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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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## School Board Member

Jennifer Williams

### “Reflections on my first year on the Board of Education”

Jennifer is a JD, University of the Pacific, 1993, and is an Administrative Law Judge in San Francisco, has a mother who is a current member of AAUW, and as a mother of a young daughter is very committed to education and the empowerment it gives to women.

Saturday, March 10, 2018

11:30 am Social, 12:00 noon Lunch

Elks Lodge Card Room

2255 Santa Clara Avenue

Alameda

Lunch Buffet includes:

Appetizers: cheese/fruit platter and shrimp/tomato skewers

Salad: Spinach

Entrees: Chicken portabella mushrooms in red wine sauce and  
Vegetable Alfredo

Sides: Rice pilaf and yams and roasted vegetables

Dessert: Petit sweets

Coffee/tea

Cost is \$25--make check payable to AAUW Alameda Branch and  
mail to: Beth Sibley, 721 Harbor Rd, Alameda, CA  
94502, [easibley@hotmail.com](mailto:easibley@hotmail.com) for receipt by Tuesday, March 6.

*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**

AAUW Alameda members have been involved in many new and interesting activities in the New Year! The Museum group visited **Apple's** new futuristic campus in Cupertino; members and guests are busy cleaning out their closets (preparation for the **AAUW Alameda Yard Sale May 19**) based on excellent advise from Lis McKinley at our Chamber of Commerce jointly sponsored ***Living with less: how to get rid of your stuff*** workshop in January; the Fundraising committee is in high gear to plan our first AAUW Alameda Yard sale on May 19 ( details below); our members and friends met up with other members from AAUW branches to participate in the Oakland Womens' March; our second **Alameda Author Series** at Cardinal Point coordinated by **Kevis Brownson** is underway, with presentations on March 14, April 16 and April 30; the March 7 STEM 2 conference at the College of Alameda features new member **Lily Llorens** as one of the presenters; the Nominating Committee chaired by Patti Heimburger has been hard at work in presenting candidates for the new Board ( see below); and the Tech Trek committee is busy reading applications for this year's Tech Trek summer camp.

**WOW!! Thank you to all who make this an active and dedicated branch supporting education for women and girls (and have fun in the process!)**

Looking forward, now is the time to begin nominations for our **Volunteer of the Year Recognition Day** which will be held at our **May12** at our Brunch at the Elks. You may nominate for recognition anyone who has done exemplary service to the Branch. Please forward your nominations by **April 2, 2018** to Karen Guthrie at [aaburrow@outlook.com](mailto:aaburrow@outlook.com) or call her at 510-522-6462, or leave a message.

**Special Events in March: March 7, 4-6pm Women in STEM 2 conference College of Alameda . Register: <https://2018womeninstem.eventbrite.com>**

**March 10, 11.30pm. Luncheon presentation by Jennifer Williams. JD, Alameda Unified School District School Board. Alameda Elks, 2255 Santa Clara Ave. (details below)**

**March 14, 7pm-9pm Amos White in Alameda Author Series II, Cardinal Point 2431 Mariner Square. Register <https://amoswhite-aauw-2018.eventbrite.com>**

**Or call Kevis Brownson 510-463-4966**

Many thanks to the Nominations Committee of Susan Myers, Mark Hamilton, Mary Oppedahl, Cindy Silva and Gwen Pirack chaired by Patti Heimburger who are working hard to prepare a slate of officers for next year. A big thank you to all who have put their names forward. All elected slots are filled except President and President Elect. If you have not been approached yet and would be willing to be a co-President for a year, PLEASE contact me and I will be happy to share with you how the responsibilities can be divided. My term of office expires in June, so we really need your support to help keep our branch going forward! We hope out of a Branch of 95 members we can find two people willing to share this role! THANK YOU!!  
Penny Washbourn 510-748-7455, cell 925 949-9791 [pwashbou@hotmail.com](mailto:pwashbou@hotmail.com)

## **Nomination Committee Report (2018 - 2019)**

**2018-2019 AAUW Alameda elected officers:**

President: - open

President Elect - open

Program: Penny Washbourn (programs) & Shubha Fansa (restaurants/food)

