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Alameda Branch News

*Celebrating our strengths and promoting education and equity
for women and girls in our community*

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Ed Fund Lunch – February 9th, 11:30 am

Alameda Hospital Conference Room A (2nd Floor)

2070 Clinton Avenue, Alameda

At our February Ed Fund Lunch, we will hear from Andrea Morgan about air pollution, climate change, and public policy.



Andrea Morgan is an AAUW Career Development Grant recipient. She is in her final semester at UC Berkeley, where she is pursuing concurrent master’s degrees in public policy and environmental engineering. Her work and studies center around reducing air pollution and combating climate change while promoting environmental equity. Prior to attending graduate school, she was an environmental engineer at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for five years, where she worked on air quality and environmental justice issues in the Midwest. She is a licensed professional engineer and hails from Los Angeles

This is our only Ed Fund event of the year, so don’t forget to bring your checkbook to the lunch. The anticipated donation amount is \$25 per member. You may also donate online or send your check, payable to AAUW Funds, to Karen Scanlon, 1259 Hawthorne St., Alameda CA 94501. AAUW has a long and distinguished history of advancing educational and professional opportunities for women in the United States and around the globe. As one of the world’s largest sources of funding for women pursuing undergraduate and graduate studies, AAUW provided more than \$3.7 million in fellowships and grants last year.

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Please see following page for Lunch Menu and ordering information

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.

February Lunch Menu

Select a salad, sandwich, or combo. All choices come with a chocolate chip cookie. Salads and half sandwich/ salads come with a fresh baguette, coffee, and water. **Please make your reservation by Friday, Feb 1. Make checks out to “AAUW Alameda” for \$18.00 and send your food selection and check to Penny Washbourn (pwashbou@hotmail.com/510-748-7455) at 501 Lagunaria Ln, Alameda CA 94502-6705.**

1. Full Salad: Asian Sesame with Chicken: romaine, cilantro, toasted almonds, wonton strips and Asian sesame vinaigrette dressing
2. Full Salad Vegetarian: Modern Greek with quinoa, cucumbers, Kalamata olives, feta cheese, toasted almonds, and Greek dressing
- 3A. Tuna Salad Sandwich served on Focaccia, with lettuce, tomatoes, onions, chips and pickle
- 3B. Half Tuna Salad Sandwich and Seasonal Greens salad (see below)
- 4A. Napa Almond chicken salad sandwich served on Sesame Semolina bread with celery, seedless grapes, almonds, lettuce, tomatoes, special dressing, chips and pickle
- 4B. Half Napa Almond Chicken salad sandwich with Seasonal Greens salad (see below)
- 5A. Bacon Turkey Bravo sandwich served on tomato basil bread with bacon, gouda, lettuce and tomato and 1000 island dressing, chips and pickle
- 5B. Half Bacon Turkey Bravo sandwich on tomato basil bread with bacon, gouda, lettuce, tomato, thousand island dressing, and seasonal greens plus a salad of arugula, romaine, radicchio, tomatoes, cucumber, and red onions, with reduced fat balsamic vinaigrette

Message from the February Board Chair

Having clean air to breathe is essential to life as we were most unpleasantly reminded in November when the Bay Area had the worst air quality in the nation due to the Butte County (Camp) Fire. Andrea Morgan, AAUW grant recipient and our February Luncheon speaker is working to ensure that we all have breathable air in the future. As someone who grew up in the Los Angeles basin in the “mid-century” I can attest that knowing the science and working for the right public policy can make a difference, as the air in LA is much cleaner now because laws mandated cleaner gas, cars, and industry.

As an organization, we have contributed to these positive changes, starting with the first scholarship granted to Ida Street in 1888. AAUW also assisted Marie Curie, in 1920, by contributing toward the purchase of a gram of radium for her research. Let’s keep up this great work by continuing to support the Ed Fund. If you make your donation online, indicate the 4336 Educational Opportunities Fund.

