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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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November AAUW Legal Advocacy Fundraiser

Come hear Srinoi Rousseau, J.D.

Let's get real, we are aging

Protecting ourselves and loved ones from elder abuse

Srinoi (See-Noy) Rousseau J.D., specializes in Elder law. She will address topics such as signs of financial abuse and elder abuse, resources to call upon when faced with these types of issues, support for women aging in place and keeping their financial assets protected.

Srinoi is an attorney in Alameda. Her practice focuses on: conservatorships (including limited conservatorships for the developmentally disabled), Medi-Cal eligibility, wills and trusts including special needs trusts for disabled beneficiaries, trust administration, powers of attorney, and probate. She graduated in 1983 with a J.D. and M.B.A. from Santa Clara University's School of Law and School of Business.

Saturday November 10, 2018

11:30 am

Pier 29 Waterfront Restaurant, 1148 Ballena Blvd, Alameda

Menu:

All entrees served with garlic mashed potatoes, fresh steamed vegetables, hearts of romaine salad with zesty Italian dressing, roll and butter, New York cheesecake with strawberry sauce, coffee and tea.

#1 Salmon with lemon butter caper sauce

#2 Chicken Marsala with wine and fresh mushroom sauce

#3 Pasta primavera

#4 Shrimp Louie Salad served with cup of Clam chowder

Make the check out to AAUW Alameda Branch for **\$33.00**

Write your food selection in memo line and mail to:

Penny Washbourn, 501 Lagunaria Lane, Alameda 94502

510-748-7455. pwashbou@hotmail.com

for receipt by Saturday November 3

Our Mission is to advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education and advocacy

AAUW Alameda Branch Leadership Team 2018-2019

Leadership responsibility for our AAUW Alameda Branch this year will be shared among five Board members and one ex officio.

Karen Scanlon VP Ed Fund will chair the Team and be the point person for “presidential” communication from AAUW National and AAUW CA. Penny Washbourn VP Programs, Kendall Harcourt VP Membership, Susan Myers Finance, Mary Oppedahl Secretary and Dorothy Kerwin Parliamentarian will also serve.

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Monthly Luncheon Opportunity Drawings

At each regular Monthly AAUW Alameda Branch Luncheon, we hold an Opportunity Drawing for valuable prizes. The proceeds from these Drawings benefit our Special Fundraisers for Scholarships, as result of a Board vote in 2017. Please consider generous participation in these Drawings. Donations are welcome, if tickets are not desired. We depend on our Members to donate small items of value for the Drawings. Simply bring any such items to the Luncheon with you and give them to Mark Hamilton or his substitute if he is not able to attend.

Message from November Board Chair

With our eyes riveted on our upcoming election, this is a good time to appreciate the important role that AAUW has played both in our state and nationally in advancing legislation for equal pay. However, it also takes **courage** for an individual woman to step forward and risk her personal privacy, her family security and her career to sue her employer for unjust treatment under the Equal Pay Act of 1963. AAUW has had a critical role in recent California efforts towards equal pay.

Some of us were fortunate to hear the story of **Aileen Rizo**, a shy, unlikely heroine, mother of three young daughters, who discovered that a recently hired male colleague with less education, experience and seniority had been placed higher on the Fresno County Board of Education’s salary scale than her current placement. **Why?** Salary placement is determined by what the person earned in a previous job. As Aileen saw it, this is an inherently discriminatory practice to women.

It was when looking at her daughters that Aileen decided to fight. If **she** did not do it, this issue would continue to affect them. She discovered AAUW to be an organization that supports equal pay for women, and later, during her **six year** court battle, she was invited to apply for litigation support from the AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund, which covers court costs and filing fees, but not attorney fees.

Want to know where your donations on November 10 Legal Advocacy Fundraiser luncheon will go? They go to support Aileen Rizo, and the next step in her legal journey.

So what was the end of the story? After the ruling by the Ninth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals last spring which banned using former salary, even in part, for determining pay for men and women doing the same job, Fresno County Board of Education has appealed to the Supreme Court. We have yet to hear if the U.S. Supreme Court will take up the case this term. Stay tuned.

As part of this past year’s strategic planning process with input from members there is a new, simplified AAUW Mission statement. You will see it on our Newsletter and Website.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE NEW YEAR!

Back by popular demand will be de-cluttering expert Liz McKinley who will help us TAME THE PAPER TIGER on Saturday January 26, 2019 at 4:30-6pm at Alameda Hospital, Conference Room A. This is an event to invite all friends and family to follow up on New Year’s resolutions.

