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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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Our speaker for October is Doug Biggs, executive director of Alameda Point Collaborative. The Collaborative works to end homelessness by providing housing and services to create communities where formerly homeless families and individuals can flourish. Alameda Point Collaborative is a supportive housing community that uses all its resources to help families and individuals break the cycle of homelessness and poverty. It is the largest supportive housing provider for homeless families in Alameda County, and its wide range of services gives residents the tools they need for long-term success.

We all know that housing is a critical issue in Alameda, join us and be informed about options available in our community.

Saturday, October 8, 2016 Luncheon
11:30 am Social, 12:00 pm Lunch
Pier 29 Waterfront Restaurant,
1148 Ballena Blvd., Alameda

Menu choices are:

Chicken Marsala, Eggplant Parmigiana,
Salmon with lemon butter caper sauce, or Shrimp Louis

The entrees are served with salad.

Shrimp Louis comes with a cup of clam chowder.

Lunch includes choice of coffee or iced tea,
dessert is New York Cheese cake with strawberry sauce.

Make the check out to AAUW-Alameda Branch for \$33 and mail to:
Mary Ann Rose, 933 Shoreline Dr, #306, Alameda, CA 94501,
marose94501@gmail.com for receipt by Monday, October 3 .

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

How good it was to see so many members, guests and our Tech Trek girls and their parents, along with the Tech Trek committee, at our wonderful luncheon at the Library. Their presentations gave a great picture of their experiences at the weeklong Sonoma State Tech Trek camp in June. As a branch we are so proud that we are able to provide these six girls with an experience that can stay with them for the rest of their lives and open them to new horizons for their futures. Thank you all for your support of Tech Trek.

A special thank you to the hard working Tech Trek committee who reached out to the middle schools, organized the application process, screened the applicants, interviewed girls and their parents and then had the hard task of selecting the finalists. Since the camp, the girls have been assisted in preparing their presentations by Linda Preminger. Congratulations to all! The Branch is committed to selecting another six girls to attend next summer.

At our September luncheon several Interest Group chairs introduced their activities for the year. If there is an area you are particularly interested in and don't see it, do contact us to see if there are others who might be interested in joining you. For example, should we have a computer group?

Celebrating AAUW Anniversaries! At our luncheon we made presentations of the new AAUW anniversary pins and have delivered others to members who were not present. Mark Hamilton, Ann Rapp, Marlis White received 10th anniversary pins, Joan Searls receives her 20th anniversary pin, and Cathryne Allan and Gwen Pirack received 30th anniversary pins. Be sure to give them a special thank you for their dedication to AAUW's shared mission on behalf of women and girls, and especially to our Alameda Branch.

New Members join us! Special recognition needs to go to our Membership Committee, Patti Heimburger, Joy Pratt and Beth Sibley who have worked hard to enroll 8 new members since July 1, 2016 and in addition, two new members joined at our September luncheon. Now it is up to us to reach out and make them feel welcome and get to know them. So, if you see someone whose face you don't recognize, go out of your way to sit next to her or him and discover her or his interests and invite her or him to upcoming events.

We are so happy to have Lis Arevalo Hidalgo, Char Perlas, Karen Kenney, Annette Waite, Karen Butter join us, along with Kaitlyn O'Donnell and Amy Rose who joined last spring. Welcome!

A special membership event took place at our September luncheon and will be offered again at our October 26, 2016 College of Alameda event (see below) and at our future monthly luncheons. A 50% off sale on national dues! Invite a friend who may be sitting on the fence about joining AAUW. Come to the event and sign up to join. All they need is to write a check for \$65.50 to AAUW. This is the Shape the Future membership campaign. It is a recruitment tool for current members to offer a discounted rate to prospective members. With this campaign, new members and students can take 50 percent off the national dues when they join on the spot during an AAUW public event. Branches also earn one free national membership to give away for every two newly recruited members, with a maximum of five free memberships annually. So, invite your friends to come!

Membership & Outreach

We have completed our membership renewal and with the addition of several new members in July, August, and September, our current membership is 76. AAUW National has a program for recruiting new members, "Shape the Future" and would allow their fee at a discounted rate for public event, including our luncheon meetings. These individuals need to sign up on the spot for half off national's dues fee or \$24.50. Through "Shape the Future" we picked up (2) more members at our September luncheon meeting where there were 50+ present. One of these new members is Linda Pon; her daughter Danielle is one of our current Tech Trek girls. The other new member is Tracy Andreini.

