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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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Join us on **Saturday March 14, 11:30 am** to hear Amos White, co-founder of **100,000 Trees for Humanity in Alameda**, speak about how we can all make a difference in combating climate change. Amos is also the Vice Chairperson of the Climate Emergency Mobilization Task Force of the Community Action for Sustainable Alameda (CASA) www.climateemergencymobilization.com and serves as Chairperson of the Climate Emergency Mobilization Committee. Amos, an excellent speaker, is well known for his poetry and his tireless community advocacy. **Invite your spouses and friends!**

After no January luncheon, sandwiches and salads in the fall, and dainty tea sandwiches in December, now is the time for a real meal! A Grand Buffet luncheon feast at **Speisekammer German Restaurant, 2424 Lincoln Ave, Alameda** can serve as your main meal of the day, and there should be plenty of leftovers to take home! Enjoy all of your favorites: Bite-sized potato pancakes with applesauce, German Salads (cucumber, red beet, cabbage and carrot), Schweinebraten/Roasted Pork in Beer Sauce, Herb Chicken in White Wine Butter Sauce, Cheese Spatzle with caramelized onions and cheese (Vegetarian), Sauerkraut, Mashed Potatoes, Apple Strudel; tea and coffee.

Send your check for \$40.00, payable to "AAUW-Alameda Branch," to Penny Washbourn, 501 Lagunaria Ln, Alameda 94502-6705 by March 9. With questions, call Penny at 510-748-7455 or e-mail pwashbou@hotmail.com

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/SPECIAL EVENTS

- Monday, March 2** – 6:00 pm – Branch Board Meeting, Alameda Hospital, Conference Room A (**All welcome!**)
- Tuesday, March 10** – 12:00 noon - 1:30 pm --Celebration of International Women’s Day with (see details below)
- Wednesday, March 11** – 6:00 pm – Alameda Authors Series IV, #2 (see flier on Page Seven)
- Saturday, March. 14** – 11:30 am -- Monthly Luncheon and Program (see details on previous page)
- Sunday, March 22** – 2:00-4:30 pm -- Women’s Voting Rights Centennial Celebration (see flier on Page Eight)
- Tuesday, March 24** -- 1:00-2:30 pm – Informational Meeting/Community Event at Mastick Senior Center

SAVE THESE DATES:

- Saturday, April 11** – 11:30 am -- Monthly Luncheon (details to follow in April Newsletter)
- Friday, April 17** – 3:00-6:00 pm -- Earth Day Celebration Plant Pre-Sale (see details below)
- Saturday, April 18** – 10:00 am – 3:00 pm -- Alameda Earth Day Celebration/AAUW Plant Sale (see details below)
- Monday, April 20** – 6:00 pm – Alameda Authors Series IV, #3 (details to follow in April Newsletter)
- Wednesday April 22** -- 4:00-6:00 pm -- Women in STEM Conference (see details below)
- Thursday, Apr. 23** -- 7:00 pm – Showing of “Misrepresentation” (movie) at Alameda High School, co-sponsored with the Alameda Unified School District
- Wednesday, May 20** – 6:00 pm – Alameda Authors Series IV, #4 (details to follow in May Newsletter)

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

- Tuesday, March 10** -- 12:00 noon - 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, Global Health Institute (UCGHI). **RSVP at <https://dr-ndola-prata.eventbrite.com>**
- Wednesday, April 22** – 4:00-6:00 pm -- Women in STEM conference with a distinguished panel of speakers -- Sponsored by AAUW Alameda Outreach Committee, COA MESA Program, and Biology Department

Plant Sale Updates



Spring is just around the corner and so is out participation in the **Alameda Earth Day Celebration in Washington Square Park on Saturday, April 18**. This year, **Paula Biwer** is general coordinator, with **Susan Myers** in charge of volunteers, and **Barbara Krummel** storing and transporting the plants, with help from other volunteers. We are adding an exciting, exclusive **Pre-Sale Event at Barbara’s house – 3258 Liberty Ave, Alameda – the day before the sale, Friday, April 17, from 3:00 to 6:00 pm**. Clean small yogurt containers for the children’s planting activities can be brought to our March Luncheon or dropped off, along with potted plants, at Barbara’s house, behind the white fence, between Monday, April 13 and Friday, April 17. Susan is planning a training on pricing and organizing event on Friday, April 17, from 1:00 to 3:00 pm at Barbara’s house.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Susan Myers as soon as possible by e-mail, at samsat@att.net or by phone, at (510) 522-4641

Please continue to support our fund-raising for the Alameda College Scholarships by growing plants, volunteering, and purchasing plants for yourselves and for friends, neighbors, and loved ones. Plants make for nice Mother’s Day gifts! More detailed information will be provided as we approach these events.

WE NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS – THE MORE THE MERRIER!

Leadership Corner -- Editorial

Reaching out, after attending the February Luncheon, I thought I needed to address the subject of our monthly Luncheon meetings. Over the past few years, it has become more challenging for our Program Vice Presidents to identify and secure reasonably priced venues and line up interesting speakers. I want to thank Penny Washbourn and Paula Biver for the countless hours they have spent organizing our monthly Luncheons. Also, Karen Scanlon, Mary Oppedahl, and Barbara Krummel have provided three great programs this year. These were well-attended and everyone walked away having learned something new.

