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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 October Speaker and Luncheon Alameda Chamber of Commerce, 2215A South Shore Center



Our **October 12 Luncheon** will feature Madlen Saddick, Executive Director of the Alameda Chamber of Commerce as our presenter. The Chamber will also be welcoming us to have our luncheon meeting in their convenient offices, near Trader Joe's. *Please plan to arrive between 11:00 and 11:25 for our "social half hour" – Luncheons begin promptly at 11:30.*

Ms. Saddick will address us regarding her vision for the Alameda Chamber. In her first eight months as the new Executive Director, she has introduced a number of new programs and initiatives to strengthen the role of the Chamber in the community and provide added value to its members. One of her passions is education and her new Chamber Academy program, which has been well-received. She brings great energy and enthusiasm to her vision.

Madlen came to Alameda following over eight years with the San Mateo Chamber of Commerce, where she had a number of roles, including marketing, event planning, and business development. Prior to that, she had a successful career as the owner of a commercial design center for 22 years, working with developers and architects.

Our Salad Bar/Sandwich Buffet will be catered by Panera Bread, with cookies and coffee at a cost \$16.00 per person. **Please make checks payable to AAUW Alameda and mail them to Penny Washbourn, 501 Lagunaria Lane, Alameda CA 94502 by Friday October 4.** pwashbou@hotmail.com, (510) 748-7455

Our Mission is to advance 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.

President's Corner

The Fall season is here, and we are off to a good start! We were extremely happy to see a great turnout at the September Tech Trek Luncheon. I can't remember the last time we had such high attendance at a luncheon. Bravo to the Barbara Krummel and the whole Tech Trek Program Committee, who work with the students every year to organize this event.

We have some exciting programs being planned for this year and we are co-sponsoring events with other organizations. Please plan to attend these events to show support for our members who are part of the committees working with other groups. We can't say enough how great this exposure in Alameda is for our Branch

We have some new members who have recently joined. Please welcome them when you see them at the Luncheons or in our Special Interest Groups.

Enjoy the Fall Season!!!

Cynthia (Cindy) Silva, President, 2019-2020

Tech Trek Luncheon Report

The Tech Trek Committee hopes you were able to join us at our September Luncheon, where we enjoyed presentations from our 2019 campers, Jahirah, Ava, Amelia, Luisa, Charlotte and Vera. Here are a few things the girls had to say...

"I liked the fact that I could experiment and figure out how to make things." Ava

"We were able to experience a multitude of different things, as well as meeting great people—possibly lifetime long friends." Jahirah

"I was able to become so invested in science and math the whole week without distractions like phones and TV." Charlotte

"I got to spend time with so many girls just like me and learned about sciences I didn't even know existed!" Luisa

"In Mad City Money I learned how to properly write a check and budget my money." Amelia

"I loved my core class (biology) and my favorite part was definitely the frog dissection because it was so hands-on and involved." Vera

Thanks to our Tech Trek committee members -- Linda Preminger, Shubha Fanse, Carolee Ziegenhagen, Lesley Batzloff, and Liz London -- for their help with the Luncheon and throughout the process. A special shout-out to Judy Jaber for working with the girls to put together a great presentation and, finally, a thank you to Patti Heimbürger, our long-time member, who we lost earlier this year. We will miss her enthusiasm and dedication to promoting science education for girls.

If you were unable to attend the Luncheon, you can still show your support by going to the Tech Trek section of our website -- alameda-ca.aauw.net -- scroll down and click on the "Donate" button. You can also send a check -- made out to AAUW CA SPF -- to Barbara Krummel, 3258 Liberty Ave., Alameda, CA 94501. Tech Trek is a 501c3 non-profit, so donations are tax deductible. You will receive a thank you letter with the Tech Trek tax ID number. The cost for each girl is \$1,000 so we must raise at least \$5,000 - \$6,000 each year -- Branch members are our major supporters! The Tech Trek camp allows girls to live like college students for a week at Sonoma State University and experience STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) through hands-on learning and interactions with women working in STEM fields. In addition, they spend time getting to know other girls who share their enthusiasm and focus.

