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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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Our annual **Celebration Brunch** will be in the Card Room at the
Alameda Elks Lodge 2255 Santa Clara Ave, Alameda
Saturday May 11 *PLEASE NOTE earlier start time - **10:00 am***

We will be honoring the Volunteers of the Year, thanking the outgoing Board Members, and installing the 2019-2020 Board for the AAUW Alameda Branch. Come dressed up for a festive occasion and recognize our special fellow members for all they do to make this Branch vibrant!

Join us for a delicious brunch menu consisting of assorted quiches; waffle sandwiches with egg and bacon; mixed fruit, yogurt, and granola; "Danish" pastries; and orange juice, coffee, and tea.

Checks for **\$32** made out to AAUW Alameda Branch should be sent to **Penny Washbourn by May 3, 2019 to 501 Lagunaria Lane, Alameda CA 94502.**
Thanks! (510) 748-7455, pwashbou@hotmail.com

Message from May Leadership Chair

In writing this month's message for the newsletter, words seem inadequate and unnecessary given the untimely and tragic death of Patti Heimbürger who devoted so much energy, effort and joy to AAUW over the years. The branch, our lives and the world is diminished by her passing. Let us remember how lucky we were to know her and cherish all her many contributions over the years, including the College of Alameda scholarship which Patti instituted. Please join the entire branch in honoring Patti by attending the fund raiser for the College of Alameda scholarship on April 28 from 3:00 to 5:00 pm at Girl's Inc. and her memorial service at Rhythmix on May 11 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm.

Mary Oppedahl

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.

Celebrating the Life of Patti Heimburger



Last month we lost, much too soon, a vibrant and influential member of our AAUW Branch, Patti Heimburger.

Patti was a Past President, Membership Vice President, Tech Trek team member, and founder of the College of Alameda Scholarship Program. As President, she initiated the outreach at the College of Alameda through programs on Human Trafficking and Women's Equality issues, including a showing of Jennifer Siebel Newsom's "Miss Representation" with panel discussion, cosponsored by LWV. She participated in our Evening Book Group, Ethnic Dining Group, and Outreach Committee. When any sector of our organization needed help, she was always there to offer her assistance.

Patti was an artist, author, patron of the arts, and supporter of many non-profit groups. She loved to paint, read, and travel, and had written some family stories. Her numerous interests included the African Library Project, Be On Our Side, End U.S. Military Aid To Israel., Benjamin F. Butler, Super Stars Literacy, AAUW, East Bay Community Foundation, KQED, Alameda Artist Group, Casa Pacifica, Huntsman Marine Science Centre/Fundy Discovery Aquarium, Alameda Sings, James George, Art Lover, Now This Politics, TED, College of Alameda Communication Department, Viral Hatch, Laura Ingalls Wilder Historic Home and Museum, Oakland Symphony, Oakland Children's Hospital, League of Women Voters of Alameda, Overseas Adventure Travel, Rafael Landea/Taller, World Jewish Congress, Expressions Gallery, Epic Web, Girls Inc., and much, much, more. She supported many of these groups both as a volunteer and financially.

Patti had a big heart and shared what she had with all quietly and with class. She enjoyed living in Alameda and had made many friends. Patti is survived by her sister Carolyn Gannon and brother-in law Terry Gannon, of Woodside, and brother Hans Heimburger, of Long Beach. **A Celebration of Life Ceremony will be held May 11, 2019, at Rhythmix Cultural Works, 2513 Blanding Avenue, Alameda CA from 2:00-4:00pm. All are welcome to attend.**

In Loving Memory of

JOAN ETSUKO NARAHARA



November 14, 1932 – March 13, 2019

Remembering Joan Narahara, Long-Time Member and Friend

We are sad to say that our long-time member, Joan Narahara, passed away on March 13, at age 86. Joan was a second generation Alamedan who attended Porter Grammar School before being interned in Topaz, Utah, during WWII. After her return to the island, she graduated from Alameda High School with honors. She received her bachelor's degree in microbiology and certificates in medical technology and exfoliative cytology from UC Berkeley/UCSF, followed by two years at Johns Hopkins Medical Center, in Baltimore, doing cancer research. Joan returned to work for Alameda County as a lab technician, cytologist and microbiologist, retiring after 40 years.

