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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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## June Luncheon Update



**Saturday, June 12 12 NOON**

### Featuring the 2021 Volunteer of the Year Awards

(Please note the one hour later start time due to lunch pick up needs)

Please attend our wonderful “End of Year” AAUW/Alameda branch celebration and find out who are the volunteers of the year, and support and hear more about this year’s accomplishments and some plans for next year. Our Board is eager for everybody to attend and share a moment of celebration of surviving and growth during this very challenging time.

We also will be supporting a treasured local restaurant, **Julie’s** 1223 Park St., Alameda 510-865-2365

<https://order.juliestea.com/aauw-luncheon>

Please see the attached menu on the last page of the newsletter. Click on the above link; from there click again on the small photo which will bring up our unique order form. Or you can call Julie’s directly to order and state that it is for the AAUW June 12 luncheon. **All orders need to be placed by Friday June 11!** Mark and Barbara Krummel have already volunteered to do lunch deliveries. Julie may be able to add a worker to help out and if any of you would help out with the deliveries that would be fantastic. Please contact Paula Biver ([pbiver@yahoo.com](mailto:pbiver@yahoo.com)) if you can help with the deliveries.

- Submitted by Paula Biver

*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*

**June 2021  
What a Year !!**

As the end of my year as President of our wonderful Organization draws near, I must take time to thank the other Officers, both elected and appointed, and our Committee Chairpersons for their unfailing support and assistance during these strange, fraught times. COVID-19 caused us to “think on our feet,” “roll with the punches,” and radically adapt the Programs and Services we offer to our Members and our Community. We mourn the loss of one of our beloved Members, David McGaffey, as we also celebrate the fact that we have been able to virtually sustain our total membership numbers throughout the Crisis and Lockdown.

Special Kudos go out to Paula Biwer and Lena Tam, our Program Vice-Presidents, who put together a series of Monthly Luncheon Programs that was engaging and informative. Many Members, some of whom have been attending them for decades, have informed me that our offerings, this year, have ranked easily among the best they can remember. Another Committee that deserves our profound thanks is the East Bay Community Foundation (EBCF) Funds Disbursement Committee, chaired by Dorothy Kerwin. They identified worthy organizations to whom we could contribute significant funds to benefit not only women and girls, but everyone in our Community-at-Large. Finally, our Plant Sale Fundraiser, benefiting the Alameda Food Bank, with Fundraising Committee Chair Barbara Krummel and Project Coordinator Paula Biwer “at the helm,” was tremendously successful. Laura Porter and Dorothy Kerwin deserve MVP Awards for permitting their homes to be used as venues for the Event.

AAUW Activities and Events do not stop happening, over the summer. Be on the lookout for information, to be sent to you via e-mail, about two more AAUW National Webinars:

- June 17, 4:00 pm – Inclusion and Equity Committee Webinar – Subject: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
- June 29, time TBD –Equity Network Webinar – Subject: Intersectionality

It is Membership Renewal Time. You should have received an e-mail from our Finance Officer and Membership Vice President, Susan Myers, containing the link to use to renew your Membership electronically and instructions for how to renew by mail. Some of us received renewal notices from AAUW National in the (USPS “Snail”) Mail, asking for a suggested renewal total of \$140.00. Please know that the actual renewal total (unless you want to make an additional gift) is \$105.00. In other words, if you received that mailed notification, please ignore it/recycle it, and use the information in Susan’s e-mail to renew the established/“right” way. Contact Susan if you have questions – [samsat@att.net](mailto:samsat@att.net)

While we do engage in “public relations” and publicity efforts, as always, Our Members are the best source of NEW Members. Tell your Spouses/Partners, Friends, Family Members, and Neighbors about the important Human and Civil Rights work we do and encourage them to join our Branch!



## AAUW Plant Sale a Huge Success!

We raised over **\$3500** for the Alameda Food Bank. A tremendous shout out to all of the amazing Dirt Divas and AAUW members who worked at the sale, donated plants and pots, attended the sale and spread the word to family and friends!