Our Newsletter Editor, Mari Clark, is unable to continue in that role. I would like to thank Mari for her work, especially getting us on Mail Chimp. We are fortunate to welcome Mark Hamilton, who has graciously stepped up to edit the newsletter for the remainder of the year. If you have something you would like to see in the newsletter or interest groups updates, please let Mark know. Don’t forget to also forward information to JoAnn Ainsworth, our webmaster.

This year the Alameda Branch has gone “topless” i.e. no president. This has presented some challenges, but as people who work and play well together, we have mostly met them. I think my Co-Board Members will agree that having a President and a President-Elect in place is the preferred form of branch governance. Along with the Nominating Committee that is being formed, I would like to encourage you to think about what skills you have to offer and contact Penny Washbourn, who will Chair the Committee. I would also urge each member to attend at least one Board Meeting per year. If you do, you will learn that there is a strong team supporting each Board member. The Meetings are held at the Alameda Hospital at 7pm on the first Monday of each month.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the Ed Fund lunch, as well as at our “Taming the Paper Tiger” event, on January 26th, and our showing of “Dark Money” on February 13th.

February Chair, Karen Scanlon

AAUW Alameda Branch and Friends of the Alameda Free Library present

Alameda Authors Series III

*Four conversations with local authors in the Stafford Room,
Alameda Free Library, 1550 Oak Street, Alameda.
Free and open to the public! Please R.s.v.p. using the links below.*



February 25, 6:00 pm: Rebecca Gomez Farrell on her fantasy novel *Wings Unseen*.

Reservations:

<https://rebeccagomezfarrell-aauw2019.eventbrite.com>

Get Ready for the Plant Sale!

Come exercise your green thumb and start propagating at a **POTTING PARTY** on **Sunday February 17 -- 1:30-3:00 pm**, hosted by Dorie Behrstock in her (mostly succulent) garden. Bring your own plastic pots of various sizes and your plant cuttings, or Dorie will provide starter plant options for you. She will provide potting soil as well as some recycled plastic pots.

RSVP Required -- Let Dorie know if you are coming via email dgbint@gmail.com. Maximum 8, minimum 4 participants -- rain postpones. Based on demand, another session may be scheduled midweek.

SAVE THE DATES -- WINTER/SPRING 2019

A message from Penny Washbourn, VP, Programs

Don't miss these wonderful opportunities to participate! Invite your friends -- something for everyone!

February 9, 11:30am AAUW Educational Fundraiser luncheon: Andrea Morgan UC Berkeley, AAUW Career Development Grant Recipient. Alameda Hospital Conference room A. Details in this Newsletter.

February 13, 5:30-7:45pm Movie Showing and Discussion of DARK MONEY documentary with Alan Mann LWVA and Dennis Evanosky, Editor The SUN, Alameda Library, co-sponsored LWVA and FAFL

February 17, 1:30-3pm Plant Potting Party for Tech Trek Plant Sale hosted by Dorie Behrstock. Limit 8 participants. RSVP dgbintl@gmail.com

February 25, 6:00pm Alameda Author Series III Rebecca Gomez Farrell, novelist, Alameda Library, co-sponsored with FAFL <https://rebeccagomezfarrell-aauw2019.eventbrite.com>

March 9, 11:30 am Celebrating International Women's Month Luncheon and Presentation: Dr. Veronica Ufoegbune on Education for Girls in West Africa, Dragon Rouge Restaurant, Alameda. Details in March Newsletter

March 18, 6:00pm Alameda Author Series III Lea Kirk, novelist, Alameda Library, co-sponsored with FAFL <https://leakirk-aauw2019.eventbrite.com>

March 30, 4:00-6:00pm Treasures for Tech Trek Fundraiser hosted by Carolee Ziegenhagen. Limit 30 participants. Details in March Newsletter

April 8, 6:00pm Alameda Author Series III Natalie Devora, Memoirist, Alameda Library, co-sponsored with FAFL <https://nataliedevora-aauw2019.eventbrite.com>

April 13, 11:30am Branch Field trip to Jean Sweeney Park with picnic lunch and presentation by Amy Wooldridge, Director Alameda Parks and Recreation. Details in April Newsletter

April 28, 3:00- 5:00pm Annual College of Alameda Scholarship Fundraiser at Girls Inc. Presentation: "Community College: A path to success in Higher Education". Details in April Newsletter

