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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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Come hear our City Manager, Jill Keimach, speak on the "State of the City." Appointed Alameda City Manager in March 2016, Ms Keimach previously served as Town Manager of Moraga where she helped remodel and create new Town Offices, Council Chambers and Emergency Operations Center. She has also served as Community Development Director for City of Fremont and worked for a variety of government agencies such as ABAG and BART and Bay Area cities. She received her BA in Architecture and her Masters in City and Regional Planning with a minor in Transportation Planning from UC Berkeley.

Saturday, October 14, 2017
11:30 am Social, 12:00 noon Lunch
Asena Restaurant
2508 Santa Clara Ave, Alameda

Salad - Organic mixed green salad, spicy pecans, Kalamata olive, Gorgonzola cheese, honey balsamic vinaigrette
Choice of Entrée - Served with seasonal vegetables and potatoes
Filo pastry, fresh spinach, caramelized onion, feta, fire roasted bell pepper coulis
Pan seared Petaluma chicken breast, artichoke, sherry-mushroom cream
Parmesan cheese crusted fresh Tilapia fillet with tropical fruit salsa
Asena's bread with olive oil/balsamic vinegar
Includes Vanilla bean gelato/raspberry zinfandel sorbet for dessert and coffee/tea

Please select entrée and note in memo section of your check
Make check payable to AAUW – Alameda Branch for \$39 and mail to:
Beth Sibley, 721 Harbor Rd., Alameda, CA 94502, easibley@hotmail.com
for receipt by Tuesday, October 10

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 2017/18 kick off luncheon and Tech Trek Fundraiser was well attended and enjoyed by members, guests and families of our returning Tech Trek students. Their presentations were great and their passion for science most inspiring. It was very clear that they had had a most enjoyable experience and our Alameda Branch can be very proud of supporting this program over the years. A special THANK YOU to Girls Inc of the Island City for hosting us in their Rec Hall and for our new tech Trek Chair Barbara Krummel and a staff member at Girls Inc for making this new venue so hospitable. And a Special Thank you to the Tech Trek Committee, Linda Preminger, Judy Ireland, Adele Aced, Rose Anne White, Kevis Brownson and Patti Heimbürger for the work you do all year to bring this year's program to such a successful climax!

Our new activities are under way, including a new initiative with the College of Alameda. Thanks to the "Tabling" efforts at Club Rush of Patti Heimbürger, Beth Sibley and I, we have signed up a core group of students to be the AAUW College of Alameda Student Club and will be working with them and their Faculty moderator, Jennifer Fowler, Chair of the Communications Department to get them underway and educate them on AAUW priorities. We will be looking for ways to support this group and would like to identify AAUW Alameda members who would be interested in finding ways to do so. There may be opportunities for joint projects on EQUAL PAY day for example. We are also looking to establish a mentor program, sort of a "Big Sister" program, where students might sign up with an individual AAUW member to meet once in a while for coffee. Many of the students at COA are first generation students and could use the moral support of a college educated woman.

Email me if you would like to be involved and get in on the ground floor as we start this new venture to build the membership of the future. pwashbou@hotmail.com

Time to VOTE! Those on email will already have received a Survey Monkey survey from AAUW CA. Others without email addresses will get a card in the mail and can phone in. It is critical that you respond by October 1. We need to change the status of AAUW CA from a Mutual benefit organization to a Public Benefit one. EVERY member must vote! If we don't change it, AAUW CA will lose its TAX status with the IRS as a 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization which would affect everything we do!! AAUW National has required that we keep in line with their status as a Public Benefit organization. THANKS!

A one page "What is AAUW?" has been developed for our use and will be posted on our website. It is attached as a PDF.



Membership & Outreach

I am so pleased that we are receiving new members to our branch and encourage all of you to invite and recruit your friends and neighbors to get acquainted with our branch.

I hope you will come to the “Immigration Nation? Challenges for All Americans” panel Wednesday, September 27 from 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm will be held at the Main Public Library. This will be co-sponsored by the Friends of the Alameda Free Library and the League of Women Voters of Alameda. All of us who have been working on this are proud to be part of this very timely subject. We will have a follow-up Immigration panel at the College of Alameda, date to be determined.

We are busy planning for “STEM 2” on Wednesday, March 7, 2018, from 4 pm to 6 pm at the College of Alameda, Bldg. F. Also planning is underway for “Financial Literacy for Women and Men”. This will be open for adults and students on Wednesday, April 18, 2018, 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm. Patti Heimburger

Please welcome our (3) new branch members. Here is their contact information:

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Tech Trek Report

The September luncheon featured our Tech Trek girls and they did a wonderful job sharing experiences and impressions from their week long stay at Sonoma State University in July. Here are a few quotes

Kaleena: I had fun learning about stars looking through a telescope. I’m really glad I got to experience this and now have a new outlook on life.

Sydney: Engineering class was so much fun! My favorite activity was making balloon powered cars. This was such a great experience.

Kate: I have learned so much and made so many new friends at this amazing awe-inspiring camp.

Dorothea: My fellow campers were fantastic. They all radiated happiness and shared my love of STEM. I’ll never forget it.