If you wish to obtain a tax donation form for the value of the plants and or pots that you donated to the sale, please email [pbiwer@yahoo.com](mailto:pbiwer@yahoo.com) . I will email it to you and you can print it out. You fill in the value that you think your donations are worth, but it must be less than \$250 to use this form.



Saturday, September 11--Please get this date on your calendar for our Tech Trek luncheon. Hopefully we will be "live and in-person" to hear from our girls about their experience with the first ever Virtual Camp where the focus will be on robotics, engineering and coding.

Links for 2021 Camp organization, in case anyone wants to take a peek:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ZjyV3r47IWMOhzS1WpGbgFNUHdqOsmgq/view>

-Barbara Krummel, Tech Trek Committee Chair

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME HAS ARRIVED

**RENEWAL  
REMINDER**

Now is the time to renew your AAUW membership for 2021-2022. There are only **two ways** to do this and both are relatively convenient:

1. Online – send me an email – [samsat@att.net](mailto:samsat@att.net)- and I will have the correct renewal link sent to you. A renewal link unique to you will be sent from AAUW national ([memberinfo@AAUW](mailto:memberinfo@AAUW)). Contacting national AAUW directly will not work. However, with the renewal link it is rather easy. It is best to do this shortly after you get the link so it does not get lost in your email.

**OR**

2. Mail a \$105 check to me, Susan Myers, 3215 Garfield Ave., Alameda 94501. The check should be made out to AAUW-Alameda Branch.

In October of 2020 the national AAUW Board of Directors voted to increase Individual Member dues for the next three years. The dues will rise by \$3 for 2021-2022, \$5 for 2022-2023, and \$5 for 2023-2024. All but \$3 of the national dues remains tax deductible.

I am looking forward to seeing you all renew.

-Susan Myers, Co-Vice President for Membership and Finance VP



## Annual Board Retreat scheduled for June 26 “Live and In-Person”

Each summer our branch Board members and committee chairs hold an extended meeting or “retreat” to review the past year’s accomplishments and discuss goals for the upcoming year. Although only Board members and committee chairs will attend, we would love to have input from our members. Do you have ideas about luncheon speakers; community programs we should be aware of; AAUW national goals that we should adopt; better ways to run our meetings; issues we should prioritize? No idea or suggestion is too small so please share yours with us by emailing me at [barbarakrummel@comcast.net](mailto:barbarakrummel@comcast.net) If you are a Board member or committee chair, you will receive an email invitation to the Board Retreat.

Thank you for your time,  
Barbara Krummel, President-Elect

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS/Future Events**

**NOTE: All Events will be virtual (on the Zoom platform) until further notice.**

Sunday, June 6 -- **Cinema Club** – Live and In Person!

Saturday, June 12, **12:00 Noon** – **June Luncheon** – catered by Julie’s Coffee & Tea Garden

Thursday, June 17, 9:30 am – **Museum Group** – Legion of Honor – Last Supper in Pompeii

Thursday, June 17, 4:00 pm – **Inclusion and Equity Committee Webinar**

Friday, June 18, 1:00 pm – **Dirt Divas/Gardening Club**

Saturday June 19, 2:00 pm – **Juelle Ann Boyer Celebration of Life**

Saturday, June 19, 6:00 pm -- **Ethnic Dining Group**

Monday, June 21, 1:30 pm – **Afternoon Books Group**

Tuesday, June 22, 6:00 pm -- **Evening Books Group**

Saturday, June 26, 11:00 am – **Annual Board Retreat**

Tuesday, June 29, time TBD -- **Equity Network Webinar**

Saturday, July 17, 6:00 pm -- **Ethnic Dining Group**

Saturday, August 21, 6:00 pm -- **Ethnic Dining Group**

Saturday, September 11 – **Tech Trek Luncheon** – Live and in Person!