On February 13, 2019 5.30pm at Alameda Free Library, AAUW Alameda, Friends of the Library and League of Women Voters of Alameda will be co-sponsoring the showing of the new documentary DARK MONEY about campaign finance. Time will be set aside for audience questions and discussion.

THANK YOU to all our members who renewed their membership for 2018-2019. As of this date we are 88 members strong. Remember new members, if they join at a public event (such as a luncheon) get a 50% discount on national dues, so keep bringing your friends as guests. Let the Leadership Team know how we are doing. We welcome your ideas and feedback

November Chair Penny Washbourn

Cinema Group

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 at an afternoon matinee (reduced ticket price). 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 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. On Saturday, you will receive an email letting you know what movie we will see on Sunday. We post the event on Facebook and the Alameda Branch Web site as well.

Save the date - Urban Treks

Join us on Monday, December 10 for Urban Treks. This will be the holiday version. We'll visit decorations all around the financial district and SOMA, now called East Cut. We meet at the 'O' bus stop at the corner of Santa Clara and Broadway, in front of Kamakura at 9 am. Bus fare is \$2.20 (senior) each way. We highly recommend the Clipper card, but they do take cash. Lunch is in the \$10 - \$12 range and we'll plan on taking the 2:00 pm bus home. We will do the extended Transbay Terminal urban trek on January 14.

Afternoon Books

We'll meet at 1:30 pm on the third Monday to discuss books we are currently reading. Call Kate Quick, 510-523-3612, for location and more information.

Bridge Group

If you are interested in bridge, particularly in being a substitute, contact Joyce Denyven at 510-523-6341. The current bridge group meets at different times depending on the needs of the group.

Tech Users Group

This is a self-help group for users of smart phones, tablets and new applications to help us stay up with the digital age. Facilitated by Kendall Harcourt we have met in members' homes on the Third Thursday of the month on an as needed basis. Please contact Kendall to let her know of your tech needs so we can plan this year's activities.
ksharcourt@gmail.com
408-449-9695

Evening Books

Fourth Monday 7:15 pm. For more information, call Cindy Silva at 510-523-4677 November book: We were 8 years in Power by Ta-Nehisi Coates.

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.

Great Decisions

Great Decisions is America's largest discussion program on world affairs. The program model involves reading the Great Decisions Briefing Book and meeting in a discussion group to have a conversation about the most critical global issues facing America today. Books are ordered in December. Eight meetings are held between February and June. For more information contact Dorothy Kerwin
kerwindorothy@gmail.com

Museum Group to see art from India's Mithila Region

We will travel to the Asian Art Museum in San Francisco on November 8, (Note that our regular museum day is the second Thursday of the month.) to see the exhibit:

"Painting is my Everything" Art from India's Mithila Region.

With precise skill and bold artistic vision, the 17 contemporary artists included in this exhibition, many of them women, employ a centuries-old regional style to express personal experiences and viewpoints. They paint traditional subjects such as Hindu gods but also use their brushes to document and comment on everyday life as well as national and global events.

Mithila style painting, characterized by visually striking compositions, stylized images, delicately detailed surfaces and vibrant colors, was originally practiced exclusively by women on the walls of their homes. In the wake of a severe drought in the 1960s, this mural tradition was transferred to paper, a format that could be sold to bring much-needed income to rural villages

Carpool leaves from the Ross Parking lot at 9:30 am sharp. If you are interested in going, contact Judy Sparks at JudySparks@comcast.net or call 510-523-6736. We meet for lunch in the cafeteria at 11:30 am



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 VISION: Equity for all
 VALUES: Nonpartisan, Fact-based, Integrity, Inclusion and Intersectionality
 FOCUS: Education and Training, Economic Security, Leadership

Saturday January 26, 2019 4:30-6pm at Alameda Hospital, Conference Room A
 Tame the Paper Tiger – presentation about decluttering and organizing papers by Liz McKinley

Wednesday February 13, 2019 5.30-7:50pm at Alameda Free Library,
 Dark Money – a film about money in politics co-sponsored by AAUW Alameda, Friends of the Library and League of Women Voters of Alameda

Holiday Luncheon
 Encinal Yacht Club
 Saturday December 1
 11:30 am

Holiday Urban Trek
 Monday December 10
 9:00 am

SAVE THE DATE

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		NOVEMBER					2018
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
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4 CINEMA GROUP	5	6	7	8	9	10 LUNCHEON	
11	12 AFTERNOON BOOKS	13	14	15	16	17 ETHNIC DINING	
18	19 EVENING BOOKS	20	21	22	23	24	
25	26	27	28	29	30		