Membership: Kendall Harcourt & Susan Myers

AAUW Funds: Karen Scanlon

LAF: Jennifer Williams

Secretary: Mary Oppedahl

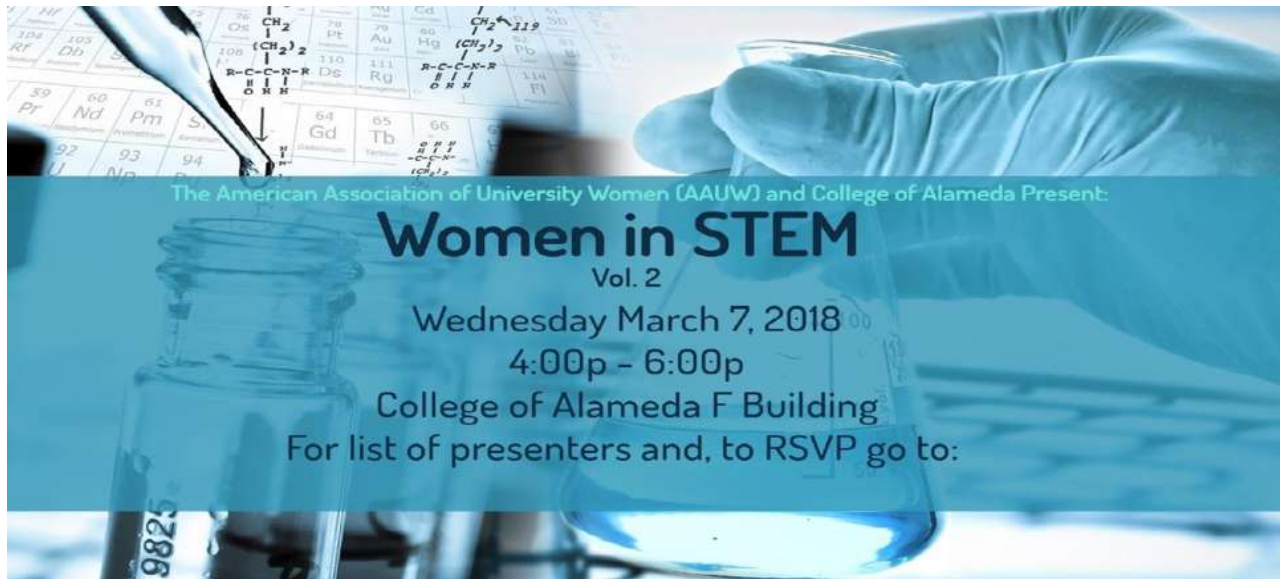
Finance Officer: Lisa Fitts & Jennifer Ayres

**2018-2019 AAUW Alameda appointed officers:**

- Parliamentarian: Dorothy Kerwin
- Public Policy: Mary Oppedahl & Rosemary Lynch
- Tech Trek: Barbara Krummel
- Newsletter: Mari Clark
- Publicity: Elizabeth McGaffey
- Hospitality: Earleen Hamlin
- Sunshine: Cindy Silva
- University/College Relations: Patti Heimbürger
- Bylaws: Betty Hatch

**Notes:**

Hospitality: Earleen Hamlin (head) but Lois Pryor, Claudia Lewey and Sue Fialer will help, all from Cardinal Point. They will take care of the raffle and if they cannot then Mark Hamilton and Paula Biwer will.



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

**Ed Fund Luncheon Report**

AAUW Professional Grant recipient Elaina Present ably demonstrated how women we are supporting will shape the future in vitally important ways. In a world where we must limit our carbon footprint, she will be one of the leading lights in keeping us warm and comfortable while using less energy.

Through the generosity of our members we raised over \$800 both through cash donations and our gently used book sale. As the date conflicted with the Women Who Dare annual lunch I know many of our faithful members were unable to attend; however it is not too late to make a donation by sending your check made out to AAUW Fund and mail it to Karen Scanlon, 1259 Hawthorne St, Alameda, CA 94501.