The difficulties have arisen as more venues are no longer open for lunch, prices have skyrocketed, and obtaining speakers who are relevant to today's changing world has become more challenging. At the last luncheon, I heard some grumbles about the location and the menu. I was disheartened, as it took time to organize the event. I thought it was innovative and interesting, overall. We experienced a unique presenter, a new food selection, good parking, and the cost was reasonable.

As an AAUW Member, I think we should be open to all types of cultures and people with different lifestyles and skill sets and should have opportunities to "try new things.". As a "fellow" Member, if you have ideas for speakers or new ways of structuring our Luncheons, please send your ideas to the Program Vice Presidents. Our current times have become challenging, and entertaining our Membership is fraught with limitations due to limited interests, geographic and physical limitations, costs, and having the time available on Saturdays. The Luncheons are designed as socializing opportunities for our Members, but we have an equal responsibility to keep the membership informed and to present current and valuable programs.

We will soon be electing a new Board. Please contact them at the May luncheon, e-mail or call them if you have ideas for the monthly Luncheon meetings. These are YOUR meetings and we want your input. Next year venues will be harder to find, and prices will continue to rise. We need your help.

Submitted by Cynthia Silva, President

NEWS from AAUW College of Alameda Scholarships

1. First Patti Heimburger College of Alameda Study Abroad Scholarship awarded!

The Peralta Colleges Foundation has announced the first winner of the **\$1,000 Study Abroad** scholarship to a female student from the College of Alameda. We look forward to hearing from Maya and our other two awardees at our **College of Scholarship Fundraiser on Sunday, April 26 at 3pm at Girls Inc. Thank you for your generosity for helping to open the world to this student. Her life will be forever changed by this experience!**

2. We need your Help! Our newest AAUW College Scholarships to help develop future women leaders is to send two students to attend the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (**NCCWSL**) to be held at the University of Maryland May 27-30, 2020. **We have nine nominations from faculty and staff, so we will need a small committee to screen the nominations and applications the week of March 9, and then, with a College of Alameda Faculty member and a Staff person, select our four finalists. This will involve being available to interview on the campus once or twice the week of March 23, most likely in the late afternoons. Please let me know if you are interested in joining this enjoyable, short-term project to get our new Scholarship Program launched. Check the link on our AAUW website: <https://alameda-ca.aauw.net/nccwsl>**

Please let me know ASAP -- Penny Washbourn, pwashbou@hotmail.com or call 510-748-7455

GRANT MONEY AWARDED

We've been fortunate to be awarded a major grant from the East Bay Community Fund. The grant is made in memory of Patti Heimbürger.

Alameda Branch will receive \$10,000 a year for each of the next three years to support programs and activities in furtherance of our mission. The board has decided to establish a committee to oversee this grant. Possible topics might include scholarships for the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders, College of Alameda Scholarship Fund / Study Abroad Program, or Membership Outreach.

We are looking for members to serve on this committee as well as to pitch any ideas you have on how best to use this windfall. Please contact me – email is best. The first meeting will probably be in March.

Dorothy Kerwin, kerwindorothy@gmail.com, 510 769-9159

New Member Spotlight

Hi. My name is Liz London. I have lived in Alameda for the past 20 years and have raised two sons here, who are now nineteen and twenty-three. I currently work for the City and County of San Francisco as a Social Work Supervisor. I received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Humboldt State University and a Master of Social Work degree from San Jose State University. I dabble in writing poetry, I like to travel, and on the weekends, I enjoy hiking in the East Bay Regional Parks.

From our AAUW California State Board -- REMEMBERING THE PAST

At our upcoming State Convention, we will meet some women from the past who have had a great impact on our lives. Did you know that the first woman to run for President of the United States was Victoria Woodhull? She believed that women already had the right to vote because the 14th and 15th amendments had given all citizens the right to vote. In 1872, she selected the former slave and abolitionist leader Frederick Douglass as her running mate and ran for the highest office in our land, representing the Cosmo-Political Party, but the government refused to put their names on the ballot.

After she and her sister made a fortune as stockbrokers, they started a newspaper that advocated, among other things, sex education, short skirts, and women's suffrage. Perhaps you will run into Ms. Woodhull at the convention or maybe you will see the great suffragist, Elizabeth Cady Stanton or the brave and wonderful Harriet Tubman!

To get more information about our State Convention or to register to attend, go to

<https://www.aauw-ca.org/2020-convention/>

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**

The Museum Group will go to the Crocker Art Museum in Sacramento on **Thursday, March 12** to see the exhibit "**Granville Redmond: The Eloquent Palette**"

The exhibit has visual charms showing California landscapes of 100 years ago and a great backstory of a deaf artist finding success. Born in Philadelphia in 1871, Redmond was brought by his parents to San Jose soon after a bout with scarlet fever left him permanently deaf. In 1879 his parents sent him to an "enlightened" boarding school called California Institution for the Education of the Deaf and Dumb (today, it is the California School for the Deaf, located in Fremont). There Redmond studied art with Douglas Tilden, who was also deaf and became a friend.

