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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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While the healthcare debate rages in Washington, women and their children's access to affordable healthcare hangs in the balance. At the November 11, 2017 Legal Advocacy Meeting, Judy Boyette, an attorney and expert in employee benefits, will explain what impact Federal changes to health care could have.

Judy is a partner at Hanson, Bridgett, and regularly advises clients with regard to health care, including its business and tax implications. Before joining Hanson, Bridgett, Judy was the VP of Human Resources for the University of California system, the third largest health plan in California.

Judy has published numerous articles regarding health care reform and its complex compliance rules. She will distill the implications of the current law for us in November.

Saturday, November 11, 2017
11:30 am Social, 12:00 noon Lunch
Pier 29 Waterfront Restaurant
1148 Ballena Blvd, Alameda

Menu choices are:

Salmon with lemon butter caper sauce

Eggplant Parmigiana

Combo Louie (shrimp and crab)

The entrees are served with salad.

Combo Louie comes with a cup of clam chowder.

Lunch includes choice of coffee, hot tea or iced tea.

Dessert is New York cheesecake with strawberry sauce.

Please select entrée and note in memo section of your check;
make check payable to AAUW- Alameda Branch for \$33 and mail to:
Beth Sibley, 721 Harbor Rd., Alameda, CA, 94502, easibley@hotmail.com
for receipt by Tuesday, November 7.

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

Our September program Immigration Nation? Challenges for all Americans was another example of a successful collaboration among Friends of the Library, League of Women Voters of Alameda and AAUW Alameda. The presentations from an immigration historian, Dr. Laura Fantone; a constitutional lawyer, Pratheepan Gulasekaram; Rev. Deborah Lee; and Amos White, Alameda People Power, were most informative and thought provoking. Even though Supervisor Wilma Chan was sick, her Legislative Aide Vanessa Cedeno did an excellent job in explaining local policies and the sanctuary movement. I am left with the quote from President Kennedy cited by Amos White "Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country?" Perhaps we should all think about this ?

If you missed this event, there will be a similar presentation at the College of Alameda on Wednesday, November 8 from 12 noon -1:30 pm. Register on immigrationnationcoa.eventbrite.com or call me at 510-748-7455. Campus parking passes will be available. The panel will include Supervisor Chan; Veronica Garcia, SF Human Rights Commission; Sara McPherson, Immigration Lawyer; Dr. Fantone; and Amos White. Since local and federal policies towards legal and illegal migration, DACA recipients and refugees continues to evolve, there will be many topics to discuss.

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, January 16, 2018. As a way to kick off the New Year we will be hosting a wine and cheese at the Alameda Chamber of Commerce at 2215 South Shore Center from 4:30 pm-6 pm. Our presenter will be Lis McKinley, M.A., a Professional Organizer who will help us with our resolutions to de-clutter, reorganize or downsize for ourselves or loved ones. Your price of admission? Bring a beverage, hors d'oeuvre, an item for our Spring Silent Auction, some gently used books for our February Educational Fund luncheon, or non-perishables for the Alameda County Food Bank. Details to follow.

The Fires in Napa And Sonoma Counties have shocked us all and reminded us of the fragility of human life. Our condolences go to members whose families and friends have been affected by this event. Many AAUW members in those areas will also have been severely impacted. On your behalf I will reach out to the Branch Presidents to see what we might do as a Branch to support their recovery over the next months.

As always, thank you for your dedication to the goals of AAUW and please send suggestions to Penny Washbourn; pwashbou@hotmail.com or 510-748-7455

Membership & Outreach

We now have (8) new branch members as of July. Please welcome another new member:

Eileen Bitten, 115 Purcell Drive, Alameda, CA 94502, (510) 865-4039; (510) 541-7735; ebitten1@gmail.com

We had a new member's meetup and met some of our recent members. They now know more about AAUW and our branch goals. Please encourage your friends and neighbors to join or at least get acquainted with our branch.

We had a good turnout at the "Immigration Nation? Challenges for All Americans" panel on September 27 at the Alameda Library. All of us who have been working on this are proud to be part of this very timely subject. There will be a follow-up "Immigration Nation?" panel at the College of Alameda on Wednesday, November 8th (12:00 – 1:30). All of you who could not make the first panel can come to this one.

