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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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## AAUW Alameda Spring Picnic Lunch and Annual Meeting

**Saturday April 13, 11:30 am**

Jean Sweeney Open Space Park, 1925 Sherman Ave (off Atlantic Ave) Rotary Pavilion



Park in Sherman Ave. lot, walk past play area, pavilion on your left (approx. 1500 ft)

**Agenda:**

- Nominations for 2019-20 AAUW Alameda Board; call for nominations from floor; presented by Mary Oppedahl. Elections.
- Presentation by Amy Wooldridge, Director of Alameda Recreation and Parks on the history of Jean Sweeney Park and site tour.

**Picnic Lunch: \$18, includes coffee and water**

**Salads**

**1.** Fuji Apple Salad with Chicken

Chicken, arugula, romaine, kale, radicchio blend, tomatoes, red onions, toasted pecan pieces, gorgonzola and apple chips tossed with sweet white balsamic vinaigrette, served with baguette and cookie.

**2.** Modern Greek Salad with Quinoa, cucumbers, Kalamata olives, feta cheese, toasted almonds, and Greek dressing served with baguette and cookie

Sandwiches or half-sandwiches and salad

**3A.** Mediterranean Veggie Sandwich

Sweet piquant peppers, feta, cucumbers, emerald greens, tomatoes, red onions, cilantro-jalapeno hummus, salt and pepper on tomato-basil bread, with chips, pickle, and cookie

**3B.** Half Mediterranean Veggie sandwich and seasonal greens salad etc.

**4A.** Heritage ham and Swiss cheese sandwich

Artisan ham, Emmental cheese, emerald greens, maple mustard sauce on country rustic bread, with chips, pickle and cookie

**4B.** Half Heritage Ham and Swiss cheese sandwich with seasonal green salad etc.

**5A.** Napa Almond chicken salad sandwich served on Sesame Semolina bread with celery, seedless grapes, almonds, lettuce, tomatoes, special dressing, with chips and pickle

**5B.** Half Napa Almond Chicken salad sandwich with seasonal greens salad, etc.

**Please select an item and note it on your \$18 check, made out to "AAUW Alameda Branch," mail to Penny Washbourn, 501 Lagunaria Ln, Alameda, 94502 by April 6.**

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*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.*

### **Message from the April Board Chair**

Our speaker at the March lunch, Dr. Ufoegbune, gave an interesting and well-received speech on education of women and girls in West Africa. Extending our recognition of noteworthy women, our April luncheon will provide us the opportunity to acknowledge, learn about and experience the fulfillment of a two-decade dream of a remarkable woman, Jean Sweeney. The picnic lunch on April 13 at Jean Sweeney Open Space Park will include a tour by Alameda Recreation and Parks Department.

Jean Sweeney is an inspiration – a shining example of what a single person with a lot of help can accomplish. When Jean first learned about an unused railroad yard in 1998, she immediately went to see the property and just knew it should become a public park. She asked the railroad to donate the land which generated smiles, but no land, as they wanted to sell the land for development. Undaunted, Jean worked tirelessly with the many Alameda clubs and committees of which she was a member to lobby the City to change the zoning for the land to open space. The city did so in 2002. Meanwhile, Jean undertook a tireless search of the legal ownership of the land, discovering in 2003 that the original 1924 contract granted the city the option to repurchase the land from the railway company at the original price. After six years of litigation, the city was able to repurchase the land in 2009.

Years of work kept funding alive, staved off other development at the site, and facilitated the city/community process to determine the park plan. The first phase is now complete and, while Jean died before she could see her dream come true, we can. Please join us on April 13 to honor Jean's remarkable effort, touch base with each other and attend our Annual Membership Meeting.

Don't forget to pass along the AAUW Work Smart online salary negotiation course link to any working women in your families and among your friends and their families. This is an opportunity to make a positive, real-world change to the pay inequity that still hampers women's advancement, to this day.

As we move into Spring with (hopefully) less rain, more sunshine, and that long-neglected garden crying out for help, mark your calendars for the April 20 Alameda Earth Day Booth Tech Trek Fund-Raiser Plant Sale. In addition to buying a plant or two at the sale, we are still in need of donations of plants, decorative pots, garden ornaments and gardening books. All proceeds will benefit Tech Trek. Information on volunteering are in this Newsletter.

