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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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**Come Celebrate International Women's Day
Saturday March 9, 2019 11:30 am
Dragon Rouge Restaurant -- 2337 Blanding Ave, Alameda
with Veronica Ufoegbune Ed.D.**



**A personal perspective on education for girls and women in Nigeria:
Challenges and Opportunities**

Dr. Ufoegbune (pronounced "oof-way-boo-nay") is currently Director of City of Oakland Head Start. A native of Nigeria, she received her BA in Modern European languages (French and German) at The University of Benin, Nigeria. Veronica is a dedicated specialist in Early Childhood Education and received an MA in Education from Mills College and an Ed.D. in Educational Leadership from Pepperdine University. Formerly Executive Director of The UC Berkeley Early Education Program, she is also an adjunct education instructor at Chabot College and CSU-East Bay Campus. She is an active supporter of girls' education and the rights of girls, youth, and women in Nigeria and globally. She is on the Board of The United Nations Association-East Bay and Chair of the Oakland UN Flag Day Committee.

Menu -- \$35, all-inclusive

Appetizers: Crispy Calamari and Mango Salad

**Entrée Choices: Grilled Lemongrass Pork Chops;
Dragon Fire Garlic Noodles with Tofu; Steamed Rice**

Dessert: Green Tea Ice Cream

Beverages: Iced Tea, Coke, Sprite, Water

RSVP by Saturday, March 2

**Send \$35 Check (Pay to "AAUW-Alameda Branch") to:
Penny Washbourn, 501 Lagunaria Ln Alameda CA 94502-6705**

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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 March Board Chair

The better the balance, the better the world. This is the theme for this year's International Women's Day on March 8th, a time to celebrate women's achievement while calling for a more gender balanced world. Through your ongoing support, you have been working toward balancing the scales in pay, education, and political representation. **AAUW Work Smart** is an online salary negotiation course to help women close that pay gap. Check it out at salary.aauw.org.

If you were not at our luncheon in February, you missed an inspiring talk by Andrea Morgan, an AAUW Professional Development Grant Recipient working to ensure we all have breathable air. We have received almost \$800 to date to support the Ed Fund and you can still donate, either by sending a check, payable to "AAUW Funds," and sent to Karen Scanlon, 1259 Hawthorne Street, Alameda, CA94501, or go online to the State or National Website.

Working for equity is the focus of AAUW, but all work and no play is not a balanced life. Our local branch offers opportunities to have fun through our many interest groups. Take a look at the Interest Groups listing and see what piques your curiosity and fits your schedule. The number of groups has always been fluid, but the core of bridge and books groups, the museum and ethnic dining groups have been staples of the branch for years. If you have a passion for an activity and would like to recruit fellow members to join you let us know and we can put the word out. Our Tech User's group is on hiatus as our leader Kendall Harcourt has moved away, so we are looking for a tech savvy member interested in leading this group.

I hope to see you at our Branch celebration of International Women's Day at our luncheon, featuring Dr. Veronica Ufoegbune, on March 9th.

March Leadership Chair, Karen Scanlon

NEWS FLASH!

Paula Biwer will Coordinate our May 4 Plant Sale!

After a highly successful Dollars for Scholars Yard Sale in May of 2017, Paula has volunteered to coordinate planning for our **Pre-Mother's Day Plants and More Sale**. She writes:

"A 'Big Shout Out' to all AAUW members to volunteer and contribute to this first-ever Event. It will be **on Saturday, May 4, from 8:30–1:00 pm at Barbara Krummel's house: 3258 Liberty Ave, Alameda**. We need help with the set-up, sales, clean-up and donations of plants, pots, plant- and garden-related books, art work, notecards, etc. **If you can help, please contact Paula Biwer at pbiwer@yahoo.com or (510) 918-8577**).

Please consider volunteering on the morning shift (7:00 – 10:30 a.m., which includes set-up), the second shift (10:30 – 2:00 p.m., which includes clean-up), the whole day or any part that fits your busy schedule. We also need donations of all items to be sold. All profits will benefit Tech Trek. We look forward to your involvement as a volunteer, shopper, and sharer of this Event with family, friends, and neighbors. A tremendous "Thank You" to Barbara Krummel for hosting this fun Event."