Barbara Krummel, Tech Trek Coordinator

AAUW GreenThumbers: We can all start getting ready for Next Year's Alameda Earth Day Celebration and our Second Annual Plant Sale. Please start saving any plastic pots you have from purchasing plants and small individual plastic yogurt containers for the children's planting activity. Also, think about propagating something different in addition to succulents. Coordinator Paula Biwer is really getting into African Violets after purchasing some at last year's sale. The more variety we have, the greater the sales.

You can bring your saved plastic pots and small yogurt containers to each Luncheon, beginning in September. Paula will be collecting and storing them for the Earth Day Event.

In Memoriam

This month, we fondly remember and celebrate the lives and contributions of one current and two former members, who have passed away recently. Here are a few words about each of them. They will be missed!

Keri Clark

Past member Keri (Kerstina) Clark passed away peacefully on August 20, 2019, at her home, surrounded by her loving family. Keri joined Alameda-AAUW Branch in 2014, after retiring as the Director of Congregated Housing from Waterford at Rossmoor.

Keri enjoyed being a member of the Museum Group and she also served as our Web Page Coordinator. In 2017, Keri and her husband, Jim, moved into their dream home in Grass Valley to be near their daughters, Kim and Teri, and their families.

Keri was the mother in-law of our member, Marlis White's son. Marlis and Keri had been friends for many years.

Jane Blair Petersen

On August 15, 2019 our member, Jane Petersen, passed away at her home in Alameda. Jane had been a member of the Alameda branch since 2003. She was a valued member of the Evening Books Group and enjoyed attending the monthly Luncheons.

Jane had a wonderful life involving travel, adventures, politics, her church, and many good relationships in Alameda and around the globe. While participating in a UC Berkeley trip she met the love of her life, Ernie while visiting Egypt. They were married in India and their whirlwind love story took them to many places around the world due to Ernie's position with the United State government. As they moved from country to country, Jane also would work in the various countries. After twenty years, when they returned to the US, Jane became the Executive Assistant to the Chairman of the Board of Bank of America.

Jane enjoyed reading three newspapers per day and was always reading a book or two at the same time. She liked Stephen Colbert and coffee ice cream. She was a deeply-rooted Alamedan. Her home was built by her great grandfather, lived in by her grandparents, occupied by her mother and father, then Jane and Ernie when they retired to Alameda. She will be greatly missed. Memorial Services were held on September 11, 2019 in Alameda.

Cathryne Allan

Past AAUW-Alameda Branch President Cathryne Allan passed away peacefully on August 5, 2019, at her home, while under hospice care. Cathryne was a very active member of our Branch. The family is planning a service to be held in Alameda on a Saturday in October at their church. Further information will be provided by e-mail and the obituary will be printed in the local newspapers once the date is confirmed.

Cathryne was predeceased by her husband, Gilbert, and is survived by her children, Catherine, Bob and Jim. Also surviving Cathryne are her two grandchildren, Greg and Dan. An additional article will be in the November newsletter as information is received.

Interest Group Spotlight

Want a different kind of book club experience? The Alameda Branch may have just the ticket for you! Instead of the traditional reading by all members of one book a month and attending a meeting to discuss it, the members of the Afternoon Book Group read whatever book they wish and share their reading experience with the group. Afterward, books that are available for sharing are passed on to whomever wants to borrow them. Some of our readers just love mysteries, while others prefer science fiction, biographies, popular novels, historical novels, or non-fiction. It is very likely that I would have missed reading "Reading Lolita in Tehran" if I had not heard it reviewed at Afternoon Book Club. It was a real treasure!

To add a bit of social bonding, our group starts with a light dessert, coffee or tea, and catches up on what we have been up to since we last met. Then, we proceed to tell the others about our month's reading experiences. Some will have read several books, others only one, or even none. No one cares how many, we are all just eager to hear about books! Afternoon Books starts at 1:30 p.m. on the third Monday of each month. We meet in the homes of members, but if your abode is too small or too busy, you can pair up with another member, offer to bring the treats, and that's fine.

Call me or e-mail me, Kate Quick, at 510-610-4042 (cell) or katequick@comcast.net if you wish to join us.

