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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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## Join us for a Talk/Tour at the Alameda Naval Air Museum

Come learn about the rich history of early aviation and the Naval Air Station at Alameda Point from ANAM docents Robbie Dileo and Larry Pirack. They will give an overview of the naval base history and highlight some of the items from the museum's vast collection of archival documents, photographs, exhibits and stories ranging from the first Transpacific flight by Pan Am's China Clipper, to military units and civilian workers of World War II, up to the closing of the base in 1997. The museum is located in a former Air Terminal Building and was founded by two women, Marilyn York and Barbara Baack and opened in 2004. Following the talk, the museum can be explored at your leisure. For more information about the museum see: [AlamedaNavalAirMuseum.org](http://AlamedaNavalAirMuseum.org)  
This is a wonderful local field trip to explore an important piece of Alameda's past and enjoy a lovely view and lunch.

**Saturday, April 14, 2018**

**11:30 am Social, 12 noon Lunch**

**Alameda Naval Air Museum, 2151 Ferry Point #77, Alameda Point**

**Meeting Room: Crow's Nest on second floor—take elevator near entrance**

(Directions: At the main entrance to Alameda Point on Ralph Appezatto Parkway, follow the road around the jet circle until you reach the seawall. Turn right at Ferry Point and travel 50 yards. The museum is on the left. Free parking.

Handicapped spaces available and a ramp is provided at the back of the museum.

**Please note: Due to Site A construction, parking and street directions may change.)**

The Brown Bag lunch will be catered by Pacific Fine Food located at Alameda Point and will include: sandwich, piece of fruit, chips, cookie, water bottle. Coffee also available. Choices for sandwiches:

**turkey, cheese and avocado; chicken salad with grapes and cashews; tuna salad with cranberries; or curried egg salad with red bell pepper.**

Make your selection of sandwich and note in memo of your check. Send check for \$20 (includes \$7 for museum admission) payable to AAUW—Alameda Branch and mail to: Beth Sibley, 721 Harbor Rd, Alameda, CA 94502 for receipt by Tuesday, April 9.

*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**

**April 10 is Equal Pay Day!** That is the day that white women's earnings catch up with men's. The newly updated data in AAUW's signature report ***The Simple Truth about the Gender Pay Gap*** show that for 2016 the earnings ratio of women's to men's salaries was 80% across all demographics and careers fields for full time work. However, factoring in race and ethnicity gives a much different picture. Check out the report at [bit.ly/paygap101](http://bit.ly/paygap101). To see how California compares with the national average: [bit.ly/StateOfFairPay](http://bit.ly/StateOfFairPay).

**What is our Branch doing for Equal Pay Day?** We are hosting our ***Financial Literacy for Students workshop (and their parents)*** at the College of Alameda , Building F on Wednesday April 18 , 12pm-1:30pm. This workshop is appropriate for high school as well as college students. Topics will include "Why women are deeper in debt", " Money management simplified," "Common misconceptions about financial aid," "Transferring: how to afford a Bachelors degree?" and " Smart Salary negotiation for women and men" presented by **Becky D'Harlingue** AAUW Oakland/ Piedmont. Register at [www.aauw-financial-literacy-2018.eventbrite.com](http://www.aauw-financial-literacy-2018.eventbrite.com) or call me for any questions 510-748-7455.

**AAUW Alameda hosts two successful March events to celebrate Women's History Month!**

**Our Women in STEM2 conference at the College of Alameda on March 7** had 50 participants of college and high school students (including a delegation of students from Girls Inc). Students were able to interact directly with professional women in STEM careers in a "speed dating " format: **Dr. Khalilah Beal** , Mathematics College of Alameda; **Cady Bow**, Geography College of Alameda; **Lauren Hassoun MD** Highland Hospital; **Lisa Lawrence-Miyazaki** Global Pharmacovigilance, **Dr. Natalie McLure** Biotechnology, **Steph Turner** Swervelogic software. **Donna Milgram**, National Institute for Women in Trades, Technology and Science gave the keynote. A special thanks to AAUW Alameda member **Dr. Char Perlas** for planning and moderating and for **Kendall Harcourt, Patti Heimburger and Karen Kenney** for assistance both on the day and for many months of working with College of Alameda MESA faculty colleagues to prepare a most successful event .

Another **first** for an AAUW Alameda Luncheon presentation! **Jennifer Williams JD, AUSD School Board member and new AAUW Alameda branch member** spoke to **50** members and guests on " Reflections on my first year on the Board of Education" at the Elks on March 10. A special thanks for Beth Sibley for last minute accommodations for invited guests!