Joan was a patron of the arts, education and the environment, supporting the San Francisco Symphony and Opera for over 40 years, as well as her alma mater, the National Wildlife Federation, and the World Wildlife Fund. Her love of travel took her all around the United States, most of Europe, the Middle East, South America, Japan, Australia and China. She was an avid reader, a lover of fine music, and loved to discuss books she had read and great musical performances she had attended with her friends.

No matter how busy Joan was with her work and family, she always had time for active participation in her community and the organizations with which she was affiliated. She was active with the American Association of University Women (AAUW) for many years, was a former President of the League of Women Voters (LWV) of Alameda, and served on the Alameda City Council Planning Board for two terms as President and Vice President. We will all miss her kindness, generosity, and fine mind. Few organizations have been as lucky as our Alameda Branch to have such a great member.

Family and friends attended a memorial service in honor of Joan on Sunday, April 14, 2019, at the Buddhist Temple of Alameda, 2325 Pacific Ave., Alameda.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/Future Events

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

May 11 -- 10:00am Member Celebration Brunch. Recognition of Volunteers, Past Board members and Installation of 2019-2020 AAUW Alameda Board. Details April Newsletter

College of Alameda Scholarships Awarded

The Peralta Colleges Foundation has announced the College of Alameda Scholarships for 2019 are awarded to Nagham Jadoua and Kristina Mendes. They have both been invited to attend the COA Scholarship Fundraiser on April 28 at Girls, Inc. Here are their Thank-Yous:

My name is Nagham Jadoua. a student and mom of four kids -- two boys and two girls (13, 12, 9, and 7 years old) -- all of them in middle and elementary schools. My husband works as a driver and I am a full-time student at the College of Alameda. I came to the U.S with my husband and my kids five years ago. We are immigrants from Iraq, and we escaped from war for a better future for our kids and for our safety. We are living in an apartment that is very expensive in Alameda. We don't have any relatives here. As a result, we have faced a lot of challenges. Learning the English Language was one of these challenges. Now, I am proud of myself and very happy because I can speak English fluently.

Education is so important to me, as it will help me to become a good model for my kids. I always do homework with them and tell them to study hard so they can become successful citizens in the community. Right now, I am in school to get an education and achieve my dream. First, I took English as a Second Language classes and now I am in the advanced level. I've been earning "A" grades in almost all of my classes, and my GPA is 3.8. I always do my best, and I know that nothing is easy. I also took required computer and a math classes for my major. As for my future, my goal is to become Specialist in Sonography and work in the healthcare field. I am busy almost 24 hours a day caring for myself and my family. Next semester, I will earn an Associate of Arts degree in Health Science. In closing, I hope good luck for everyone.

My name is Kristina Mendez. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your generosity. I am very honored and appreciative to learn I was selected as the recipient of your scholarship award. I am humbled and truly cannot thank you enough. I am currently attending College of Alameda full-time, carrying 18 units for the spring and summer semesters. I will be applying for admissions at UC Berkeley in the fall 2019 and intend to major in Social Welfare. I plan to pursue a career helping and giving back to all people in the community. I survive on Social Security and Financial Aid. By awarding me the AAUW Scholarship, you have lightened my financial burden and I will now be able to confidently embark on a Study Abroad program in Egypt and learn the Arabic Language. I humbly thank you for believing in me and giving me not just the financial support but also the moral support to never give up on my dreams.

Under Patti Heimburger's leadership, our Branch took giant steps toward outreach to the College of Alameda. On her initiative, we co-sponsored, with LWVA, forums on human trafficking and a presentation and discussion of the film "Miss Representation". She also founded the COA Scholarship Fund for women proceeding to four-year colleges.

We have an opportunity to meet these scholars and support the Scholarship Program in Patti's memory by attending and/or donating on April 28th 3:00 -5:00 pm at Girls, Inc. -- <http://www.girlsincislandcity.org> 1724 Santa Clara Ave. Alameda 94501 – All members (and guests) are invited to attend

Member Survey: Our Biannual Member Survey will be coming out in late May/early June on Survey Monkey. Look for it in your email inbox. For those who receive their Newsletters in hard copy, we will send you a paper version of the survey. **Do please take the time to give us your feedback on how we are doing as a Branch and your ideas on how we can best serve our members and attract others to the mission of AAUW in Alameda.** Our new Board will be relying on your input as it considers priorities for our upcoming program year, and THANKS!