New Members Spotlight

We will be running short biographies for our new members in each monthly Newsletter. We will "get the ball rolling with these two:

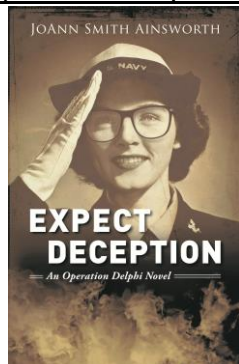
Professor **David C. McGaffey** is President of InterConsult Global, an international consulting firm. He is also Director of the Global Stewards Institute (GSI), a Fulbright Senior Scholar, and a Visiting Professor at University American College Skopje, Macedonia. Professor McGaffey was a U.S. diplomat worldwide for 25 years. His final diplomatic position was as the highest State Department official responsible for relations with the UN's Development agencies. In 1991, he returned to teaching and consulting. He is a long-time Advisor to UNA-USA (East Bay.) He is a specialist in negotiations, global education, and cultural analysis and is the author of numerous books and papers. Professor McGaffey holds a PhD. from Johns Hopkins University - SAIS. He also holds degrees from Harvard and MIT, and The University of Detroit.

Debby Anspach has a B.A. from MSU, Master's Degrees from Wayne State and Claremont, and a Ph.D. from Claremont Graduate School. She was a high school Teacher and K-12 School Counselor for 33 years. Debby was also active as a Career Educator. She was a Union Representative at the local, state (California Teachers Association) and national (National Educators Association) levels. After living in and near Detroit for 30 years, she moved west to Arizona and then to Huntington Beach, CA. After retirement from the Santa Ana Unified School District, Debby moved to Palm Springs. She is a super friend and mentor of Mark Hamilton, which is why she joined AAUW -- to support of his Presidency.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/Special Events

October 12 -- 11:30 am – Monthly Luncheon – Program at Alameda Chamber of Commerce (see details elsewhere in this Newsletter).

Also on October 12 – Branch Member JoAnn Smith Ainsworth is a participating author, from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m., at Dublin Alameda County Library's 2nd Annual Local Author Showcase, 200 Civic Plaza, Dublin, CA 94568 – 925-803-7252 -- Website: <https://dublinlibrary.wordpress.com/2019/08/31/indie-author-day/>



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 monthly, usually on the third Saturday evening, starting at 6:00 pm. 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 will be going to the San Francisco Jewish Museum on October 10, 2019. We will see:

Annabeth Rosen: Fired, Broken, Gathered, Heaped is the artist's first major museum survey and chronicles over twenty years of her work in ceramics. The exhibition features more than 120 of Rosen's most influential and dynamic works, never-before-exhibited in her home base of Northern California. Included are both early and recent ceramic sculptures that range from the diminutive to the monumental, as well as large scale works on paper that mirror the trajectory of her sculptural practice.

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

Afternoon Books

We will meet at 1:30 pm on the third Monday, September 16, to discuss books we are currently reading. **Call Kate Quick, 523-3612, for more information.**

Evening Books

Fourth Tuesday of each month -- 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

The Bridge Group meets next on October 19 at Judy Sparks's house. We are still looking for substitutes -- call Joyce Denyven at 510-523-6341 or send an e-mail to her at denyven@comcast.net.

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Cinema Group

First meeting of the 2019-2020 year is Sunday, October 6. Join us for a movie!

We are a lively group of movie lovers who visit the Alameda Theatre on the first Sunday afternoon of every month, October through June, to see a current movie. Spouses are welcome to attend.

For more information please e-mail Kevis Brownson at kevis.brownson@gmail.com

Calendar

Branch Activities	October						2019
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
(Sept) 29	(Sept) 30	1	2	3	4	5	
6 – 1:00 pm -- Cinema Group	7	8	9	10-- 9:30 am -- Museum Group	11	12 – 11:30 -- Monthly Luncheon – Alameda Chamber of Commerce, South Shore Mall	
13	14 – 1:30 pm -- Afternoon Books Group	15	16	17	18	19 – Bridge Group + 6:00 pm -- Ethnic Dining Group	
20	21	22 – 7:15 pm -- Evening Books Group	23	24	25	26	
27	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.