**Register High School students to Vote: Volunteers needed! Join Karen Butter and members of the League of Women Voters of Alameda** for a meeting with **Sean McPhetridge**, Superintendent of School to discuss this initiative in the High Schools. Contact Karen at [karenbutter@comcast.net](mailto:karenbutter@comcast.net) or call 510-769-9634. Note the following news from **AAUW: California Governor Jerry Brown recently signed an [automatic voter registration](#) bill that is projected to increase the state's voter roll by 200,000.** This legislation will automatically preregister eligible 16- and 17-year olds to vote when they acquire their initial driver's licenses, and will allow these individuals to access the ballots once they turn 18. The bill is part of a greater initiative to increase civic engagement and voter turnout among young Americans by making the registration process easier and by removing hurdles to getting to the polls.

**Volunteer Recognition:** This is your chance to nominate a fellow member for recognition for the "Volunteer of the Year" Award on May12. **Deadline is April 2 for nominations to Karen Guthrie : [aaburrow@outlook.com](mailto:aaburrow@outlook.com) or call 510-522-6462**

**New Members:** consider joining a committee! We need your help to be a Facebook ambassador, be involved in Outreach activities, write an article for the newsletter, design a poster, work with the AAUW/ College of Alameda committee to plan events, to get to know students, raise funds and have fun and get to know other members. Contact me if you can help.

**Penny Washbourn**

## **2018-2019 Board Election**

April 14 is our Annual meeting when the nominations for the Board will be presented for 2018 -2019 and the vote taken. It is not too late to put your name forward or recommend a member to fill or share an open position, such as President or President Elect. WE NEED YOUR HELP. Contact Patti Heimbürger 510-523-5613 or email

[patti\\_art@comcast.net](mailto:patti_art@comcast.net).

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

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

President: - open

President Elect - open

Program: Penny Washbourn (programs) & Shubha Fpanse (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.

## **Member Biography – Kendall Harcourt**

As the child of an academic, Kendall Harcourt spent her childhood moving from state to state as her mother pursued a career in academia. The university classrooms, dining hall, and library became her second home, thus beginning her passion for higher education. Ultimately, her family settled in California when Kendall was a young girl and she has spent her adult life in the Bay Area.

Kendall has worked in higher education for the past decade at multiple institutions around the Bay. Currently, she works as an Academic Advisor for Columbia College's Coast Guard Island campus, a role which she has held for the past five years. Because of its location on a Coast Guard base, she primarily advises active duty service members, veterans, and Oakland police officers. Although she has worked with all types of students, her passion is working with adult learners.

Kendall earned a Bachelor of Arts in English with a focus on minority authors and a minor in Women's Studies from California State University, East Bay and a Master of Arts in Organization and Leadership from the University of San Francisco's School of Education. Kendall has lived in Alameda for 9 years. She lives with her partner, brother-in-law, and their three cats. In her free time, she enjoys quilting, hiking in the Oakland Hills, and trying new restaurants.

## **Membership/Outreach update:**

Our newest member is Jana Hinz who joined our branch through our website. We now have 95 members. Hopefully, we can keep adding to this number, so please encourage your friends and neighbors to join our branch.

We are preparing for the new AAUW board, and some of our new members will be on it. This will help keep our branch alive and well.

Our branch has been helping to bring about new events that are good for all of us, and our community. On April 18th (12:00 – 1:30), we will have, “Financial Literacy” for students, women and men at the College of Alameda. Then, on April 22<sup>nd</sup> at Girl Inc. (3:00 – 5:00), there will be a College of Alameda Scholarship fundraiser with a \$25 donation fee. These are only some of the coming events and we will keep you posted on more.

Patti Heimburger

## **Save the Dates**

April 2 – 7pm General Business Meeting, Conference Room C Alameda Hospital

April 14- Lunch and tour of Alameda Naval Air Museum

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**

We meet monthly in members homes or ethnic restaurants to enjoy good food and fellowship. Contact Mark Hamilton [mdham21@yahoo.com](mailto:mdham21@yahoo.com) or 510-749-738 for more information.

### **Museum Group**

The museum group will go to the Legion of Honor on Thursday, April 19 to see the exhibit: **CASANOVA The Seduction of Europe**

Giacomo Casanova (1725-1798) was one of the most colorful characters of the 18th century. Famous today for his amorous pursuits, Casanova was a world traveler who knew many of the esteemed artists and intellectuals of his day. Paintings, sculptures, furnishings, porcelains, silver, and period costume come together to bring this rich visual world to life.

