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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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Welcome back to our September kickoff luncheon for our AAUW Alameda Branch 56th year. In addition to introducing upcoming special events and our interest groups, our September meeting features presentations by our middle school Tech Trek campers. Since 1998, AAUW Tech Trek has worked to help girls explore their interests in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). This year, Alameda Branch sent five girls from Alameda schools to Sonoma State to live and eat in the dorms, attend lectures, learn by doing, go on outings, meet professional women working in STEM fields and have fun! Tech Trek is designed to make STEM accessible to girls in middle school and in many cases facilitates their curiosity, placing them on a path toward success.

Come see them, listen to them, and hear about their adventures!

### Saturday, September 9, 2017

AAUW-Alameda Branch Tech Trek Lunch

11:30 am Social, 12:00 pm Lunch

Girls Inc., 1724 Santa Clara Ave., Recreation Center

Box lunches by Jay's Coffee, Teas & Treats

1. Turkey Cranberry with roasted onions, mayo, tomato, lettuce on a Kaiser bun
  2. Chicken Avocado with roasted onions, tomato, arugula, mayonnaise, and mustard on a focaccia bun
  3. BLTA-Bacon, Lettuce, Tomato, Avocado with mayo and mustard on wheat bread
  4. Jay's Tuna is a blend of white albacore tuna, dill, celery, scallions, and mayo on sourdough with mustard, lettuce, tomato, and cream cheese
- All sandwiches come with a small green salad.  
Lunch includes a cookie and water.

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

Make the check out to AAUW-Alameda Branch for \$16.00 and mail to: Penny Washbourn,  
501 Lagunaria Lane, Alameda 94502. [pwashbou@hotmail.com](mailto:pwashbou@hotmail.com)  
510 748-7455 for receipt by September 5.

*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

September brings new energy to AAUW. Summer trips and adventures have renewed our spirits, children are back in school, classes begin in colleges and our September 9 Saturday luncheon is the kickoff for our monthly meetings. This year we celebrate AAUW Alameda's 55th year! Your newly elected Board has been busy over the summer taking stock of our accomplishments over the past year, examining our shortcomings and setting new goals for 2017-2018. We also have several new program initiatives underway.

Last year we welcomed 15 new members and five more since July 1, 2017. To help our new members find interests and activities in our Branch, we will be starting a "buddy" system for new members. If you have been a member for a number of years and would like to introduce a new member to AAUW Alameda please contact Patti Heimburger, VP Membership at [patti\\_art@comcast.net](mailto:patti_art@comcast.net) or 510-523-5613. Specifically, we would like all members to invite a Guest to our opening luncheon on September 9 (see details below) when our Tech trek alumnae give their presentations and we introduce our interest groups and upcoming events.

Our first public event is described in the attached flyer. We will have a terrific panel of guest speakers including Alameda County Supervisor Wilma Chan; Professor of Law Pratheepan Gulasekaram of Santa Clara University; immigration historian Dr. Laura Fantone; Rev. Deborah Lee of Interfaith Movement for Human Integrity; and Amos White, ACLU and the Alameda People Power Movement. Reserve early on Eventbrite or call or email the information on the flyer.

A New Fundraising Committee is to convene and we are looking for new members who may bring many ideas to the table. This committee will develop a strategy for our various fundraising efforts that support our local initiatives including our Tech Trek program, the College of Alameda Scholarship program, Branch outreach initiatives and operational expenses. So, if you are new and want to find a way to make a difference, and learn all about us, do contact me and we will welcome your fresh approach.

Thank you! It takes many members to make our Branch strong and dedicated to AAUW's mission to support women and girls.

## Membership & Outreach

Please welcome our (5) new branch members as of July. Here is their contact information:

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We will continue to provide our monthly Saturday luncheon meetings with guest speakers. But we will also continue to co-sponsor more events with other community non-profits with similar missions.

The Immigration panel (Wednesday), September 27 from 6:30-8:00 pm will be held at the Main Public Library. This will be cosponsored by the Friends of the Alameda Free Library and the League of Women Voters of Alameda.

We are planning a follow-up Immigration panel at the College of Alameda. We will update you later as to when this will take place.

At the College of Alameda in the Student Center (Building F) we are planning, "STEM 2" on March 7, 2018 (4:00 – 6:00). Also, at the College of Alameda, we are planning, "Financial Literacy for Women and Men"; this is intended for adults and students on April 18, 2018 (12:00 – 1:30).