May 4, 8:30am- 1:00pm Pre- Mother's Day Plants & More Sale: succulents, African violets, roses, decorative containers, books, ornaments. Hosted by Barbara Krummel. Annual Tech Trek Fundraiser. Details March Newsletter

May 8, 6:00pm Alameda Author Series III Alison Hart, novelist, Alameda Library cosponsored with FAFL <https://alisonhart-aauw2019.eventbrite.com>

May 11, 10:30am Member Celebration Brunch. Recognition of Volunteers, Past Board members and Installation of 2019-2020 AAUW Alameda Board. Details April Newsletter

Branch Interest Groups (continued, next page)

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, contact Mark Hamilton -- 510 749-0738 or mdham21@yahoo.com**

Great Decisions Group

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

On February 14, 2019, we will be going to the Oakland Museum to see **Cruisin' the Fossil Coastline**

Drop back in time to see the natural environment of California in a new way. Discover the connections between art and science through fantastically colorful renderings by artist Ray Troll and the research of paleontologist Kirk Johnson, who made an incredible journey to map the ancient world with a fresh perspective. Together, the fossil-loving scientist and his artist friend paint a vivid picture of the land and creatures that once roamed the West Coast thousands of years ago. Learn how fossils teach us about how California's landscape, plants, and animals have evolved over millions of years. With the addition of sculpture, maps, a giant sloth—or Paramylodon harlani—and other fossils and bones from the collections of OMCA and the California Academy of Sciences.

****AND****

The World of Charles and Ray Eames

Fueled by their belief in design as a way of life, the innovative husband and wife duo Charles and Ray Eames were two of the most influential designers of the twentieth century. Go beyond their most well-known designs in this intimate and inspiring exhibition portraying their legacy and lives in California. There is an additional \$4 charge for this special exhibition in addition to regular Museum admission.

Carpool leaves from Ross Parking lot at 10:30 a.m. sharp. If you are interested in going, **contact Marlis White at mmwww29@live.com or call 510-682-8260.** We will have lunch at the Oakland Museum cafeteria.

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.

Evening Books

Fourth Monday 7:15 pm. **Call Cindy Silva at 510- 523-4677** for more information, including the title of the book the Group is currently reading.

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

Urban Treks

Join us on Monday, February 11 for urban walks.

We'll be visiting the Autodesk Gallery on Market Street. To quote: "It celebrates the creative process and shows how the tools of design are dramatically changing." We'll also visit the Ferry Building. We'll take public transit to San Francisco. You'll need \$5.50 (\$2.75 for 65 and over) in exact change (times 2) for the "O" bus and \$2.50 (\$1.25 for 65 and over) in exact change (times 2) for Muni.

We strongly recommend a Clipper card. If you don't have one, we'll help you get one. Lunch will cost approximately \$10 - \$12. Meet us in front of Kamakura on Santa Clara at Broadway at 9am.

Call Dorothy Kerwin, 769-9159, or Susan Myers, 522-4641, for more information.

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.

Calendar

Branch Activities	February						2019
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
REMINDER: Sat., Jan 26, 4:30 pm – Taming The Paper Tiger Workshop Alameda Hospital					1	2	
3 Cinema Club	4 – 7:00 pm Board Meeting Alameda Hospital	5	6	7	8	9 -- 11:30 am Luncheon Alameda Hospital	
10	11	12	13 – 5:30-7:45 pm Movie/Discussion Dark Money Alameda Library	14 -- 9:30 am Museum Group	15	16 -- 6:00 pm Ethnic Dining Group	
17 - 1:30-3:00 pm Plant Potting Party (RSVP Required)	18 – 1:30 pm Afternoon Books Group	19	20	21	22	23	
24	25 – 7:00 pm Author Series Alameda Library	26 Evening Books Group	27	28			

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.

FREE FILM SHOWING!

Wednesday, February 13, 5:00 - 7:45 PM

Alameda Main Library, 1550 Oak Street



a political documentary

followed by discussion with Dennis Evanosky
and Alan Mann

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