Mary Oppedahl, Secretary

### **IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT: AAUW Alameda Board Nominations 2019-2020**

(This is the slate of Officers that will be presented for approval or amendment at the April Luncheon/Annual Meeting)

President: Cindy Silva                                      President-Elect: Mark Hamilton  
Co-Vice Presidents for Programs: Penny Washbourn and Paula Biber  
Co-Vice Presidents for Membership: Mark Hamilton and Susan Myers  
Co-Vice Presidents for AAUW Funds: Karen Scanlon and Mary Oppedahl  
Co-Vice Presidents for Finance: Lisa Fitts, Jennifer Ayres, and Susan Myers  
Secretary: Mary Oppedahl

#### **Appointed positions:**

Newsletter Editor: Mark Hamilton                      Public Policy: Donna Vaughn  
Tech Trek Coordinator: Barbara Krummel              Website Coordinator: JoAnn Ainsworth  
Publicity: Elizabeth McGaffey                          Hospitality: Claudia Lewey, Lois Pryor, and Sue Fialer  
Sunshine: Cynthia "Cindy" Silva                      Parliamentarian and Bylaws: Dorothy Kerwin  
College/University Relations: Patti Heimburger and Penny Washbourn

#### **Committee Chairs:**

Outreach: Shubha Fanse                                      Fundraising: Penny Washbourn  
Communications: Mark Hamilton                          Budget: Lisa Fitts, Susan Myers, Cindy Silva, and Karen Scanlon  
Nominations: Karen Scanlon -- Chair elected by appointed members.

**Alameda Earth Day Festival Booth, Saturday April 20, 2019 replaces the previously-announced Pre-Mother's Day "Plants and More Sale" -- 10:00am-3:00pm at Washington Park**

**NOTE: Please read the following carefully, especially if you have signed up to or wish to volunteer!**

**SAVE THE DATE: Great News!** AAUW has been approved to host an exhibitor booth for a Plant Sale fundraiser for Tech Trek at the annual Alameda Community Earth Day Celebration. We will have one table for selling a selection of plants/other gardening items and share information about AAUW Alameda and Tech Trek. This is a wonderful opportunity to bring news of our organization and Tech Trek out to our 5,000 friends and neighbors who attend this event. Our environmental theme is **"Make your Garden Grow: Raising the Next Generation of Environmentalists."**

We will have a second table for educational activities for children with succulent cuttings, seeds, soil, and pots, to show them how to make their own plantings.

**We will need volunteers** to help on the morning shift (8:30 am-12:00 noon, including set-up) and the second shift (12:00 noon-3:30pm, including clean-up). If you enjoy working with children, you can sign up to work at the second table.

1. For donations for **non-plant garden items such as plant books, decorative pots, garden ornaments, and note cards**, please bring them to Penny Washbourn's house -- 501 Lagunaria Ln, Alameda, 94502 -- **between Saturday, March 23 and Saturday, April 6**. You can contact her at **510-748-7455** or by email, [pwashbou@hotmail.com](mailto:pwashbou@hotmail.com) to let her know what and when you will be donating and to set up a drop-off time. If you need her assistance to donate, she can arrange to come by and pick up your items.

2. To help us make attractive and informative displays and signs, we need to know approximately how many plants you are donating and what kind they are. **Please email Paula Biber, [pbiber@yahoo.com](mailto:pbiber@yahoo.com) or call her at 510-918-8577 by March 30** and let her know what you are growing.

3. **Plant donations can be brought to Barbara Krummel's house, 3258 Liberty Ave, between Sunday April 14 and Friday, April 19**. All plants need to be put behind the garage gate, which will be open. Tables will be available there. You can do this at your convenience and do not need to contact Barbara ahead of time.

**So, SAVE the DATE: Let Paula Biber [pbiber@yahoo.com](mailto:pbiber@yahoo.com) know if you are available to help on the day of the Event by Friday, April 5th.**

### **AAUW Work Smart Initiative**

AAUW has established a goal of providing salary negotiation training to 100,000 women this year and 1,000,000 women by 2022 in order to help close the wage gap between men and women. AAUW has developed an online training module for individual women to learn salary negotiation skills. It is available to all, not just members.