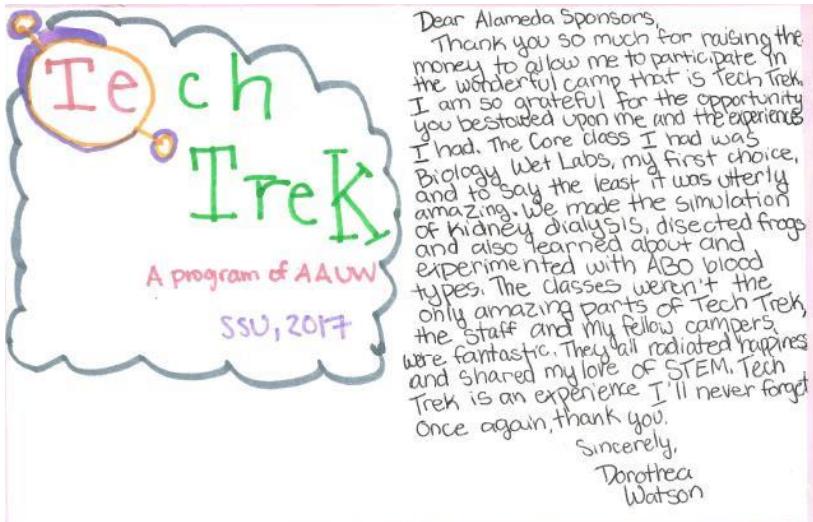
Patti Heimburger & Joy Pratt Co-Chair Membership

## General Business Meeting

Our next board meeting is Monday, August 28 at 7:00 pm in Conference Room 'C' at the Alameda Hospital. All are welcome.

## Tech Trek Report

The Tech Trek committee hopes you'll be able to join us at our **September luncheon on Saturday, the 9th at Girls Inc.** and enjoy presentations from our 2017 campers. Here's a little preview —Dorothea's thank you card to all of us.



## In Memoriam – Florence Harvey and Joy Pratt

Florence Harvey died on June 16. She would have been 100 on October 6 this year. She was a long time member of Alameda branch AAUW. She graduated from Cal in 1939 with a major in English and a minor in Italian. She volunteered at Children's Hospital, Oakland and worked with the Alameda Welfare Council. Her interests included travel and opera. She is survived by 4 sons, 5 grandchildren, and 4 great grandchildren.

(Editor's note: I will miss her impeccable wardrobe. In my mother's words, she always looked as if she had just stepped out of a band box.)



Members and friends of AAUW mourn the sudden passing of Joy Pratt on August 11. The cause of death is not known. She is survived by a cousin, Sally, from Seattle. She lived 28 years in Marina Village before moving to Cardinal Point this year. There are no services planned.

Her father was an architect and after he died her mother moved to Marin. Joy graduated from the University of Washington and was a member of Chi Omega. She developed her own business, assessing accounting systems for health care venues across the U.S. Her activities included attending several Oakland A's baseball games each season, and having season tickets to both the Altarena Theater and the San Francisco Symphony.

She was active at Mastick Senior Center, helping and assisting with Mastick budgets and finance. She was also past-president of the Mastick Senior Advisory Board. Her activities in AAUW included membership, program, and reading the essays of Tech Trek candidates.

We will miss her leadership and friendship.

## Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed this year in a number of capacities: Facebook photographers and ambassadors who can keep our Branch Facebook page up to date; coordinators for our transportation services to help non-drivers get to meetings; a PTA liaison who will attend School Board meetings and help build a relationship with our PTA Council in Alameda; Mentors for college students who will help with our plans for a 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.

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 Vice President of Human Resources, for the University of California system, and, as such, responsible for 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.

## Member Biographies – Karen Guthrie and Linda Pon

Karen Guthrie's formative years were spent in agricultural central Washington with many 4-H activities culminating with scholarships to Washington State University, where she received her B. A. degree in 1955, majoring in Fashion Design with minors in TV production and Business Education. After teaching Flat Pattern and Draping at the University of Puget Sound and Sewing in the Clover Park (Lakewood/Tacoma) District for 5 years, she and her husband moved to California. Moving to the Bay Area in 1960, she taught 1 year in Sunnyvale, then moved to Alameda. Her 2 children, Jill and Kyle, were born in the sixties.

Karen received her Masters of Arts in Secondary Education from University of San Francisco in 1978. While teaching various Home Ec oriented classes for AUSD, she assisted with the funding grant for the program at Island High for pregnant girls in the district to complete their high school education, a program which included child care, and parenting classes. Teaching teenagers was her love and she spent years both at Encinal and Alameda High Schools. While at AHS, she developed a required 9th or 10th semester class, Current Life Issues, featuring decision teens need to make about sex, drugs, and alcohol. Retiring in 1992, her last 3 years at AUSD included locating the funding, community acceptance, and locations for the Teen Health Clinics, which are now at Alameda and Encinal High Schools.