We will have a membership table at the College of Alameda for the panel discussion, "American Muslims - Fact vs. Fiction: A Dialogue" event on October 26th from 12:15 pm – 2:00 pm. Bring your friends and maybe they can take advantage of the discount through "Shape the Future".

There was a fellowship luncheon on August 10th where good food was enjoyed at Earleen Hamlin's house, and we welcomed Annette Waite, Karen Kenney, and Lis Arevalo Hidalgo, some of our new members. Sue Fialer also came, having joined our branch last year. The luncheon was such a lovely way to get acquainted with some of our new members over a homemade lunch.

This first luncheon was well received and we want to continue with a few minor changes. Our next Fellowship Luncheon will be on October 11th at Penny's home, and will raise money for our operating budget. Each person is asked to bring something to share; we also would like a donation, which will go into our general account. This money will help

offset expenses for advertising special events or programs. Please contact Joy at 521-3370 or joypratt@aol.com, if you are interested in attending the next luncheon.

An evening "Meet Up" for new members is planned, since some of our member are working. We will circulate to them, "Member Talent, Skills and Interest Survey", which will strengthen our branch.

Patti Heimburger & Joy Pratt, Co-Chairs for Membership

Tech Trek Committee



We were delighted to welcome this year's Tech Trek scholarship winners and their families to our September Luncheon. The girls had the opportunity to share their experiences at Sonoma State and to provide us with a glimpse into their week long adventures with Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math.

Many thanks to the TechTrek committee for their hard work, TT Co-Chairs Judy Ireland and Inge Grethe, members Patti Heimberger, Kevis Brownson, Barbara Krummel, Rose Ann White, and Amy Rose. And a special thanks to Linda Preminger for her work with the girls.

It was gratifying to see such a great turnout and a heartfelt **thank you** to those of you who made a donation to our program!

As we anticipate the Silent auction in December, which is our primary Tech Trek funding source, we would like to provide an opportunity for our membership to get to know our Tech Trek campers a little better. We will be sharing a brief Bio of two of the girls each month. Please note, that we will be using first names only and any other identifying information with written parent permission. Adele Aced Tech Trek Co-Chair



Danielle is an 8th grader at Wood Middle School where her favorite subjects are English and Science. She and her family like to hike and she enjoys gymnastics. One of the best parts of camp for her was the opportunity to live on campus. She says "It felt as if I was going to college and meeting so many interesting people who also like Science and Math". She wants to thank AAUW for "the wonderful opportunity! It will make a lasting impression on my life".



Greta is an 8th grader at ACLC where her favorite subjects are History, Science and Math. She and her family like to swim and surf. Greta and her little sister have a dog and "soon we will have a cat too!" Greta is also a dancer, she loves both ballet and modern. Her favorite Tech Trek class was Forensic Anthropology. She says "I really loved it and I'm thinking about it as a career, I also really liked the food!" She wants to thank AAUW "for choosing me, over so many hopeful participants."

General Business Meeting

Our next Board meeting is Monday, October 3 at 7 pm in Conference room 'C' at Alameda Hospital. Everyone is welcome!

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

Branch Fundraising Needs

As I described in our last newsletter, last year our Branch made an extraordinary effort to support both AAUW funds and our local branch priorities: Tech Trek and College of Alameda Scholarships. We did raise \$255 from "Macy's Shop for a Cause" for College of Alameda scholarships in the last week of August. Thanks to Mary Ann Rose.

What we don't have, however, is enough funds from our branch dues to support our operating expenses. If it were not for some generous donations from individual members, we would continue to shrink our bank account. Putting one advertisement in the local newspaper is \$150. We are looking for fun fundraising events that members will enjoy to supplement what we receive from dues (only \$21 per person). We welcome your suggestions!

On that topic, this is the time to review your estate plans or wills and make sure that, if you list AAUW as a beneficiary, the new address is in your documents: 1310 L Street NW, Suite 1000, Washington DC 20005

AAUW recommends giving to unrestricted AAUW Fund to support all AAUW programs (except for fellowships and grants) Contact the AAUW development department at development@aauw.org or call 202.728.3307. You can also name our AAUW Alameda Branch as a beneficiary with our address PO Box 2932 Alameda CA 94501 (not tax deductible)

Fellowship Luncheon

Our general branch bank account can use some help with advertising expenses for special events. With this in mind we are starting Fellowship Luncheons at members' homes. Penny Washbourn has volunteered to host the next luncheon.