Some College of Alameda students have signed up to be AAUW student affiliates, and a student club is being formed through AAUW. This will strengthen our relationship with the college and open up more opportunities for both the students and our members. Also at the college, in the Student Center or Building F we are planning, "STEM 2" on Wednesday, March 7, 2018 (4:00 – 6:00). Also, at the college, we are planning, "Financial Literacy for Women and Men"; this would be for adults and students on Wednesday, April 18, 2018 (12:00 – 1:30). Patti Heimburger

General Business Meeting

Our next board meeting is Monday, November 6, at 7:00 pm in Conference Room 'C' at the Alameda Hospital. All are welcome.

Donation in honor of Joy Pratt

Most of you know that we lost one of our hardest working members in August. Joy died suddenly and unexpectedly. One of her favorite AAUW projects was Tech Trek. For those of you wanting to honor her, a donation to Tech Trek would be most welcome. Please contact Barbara Krummel for more information. And thank you.

Tech Trek Report

The Tech Trek Committee Needs You!!

AAUW Tech Trek is designed to help girls sustain and continue their interests in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) during and after their middle school years (check out the article in the Alameda Journal <http://www.eastbaytimes.com/2017/09/12/alameda-middle-school-girls-attend-aauw-camp-emphasizing-stem/>).

Our Alameda Branch committee is comprised of six members and we could use two to three more members to help us maintain this fabulous program for Alameda girls. In the fall we reach out to seven middle schools in Alameda to let them know about our program and encourage them to nominate 7th grade girls. The majority of our work comes in February when we evaluate applications, read essays and interview finalists.

New members can join us and participate in all aspects of the committee including our monthly meetings or join us on a more project-based model. Please contact Barbara Krummel at barbarakrummel@comcast.net or [510-769-1009](tel:510-769-1009) if you are interested or have questions.

Several members have mentioned to me that they did not realize our September luncheon was a fundraising opportunity for Tech Trek. Never fear—it's not too late to make a donation if you missed the chance! You can send your check made out to AAUW (with Tech Trek in the memo section) to Barbara Krummel, [3258 Liberty Ave., Alameda, CA 94501](https://www.google.com/maps/place/3258+Liberty+Ave,+Alameda,+CA+94501) or go to the Tech Trek section of our website and click on the "donate" button. We will not be making any additional fundraising requests from our membership this year.

An Event of Interest

What's Happening to Our Voting Rights?

This panel discussion will cover the Supreme Court's dismantling of the 1965 Voting Rights Act, the Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity, relevant LWV positions and legal actions, and local voting initiatives.

Speakers: Kim Geron, Professor of Political Science at CSU East Bay; Helen Hutchison, President of the LWV of California; and the ACLU.

Q&A to follow. Sponsored by LWV Oakland and LWV Alameda.

Join us on Thursday, 9 November, from 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm on the second floor of the Elks Lodge



Patti Heimburger and Luzanne Engh review book on Statue of Liberty at Immigration Nation? Forum at Alameda Library.

Member Biography

Dr. Rosemary Maxwell Lynch of Alameda, CA, has been an organizational consultant for 30 years, maintaining a practice in both San Francisco, where she is based, and in New York City. Prior to that, she was an educator in her home state of New Jersey and a corporate trainer, specializing in management and leadership development.

While Rosemary enjoyed both domestic and international travel throughout her career, she is happy to now be working locally (and less frequently) enabling her to spend time doing things she loves. Currently, much time is spent with her 2 adult daughters. Her oldest daughter and her husband live in Alameda with Rosemary's grandson Henry, 11, and granddaughter, Amelia, 9. Rosemary's younger daughter is an Oakland resident.

Through the years Rosemary was dedicated to continuing her education, attending classes at night and on weekends while working and raising her family. She holds a B.A. in General Psychology, an M.S. in Counseling Psychology with an emphasis in Organizational Development, and a PsyD (Doctor of Psychology) in Organizational Psychology.

Rosemary enjoys walking, weekly French classes at Mastick Senior Center, stretch and posture classes at Harbor Bay Fitness Center, and being a new member of AAUW.

Alameda County Interbranch Council

Are you interested in seeing what nearby branches are doing - and perhaps attending one of their events? The Alameda County Interbranch Council now has a website at: <http://ac-ibc-ca.aauw.net/> which shares information from the Alameda, Berkeley, Fremont, Hayward-Castro Valley, Livermore-Pleasanton-Dublin, and Oakland-Piedmont branches.