Casanova was born and grew up within a theatrical family in Venice. One day Casanova was offered a gondola ride home by senator Matteo Bragadin. On board the elder man suffered a stroke. Casanova summoned help and overruled a physician's medical decision, removing mercury compresses, which saved the senator's life. The grateful senator offered for Casanova to live with him at his palazzo, providing him with a servant, a gondola, and an allowance as well as making social introductions. Casanova's status was raised to that of a nobleman. Casanova's theatrical background allowed him to enter all levels of European society comfortably. He was a witty charmer, scandalous seducer, man of letters, spy, and gambler. He wrote all his adventures down.

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, April 24, 7:15pm. We are reading A Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles. Call Cindy Silva for more information 510-523-4677

## Afternoon Books

We'll meet at 1:30 pm on the third Monday, April 16, to discuss books we are currently reading. Call Kate Quick, 523-3612, for more information.

## Cinema Club

This month we will be going to the movies on April 15<sup>th</sup> as the first Sunday is Easter. 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

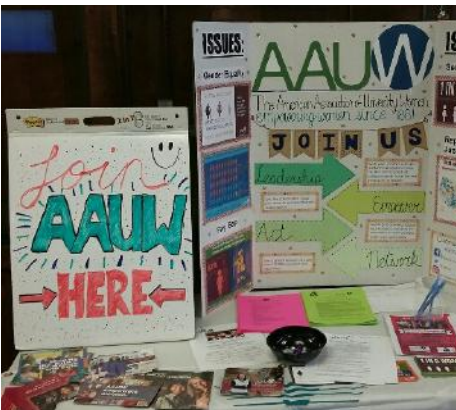
If you are interested in bridge, particularly in being a substitute, contact Joyce Denyven at 523-6341. The current bridge group meets at different times depending on the needs of the group.

## Alameda Authors Series II



**April 16: 7pm at Cardinal Point  
Janet Dawson on her April 2018  
release *The Ghost in Roomette*  
Four Reservations:  
[https://janetdawson-  
aauw2018.eventbrite.com](https://janetdawson-<br/>aauw2018.eventbrite.com)**

**April 30: Holly Brown on  
her May 2018 novel *How  
Far She's*  
Come Reservations:  
[https://hollymoore-  
aauw2018.eventbrite.com](https://hollymoore-<br/>aauw2018.eventbrite.com)**



Student club promotes AAUW membership at Women in STEM 2 conference at the College of Alameda

AAUW Alameda Branch is an active partner with the College of Alameda in supporting equal opportunity for women in education. In support of that effort we are sponsoring the following:

- **Financial Literacy Workshop for Students (And their parents) Wednesday April 18, 2018 12 pm-1:30 pm. College of Alameda, Building F Student Center**
- **AAUW Alameda Branch's fundraiser for the College of Alameda scholarship April 22: (Sunday) from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. 1724 Santa Clara Ave, Alameda (Girls Inc of the Island City) \$25 per person, checks only Payable to: "Peralta Colleges Foundation"& write: "AAUW - COA" in the memo line.**
- **DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS - Fabulous YARD SALE fundraiser for AAUW Alameda College of Alameda scholarships. May 19: (Saturday) from 8:00am - 2:00 p.m. 3258 Liberty Ave,**



# ***Financial Literacy Workshop for Students***

## ***(And their parents)***

***Wednesday April 18, 2018 12 pm-1:30 pm.  
College of Alameda, Building F Student Center  
555 Ralph Appezato Parkway, Alameda CA 94501***



***Presenters***

- ***Penny Washbourn, AAUW: Why women are deeper in debt***
- ***Daniel Jew, CFP Edward Jones: Money management simplified***
- ***Liliana Rojas, Financial Aid Specialist COA: Common misconceptions about financial aid***
- ***David Vera, MA Financial Aid Counselor U.C. Berkeley: Transferring? How to afford a Bachelor's degree***
- ***Becky D'Harlingue, MBA: Smart salary negotiation for women and men Jointly sponsored with AAUW Alameda Branch and College of Alameda Financial Aid Office***
- ***Please register [www.aauw-financial-literacy-2018.eventbrite.com](http://www.aauw-financial-literacy-2018.eventbrite.com) For more information contact [alameda-ca@aauw.net](mailto:alameda-ca@aauw.net)***

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	April						2018
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
1	2 7 pm Board Mtg Alameda Hospital	3	4	5	6	7	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 11:30 am Lunch Air Museum	
15 Cinema Club	16 - 1:30 pm Afternoon Books  7pm Author Series	17	18 – Noon - 1:30pm Financial Literacy at COA	19 9:30 am Museum Group	20	21  6:00pm Ethnic Dining Group	
22 – 3pm – 5pm COA Fundraiser at Girls Inc.	23	24 7:15 pm Evening Books	25	26	27	28	
29	30 7pm Author Series						