He progressed rapidly at the San Francisco Art Institute and, eventually, in Paris. He exhibited one painting at the Salon, but it did not win a prize. When his funds ran out, Redmond returned to CA, became an illustrator in Los Angeles, got married, and raised 3 children. He couldn't just paint for painting's sake alone -- he had to support his family. He bounced from Los Angeles to Monterey, to Menlo Park, to San Francisco. He supplemented his income with work as an actor in silent films, backed by his younger friend, Charlie Chaplin.

Around 1906, when the California legislature named the poppy as the state flower, Redmond made the significant decision to become a specialist. Of the 83 paintings in the exhibition, 35 could be described as fields of poppies. Others are fields of lupines, dotted with the orange flowers. Even Redmond felt that there was an overabundance of "poppy" paintings and he couldn't devote himself to the works he wanted to paint. "People will not buy them," he said. There are also some moodier paintings, Redmond's so-called "tonalist" works, which provide relief.

We meet at the Ross Parking lot at South Shore Center and leave at **8:30 a. m** sharp. This will be a longer trip due to the distance to Sacramento. Please let Judy know if you want to go or for further information, contact Judy Sparks at judysparks@comcast.net or by phone at 510-523-6736

Afternoon Books

We will meet at 1:30 pm on the third Monday, March 16, 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

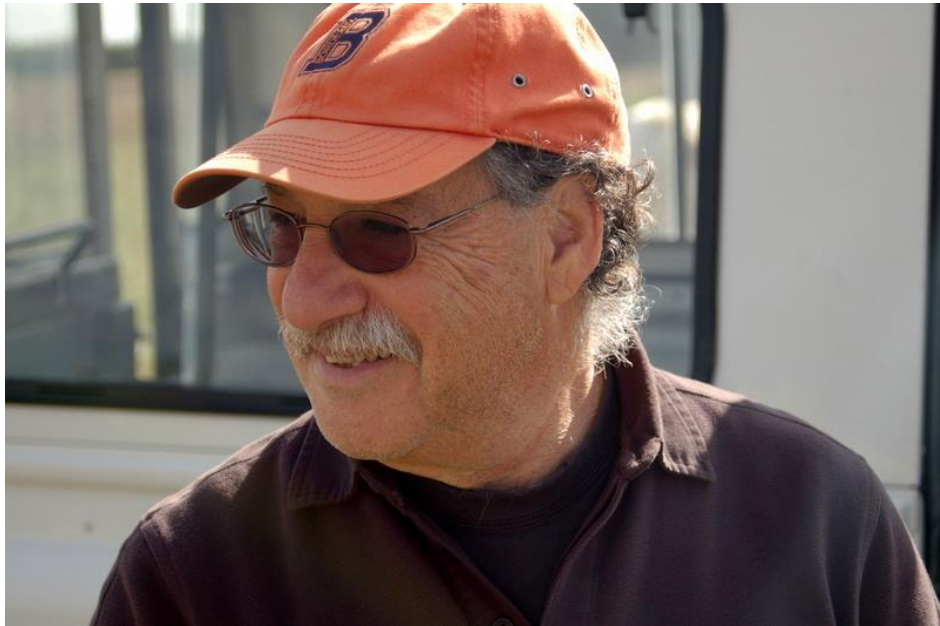
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Branch Activities	March					2020
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 -- 1:00 pm -- Cinema Group	2 -- 6:00 pm – Board Meeting, Alameda Hospital – Conference Room A	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 – 12:00 noon – Int’l Women’s Day Celebration at College of Alameda	11 – 6:00 pm – Alameda Author Series #2 at Alameda Library	12-- 8:30 am -- Museum Group	13	14 – 11:30 am -- Monthly Luncheon at Speisekammer German Restaurant; 6:00 pm -- Ethnic Dining Group at St. Philip Neri Church
15	16 – 1:30 pm -- Afternoon Books Group	17	18	19	20	21
22 – 2:00 pm – Women’s Voting Rights Centennial Celebration at Alameda Library	23	24 – 1:00 pm – Community Event at Mastick Center; Evening Books Group	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.

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

Alameda Authors Series IV



Mark Greenside

on his book

(not quite) Mastering the Art of French Living

March 11, 2020, 6:00 p.m.

**in the Stafford Room
Alameda Free Library**

**1550 Oak Street
Alameda 94501**

Reservations requested:

<https://markgreenside-aauw2020.eventbrite.com>

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

Event telephone: 510.463.4966 Kevis Brownson (leave message)

**CELEBRATE THE CENTENNIAL
OF WOMEN'S RIGHT TO VOTE
1920 -2020**

IRON JAWED ANGELS

A film starring Hilary Swank, Frances O'Connor,
Julia Ormond & Anjelica Huston



Sunday MARCH 22, 2:00-4:30 PM

Alameda Free Library, 1550 Oak Street

Everyone in the community is welcome!

