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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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The speaker for our Legal Advocacy Fund meeting in November will be Cathy Foxhoven. She will be speaking on harassment in the workplace, a subject on which she has first hand experience. Her experience also includes impressive work in theater, including community theater, and nine years on the state AAUW board as both Program Director and currently as Vice President.

The Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF) works to challenge sex discrimination in higher education and the workplace. Resources range from community outreach programs to backing of major cases. Sex discrimination today takes a variety of forms: unfair pay, pregnancy discrimination, sexual harassment, sexual assault, and violations of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 can affect both women and men.

LAF addresses these barriers by informing people of their rights and using the legal system to seek justice and change. Please make your checks to support this effort to "AAUW Funds" and write "LAF" in the memo line. Bring them to the meeting or mail them to: Sally Faulhaber, 1817 Nason Street, Alameda, CA 94501.

Saturday, November 12, 2016

11:30 am Social, 12:00 pm Lunch

Gold Coast Grill, 1901 Park St., Alameda

Menu Choices are:

Sautéed Chicken Breast Piccata, Grilled Flat Iron Steak,
Pasta Primavera, or Pan Seared Atlantic Salmon with Caper Vinaigrette
Lunch includes house salad, coffee, and dessert

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 Monday, November 7.

AAUW's Value Promise: *By joining AAUW, you belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women have a fair chance.*

President's Letter

What a busy September/ October our AAUW branch has had! Perhaps it is the run up to the election, with many of our members and friends at the League of Women Voters of Alameda participating in the five Candidates Forums or in our own event, "It's My Vote; Honoring Women in Public Office", it certainly seems we have started the Fall season with a bang! We were very happy to be able to have our event at Girls, Inc. of the Island City, and look forward to future use of their facility.

At the September 22 evening event we showed the new documentary "Inez Milholland: Forward into Light" about the famous suffragist and the campaign for women's right to vote. It was an inspiring beginning to the remarks from our panel, Amber Childress, Alameda County Board of Education member; Lena Tam, AAUW member and candidate for Alameda City Council; and Jennifer Williams, candidate for Alameda School Board. Their remarks were focused on their role models and motivation to run for public office and what specific challenges women face in the electoral process. There were excellent questions from the 30 people who attended and all enjoyed the elaborate spread of tasty hors d'oeuvres, most generously hosted by Honora Murphy. Thank you, Honora! It was a very informative and successful evening.

On October 26 from 12:15 pm - 1:30 pm, we will present the program "American Muslims - Fact vs Fiction" at the College of Alameda, 555 Ralph Appezato Pkwy, Bldg F. A short documentary will be shown and a panel that includes Muslim faculty and students and a representative from the Council on American Islamic Relations will make some comments and engage in conversation with the audience. Come, invite your friends and bring questions about Islam that you have wanted to have answered.

Register in advance via eventbrite www.american-muslims-fact-vs-fiction.eventbrite.com to get a free parking pass or call Patti Heimburger 510- 523-5613

We will also have a "Shape the Future " membership table at the College of Alameda event. It will offer the 50% discount on national membership dues for signing up on the day.

We welcome your suggestions for new outreach and event possibilities and look forward to getting to know our newer members over the next months and learning of their interests and finding opportunities for their participation in our Branch activities! Thank you all.

Send suggestions to pwashbou@hotmail.com

Penny Washbourn



Alameda AAUW event at Girls, Inc. – It's My Vote Panel participants, left to right, Jennifer Williams, Amber Childress, Lena Tam and our president, Penny Washbourn.



Patti Heimburger with the goodies donated by Honora Murphy

General Business Meeting

Our next Board meeting is Monday, November 7 at 7 pm in Conference room 'C' at the Alameda Hospital. Everyone is welcome!

We need your ideas to increase our outreach and have some fun events! Email me at pwashbou@hotmail.com .

Membership & Outreach

Kaitlin O'Donnell is our newest member and our second student affiliate. I hope you all will welcome her to our branch. That brings us to a current total of 78 members.

We had an evening "Meet Up" for new members, and circulated the "Member Talent, Skills and Interest Survey", which will help us plan for future activities

Many of us love to read and that is why AAUW created the ¡Adelante! book discussions group to spotlight engrossing stories and writing by women from all backgrounds. The program also can connect our members to some of the authors featured through web discussions. Look for it on the association website.

AAUW has a program for recruiting new members, "Shape the Future" which allows a discounted rate for public events, including our luncheon meetings. These individuals need to sign up and pay on the spot for half off the association dues fee or \$24.50.

Patti Heimburger & Joy Pratt Co-Chair Membership

Tech Trek Report

This month the Tech Trek committee confirmed this year's school assignments for our committee members. We are working hard to maintain a personal relationship with each of Alameda's seven middle schools. We have also confirmed that we will be again requesting 6 camperships for the 2017 Sonoma Camp in June.

We hope that our membership will continue to support our fundraising efforts by planning to donate to our December Silent Auction. Here are some interesting Statistics that remind us why our commitment to these young women is so important.

91% of Tech Trek Alums say that the TT camp experience has boosted their self-confidence.