To reach its goals, AAUW National is asking its members for their help in making the online training tool available to as many working women as possible. That includes working women in our branch as well as our members' daughters, granddaughters, nieces and friends. The National AAUW office suggests that each of us take the training ourselves so that we can explain its specifics and value to those women to whom we will reach out.

You can find the training module as follows:

1. Website: <https://salary.aauw.org>
2. Click on "start your online salary negotiation course now"
3. Complete the registration, including creating a personal password for this tool (be sure to accept the terms of privacy)

The online course will take several hours. If you are not inclined to do the entire course, yourself, but believe the online training will benefit other women you know, please give them the instructions (above) or simply forward the link. **LET'S MAKE THIS HAPPEN!** We can help ourselves, our daughters, our friends, and their friends increase their own salaries and help our country move closer to wage equity.

**NOTICE:** A new **In-House Membership Roster** has been created and is posted in the Members Only Section of our Branch Website – go to <https://alameda-ca.aauw.net/members-only/>  
The password for the Members Only Section is AAUWAlameda

***Alameda Authors Series III***



**Natalie Devora**

**on her memoir**

***Black Girl White Skin: A Life in Stories***

**April 8, 2019, 6:00 p.m.**

**Alameda Free Library**

**Reservations requested:**

**<https://nataliedevora-aauw2019.eventbrite.com>**

Our April author **Natalie Devora** will discuss her memoir ***Black Girl White Skin: A Life in Stories***, and her current writing projects.

**About the author:**

Natalie Devora is a writer and activist. Living as a Black woman with albinism affords her a unique lens through which she navigates the world. She has been featured on NPR's Code Switch. She currently serves as the National Coordinator for International Albinism Awareness Day with the National Association for Albinism and Hypopigmentation NOAH. Natalie is a nominee for the 2019 Holman Prize for Blind Excellence, Social Media: ***@NatalieDevoraAuthor***

***Event telephone: 510.463.4966 Kevis Brownson (leave message)***

## Treasures for Tech Trek Fundraiser -- Saturday March 30, 4-6pm



Come to an exceptional private event hosted by Carolee Ziegenhagen at her house and enjoy her collection of over 74 boxes collected over 12 years of traveling and living in 5 different countries: South Korea, South Africa, United Kingdom, Malaysia, and India. For the price of admission, you will be able to choose one box to take home and you'll have an opportunity to purchase a second one. All revenue goes to support the AAUW Tech Trek Scholarship Fund for a one-week STEM camp for 7<sup>th</sup> grade Alameda girls.

The event will include wine and appetizers and a wonderful time to socialize with old and new friends.

- \$25 donation per participant
- maximum 30 participants
- participants will draw a number upon arrival and at 5 pm participants will each choose a box in numerical order

**Reserve your place! Send your \$25 check, made out to Carolee Ziegenhagen, directly to her at 380 Tucker Ave, Alameda CA 94501 Contact information for questions: [carolzieg@gmail.com](mailto:carolzieg@gmail.com) or 303-817-1180.**

### SAVE THE DATES -- SPRING 2019

A message from Penny Washbourn, VP, Programs

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

**March 30** -- 4:00-6:00pm Treasures for Tech Trek Fundraiser hosted by Carolee Ziegenhagen. Limit 30 participants. Details in March and April Newsletters

**April 6** -- JoAnn Smith Ainsworth and other mystery/suspense authors will feature their new releases during a Crime Time Author Showcase on Saturday, April 6, 12:30-2:30 PM, Books, Inc., 1344 Park St., Alameda. Please plan to stop by and lend your support.

**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 this Newsletter

**April 20** -- 10:00am- 3:00pm Annual Earth Day Celebration/Tech Trek Fund-Raising Booth, Washington Park: succulents, African violets, roses, decorative containers, books, ornaments.

**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 8** -- 6:00pm Alameda Author Series IV 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](mailto: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, and eight meetings are held between February and June. **For more information, contact Dorothy Kerwin -- [kerwindorothy@gmail.com](mailto:kerwindorothy@gmail.com)**

### **Museum Group:**

We will be going to see **Peter Paul Rubens's** paintings at the Legion of Honor Museum on Thursday, April 11.

