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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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ANNOUNCEMENTS/SPECIAL EVENTS

NOTE: No January Luncheon

Monday, January 6 – Board Meeting – 6:00 pm, Alameda Hospital, Conference Room A – *ALL WELCOME*

Saturday, January 18 -- 4:30-6:00 pm – “The Last Gift Box – A Present To Those Who Follow Me” Community Workshop with Tina Cole Kreitz (see details on flier – Page 6 of this Newsletter)

SAVE THESE DATES:

Saturday, Feb. 8 – Monthly Luncheon and Program (details to follow in February Newsletter)

Sunday, Feb. 9 – Black History Month Panel, co-sponsor Friends of the Alameda Free Library

Tuesday, Mar. 10 -- Celebration of International Women’s Day with Professor Ndola Prata M.D., M.Sc. (see details on Page Two)

Tuesday, Mar. 24 -- 1:00-2:30 pm – Informational Meeting at Mastick Senior Center

Wednesday April 22 -- 12 noon-2:00 pm -- Women In STEM Conference -- Sponsored by AAUW Alameda Outreach Committee, COA MESA Program, and Biology Department (see details on Page Two)

Thursday, Apr. 23 -- 7:00 pm – Showing of “Misrepresentation” (movie) at Alameda High School, co-sponsor Alameda Unified School District

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.

Upcoming events at College of Alameda, Building F, Student Center

Tuesday March 10 12:30-1:30pm: Celebration of International women's Day with Professor Ndola Prata M.D., M.Sc. and Fred H. Bixby -- Endowed Chair in Population and Family Planning, Professor in Residence, Maternal and Child Health, Director, Bixby Center for Population Health and Sustainability, Co-Director, Innovations for Youth (I4Y) School of Public Health, University of California, Berkeley, Co-Director, Center of Expertise on Women's Health, Gender and Empowerment, University of California, Global Health Institute (UCGHI)

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Giving to AAUW: TAX Strategies for Charitable Donations Part II

As mentioned in last month's Newsletter, "**Reduce your taxable income by Helping AAUW**", people over 70.5 years who must take required minimum distributions (RMDs) from their IRA accounts can reduce their tax burden for 2019 by making charitable donations directly from their IRA accounts (**if you have not already received these funds, of course!**) This can be set up at any point of the year and represent any portion of those RMDs.

So how to benefit AAUW? Give the holder of your IRA, such as Vanguard or Edward Jones, etc., a letter with the name, address, and TAX ID of the Charity and specific designation for the funds.

1. For our AAUW Alameda Branch, there are TWO options that currently qualify as 501(c)(3) entities.

A. For our **Tech Trek Program** the charity is **AAUW CA SPF**, the designation is for **AAUW Alameda scholarships**. TAX ID # **68-0463071**

The addressee is Barbara Krummel, Tech Trek Coordinator, 3258 Liberty Avenue, Alameda CA 94501-3105 (this is important because a form needs to accompany the check to ensure it is credited correctly).

B. For our **College of Alameda Patti Heimburger Scholarships**.

Make the check out to: Peralta Colleges Foundation: Tax ID 23-7091547

Mail to: Peralta Community College Foundation 333 E. 8th Street, Oakland CA 94606:

Designate in a letter these are funds for the **AAUW Alameda College of Alameda Scholarships**

2. For AAUW National: Tax ID **52-6037388**

P.O. Box 98045, Washington DC 20005

Make check out to AAUW and use address above.

You can make open ended donations to AAUW or you can specify particular fund designations in your instruction letter.

Fund designation choices: **a) Greatest Need Fund #9110;** **b) Education and Training #4450** -- includes Fellowships, STEM, Title IX ; **c) Economic Security #4449** -- includes Pay Equity, Title VII and Legal Advocacy Fund; **d) Leadership Fund #4452** includes Campus Action projects and National Conference for Women Student Leaders.

Submitted by Penny Washbourn, Program Co-VP and College/University Relations Co-Chair

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, continuing in February. Paula will be collecting and storing them for the Earth Day Event on April 22, 2020.

Leadership Corner – The Value of Membership

Our Branch depends on the activism of our Members to ensure the long-term viability of our efforts to provide support and encouragement for Women and Girls in our Community. Our various programs and events lead us to directly contribute to the wellbeing of their local, regional, and global welfare. Please always keep AAUW in mind when you interact with Family, Neighbors, and Friends. Invite them to become involved, if only at the basic “Membership Level,” as an affirmation that True Equity is possible. My Dear Friend and Mentor, Dr. Debby Anspach, became a member of our Local Branch in support of our efforts, even though she lives eight hours away, in Palm Springs, CA. Our membership dues are not, by any stretch, outrageous, AND they are tax-deductible. Please be an “evangelist” for our Organization. Submitted by Mark D. Hamilton, President-Elect

Exciting News from

College University Relations Co-Chairs Penny Washbourn and Dorie Behrstock

AAUW Alameda Establishes three new Scholarships for College of Alameda Women Students

Due to the generosity of two AAUW branch members and the availability of the matching grant funds donated by Carolyn Gannon from Patti Heimburger’s estate, the Board has recognized that we have sufficient funds to offer one \$1,000 scholarship, specifically designated for use for a Study Abroad Course beginning Summer of 2020. This is in addition to the two existing \$1,000 transfer scholarships from the Patti Heimburger Scholarship Fund administered by the Peralta Colleges Foundation.