Our **September Tech Trek Luncheon** will be on **Saturday, September 14, 11:30 am, at Girls, Inc.,** on Santa Clara Ave. Details to follow on our Branch website and via e-blast.

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.

Branch Interest Groups

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:

1. The museum group will travel to the Iris and B. Gerald Cantor Center for Visual Arts at Stanford on Thursday, May 9, to see the exhibit: Josiah McElheny: Island Universe

According to the Cantor website, "Bringing artist Josiah McElheny's *Island Universe* to the Cantor is a rare opportunity to examine both cutting-edge art and physics. The monumental installation is a visual response to recent theories of the multiverse, an elaboration of the Big Bang theory. The installation is both visually stunning and carefully constructed according to measurements that map the history of time. McElheny worked closely with distinguished Ohio State University professor of astronomy David Weinberg to develop those measurements. The five hanging chandeliers, which incorporate precise scientific calculations, are modeled on the chandeliers of the Metropolitan Opera in New York--iconic midcentury design objects that were made in Vienna in 1965. That year, the first physical evidence of the Big Bang theory became public, launching popular interest in space science. McElheny's installation -- made of chromed metal, transparent handblown glass, and lights -- represents potential universes whose dense origins expand outwards."

Carpool leaves from the Ross Parking Lot at **9:30 am sharp**. If you are interested in going, contact Judy Sparks, judy Sparks@comcast.net or (510) 523-6736 or Marlis White, mmwww29@live.com or call (510) 522-8383. We meet for lunch in the cafeteria at **11:30 am**.

2. On Thursday June 13, the Museum Group will have its final event of the year. We will travel to the Cohen-Bray House in Oakland for a tour and tea. Cost is \$35 with check made out to Cohen-Bray House and mailed to Judy Sparks, 934 Fountain St. Alameda CA 94501.

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In 1882-84, Julia Moser and Watson A. Bray built the house as a wedding present to their daughter Emma who married Alfred H. Cohen on Feb.28, 1884. Mr. Cohen was the son of A.A. Cohen, who had a mansion in Alameda. A.A. Cohen established the San Francisco and Oakland Railroad, the first RR system in Alameda County. More significantly, he was the chief attorney for the Central Pacific Railroad, i.e., the attorney for "The Big Four".

This was before the dredging of the estuary, so it was easier to go between Alameda and Oakland. There were several mansions built in the Fruitvale area of Oakland, but this is the only one that survives. The home is full of family heirlooms and a family ancestor is often a guild. I have toured it several times and found it extremely interesting and educational.

After the tour, tea will be served. They can seat 18 at their dining room table -- therefore, I would like to open the invitation to all of our AAUW members. There are two levels, so stairs will need to be climbed. Please let me know if you are interested by May 20. (Judy Sparks)

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

It is with regret that we announce the end of Urban Treks. We had hoped to begin again after last year's hiatus. However, in 4 months, we've had no takers. It has been fun over the years and we thank all of you who participated. We will continue our journeys on almost every Monday - should there be a time you'd like to join us, let us know and it can be arranged.

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	May					2019
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
April 28 – COA Scholarship Fundraiser at Girls, Inc.			1	2	3	4
5 Cinema Group	6 -- 7:00 pm -- Board Meeting Alameda Hospital	7	8 – Local Authors Series III Alameda Free Library	9-- 9:30 am -- Museum Group	10	11 -- 10:00 am – Member Celebration Brunch Alameda Elks Lodge 2:00 pm– Celebration of the Life of Patti Heimbarger Rhythmix Cultural Center
12	13	14	15	16	17	18 – 6:00 pm -- Ethnic Dining Group
19	20 – 1:30 pm -- Afternoon Books Group	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 – 7:15 pm -- Evening Books Group	28	29	30	31	

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.

***AAUW Alameda Branch and Friends of the Alameda Free Library present
Alameda Authors Series III***



Alison Hart on her novel *Mostly White*

May 8, 2019, 6:00 p.m. in the Stafford Room
Alameda Free Library 1550 Oak Street

Reservations requested:

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

Books available in advance at Books Inc.

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)



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>