3.0 and who are Alameda residents. We will have another fundraiser for the College of Alameda scholarship and this time it will be Earleen’s house. It will be on April 22nd (Saturday) 3:00 - 5:00. We are charging \$25 for the food and drink. There will be guest speakers from the College of Alameda.
Patti Heimburger & Joy Pratt Co-Chair Membership

Technology Users Group

The next meeting will be on Thursday, April 20 at 7:30pm at Earleen Hamlin’s house at 2849 Lincoln Ave, Alameda CA 94501 . We will be experimenting with a free software application called Canva, which enables you to learn how to design cards, invitations or flyers using simple templates. Bring your laptops or tablets or smart phones for one on one problem solving from our excellent instructor Amy Rose.

College of Alameda Scholarship

We are having a fundraiser for our College of Alameda Scholarships. Mark your calendars for a special wine and cheese fundraiser on Saturday April 22, 3 pm - 5 pm, to be held at the home of Earleen Hamlin at 2849 Lincoln Avenue.

Our Branch has sponsored two annual scholarships of \$1,000 each for women students who are pursuing their higher education goals towards a Bachelors degree. The 2016/2017 recipients will be invited, along with the new College of Alameda President Tim Karas.

Volunteer Opportunities for AAUW

See something you would like AAUW Alameda Branch to do? Or are you ready for a short term project? We could use your input to address fun ideas, outreach or meet a need in our community with a focus on girls and women. Do get in touch! It begins with new ideas. Thanks. Penny Washbourn , pwashbou@hotmail.com, 510-748-7455

Book Talks

AAUW Alameda Branch will sponsor a series of book talks by three local authors at Cardinal Point, 431 Mariner Square Drive, April 19, and May 17. All events will be held in the first floor "Living Room" at 7 pm.

More information on how to reserve a spot will be available on our Web site and by email blast soon. Contact Kevis Brownson for more information.

Nominating Committee Report – Proposed Slate 2017-2018

We will vote at the April 8 meeting, installation will be in May. Thanks to all for your willingness to serve.

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President Elect	Open
Vice-President Membership	Patti Heimberger Joy Pratt
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BRANCH ACTIVITIES

AFTERNOON BOOKS

Kate Quick
523-3612

EVENING BOOKS

Cindy Silva
523-4677

TUES AFTERNOON BRIDGE

Vicki Cuadra
523-5789

CINEMA CLUB

Kevis Brownson

COUPLES BRIDGE

Lynn Groh
522-2473

ETHNIC DINNER GROUP

Mark Hamilton
749-0738

MUSEUM GROUP

Judy Sparks
523-6736
Marlis White
522-8383

TECHNOLOGY USERS GROUP

Amy Rose
916 337-1259

Ethnic Dining Group

This group meets on the third Saturday, April 15. If you like good food and good company, join us. For more information call Mark Hamilton, 749-0738.

Museum Group

On Thursday, April 20 the museum group will travel to the Palace of the Legion of Honor to see the exhibit MONET: THE EARLY YEARS. This highly acclaimed exhibition features 50 paintings by Monet that demonstrate his early talent. It begins in 1858 when, at age 17, "Claude's" first work to be exhibited, View near Rouelles, was included in a show in Le Havre, where he lived. It ends in 1872, the year he painted his masterpiece Impression: Sunrise, the work that later lent its name to the Impressionist movement. Many of the paintings are on loan from international public and private collections and have rarely been shown since their creation. This is a must-see exhibit.

The carpool meets at the Ross parking lot at South Shore Center. We leave at 9:30 am sharp. Please reserve a seat ASAP if you want to go. Contact Judy Sparks at JudySparks@comcast.net or call 523-6736. Donna's van can hold 7. After that we have to arrange more transportation. We eat lunch at the museum we visit and are usually home between 3:00 pm and 4:00 pm.

Evening Books

The book for Tuesday, April 25, is The Girls, by Emma Cline. For location and more information, call Cindy Silva, 523-4677.

Afternoon Books

We'll meet at 1:30 pm on the third Monday, April 17, to discuss books we are currently reading. Call Kate Quick, 523-3612, for location and more information.

Cinema Club

Our next cinema date is April 2. We are a lively group of movie lovers who visit the Alameda Theatre on the first Sunday of every month, October through June, to see a current movie, usually an afternoon matinee. Spouses are welcome to attend. Afterwards, we walk over to Tucker's for refreshments and conversation.

How it works: please send an email to kevis.brownson at gmail.com to join the group, and then you will get an email to vote on the movie on the Friday before the event. We post the event on Facebook and the Alameda Branch Web site as well.