Nuriel: I was able to experience first-hand dorm life, learn more about electricity and meet other girls who are as passionate as me about Math and Science.

Thanks to our Tech Trek committee members who worked for the last year so that our girls could have such an amazing experience: Linda Preminger, Rose Anne White, Patti Heimburger, Judy Ireland, Amy Rose, Inge Goethe. A special thank you to our outgoing chair, Adele Aced, she has grown and shepherded our Alameda Tech Trek program with grace, efficiency and joy. Fortunately, she has agreed to stay on as a committee member. Finally, thank you to all of our membership who support the Tech Trek program both in spirit and in dollars—we couldn’t do it without you. You have truly made a difference in these girls lives!



General Business Meeting

Our next board meeting is Monday, October 2, at 7:00 pm in Conference Room 'C' at the Alameda Hospital. All are welcome.

Public Policy – Request for Input

In order to focus our branch's public efforts over the coming year on issues important to the membership, please let me know your priorities from among those identified below. Please add any you would like us to consider.

- Pay and workplace equity
- Student loan debt
- Strengthen and protect Title IX
- Career development for women and girls
- Access to affordable healthcare
- Ensure everyone in our community is treated with respect, dignity and fairness.

Please send any comments and ideas to Mary Oppedahl at moppedahl@yahoo.com

Sunshine! Cindy Silva is our Sunshine chair. Do you know of any members who need any encouragement or sympathy? Do let Cindy know at Cynthia.silva26@yahoo.com or call at 510-523-4677

Transportation Needed? We need a volunteer who can coordinate rides for our members for evening or day time events. Looking for a way to be of great help? Send me an email pwashbou@hotmail.com.

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed: Facebook photographers and ambassadors who can keep our Branch Facebook page up to date; a PTA liaison who will attend School Board meetings and help build a relationship with the PTA Council in Alameda; Mentors for college students who will help with our fledgling AAUW Student Club at the College of Alameda and become a "Big Sister" to a first generation college student; a new facilitator for our Tech Users group who is willing to help members help each other with their various tech devices and improve their use of technology (or maybe you know a younger person who would be willing to volunteer two hours a month?)

Contact me at pwashbou@hotmail.com or 510-748-7455 for any of the above. Thank you! It takes many members to make our Branch strong and dedicated to AAUW's mission to support women and girls.

LAF Speaker

Save the date for Judy Boyette, November's LAF Speaker. 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 Fund Meeting, Judy Boyette, an attorney and expert in employee benefits, will explain what impact Federal changes to health care could mean for women and their children.

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, October 19, the Museum Group will go to Stanford University to see the **ANDERSON COLLECTION AT STANFORD**.

Stanford University has become home to the core of the Anderson Collection, one of the world's most outstanding private assemblies of modern and contemporary American art. It includes major works by Vija Celmins, Richard Diebenkorn, Robert Irwin, Willem de Kooning, Joan Mitchell, David Park, Jackson Pollock, Martin Puryear, Mark Rothko and Clyfford Still. Gallery texts found throughout the installation were developed by PhD students in Art History at Stanford University.

We'll see Manuel Neri creations. The exploration of the human figure has been the pursuit of artists for millennia. Manuel Neri (b. 1930), a California native, has spent a lifetime accentuating the gesture, surface, and materiality of the figure. He renders his work in several different mediums that include plaster, marble, bronze, and paper.

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, October 24. For location and more information, call Karen Scanlon, 523-6456.

Afternoon Books

We'll meet at 1:30 pm on the third Monday, October 16, 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.

Member Biographies – Helen Harris and Mary Oppedahl

Helen Harris

While I've only lived in Alameda since 2000, I feel deep connections here because I taught English in the Alameda USD from 1970 to 1993, mostly at Chipman Middle School and Encinal High School. I grew up in San Marino, California, and graduated from Stanford in English. My then-husband and I raised our three sons in the Oakland hills until our divorce; I subsequently married the art teacher at Chipman, Joe Dawkins. Upon Joe's death in the early 90's, I left the state to get an MFA in Creative Nonfiction at the University of Montana and to teach college composition there and in Colorado Springs.

Since my return to California, I have mostly taught composition part-time at Laney College – a campus I can see from my upstairs deck here in Marina Village -- until recently, when I found a job even closer to home: across the street from our condo at Argosy University. My husband Tom Jenckes and I were married in 2007. We have been traveling quite a lot since then.

I volunteer at Dewey's Café (Alameda Main Library); belong to an Alameda book group, Literate Ladies, that's been going since the 70's; do swim aerobics at Mariner Square; ride my bike; and, of late, play "Itsy Bitsy Spider" with my brand-new, first-time-ever grandson Ozzy.

Mary Oppedahl

I am 71 years old, born in Duluth, Minnesota and, thankfully, my parents moved to San Francisco when I was seven years old. My parents, my brother, who is almost two years older than I, and I lived in the outer Sunset District until I was 15 years old, when we moved to Oakland, where I learned for the first time, the sun in California shines before noon.