AAUW Fundraising

Our AAUW Alameda Fundraising Committee has started its work! After reviewing our existing Branch projects, our priorities for fundraising this spring will be for College of Alameda Scholarships. We already have a number of donated items for a Silent Auction, so put some items aside. New volunteers will be needed to work with this committee. This is a great way to get involved in a one time event! Date and time TBA.

Two of our AAUW national organization's fundraising priorities supported by our branches are described below. November is our LAF fundraiser, February the ED fundraiser.

AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF):

This fund works to challenge sex discrimination in higher education and the workplace. Our 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. AAUW provides legal case support, finds legal help, promotes knowing your rights at work and on campus, and provides case support travel grants and outreach grants.

If you are unable to attend the luncheon on November 11, forward your donation to AAUW to Pat McClaran LAF VP, 20 Danbrook, Alameda 94502-6443.

AAUW Fellowships, Grants and Endowments:

AAUW recently announced that due to the generosity of AAUW members and supporters, more than \$3.7 million in funding for fellowships and grants was awarded to 250 women scholars and non-profit organizations for the 2017-2018 academic year. There are 26 recipients who will be studying in California during the year. Because this money represents the interest earned from completed named endowments, we encourage you to donate to the California unfinished endowments so the person/s under whose name the endowment was established can be recognized and their endowment can fund a fellowship or grant recipient. A list of the current unfinished endowments can be accessed by clicking on "AAUW Fund" "How to Donate" at www.aauw-ca.org Our Branch Fundraiser for the Educational Fund will be the February 10 luncheon meeting, but members can donate any time and if unable to attend the luncheon send checks for AAUW to Karen Scanlon, ED funds VP, 1259 Hawthorne St. Alameda CA 94501.

BRANCH ACTIVITIES

AFTERNOON BOOKS

Kate Quick
523-3612

EVENING BOOKS

Cindy Silva
523-4677

CINEMA CLUB

Kevis Brownson

BRIDGE

Joyce Denyven
523-6341

ETHNIC DINNER GROUP

Mark Hamilton
749-0738

MUSEUM GROUP

Judy Sparks
523-6736
Marlis White
522-8383

TECHNOLOGY USERS GROUP

Penny Washbourn
748-7455

Ethnic Dining Group

This Group meets once a month, usually on the third Saturday evening. If you like good food and good company, join us.
For more information, call Mark Hamilton at 510 749-0738.

Museum Group

On Thursday, November 16, we will go to the De Young Museum to see *Teotihuacan: City of Water, City of Fire*. We will explore how artworks from the ancient city shape our understanding of Teotihuacan as an urban environment. One of the earliest, largest, and most important cities in the ancient Americas, The exhibition, organized in collaboration with Mexico's Instituto Nacional de Antropología e Historia, will feature recent, never-before-seen archaeological discoveries and other major loans from Mexican and US cultural institutions.

Carpool meets at the Ross parking lot at South Shore Center. We leave at 9:30 a.m. sharp. Please reserve a seat ASAP if you want to go. Contact Judy Sparks at JudySparks@comcast.net or call 523-6736. We eat lunch at the museum and are usually home between 3:00 and 4:00.

Evening Books

The next meeting is Tuesday, November 28. For location and more information, call Karen Scanlon, 523-6456.

Afternoon Books

We'll meet at 1:30 pm on the third Monday, November 20, to discuss books we are currently reading. Call Kate Quick, 523-3612, for location and more information.

Cinema Club

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.

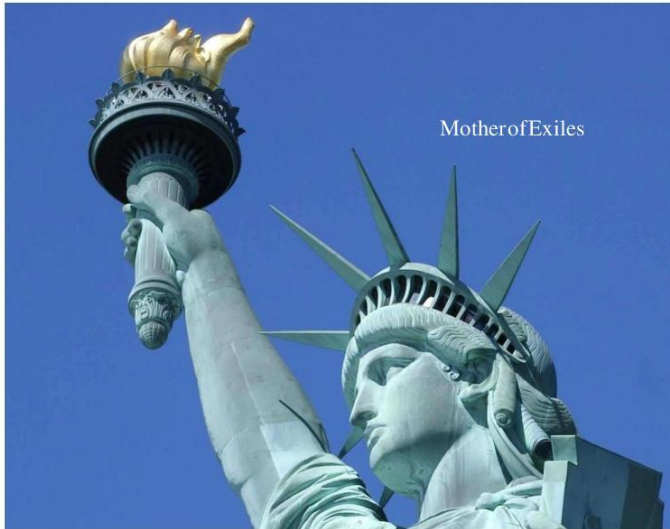
How it works: please send an email to kevis.brownson@gmail.com to join the group, and then you will get an email to vote on the movie on the Friday before the event. We post the event on Facebook and the Alameda Branch Web site as well.