Technology Users Group

Join us on Thursday, April 20 from 7 pm-9 pm at the home of Earleen Hamlin, 2849 Lincoln Ave, for our drop-in, self-help users group. It will be facilitated by new member Amy Rose whose goal is to help us adapt to new communications technologies, whether on our smart phones, tablets, lap tops, or home computers.

If you are using a new phone, trying to learn a new application, or hoping to upgrade your skill levels, this is the group for you. Bring your laptops, smart phones, tablets. Outlets and wi-fi will be available. The next meeting will be Thursday, May 18. Email Amy at amyjane.rose@gmail.com or call at 916-337-1259

Member Biography

Annette Clark Waite

Annette grew up in the northeast, the granddaughter of an early AAUW member. She was privileged to attend one of the Seven Sisters colleges and to earn a master's degree at Columbia where she met and married an Ivy League graduate. The learned couple settled in Princeton where Annette worked for Educational Testing Service and became active with the League of Women Voters. After seven years of this idyllic life, the couple determined that they were becoming too complacent, picked up their infant daughter and two cats and moved clear across the country. Annette had never been west of the Mississippi and her husband only rarely to visit a grandmother in San Clemente who claimed always to have voted for Richard Nixon with a clothes pin on her nose.

The growing (3 daughters) Waite family chose to settle farther north in Berkeley, a place where clothes pins seemed not to be needed in the voting booths. Fortuitously, ETS had a satellite office there, so Annette was able to continue her professional life, resume League of Women Voters activities and enjoy a new western life style: hiking, camping, and gardening.

After retirement and with the dispersal of her family, Annette moved to the Napa Valley where she focused on environmental issues and eco travel. She then moved to Southern California to be closer to her youngest daughter and grandsons.

But the Bay Area kept calling her back and now she has settled in Alameda where she is cutting back on her myriad activities to lead the contemplative life as a materfamilias with three accomplished daughters, three aspiring grandsons and AAUW to keep her abreast of what's happening in today's world.

Equal Pay Day Highlights the Pay Gap

AAUW is committed to supporting "fairness in compensation, equitable access and advancement in employment, and vigorous enforcement of employment antidiscrimination statutes."

Equal Pay Day will be observed this year on April 4, 2017. The date symbolizes how far into 2017 women must work to earn what men earned in 2016. According to national Census statistics released in 2013, women working full-time, year round, make, on average, 78 cents for every dollar a male earns doing the same job. In California, women do slightly better, 85 cents on the dollar. Another year, another wage gap for women and their families.

The pay gap is even worse for women of color – for African American women the gap is 64% compared to white men, and Hispanic women 54%. And with our inactive Congress and still-troubling economy, women continue to feel the pinch of the wage gap.

AAUW members and our partners can work to help close the gap. Action on Equal Pay Day has the objective of raising the awareness of the issue in our communities, with our members, and especially with young women who are under the false impression that pay inequity has been "taken care of". While SB358 was enacted by the California Legislature in 2015, there is still much work to be done before it becomes a reality for all women.



What can AAUW Alameda plan to do next year about Equal Pay Day?



***AAUW Alameda Branch's fundraiser for the
College of Alameda scholarship***

***April 22: (Saturday) from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
2849 Lincoln Ave., Alameda (Earleen Hamlin's home)
\$25 per person, checks only***

Payable to: "Peralta College Foundation"& write: "AAUW – COA" in the memo line.

RSVP (510) 523-5613 by April 20th

Come and meet College of Alameda Students, Faculty, and Staff

We will have tasty finger foods and beverages for all.

If you cannot make it to the fundraiser and want to donate please make your check payable to: Peralta College Foundation; write: AAUW – COA in the memo line. Mail to: 155 Justin Circle, Alameda, CA 94502

For more information, please contact AAUW Alameda at alameda-ca@aauw.net or see our website at <http://alameda-ca.aauw.net/>



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AAUW is California's most active and diverse organization for women, offering action for equity, personal and professional growth, community leadership, and friendship. AAUW promotes equity for all women and girls, lifelong education, and positive societal change. Membership is open to all graduates who hold associate or equivalent, baccalaureate or higher degrees from an accredited college or university, and college/university students.

Branch Activities	APRIL						2017
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
						1 7:30 pm Bridge	
2 Cinema Club	3 7:00 pm Business Meeting All are welcome	4	5	6	7	8 11:30 am Lunch Meeting at Asena	
9	10	11 12:30 pm Bridge	12	13	14	15 7:00 pm Ethnic Dinner	
16	17 1:30 pm Afternoon Books	18	19	20 9:30 am Museum Group 7:00 pm Tech Users Group	21	22	
23	24	25 7:15 pm Evening Books	26	27	28	29	
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