So, get those green thumbs working to create attractive pots of succulents or other plants and start looking out for plant books, garden ornaments and decorative containers. Paula will be wanting to hear from you about what you can contribute and for volunteers for the day of the Event. Watch this space! Thank you, Paula!

NOTICE: A new **In-House Membership Roster** has been posted in the Members Only Section of our Branch Website – go to <https://alameda-ca.aauw.net/members-only/> To obtain the password for the Members Only Section, please e-mail or call Mark Hamilton at mdham21@yahoo.com or 510-749-0738

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT: AAUW Alameda Board Nominations 2019-2020

President: Cynthia "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

NOTE: Membership in attendance at the April Luncheon will vote on this slate of Officers for next year.

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.

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.

*AAUW Alameda Branch and Friends of the Alameda Free
Library present*

Alameda Authors Series III



Lea Kirk

on her **Prophecy** books

Prophecy, Salvation, and Collision

March 18, 2019, 6:00 p.m.

in the Stafford Room
Alameda Free Library
1550 Oak Street
Alameda 94501

Reservations requested:

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

For more information, please contact AAUW Alameda at alameda-ca@aauw.net or see
our Web site at <http://alameda-ca.aauw.net/>

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 7th 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 or 303-817-1180.

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!

REMINDER: 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, and eight meetings are held between February and June.

For more information contact Dorothy Kerwin -- kerwindorothy@gmail.com

Museum Group:

Going to see MONET - The Late Years at the DeYoung Museum on Thursday, March 14.

Monet lived 86 years--from 1840-1926. He was very productive and is considered a key founder and proponent of Impressionism. This exhibit is a sequel to Monet -- The Early Years. His long life allowed him to gain fame and financial success, but longevity also meant he experienced many heartbreaks. He outlived his first wife, Camille, as well as his second wife, Alice. These troubles were compounded by the First World War (1914-1918), which ravaged France, and his failing eyesight.

Monet gave up traveling and, in 1883, moved to the quiet village of Giverny, located 45 miles northwest of Paris, where he sought refuge. He and his family moved into the pink stucco house, which he called *Le Pressoir (house of the cider press)*. Behind the house, he set up a beautiful garden with abundant flowers, which became his painting laboratory. He painted flowers and objects repeatedly. A more ambitious project was to divert water from the Epte River to create a pond, which offered an ever-changing reflective surface adorned with colorful varieties of aquatic flowers. His water lily canvasses and the celebrated wisteria-covered Japanese footbridge were subjects of his paintings on both large and small canvasses. His large paintings - *Grandes Decorations* - can be seen today at the Musee de l'Orangerie, Paris.

At Giverny, Monet continued to paint outside. After painting en plein air, he would go to his studio to build layers to his works. He converted a barn into a studio with a large window. He built two more studios there, which enabled him to do his grand (large) works. At the end of his career, Monet's paintings became less Impressionistic and approached abstraction. They focus on the balance of representation and abstraction, which makes him a forebear of modernism.

There are 50 paintings in this exhibit by Claude Monet dating from 1913 - 1926, the final phase of his long career. Twenty of these works are on loan from the Musee Marmottan Monet, Paris. **On Monday, April 29, there will be a docent lecture at Alameda Library at 6:30 on Monet.** 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 Marlis White at mmwww29@live.com or call 522-8383.** We meet for lunch in the cafeteria 11:30 am.

Afternoon Books

We'll meet at 1:30 pm on the third Monday, March 18, 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, March 11 for our monthly Urban Trek.

We will be on Valencia Street in the South of Market area. This area has traditional businesses and very upscale, techie sites -- also, good food. 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 9:00 am.

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	March						2019
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
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3 Cinema Club	4 – 7:00 pm Board Meeting Alameda Hospital	5	6	7	8	9 -- 11:30 am Luncheon Dragon Rouge	
10	11	12	13	14 -- 9:30 am Museum Group	15	16 -- 6:00 pm Ethnic Dining Group	
17	18 – 1:30 pm Afternoon Books Group 6:00 pm - Alameda Author Series, Alameda Library	19	20	21	22	23	
24	25	26 Evening Books Group	27	28	29	30 – 4:00 pm Treasures for Tech Trek Fundraiser	
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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

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