### **Addressing Discrimination against Black Transgender and Gender Non-conforming People**

**Archana Maniar, AAUW California Public Policy Committee Member**

AAUW California supports “freedom in definition of self-identity” as critical to ensuring justice for a diverse and inclusive society. One group that is consistently denied this freedom is black transgender and gender non-conforming individuals. Over the past several years, increasing attention has been focused on the multitude of ways in which these individuals encounter marginalization and discrimination. A recent study by the National Center for Transgender Equality addressed these forms of discrimination through the National Transgender Discrimination Survey. The study highlighted a variety of economic, safety, and physical and mental health challenges faced by transgender and gender non-conforming individuals. Black

transgender people had unemployment rates four times the rate of the general population and twice the rate of transgender people at large. A startling 41% of black transgender or gender non-conforming individuals said they had experienced being unsheltered. Black transgender individuals suffered extreme poverty at a rate of 31% which is twice that of transgender individuals of all races and eight times the general US population. Furthermore, 50% of black respondents who attended school while expressing their transgender identity or gender non-conformity reported harassment in the survey. Nearly half of black respondents to the survey had attempted to commit suicide and more than 20% were living with HIV compared to 0.60% of the general population. The findings highlight the profound challenges faced by black transgender and gender non-conforming individuals and point to the need for social justice advocates and government officials to address the intersection between race and gender identity to assure equity of transgender or gender non-conforming citizens.

AAUW members can address the challenges faced by black transgender and gender non-conforming individuals by advocating for legislation that assures an even playing field and addresses the unique housing and healthcare challenges faced by this population. These will help us achieve AAUW-California's public policy goals of equality, inclusiveness and financial security for all women.

<https://www.thetaskforce.org/new-analysis-shows-startling-levels-of-discrimination-against-black-transgender-people/>

## **College /University News from Penny Washbourn**

The Peralta Colleges Foundation reports that the following 10 students from the College of Alameda have been awarded \$4,000 scholarships to apply to their pursuit of further education at 4 year Higher Education institutions. These funds are from Patti Heimburger's Family estate donated to the Foundation.

- Jacob Ahmed
- Lubab H Alkhayyat
- Nagham Jadoua
- Shiyun Jiang
- Inga R Langford
- Jennifer Maglic
- Karina Montes De Oca
- Nathan R Quach
- Nasim Sharifivaighan
- Pei Yi Tam Peng

## Garage Sale / Food Bank Fundraiser Saturday May 29

Do you have any small things you would like to add to my table which I will have out for our neighborhood garage sale which will be on Saturday May 29 am. I am going to do it as a personal fund raiser for the Food bank. There are several families with children here so I am sorting through any children's books and toys I have had for visiting grandkids.

Books ok. No clothes.

I am at 501 Lagunaria Lane on Harbor Bay. Email me if you have anything to donate.

Thanks, Penny Washbourn. [pwashbou@hotmail.com](mailto:pwashbou@hotmail.com)

**Scam Alert**

### Message from Penny Washbourn:

“ You might think I am super careful about looking at the sender’s email in an unsolicited message, but as a cautionary tale let me tell you of a clever scam I nearly fell victim to yesterday. I have not slept well for a few days while my grandson has been here and I have been responsible for his well being.. There have been a number of issues with him so I have been distracted. I went to check my email before starting out for the day..and found a message from Pay Pal that concerned me.. a charge for over \$600 was being posted to my account for a subscription service to Hot Spot...and I had 72 hours to challenge the posting...This was a large enough amount to scare me.. and so without doing my due diligence on the email, I called the customer service number without checking if this was genuine. (I do have Pay Pal account which I never use). A smooth talking man with an Indian accent kept me on the phone quite a time, always thanking me for still being there and assuring me they would take care of it...but what was very odd( now I come to think about it) he sent me a text to my phone( I had not given him my cell number) as I was calling from my land line...and sent me a code like they do with 2 step verification.

