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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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Ed Fund Scholar Elaina Present Talks about Energy at February Lunch

Elaina will speak about her favorite topics: energy, electricity, buildings, and how they all tie together here in California. She will tell a few different stories of ways in which all the pieces fit together well and ways in which they don't. She will talk about the graduate degrees she is pursuing during her AAUW grant year and how she hopes to use them to improve these ties while maintaining and decarbonizing our big, beautiful mess of an energy system and improving everyone's comfort. She will make you think and she will make you laugh and she will make you excited for the future of energy in California.

Elaina Present is a student at UC Berkeley pursuing Master's degrees in both architecture and civil and environmental engineering to further her work toward decreasing and decarbonizing the nation's energy footprint. Elaina is a native Californian but received her undergraduate degree in mechanical engineering from MIT.

Each February the AAUW Alameda Branch gets to meet one of the women our organization supports with a graduate fellowship. This is also the month that we raise funds for this effort. To supplement the suggested per member donation of \$25 we are also holding a gently used book sale. Hardbacks \$2 and paperbacks \$1, so bring books you have read and stock up on new reads!

Saturday, February 10, 2018
11:30 am Social, 12:00 noon Lunch
Conference Room A, Alameda Hospital
2070 Clinton Ave., Alameda

See following page for reservation information and menu

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.

Box Lunches by Jay's Coffee, Teas, and Treats

Sandwich choices:

- Turkey cranberry with roasted onions, mayo, tomato, lettuce on Kaiser bun
- Chicken avocado with roasted onions, tomato, arugula, mayo/mustard on focaccia bun
- Albacore tuna mixed with dill, celery, scallions and mayo on sourdough bread with mustard, cream cheese, tomato, lettuce on sourdough
 - Roast zucchini, hummus, avocado, mixed greens on whole wheat

All sandwiches come with a small green salad, cookie and bottled water. Coffee also available.

Please select one of the above sandwich choices and note in memo of your check. Make check payable to AAUW-Alameda Branch for \$16 and mail to: Beth Sibley, 721 Harbor Rd, Alameda, CA 94502, easibley@hotmail.com for receipt by Tuesday, February 6.

President's Letter

Heartfelt good wishes to all our members and friends for the New Year. We wish you all health and happiness and hope as we work together to make this a better world for all. In that spirit, our Branch members signed cards and raised over \$300 in gift cards at our December holiday luncheon to send to our AAUW sisters who lost their homes in the North Bay Fires. I got some nice thank you notes and one that stated. " How kind of you to send greetings and gift cards. It feels as if you are wrapping your arms around us and that is lovely! We are managing pretty well. "

Thanks to all for your generosity. Having talked to the AAUW Santa Rosa President, I know that most of their members who lost homes found themselves under-insured and unable to rebuild, even if they had wanted to. So this is a GOOD time to review your homeowner's policy and find out if you are properly insured.

Instead of a luncheon in January we had free workshop, *LIVING WITH LESS : or How to get rid of your stuff* accompanied by Wine and Cheese on Wednesday January 17 at the Chamber of Commerce Offices . It was well attended by an overflow crowd. We had many non-members participate and some will hopefully become new members.