82% of alums said they chose to take advanced science classes in high school because of their TT Camp experience.

77% of girls who went to Tech Trek Camp completed pre-calculus compared to the 37% national average.

87% said that Tech Trek introduced them to new science careers and 73% said that Tech Trek introduced them to potential college majors.

Here are two more of our talented young 2016 campers.



Mia is an 8th Grader at Bay Farm School, where her favorite subjects are Math, Art and Science. She and her family love to travel, go to the beach and hike together. She has an older brother and a dog named "Baby." About TT Camp, she says "I really liked the food, field trips and especially Roller Coaster Physics. I also liked getting a first-hand experience of being in a college dorm." She would like to thank AAUW for giving her this chance "I had so much fun and learned so many wonderful things!"



Gaby is an 8th Grader at NEA School, where she especially likes Life Science Biology. She and her Mom and Dad like to fish, play board games and watch comedy movies together. They have a dog named "Cloud". Gaby says "During Tech Trek Camp, I had the opportunity to listen to Professional women who followed their dreams. They gave me inspiration." She wants to thank AAUW for "This Great Experience!"

Send Us a Picture

Get snap happy and take pictures of our members at our events and send to Dorothy Kerwin at kerwindorothy@gmail.com for the newsletter or Keri Clark kericlark@yahoo.com or pwashbou@hotmail.com to post on our AAUW Facebook group page. Thanks.

Additional Revenue Ideas

We continue to seek new ways to supplement our Branch revenue needs. The Board discussed this issue again at their last meeting. It was suggested that we retrieve a program we had about 10 years ago. Monthly lunch social get-togethers were held in restaurants in the Bay Area. The prices were moderate and a couple of times each year we did the big splurge (like the Palace Hotel in San Francisco at Christmas.) We would probably alternate between lunch and early evening dinners. They were a lot of fun and a donation was made to the Branch by the participants.

Let Joy Pratt know of your interest and what day of the week works best for you. (510) 521-3370
joypratt@aol.com

Member Biography - Lis Arevalo Hidalgo

I was born in Lima, Peru in 1980. I went to Universidad Nacional Mayor de San Marcos, the oldest university in the Western Hemisphere. I hold a BA in Literature, and a teaching license in Education for Development. I am also a certified Spanish as a second language instructor by Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú. I have worked as a college reading and writing professor at Universidad Peruana de Ciencias Aplicadas.

I moved to California in 2014, and I will be getting my AA in English (Writing) after Spring 2017 in Peralta Colleges. I currently work at Laney College, and I am also an assistant in a writing workshop for a grassroots women organization, Mujeres Unidas y Activas (Oakland).

In my free time I like reading, writing, practicing yoga and dancing. I participate in the AAUW book club. I also like learning languages. I can communicate well in English, French, Portuguese and a little in Quechua, which is the language spoken by native Peruvians.

The November Ballot and AAUW

The November 8 ballot in California will contain 17 state propositions, of which the Public Policy Committee reviewed and evaluated those related to AAUW's priorities and mission and took a position on five:

- Proposition 51, support – School Bonds. Funding for K-12 and Community College Facilities
- Proposition 52, support – The Medi-Cal Funding and Accountability Act, hospital fees that help fund Medi-Cal;
- Proposition 53, oppose – voter approval on specified bonds;
- Proposition 55, support – extend taxes for schools voted in Proposition 30;
- Proposition 58, support– The California Multilingual Education Act. allows structured bilingual education programs for English learners. A full report will be in the September edition of Perspective.

Up and Coming

Recently Kevis Brownson and Patti Heimbürger traveled to South Africa and took many photos during our two week vacation. The first half was on a private safari with a lot of wildlife. The second week was spent in Durban and Johannesburg with full day trips in both cities. If you are interested in viewing the photos on my TV please contact me either by email: patti_art@comcast.net or 523-5613.

Thanks to Kevis Brownson, our branch will have new evening events to attend that will connect us with local authors. These author book talks will be with the group, "To Live and Write in Alameda." We plan to have these events every other month with an array of subject matter and hopefully, held at Cardinal Point. Stay tuned for more information.

AAUW-Alameda Website Changes

In the coming months watch for changes on our branch website. Our communications committee is working hard to update photos, refresh information, and make it easier for people to join online.

The Newsletters will be in the public section to give prospective members a fuller sense of our branch activities and events, a new section "About Us" will be added listing our Board, and Committee memberships, and our Directory will be added to the Members Only section. Let us know what you think. We have added new headings to make navigation of our site easier, and of course our Newsletter is now in the public area. Under Members only password protected, (AAUWAlameda , case sensitive) are our membership Directory and newsletter archives.

This is due to the hard work of Keri Clark and Kevis Brownson, co- chairs of our Communications Committee and with support from AAUW national for technical assistance. Thank you all who provided updated information.