Bridge Group

If you are interested in bridge, particularly in being a substitute, contact Joyce Denyven at 523-6341. The current bridge group meets at different times depending on the needs of the group.

Tech Users Group resumes its meetings!

On Thursday, November 16 at 7 pm at Earleen Hamlin's house, 2849 Lincoln Ave 94501. Bring smart phones, tablets, laptops. Wi-Fi will be provided. We have a new facilitator who will help us solve our tech problems.



NOV. 8, 2017 IMMIGRATION NATION?

Challenges for All Americans

This panel will explore the history of federal immigration policy and how it informs our current situation. The recent sanctuary movement that has galvanized citizen groups also will be examined. We will find out how policy was developed for immigrant and refugee rights at the federal, state and local levels. We will learn more about migration, immigration law and constitutional protections. Join Us!



FREE EVENT!

COLLEGE OF
ALAMEDA
BUILDING F
12P - 1:30P

SPACE IS LIMITED
RSVP HERE:

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OA.EVENTBRITE.COM

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Nov. 8, 2017
12p - 1:30p



Signs At The May Day Immigration Rights Rally. Photo by [takomabibelot on Flickr](#)

WASHINGTON — American Association of University Women Chief Executive Officer Kimberly Churches released the following statement on the Trump Administration’s decision to rescind the [Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals \(DACA\)](#) program.

“AAUW is proud to [be part of a community that fights for the civil rights](#) of all Americans, including immigrants. We stand, and will continue to stand, with the nearly 800,000 Dreamers and DACA recipients. This action by the Trump administration is a firm rejection of one of America’s founding principles: that with hard work and education anyone can achieve their own version of the American dream.

At AAUW we understand the impact that education exerts on the lives of students and on the nation’s overall prosperity and strength. We remain committed to increasing opportunities in education for all women and girls. One quarter of DACA recipients are enrolled in postsecondary education and another third of the recipients are high school students weighing options to further their education upon graduation.

With the rescinding of DACA that American dream will be shattered, effectively slamming the door to opportunity for these students. Congress now has the opportunity to emerge as a moral leader on this issue by passing the bipartisan, bicameral Dream Act, which would offer much-needed relief and protection for DACA recipients. AAUW will continue to stand by immigrant students and strongly defend their right to an education. The future of our nation depends on it.”



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- **WHAT IS AAUW?** American Association of University Women
Empowering Women since 1881
- **WHO CAN JOIN?** Any one with at least an Associate degree.
Students free membership as affiliates ; 1 yr free on graduation.
- **HOW IS AAUW ORGANIZED?**
National headquarters in Washington DC
170,000 members and supporters
Every State ; AAUW CA 125 branches, 12,000 members
100 campus clubs nationally, 800+students
AAUW Alameda 85+ members
- **WHAT ARE AAUW PRIORITIES?**
Equity for women and girls.
Freedom from sexual discrimination
Education
Health
Fair pay
Careers in STEM
- **HOW DO WE DO IT?**
Lobby for legislation.
Being Non-partisan
Research barriers for women and girls
Collaborate with other organizations
- **WHAT DO WE RAISE \$\$\$ FOR?**
\$3.7 mil. annual graduate education scholarships and grants .
Local scholarships for undergraduate education.
Middle school scholarships for Tech Trek summer camps.
Legal advocacy for pay and sexual harassment lawsuits.
Student leadership development.
- **WHY JOIN?**
Engage in mission to support women
Develop networks and friendships
Pursue life- long learning
Give back to community
Have fun too!



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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						2017
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
			1	2	3	4	
5 Cinema Club	6 7 pm Board Meeting Alameda Hospital	7	8 Noon Immigration Nation at College of Alameda	9 7 pm LWV Voting Rights Panel Elks Lodge	10	11 11:30 am Lunch Pier 29	
12	13	14	15	16 9:30 am Museum Group	17	18	
19	20 1:30 pm Afternoon Books	21	22	23 Happy Thanksgiving	24	25	
26	27	28 7:15 pm Evening Books	29	30			