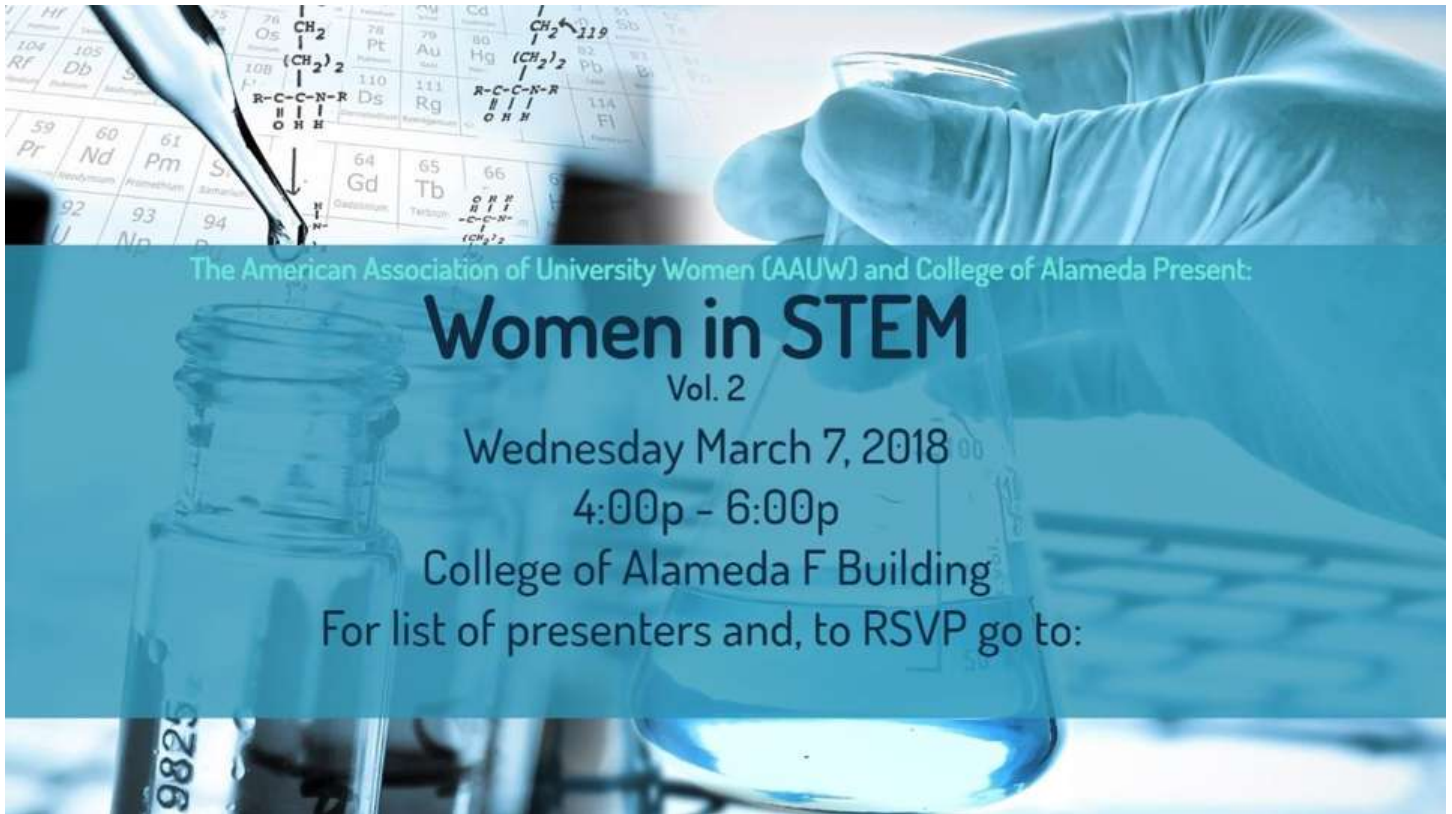
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An Event of Interest

The Inter-Generational United Nations organization will be hosting a day long conference in Berkeley on Saturday January 27 on the theme "The Vital Role of the United Nations: A call for Collaboration." There are many different committee topics including Stopping Human Trafficking, which will be of interest to AAUW members. Details are at www.igmun.org Register now for \$38.

General Business Meeting

Our next board meeting is Monday, February 5, at 7:00 pm in Conference Room 'C' at the Alameda Hospital. All are welcome.



The American Association of University Women (AAUW) and College of Alameda Present:

Women in STEM

Vol. 2

Wednesday March 7, 2018

4:00p - 6:00p

College of Alameda F Building

For list of presenters and, to RSVP go to:

<https://2018womeninstem.eventbrite.com>

Membership & Outreach

We now have (4) new members, Cindy Berry (Friend's with Sandi Gabe, Mariposa AAUW branch), Nan Rideout (again with our branch), Shubha Fanse (league member) and Judith Boyette (our speaker at LAF, November luncheon). Now we have (2) of our speakers who became members this year! Please welcome these new members and let's hope this flow continues. Also, please encourage your friends and neighbors to join or at least get acquainted with our branch.

I had another new member's meet up recently and all received a survey that will produce good results for our branch. Seven members came and here are some of their highlights but without their names.

- Spreadsheet/finance etc., budget
- Pharmaceutical industry
- Web design, social media, leadership
- Leadership, team building, volunteer organizing
- Event planning, finance/budget, marketing
- Communication, conflict resolution

At the College of Alameda, in the Student Center or Building F we will have, "STEM 2" on March 7, 2018 (4:00 – 6:00). We are also planning, "Financial Literacy for women and men"; this would be for adults and students on April 18, 2018 (12:00 – 1:30).

Patti Heimburger

Member Biography

Marilyn Sharron was born and raised in Canton, Ohio. She graduated from Bowling Green State University in 1963 with a BS in Business Administration. At Bowling Green, she was a member of Chi Omega, Beta Gamma Sigma, and Chairman of the Campus Charities Board. After college, she moved to Philadelphia to work for World University Service, a student to student charity providing aid for educational needs in Africa and SE Asia. Through her work, she met her husband, Parker Sharron, who was then the Chairman of the Campus Charity Drive at the University of Pennsylvania. Prior to their marriage in 1964, they both became Episcopalians, an important decision for the rest of their lives.

Marilyn received her Masters degree in Social Work from the State University of NY at Albany in 1968 and soon after, her License in Clinical Social Work. She worked as a counselor for Family Service of Philadelphia, a child therapist for Jewish Family Service in Pittsburgh, and an intake worker at a school for delinquent girls in Albany before she and her husband finally settled in Syracuse NY in 1975. The couple's two children, Matthew and Meghan, grew up in Syracuse.