He passed me on to his “ supervisor who explained he could not cancel it and I was the one who had to do so with a code from a Pay Pal card. He then asked if there was a Target or Walmart or CVS near me..and I said yes, 10 minutes away.. and so keeping me on the cell phone while I walked to the shopping center , he said that he would talk to me when I reached the parking lot as they might not know what a Pay Pal Card was. I was a bit mystified as I could not imagine Pay Pal having gift cards. When he said there would also be tax on it.. I stopped in my tracks and realized I was in the middle of a “gift card scam” . I told him so and hung up and walked back home. They tried calling a couple of times. As soon as I got back home I forwarded the email to”[spoof@paypal.com](mailto:spoof@paypal.com) . They suggest you check your account for recent activity and change your password.

I am humbled by the experience and recognize very clear tactics.. Induce a sense of urgency by having it be a large amount..smooth talking and ensuring you feel they will take care of it, then switching over to a question about how far you are away from the store. Not using the term "gift card” but an ambiguous term such as a “ code on Pay Pal Card” and not letting you off the phone while you get to the store.

Thank God my rational brain kicked in with “this is not the way Pay Pal or any legitimate business operates”

But it just goes to show in a state of fatigue or distraction we all can become victims of these scams.”

## Branch Interest Groups

### **Afternoon Books**

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

**Bridge Group** No meeting this month.

### **Cinema Club**

Cinema Club meets on June 6 IN PERSON at the Alameda Theatre. To join us or for more information about the group, please contact Kevis at [kevis.brownson@gmail.com](mailto:kevis.brownson@gmail.com)

### **Ethnic Dining Group**

Meets monthly, usually on the third Saturday evening, at 6:00 pm. *All Gatherings will be virtual, on the Zoom platform, until further notice.* If you like good food and good company, join us. **For more information, contact Mark Hamilton -- (510) 749-0738 or [mdham21@yahoo.com](mailto:mdham21@yahoo.com)**

### **Evening Books**

The 4th Tuesday Evening Book group meets on June 22 at 6:00 pm, , to select the books for the 2021-2022 year. Members of the group, please submit 2 books that are available in paperback or eBooks for consideration. For more information about the group, please contact Kevis at [kevis.brownson@gmail.com](mailto:kevis.brownson@gmail.com)

### **Dirt Divas/Garden Club**

Friday, June 18 – Meets virtually every month on the third Friday at 1 PM. Everyone is welcome a **Contact Paula Biwer [pbiwer@yahoo.com](mailto:pbiwer@yahoo.com) (510)918-8577 for more information.**

### **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](mailto:kerwindorothy@gmail.com)**

### **Museum Group**

We will be going to the Legion of Honor Museum on Thursday, **June 17**, to see:

**LAST SUPPER IN POMPEII: From the Table to the Grave.**

In AD 79, the Bay of Naples was rocked by the fiery eruption of Mount Vesuvius. Pompeii and nearby villages and farms were completely buried under pumice and hot ash, which killed thousands in the midst of their daily activities. The exhibition brings us back into this world by focusing on everyday life and especially on food and drink. Along with the pots, pans, and other paraphernalia in the distribution, preparing, and serving food, this exhibition includes glorious works of art, which reveal the splendor and luxury loved by the wealthy Romans who called Pompeii their home. **If you are interested in going to this exhibit, contact Judy Sparks at [judysparks@comcast.net](mailto:judy Sparks@comcast.net) or call [510-919-5083](tel:510-919-5083) or [519-523-6736](tel:519-523-6736)** We meet at **9:30 am sharp** at Ross parking lot in South Shore. We have lunch at the museum at 11:30 a.m.