**General Business Meeting**

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

## Save the Dates



March 7 – Women in STEM 2 Conference, College of Alameda Building F, 4-6pm.  
March 10 – Monthly Lunch a Elks featuring School Board Member Jennifer Williams  
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 month we will be Celebrating St Patrick's day at the St Philip Neri Corned Beef feed. This is always a fun event with dancers from the Irish Dance School. Kate Quick will be organizing and you need to contact her at 510-523-3612 or [katequick@comcast.net](mailto:katequick@comcast.net) before March 10<sup>th</sup> to reserve a place.

### Museum Group

On the third Thursday, March 15 we will drive to Davis to see: **Wayne Thiebaud Exhibit**: 1958-1968 opens with the artist's work in the late 1950s, just as he was beginning to transition from the impressionistic style of his early period toward the representational paintings for which he became widely known. Between 1960 and 1961, Thiebaud entered a new and exceptionally prolific phase of his practice, producing more than 100 paintings that depict everyday objects of American life — ranging from gumball machines to swimsuits and slices of pie — rendered with exaggerated colors reminiscent of commercial advertising. Jan Shrem and Maria Manetti Shrem Museum of Art, 254 Old Davis Rd, Davis, CA 9561

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](mailto:JudySparks@comcast.net) or call (510)523-6736.

### Evening Books

The next meeting is the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, March 27<sup>th</sup> 7:15pm. We are reading Shame, by Salman Rushdie and will meet at Karen Scanlon's home, 1259 Hawthorne St, Alameda 510-523-6456.

### Afternoon Books

We'll meet at 1:30 pm on the third Monday, February 19, to discuss books we are currently reading. Call Kate Quick, 523-3612, for 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.

## Amos White at Alameda Authors Series 2

Wed, March 14, 2018  
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Oakmont of Cardinal Point  
2431 Mariner Square Drive  
Alameda, CA 94501



For the second year, AAUW Alameda and Oakmont of Cardinal Point present a spring series of talks featuring authors who live and write in Alameda. Our March author Amos White will present selections from his poetry and discuss the creative process and current projects. His book *The Sound of the Web: Haiku and Poetry on Facebook and Twitter* is available on Amazon.com. Look for the event in the ballroom up the stairs from the front entrance. Free and open to the public.

### Membership Dues Update

The AAUW Board of Directors voted in June 2017 to enact the first dues change in almost a decade. Effective March 16, 2018, national dues will increase from \$49 to \$59.

Annual dues currently account for 13 percent of AAUW's annual budget. They help to sustain and grow AAUW's programs and work that advances equity for women and girls. A combination of dues, donations, and corporate and foundation funding is critical to supporting AAUW's [salary negotiation workshops](#), groundbreaking [research](#), [advocacy](#) efforts, [campus leadership programs](#), and so much more.



Branch member Susan Myers joins AAUW at the 2018 Women’s March

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	March						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 Elks Club	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17  6:00pm Ethnic Dining Group	
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	30	31		

**\$\$\$ Dollars for Scholars AAUW ALAMEDA YARD SALE**

**\$\$\$ SATURDAY MAY 19, 2018 8AM-2PM**

**3258 Liberty Ave, Alameda**

**WHAT WE NEED:** kitchen items, household goods, small working appliances, jewelry, toys, books, glassware and dishes, purses, shoes, hats, scarves, garden equipment, pots and plants such as succulents, specialty items, clean laundered clothes with no spots, pictures, small furniture that can fit in a car, baked goods (for receipt the day before).

**WHAT WE don't NEED:** electronics such as TV or computers etc, large furniture, underwear.

**START SAVING your donations NOW!**

**Instructions for donation drop off or assistance beginning late April will be announced April 2. (If you are moving before then and must move your items, contact us)**

**WHAT WE WILL NEED:** Volunteers to assist in pricing beginning May 13, and volunteers to work a shift on the day. Invite husbands, friends and teens who need community service hours.

**Display racks for clothes. Contact Paula Biver 510-918-8577 or email her**

**[pbiwer@yahoo.com](mailto:pbiwer@yahoo.com)**