In Syracuse, Marilyn worked professionally as an individual, couples and family therapist for Onondaga Pastoral Counseling Center and as a medical social worker for the Spina Bifida Center. In 1988, she went to work at Upstate Medical Center to develop their case management program for AIDS patients. She stayed there for 23 years, working in various departments of the hospital. After her retirement, she worked part time in her private practice, Alliance for Personal Growth, and for Syracuse Jewish Family Services, providing mental health service to underserved older adults. During the 40 years she spent in Central NY, she also served as a volunteer on the boards of several community agencies, the Episcopal Church and was a visiting lecturer and field instructor for the Syracuse University Graduate School of Social Work. In 2010, she received the National Association of Social Work's Lifetime Achievement Award for New York State.

In 2014, Marilyn moved to Alameda to be near her daughter's family. Meghan works as a nurse for UCSF Medical Center and has 2 daughters, ages 5 and 2. Marilyn's son, Matthew, works as a pediatric intensive care unit attending physician for Children's National Medical Center in Washington, DC. He has 2 sons, ages 3 and 1. In Alameda, Marilyn enjoys retirement, warmer weather, and being a bicoastal grandmother. She is an active member of Christ Episcopal Church, attends painting and current events classes at Mastick Center as well as aerobic swim classes at Mariner Square, and sings in the Alameda Chorus. She is a member of PEO, MU Chapter and a new member of AAUW.

Save the Dates



February 12, Alameda Author Series , 7-9pm Cardinal Point, Author Joann Ainsworth
March 7 – Women in STEM 2 Conference, College of Alameda Building F, 4-6pm.
March 14 - Alameda Author Series, 7-9pm at Cardinal Point, Author Amos White
April 16 – Alameda Author Series, 7-9pm at Cardinal Point, Author Janet Dawson
April 18 – Financial literacy for Women Students 12-1:30pm, Building F, College of Alameda
April 22, - College of Alameda Scholarship Fundraiser, 3-5pm at Girls Inc.
April 30 – Alameda Author Series, 7-9pm at Cardinal Point, Author Holly Brown
May 19 – Branch Yard Sale –DOLLARS FOR SCHOLAR - 8am to 2pm 3258 Liberty Ave, Alameda

Branch Interest Groups

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, February 22, (Note that this is the 4th Thursday as they could not accommodate us on our usual third Thursday) the Museum Group will go to Treasure Island to the Job Corps Fine Dining Restaurant Center for lunch. This is a culinary academy. Top students from all over the United States come here and live in dorms while they learn about becoming a chef. There are classes in food preparation, cooking, baking, plating, presentation, and serving. This is a "dining experience" provided by students so diners need a little patience. Please bring \$16 in **exact** cash, which covers the cost of the meal and gratuity. You can look on line to see pictures of the attractive plates that are served. Barbara and I have been here before and really enjoyed the experience. That time we arrived at noon and left at 2:40! They did have a large crowd that day.

In addition Marlis is planning a driving tour of Treasure Island to see some of the buildings--historic and new--that are there.

Carpool leaves from the Ross parking lot at South Shore Center. We leave at 9:30 sharp and generally get home between 3:00 and 4:00. If you are interested in going, contact Judy Sparks at JudySparks@comcast.net or call (510)523-6736.

Evening Books

The next meeting is Tuesday, February 27th 7:15. We are reading The Man in the Sharkskin Suit by Lucetta Lagnado, call Cindy Silva 523-4677 for more information

Afternoon Books

We'll meet at 1:30 pm on the third Monday, February 19, to discuss books we are currently reading. This month's meeting will be at the home of Karen Scanlon. Call Kate Quick, 523-3612, 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 at 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

Thursday, February 15, at 7 pm at the home of Penny Washbourn, 501 Lagunaria Lane, Alameda. Bring smart phones, tablets, laptops. Wi-Fi will be provided. We have a new facilitator who will help us solve our tech problems.

AAUW Alameda Branch and Oakmont of Cardinal Point present
Alameda Authors Series II

JoAnn Smith Ainsworth

speaking about her novels

Expect Trouble* and *Expect Deception
and the new novel she is writing in 2018



February 12, 2018, 7:00 p.m.

in the Ballroom

Oakmont of Cardinal Point

2431 Mariner Square Drive

Alameda 94501

Reservations requested:

<https://JoAnnSmithAinsworth-AAUW2018.eventbrite.com>

**For more information, please contact AAUW Alameda at alameda-ca@aauw.net or see our Web site at <http://alameda-ca.aauw.net/>
Event telephone: 510.463.4966 Kevis Brownson (leave message)**

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	FEBRUARY						2018
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
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4 Cinema Club	5 7 pm Board Meeting Alameda Hospital	6	7	8	9	10 11:30 am Lunch Alameda Hospital	
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18	17 1:30 pm Afternoon Books	20	21	22 9:30 am Museum Group	23	24	
25	26	27 7:15 pm Evening Books	28				