When: Tuesday, October 11th

Time: noon

Where: 501 Lagunaria Lane, Alameda , 94502

Penny will provide leek soup for ten people and you are asked to bring a salad, dessert, or beverages. We are asking for a donation, check payable to AAUW-Alameda Branch or cash.

Please email Joy Pratt joypratt@aol.com or call her 521-3370 if you are interested and let her know what you would like to bring.

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. The Members Only section is password protected and contains our membership Directory and newsletter archives. To obtain the password, email Penney at pwashbou@hotmail.com

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

Macy's Shop for a Cause

Thanks to everyone who participated in Macy's Shop for a Cause. Our branch made \$255 from the event that will go toward College of Alameda scholarships.

This year the event covered three days, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Please make a note on your 2017 calendar that the third week in August is when it takes place as you will want to keep one of those days free for shopping.

Newsletter Changes

If you would like a hard copy of the newsletter or Directory, please call Dorothy Kerwin at 510 769 -9159.

Thank you for helping us manage our branch expenses by printing out your own newsletter and Directory. Here are some tips for printing PDFs: hover the mouse over the bottom right corner of the document and the printer symbol will appear. Click on it and print!

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.

The November Ballot and AAUW

The November 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 was in the September edition of AAUW Perspective.

Community Event

Enjoy a good party for a good cause? Girls Inc. of the Island City is hosting a benefit on Friday September 30, from 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm at Ascension Greek Orthodox Cathedral Platia, 4700 Lincoln Ave, Oakland, CA.

Marvel at the spectacular view, dance to the music of The Sun Kings and relish the delectable offerings from over 25 Bay Area chefs, vintners, brewers and mixologists, including from Alameda's favorite purveyors.

Throw in henna tattoos, painting a collaborative mural and playing Giant Jenga; this is the party of the year! \$125 per person. 70% goes to Girls Inc. Reserve tickets at events@girlsincislandcity.org or call 510-521-1743

Save The Date And Mark Your Calendars

We're pleased to announce a meeting co-sponsored by AAUW Alameda, AAUW-Oakland/Piedmont, and College of Alameda.

- JOIN THE CONVERSATION -

American Muslims-Fact vs Fiction: A Dialogue

Wednesday October 26, 2016 12:15 pm-1:30 pm

College of Alameda, 555 Ralph Appezato Memorial Parkway, Building F

There will be a screening of the 2015 film "American Muslims: Fact vs Fiction." (Editor's Note, this 11 minute film is also available on YouTube).

This will be followed by a panel discussion moderated by Sameena Usman, from the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR). The panel will include members of the Muslim community, experts on Islam, and representatives from the College of Alameda Muslim Students Association.

Q&A: We invite you to bring your questions to broaden your understanding of Islam, Muslim American Communities, the role of women in Islam, and how Sharia law pertains to American law.

For more information, contact Patti Heimburger, AAUW-Alameda patti_art@comcast.net

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, Oct 15. If you like good food and good company, join us.

For more information call Mark Hamilton, 749-0738.

Museum Group

On Thursday October 20, we will be traveling to the Museum of Modern Art (MOMA) newly expanded building. We'll see German Art after 1960 on the 6th floor; the Living Wall and Alexander Calder's Motion Lab on the third floor; "Femme au Chapeau" 1905 by Henri Matisse on the 2nd floor and much more.

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 Vaughn's van can hold 7. After that, we have to arrange more transportation. We eat lunch near the museum and are usually home between 3:00 and 4:00.

Evening Books

The book for October 25 is *A Hologram for the King* by Dave Eggers. For location and more information, call Cindy Silva, 523-4677.

Afternoon Books

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

Cinema Club

The first Cinema Club meeting will be Sunday, October 2.

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.



**girls
inc.**

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.





*Announcing the AAUW -Alameda
Holiday Silent Auction
In support of our Tech Trek girls !!*

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

**It's not too early 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

For more information, call or email Barbara Krummel

510-769-1009, barbarakrummel@comcast.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	OCTOBER					2016
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 7:30 pm Evening Bridge
2 Cinema Club	3 7:00 pm Business Meeting	4	5	6	7	8 11:30 am Lunch Pier 29
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	21	22
23	24	25 7:15 pm Evening Books	26	27	28	29
30	31					