I attended Mercy High School in SF, Bishop O'Dowd High School in Oakland, Holy Names College (BA), St. Louis University (MSW) and the University of San Francisco (JD).

Before I received my MSW, I worked with juvenile delinquents in East Oakland. After, for Alameda County Health Care Services Agency in Drug and Alcohol Abuse Service as a program planner. Upon graduating from Law School, I went to work for Crosby, Heafey, Roach and May in Oakland, which merged with Reed Smith in 2003. I finished my 32 year legal career with Reed Smith in 2015 when I retired.

I'm out of my allotted words, and a good thing too, since I never developed any hobbies or many interests other than working. And I loved every minute of it. So that's a good thing.



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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!



**Register
Beforehand with
ImmigrationNation
Alameda.eventbrite.com**

Immigration Nation: Challenges for All Americans

FAL, AAUW, AND THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS have empaneled experts to explore an issue that affects most people. It is scheduled for Wednesday, September 27, 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the Stafford Room of the Main Library. Distinguished presenters shown below will explore the history of federal immigration policy as it informs our current situation. Attention will focus on the sanctuary movement that has galvanized citizens groups. Participants will find out how policy was developed for immigrant and refugee rights at the federal, state, and local levels. Finally, we will learn more about immigration law, and constitutional protections. To make certain there is room for everyone, please register by September 20 at <http://immigrationnationalameda.eventbrite.com>. After you have registered, arrive early (6:10 p.m.) to claim a seat. □

Wilma Chan
County Supervisor



"I Co-chair the Supervisors Committee on Immigration and Refugee Rights to hear from the community directly about their concerns and need for resources."

FOCUS: County and statewide efforts on immigrant and refugee rights, including sanctuary city policies.

Dr. Laura Fantone
Activist, Scholar



"My research and activism revolve around human rights, immigration, refugees, urban poverty, technology, and art."

FOCUS: Changes in US policy and legislation on immigrants and refugees, historical contexts, and attitudes towards immigrant groups.

Pratheepan Gulasekaram
Law Professor



"I specialize in state and local immigration law, exploring the relationship between immigrants and the Second Amendment to the US Constitution."

FOCUS: Issues with the current immigration ban, including the constitutional rights of noncitizens.

Rev. Deborah Lee
Interfaith Movement
for Human Integrity



"For more than 25 years I have worked on the intersection of faith and social justice, organizing and educating on issues of immigration and more"

FOCUS: The causes of immigration and the work of the Interfaith Movement with youth and families fleeing violence in Central America.

Amos White
Author, Poet,
Leadership Coach



"I speak about leveraging change and influence with social media."

FOCUS: The relationship between the county Sheriff's department and federal ICE agents regarding the arrest and the deportation of the undocumented.

As part of this event the Friends of the Library have produced a reading list of resources on immigration available at the Library part of which I have also attached here .



IMMIGRATION READING LIST

Books on immigration for adults, children, and teens.

Adult Fiction



"The Refugees"
Viet Thanh Nguyen
Call #: FIC NGUYEN



"What is the What"
David Eggers
Call #: FIC EGGERS



"The Namesake"
Jhumpa Lahiri
Call #: FIC LAHIRI



"The Kite Runner"
Khaled Hosseini
Call #: FIC HOSSEINI



"Little Bee"
Chris Cleave
Call #: FIC CLEAVE



"Behold The Dreamers"
Imbolo Mbue
Call #: FIC MBUE



"Americanah"
Chimamanda Ngozi
Adichie
Call #: FIC ADICHIE



"In The Sea There Are
Crocodiles"
Fabio Geda
Available on Overdrive



"Border Child"
Michel Stone
Call #: FIC STONE



"The Book of Unknown
Americans"
Cristina Henriquez
Call #: FIC HENRIQUEZ

Adult Nonfiction



"We Wanted Workers"
George J. Borjas
Call #: 331.10973 BORJAS



"A Hope More Powerful
than the Sea"
Melissa Fleming
Call #: 956.9104 FLEMING



"Violent Borders"
Reece Jones
Call #: 325 JONES



"A Nation of Nations"
Tom Gjelten
Call #: 305.8009
GJELTEN



"The Distance Between
Us"
Reyna Grande
Call #: B GRANDE, R.

OTHER RESOURCES

- Immigration & Ethnic History Association Syllabus: <http://editions.lib.umn.edu/immigrationsyllabus/>
- United Nations International Organization for Immigration: <http://www.iom.int/>
- NOLO's Immigration Resource List on Immigration Law: <http://www.nolo.com/legal-encyclopedia/best-websites-learning-about-us-immigration-law-procedures.html>
- Immigrant Legal Resource Center: <https://www.ilrc.org/>
- EBCLC Immigration Program: <https://ebclc.org/about/the-work/immigration/>



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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						2017
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
1 Cinema Club	2 7:00 pm Business Meeting Hospital Room C	3	4	5	6	7	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 11:30 am Lunch with City Manager	
15	16 1:30 pm Afternoon Books	17	18	19 9:30 am Museum Group 7:00 pm Tech User's Group	20	21	
22	23	24 7:15 pm Evening Books	25	26	27	28	
29	30	31 Happy Halloween					