INTEREST GROUPS

AFTERNOON BOOKS

Kate Quick
523-3612

EVENING BOOKS

Cindy Silva
523-4677

TUES AFTERNOON BRIDGE

Vicki Cuadra
523-5789

CINEMA CLUB

Kevis Brownson
522-4966

COUPLES BRIDGE

Lynn Groh
522-2473

ETHNIC DINNER GROUP

Mark Hamilton
749-0738

MUSEUM GROUP

Judy Sparks
523-6736
Marlis White
522-8383

Ethnic Dining Group

This group meets on the third Saturday, Nov 19. If you like good food and good company, join us.

For more information call Mark Hamilton, 749-0738.

Museum Group

On Thursday, November 17, the museum group will travel to the Cantor Museum at Stanford to see the exhibition "CALIFORNIA: THE ART OF WATER". Ever since the first flume of the Gold Rush, Californians have been figuring out ways to divert water to their advantage with photographers and painters there to document these diversions. Now some of these acts of interference, plus the way the landscape looked before and after, are portrayed in this exhibit. All 50 works in this show have a viewpoint on water and encompass three centuries, from pristine nature to paved desecration.

I also want to see the REAL Golden Spike, which was originally laid at Promontory Summit in Utah to commemorate the completion of the transcontinental railroad!

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

Evening Books

The book for Tuesday, November 22 is *The Sympathizer* by Viet Thanh Nguyen . For location and more information, call Cindy Silva, 523-4677.

Afternoon Books

We'll meet at 1:00 pm on the third Monday, Nov 21, to discuss books we are currently reading. Call Kate Quick, 523-3612, for location and more information.

Cinema Club

The Cinema Club meeting will be Sunday, November 6.

How it works: 1. Request to be on our Cinema Club email list ---email to kevis.brownson@gmail.com. 2. Friday before the film you will get an email with a choice of films and times and request for response. 3. Saturday afternoon you will get an email confirming the choice of film and time.

We will meet 20 minutes prior to the movie start time in the lobby of the theater.

Costs: \$8.00 for the movie, and \$5-15 for refreshments afterwards.

For more information, email or call Kevis at 522-4966.

Great Decisions Interest Group

The 2017 Great Decisions group will meet beginning in February. If you are interested in world affairs, global issues, and the state of the planet, join us for education and discussions about almost everything. Visit fpa.org for more information and a preview of next year's topics. To join, call Dorothy Kerwin, 510 769-9159. I'll be ordering our study books soon.



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of the Island City

You are invited to participate in one of
Girls Inc. of the Island City's (GIIC) most
inspiring and fun events that we host
for our kids:

**The 41st Annual Children's
Holiday Sale!**

Every December since 1975, over 120 children in our GIIC Girls and Alameda Island Kids (AIK) programs have experienced first-hand the true meaning of giving. Children learn how to make gift lists; create and keep within a budget; and then shop on their own for family and friends from a vast array of items donated by our generous community. Then, they wrap these gifts and attach personal notes. Items are offered at child-friendly prices, empowering children to give in a way that is meaningful to them. You can help! We need donations and volunteers in order to make this year's holiday sale successful and memorable!

DONATE ITEMS

We need gently-used or new donations such as **sports equipment, books, toys, games, small household items, jewelry, ornaments, stuffed animals, art kits, school supplies, and gift bags.** (Please no clothing, wrapping paper, ribbons, or bows).

Donations are accepted throughout the year until November 30th, and can be dropped off at our offices in Alameda (1724 Santa Clara Avenue) between the hours of 10am and 2pm, Monday through Friday.

VOLUNTEER!

We need volunteers to set up and work the holiday sale. Not only is it for a great cause, but working the event is a lot of fun! Several shifts are available the evening of Wednesday, Nov. 30th and the day of the event on December 1st. Additionally, your business can volunteer as a group.

For more information or to volunteer, please call 510-521-1743 ext. 225 or email us at vrussell@girlsincislandcity.org.





Be a part of the AAUW – Alameda
Holiday Silent Auction

Saturday, December 3, 2016 at 11 am
Cardinal Point, Alameda

It's time to plan your contribution to our
annual gift-giving themed silent auction.

- **Donate** jewelry, holiday home decorations, wine, gift baskets
- **Create** artwork, baked goods, jams, candies, floral arrangements
- **Volunteer** to help with set-up, check-out or clean-up
- **Shop** for holiday gifts at the auction

Deliver non-perishable items for the auction by Wednesday, November 16 to Barbara's home or bring with you to the November luncheon. Instructions for food items that need refrigeration & information regarding pickup will be in the December newsletter or give Barbara a call.

Contact: Barbara Krummel, 3258 Liberty Ave., Alameda, 94501
510-769-1009, barbarakrummel@comcast.net for pickup or info.



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 Alameda, CA 94501
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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	NOVEMBER						2016
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
		1	2	3	4	5 7:30 pm Evening Bridge	
6 Cinema Club	7 7:00 pm Business Meeting Alameda Hospital	8 12:30 pm Bridge	9	10	11	12 11:30 am Lunch Gold Coast	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19 7:00 pm Ethnic Dinner	
20	21 1:00 pm Afternoon Books	22 7:15 pm Evening Books	23	24	25	26	
27	28	29	30				