We have been working with the Peralta Community College District Office of International Education to broadcast the availability of these funds for College of Alameda women students, particularly those interested in studying in a developing country. We are most gratified to make this Study Abroad scholarship a priority for women students, as many students at community colleges have such limited funds that they cannot access the significant educational value of studying in another country. Even with this scholarship, students must raise the full amount, including airfare, from their own fundraising efforts. We look forward to hearing about their experiences upon their return!

Our Branch funds two Scholarships for College of Alameda women students to attend the AAUW National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) at the University of Maryland, Baltimore May 27-30, 2020

The Board has accepted the Fundraising Committee’s recommendation that since our transfer and study abroad scholarships are fully funded for this year, we can turn our spring efforts to support women’s leadership development. We will provide two \$1,200 scholarships for College of Alameda women students to attend NCCWSL. We have applied for designation as a AAUW CA Special Projects Fund so that all our donations and disbursements to the scholarship winner will be made by AAUW CA SPF. Penny Washbourn has volunteered to be the Coordinator for this project. Any donations should be mailed to her at 501 Lagunaria Lane, Alameda CA 94502 so she can forward them to the correct account. Checks should be made out to **AAUW CA SPF**.

Silver Alkhafaji, one of our new AAUW Alameda Members and attendee NCCWSL last summer has been very instrumental in promoting the value of this leadership experience and we are working closely with the Director of Student Service and Campus Life to ensure a robust nomination process from Faculty and academic counselors begins in January at the beginning of the COA term. Once nominated, students will submit a 500-word essay as part of their application, and a AAUW Alameda Branch/ College of Alameda Faculty and Staff committee will review applications and recommend finalists to interview in person. **We need your help!**

A NEW NCCWSL Scholarship Selection Committee will be formed in the Spring! We are looking for volunteers who are available late February –through late March to review applications and interview finalists. An initial meeting will discuss criteria for selection. Let me know if you are interested: Penny Washbourn, AAUW/COA NCCWSL Coordinator -- pwashbou@hotmail.com, (510)-748-7455 or (925)-949-9791 (mobile).

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 -- On January 9, the Group will visit the Oakland Museum to view

The Burning Man Exhibit

Marvel at the spectacular artwork and large-scale installations from one of the most widely celebrated cultural events in the world when the Museum presents ***No Spectators: The Art of Burning Man***. Each year the week-long Burning Man event attracts over 70,000 people to Nevada's Black Rock Desert. Participants create and build Black Rock City, a temporary metropolis where experimental art installations -- some ritually burned to the ground -- are the centerpieces for innovators, makers, and a burgeoning artistic community. The exhibition will illuminate the values of Burning Man through its guiding Ten Principles: Radical Inclusion, Gifting, Decommodification, Radical Self-Reliance, Radical Self-Expression, Communal Effort, Civic Responsibility, Leaving No Trace, Participation, and Immediacy.

We meet at the Ross parking lot, at South Shore Center, and leave at **10:30 am**, sharp. Please let Judy Sparks know if you want to go or, for further information, contact Judy: judysparks@comcast.net or (510)-523-6736

Afternoon Books

We will meet at 1:30 pm on the third Monday, January 20, to discuss books we are currently reading.

Call Kate Quick, 523-3612, for more information.

Evening Books

Usually the 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

We are still looking for substitutes -- call Joyce Denyven at 510-523-6341 or send an e-mail to her at denyven@comcast.net.

Cinema Group

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

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Branch Activities	January						2020
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
			1	2	3	4	
5 -- 1:00 pm -- Cinema Group	6—6:00 pm – Board Meeting, Alameda Hospital – Conference Room A	7	8	9-- 10:30 am -- Museum Group	10	11-- *NO LUNCHEON THIS MONTH	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18 – 4:30- 6:00 pm – Community Workshop with Tina Cole Kreitz 6:00 pm -- Ethnic Dining Group	
19	20 – 1:30 pm -- Afternoon Books Group	21	22	23	24	25	
26	27	28 – Evening Books Group	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.



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The Last Gift Box: a free community workshop for all ages with Tina Cole Kreitz



Saturday January 18, 4:30pm-6pm

Alameda Hospital Conference Room A

2070 Clinton Avenue, Alameda 94501

What is the ultimate gift we can give our loved ones before we die? It is a well-ordered set of our critical information and wishes. This is the goal of **The Last Gift Box, A Present to Those Who Follow Me**. Tina, a former educator who holds a Master's degree in Clinical Psychology, was motivated to write when many friends and family died without leaving instructions behind for family and friends.

RSVP by January 11, 2020 to pwashbou@hotmail.com or call 510-748-7455