**Peter Paul Rubens** (1577–1640) was both a prodigious artist and one of the most extraordinary figures of the seventeenth century. Renowned for his virtuosic handling of oil paint, his depictions of taut dramatic action, and his sensuous coloring, Rubens was also an international diplomat, a shrewd businessman, a well-read intellectual, a friend to scholars and monarchs, and the master of a prolific workshop. His early biographers regularly present Rubens as an aristocrat-artist, the favorite of Europe's noble class, but this was far from an assured outcome. *Early Rubens* will focus on what is arguably the artist's most innovative period of production, from 1608 until about 1620. It was during these years that Rubens rose to the first rank of Flemish painting through a series of social and artistic choices that laid the groundwork for his international fame and established a visual style that would guide ambitious painters for generations to come.

There will be a docent lecture at The Alameda Free Library on Monday, May 13 at 6:30 on **Rubens**. Please put that on your calendar.

Carpool leaves from the Ross Parking Lot at **9:30 am, sharp**. If you are interested in going, contact Judy Sparks, [judysparks@comcast.net](mailto:judysparks@comcast.net), or call (510)-523-6736 or Marlis White at [mmwww29@live.com](mailto:mmwww29@live.com) or call 522-8383.

We meet for lunch in the cafeteria at **11:30 am**.

### **Afternoon Books**

We'll meet at 1:30 pm on the third Monday, April 15, 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**

Monday, April 8, we'll explore Glen Canyon (no, not that one) in San Francisco. We should be just in time for wildflowers. This is a lovely, wild part of San Francisco you might not know about.

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 cost approx.. \$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](mailto: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  | April   |         |           |                              |        |  | 2019 |
|--|---|---------|-----------|------------------------------|--------|--|------|
| Sunday   | Monday  | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday                     | Friday | Saturday   |      |
| REMINDER – Sat., Mar. 30 – Treasures for Tech Trek Fundraiser              | 1 -- 7:00 pm -- Board Meeting<br>Alameda Hospital                                       | 2       | 3         | 4                            | 5      | 6 -- 12:30-2:30 pm -- Crime Time Author Showcase, Books, Inc.                            |      |
| 7<br>Cinema Group  | 8 – 9:00 am – Urban Treks Group;<br>6:00 pm – Alameda Author Series,<br>Alameda Library | 9       | 10        | 11-- 9:30 am<br>Museum Group | 12     | 13 -- 11:30 am<br>Luncheon<br>Jean Sweeney Open Space Park                               |      |
| 14   | 15 – 1:30 pm --<br>Afternoon Books Group  | 16      | 17        | 18                           | 19     | 20 – 10:00-3:00 - Alameda Earth Day Celebration/Booth;<br>6:00 pm -- Ethnic Dining Group |      |
| 21   | 22 – 7:15 pm --<br>Evening Books Group  | 23      | 24        | 25                           | 26     | 27   |      |
| 28 – 3:00-5:00 pm – College of Alameda Scholarship Fundraiser, Girls, Inc. | 29  | 30      |           |                              |        |  |      |

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.



Alameda (CA) Branch

invites you to its annual

## College of Alameda Scholarship Fundraiser



Hear how education changes lives in the compelling story of an Iraqi refugee pursuing her dream of a graduate degree.

- ✎ Dr. Tina Vasconcellos, Vice President of the College of Alameda (CoA) Student Services, introduces 2019 scholarship recipients
- ✎ Silver Alkhafaji, AAUW Scholarship winner, COA Valedictorian 2017, BS Chemical Biology at UC Berkeley, May 2019
- ✎ Refreshments: \$25 (tax deductible; payable to Peralta Colleges Fdn)

**Sunday, 28 April 3:00pm – 5:00pm**  
**Girls Inc. at 1724 Santa Clara Ave, Alameda**

RSVP: [alameda-ca@aauw.net](mailto:alameda-ca@aauw.net)

Info: <https://alameda-ca.aauw.net>

### NOTICE:

We will need refreshments -- donations of finger foods, hors d'oeuvres, wine, and soft drinks/water. Food and beverages need to be brought to the Rec Hall by 2.30 pm on the day of the event. Please email Penny Washbourn [pwashbou@hotmail.com](mailto:pwashbou@hotmail.com) or call 510 748 7455 and let her know what you can bring.