Linda Pon, born in San Francisco, graduated from UCLA and received a Masters in Nurse Anesthesia. Linda is an advocate of Women and Young Girls' Rights. Linda and her daughter, Danielle have started a grassroots campaign called, Once a Month on the 28<sup>th</sup> to bring focus onto Women's Rights. onceamonth28.com.

Another grassroots project Linda and Danielle are involved with along with another mother and daughter team is Women Monuments. The goal of Women Monuments is to change the disparity between Real Name Monuments of Historic Significance between women and men.

## **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

## Ethnic Dining Group

This group meets on the third Saturday, September 16. If you like good food and good company, join us. For more information call Mark Hamilton, 749-0738.

## Museum Group

On Thursday, September 21 the Museum Group will travel to the Legion of Honor to see the Exhibit: DEGAS, IMPRESSIONISM AND THE PARIS MILLINERY TRADE.

Edgar Degas is known for his paintings of ballerinas, however that was not his only interest. Degas was born in 1834 into a wealthy Parisian background. His father was a banker. His mother was from a prominent New Orleans family and had an interest in fashion. Degas was fascinated by Parisian life and milliners (about 1000 were in business in 1900) were a central part of that. Degas made frequent trips to observe women who shopped and worked at the hat-making district near his Montmartre studio. Milliners created a rich array of hats, covered with silk, flowers, ribbons, ostrich plumes and even whole birds!

This exhibit features 60 Impressionist paintings, including key works by Degas, Renoir, Manet, Cassatt and Toulouse-Lautrec along with 40 examples of exquisite hats of the period.

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](mailto:JudySparks@comcast.net) or call 523-6736. We eat lunch at the museum and we are usually home between 3:00 and 4:00.

## Evening Books

The next meeting is Tuesday, September 26. For location and more information, call Karen Scanlon, 523-6456.

## Afternoon Books

We'll meet at 1:30 pm on the third Monday, September 18, 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](mailto: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.

## Technology Users Group

Join us on Thursday, Sept 21 from 7 pm-9 pm at the home of Earleen Hamlin, 2849 Lincoln Ave, for our drop-in, self-help users group.

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.

## Special Event

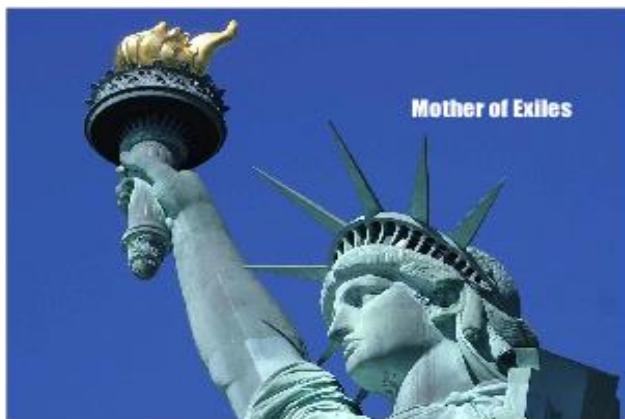
### Save the date! IMMIGRATION NATION? Challenges for All Americans

This event will be Wednesday, September 27th, 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm in the Stafford Room, Alameda Free Library, 1550 Oak Street, Alameda, 94501

The 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!

Event is **free** and open to all. Space is limited. For information: Penny Washbourn, alameda-ca@aauw.net, 510-748-7455. This event is co-sponsored by AAUW Alameda Branch, Friends of the Alameda Free Library, and the League of Women Voters of Alameda.

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**Space is limited, please RSVP:**

[ImmigrationNationAlameda.eventbrite.com](http://ImmigrationNationAlameda.eventbrite.com)

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Change Service Requested

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	AUGUST / SEPTEMBER						2017
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
27	28 7:00 pm Business Meeting All are welcome	29	30	31	1	2	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9 11:30 am Tech Trek Luncheon	
10	11	12 12:30 pm Bridge	13	14	15	16 7:00 pm Ethnic Dinner Group	
17	18 1:30 pm Afternoon Books	19	20	21 9:30 am Museum Group 7:00 pm Tech Users Group	22	23	
24	25	26 7:15 pm Evening Books	27 6:30 pm Immigration panel Alameda Library	28	29	30	