# Calendar

Branch Activities	June					2021
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6-Cinema Club	7	8	9	10	11	12-Luncheon via Zoom 12:00 NOON
13	14- Flag Day 	15	16	17- Museum Group 9:30 AM Inclusion & Equity Comm. Webinar 4:00 PM	18-- Dirt Divas 1:00 PM	19 -Juelle Ann Boyer Celebration of Life 2:00pm Ethnic Dining Group 6:00PM
20	21- Afternoon Books 1:30PM	22- Evening Book Club 6:00 PM	23	24	25	26- Annual Board Retreat 11:00
27	28	29 – Equity Network Webinar	30			

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.

## In Memorium

### Juelle Ann Boyer Celebration of Life



*On Saturday, June 19, 2021, from 2-4 p.m. friends, relatives and her beloved community are invited to attend a Celebration of Life in the gardens at Girl's Inc. of the Island City, 1724 Santa Clara Avenue, Alameda, California.*

*This gathering will be a time to celebrate the life of a woman who was a great gift to our community and who will be sorely missed.*

*Juelle Ann was born on October 29, 1946 and was raised in Vallejo. A woman of great wit and wisdom, she was a devoted public servant as finance director in Petaluma, Alameda Municipal Power, and the City of Alameda. She was a stalwart worker and generous donor for many years to a number of excellent organizations, including Girl's Inc., BPW at all levels, League of Women Voters, AAUW, Alameda Family Services, and Mastick Senior Center.*

*Juelle Ann loved travel and was a lifelong learner. This gathering is not so much to mourn but to remember this remarkable person who graced our lives for many years.*

*Join us in your bright and colorful outfits, and bring along a favorite photo or snapshot of Juelle Ann for our memory board. Be prepared to share your favorite story and to hear others as we celebrate Juelle Ann Boyer's life. Light refreshments will be served.*



### *David C. McGaffey Memories*

When retired in Alameda in addition to teaching responsibilities, David involved himself with many Alameda/East Bay activities including the Alameda branch of AAUW (one of 3 male members), the United Nations Association - USA East Bay, lay leadership at his church St. Joseph Basilica. Locally for 2 decades pre-pandemic he and Elizabeth regularly collected food from the Farmers Market for the Alameda Food Bank and worked the Friends of the Library book sales. The San Francisco Chronicle tribute printed May 2 and the memorial service at Greer Mortuary (<https://www.greermortuary.com/tributes/David-McGaffey>) are iconic showing how big David's life was beyond his roots, his beloved family, his global work and his ideals... Our AAUW Ethnic Dining Group will miss his monthly participation in our home and restaurant meals enjoying world cuisine---his stories always colorful and so memorable. Outside of AAUW, David was also an excellent friend to many people sharing his love of theatre, music, ideas, travel, his wife and daughters.

For people to understand the Nothing But Nets choice for donations, David became involved in the UN Association/UN Foundation's USA's national campaign to fight malaria by providing bednets. He and Steph Curry and other UNA East Bay people actively supported Nothing But Nets work ([nothingbutnets.net](http://nothingbutnets.net)).

If you would like to see David's tribute recently published in the SF Chronicle, please go to

[View Tribute](#)



**AAUW  
LUNCH COMBO**

**\$25**  
(includes gratuity)

**CHOOSE ONE MEAL:**

**MEDITERRANEAN GRAIN BOWL**

*herbed rainbow quinoa, fresh cucumber and tomato, kalamata olives, feta, avocado and hummus with a red pepper romesco sauce*

**STRAWBERRY CHEVRE SALAD**

*spring mix topped with fresh strawberries, chevre, pistachios & strawberry-balsamic vinaigrete*

**HEIRLOOM TOMATO SANDWICH**

*fresh mozzarella, pesto, baby greens, pinenuts, ciabata roll, balsamic vinaigrete*

**CHOOSE ONE DRINK:**

Lavender Lemonade

Iced Cafe Late

Iced Tea

Iced Cofee

**CHOOSE ONE DESSERT:**

Vegan Lemon Coconut Cookie

Chocolate Chip Cookie

Ginger Cookie

**PLACE ORDER by 6/11/21:**

**<https://order.juliestea.com/aauw-luncheon>**

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