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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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September Luncheon Update



Saturday, September 11:00 AM
Girls Inc 1724 Santa Clara Ave (outside)

Welcome back to a new year of AAUW Lecture/Luncheons!

Flexibility is turning out to be one of our guiding principles. Our first meeting is hosted by our new president, Barbara Krummel. Check-in will begin at 11 AM and the meeting will begin at 11:30 AM. Please carpool if possible. There is limited parking at the end of the driveway. Our Tech Trek graduates will share their unique on line summer STEM experiences. You will also find out more about the 2021-22 AAUW calendar and club activities.

You must be vaccinated to attend this event and we are happy to have it catered by a wonderful local Italian deli, Santoro's. We will have a hero (a variety of meats, cheeses and vegetarian), a large salad, three side salads, assorted beverages, including diet sodas, regular sodas, Pellegrino sodas and water, and a cookie. **Please write a check for \$25 to Paula Biber and mail to my new address at 340 29th Ave., Unit 307, Oakland, CA 94609. I need the check by Wednesday, September 8 or call/text (510)918-8577 and I will include you in the order (please bring your check made out to me on Saturday).** I encourage everyone to attend this wonderful and inspiring event and if you wish please bring your checkbook to make a donation to our Tech Trek Fund.

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

We had our first in-person meeting in over a year on June 26, for our Board retreat! The annual retreat is an opportunity to review the past year and plan for the coming year. Here are some plans for our 2021-22 membership year.

- We will continue to have our monthly Board meetings via Zoom. The good news about that is it's so easy to join in and get a feel for what Board leadership involves. I will send out the Zoom invite to all members. Please think about joining us even if it's just for half an hour, we would love to see you!

- We would like to plan some collaborations with other groups such as Mastick Center, League of Women Voters of Alameda, and the Chamber of Commerce.

- We will have a new Equity and Inclusion Plan Committee.

- We want to develop opportunities for our members to work with Alameda high school girls to provide academic and career advice.

If any of these pique your interest, email me at barbarakrummel@comcast.net

Introducing the "**BRANCH BUZZ**"



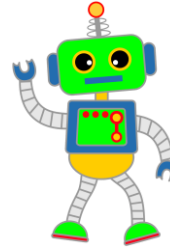
Marilyn Sharron and I learned about the "Branch Buzz" from an AAUW-CA webinar. It's a brief three-point communication to quickly share information especially with our interest groups. Here is our inaugural Alameda Branch Buzz....

- The fun celebration at Faction Brewery organized by Penny Washbourn in honor of Cindy Silva's retirement was a big success. We want to have more of these casual gatherings.

- Our September luncheon is on the 11 th and will feature our Tech Trek campers and their robotics projects.

- We could use help setting up for the September luncheon. Two volunteers to help set up tables from 10 to 11 am would be great. Contact Barbara if you can help.

-Barbara Krummel



We had eight middle school girls from Alameda attend the first ever Virtual Tech Trek Camp over the summer. The focus was on robotics, engineering and coding. Each camper created “wearable robotics” that they will share with us at our September luncheon. Remember, this is our Tech Trek fundraising luncheon so please attend and give generously!

[Link for 2021 Camp](#), in case anyone wants to take a peek:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ZjyV3r47IWMQhzS1WpGbgFNUHdqQsmgq/view>

-Barbara Krummel, Tech Trek Committee Chair



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME IS **STILL** HERE

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- and I will have the correct renewal link sent to you. 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. The link from AAUW will say memberinfo@aauw.org.

2. The other way to renew is to send 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.

We only have 18 members who have not yet renewed. I look forward to see your membership renewals.

Susan Myers – Finance Officer



DID YOU KNOW?

That AAUW's official **mission statement** is: To advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education and advocacy.

That 2021 is the **140th anniversary** of our national organization!

That California AAUW sponsored 3 weeks of virtual Tek Trech Camps for **600 young women** in June 2021.

That the ERA, (Equal Rights Amendment) guaranteeing women the same rights as men under the US Constitution has only been ratified by 38 States. AAUW is encouraging us to write to our US Senators asking them to pass SJ Resolution 1 that would **make the ERA the 28th Amendment** to the Constitution.

That **Title IX rollbacks** in 2020 erased protection against sexual harassment and discrimination in schools. AAUW is working to counteract this.

That your membership and contributions can make a difference in advancing gender equity in many areas. **It's important to continue our hard work!**

-Marilyn Sharron, Alameda AAUW President-Elect



The Dirt Divas (Alameda Gardening Club)



The Dirt Divas will begin meeting at 1:00 pm on the third Friday of each month beginning on September 17. We will be taking a field trip to a local succulent plant garden/business.

Our group is small but dedicated and always eager to learn more about plants and gardening. If you have any interest, please join us. You do not have to have any skills, just a desire to learn and participate. Our big goal is to support AAUW's major fund raiser, the annual PLANT SALE. In the past, we have raised funds for scholarships for women to attend Alameda college, scholarships for middle school girls to attend STEM camp and funds for the Alameda Food Bank.

We are already busy growing outside orchids , succulents and various flowering plants for the 2022 Spring Plant Sale. Please call or text Paula at 510-918-8577 if you have any questions about our gardening group.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/Future Events

Monday, August 30, 6:00 pm – **Board Meeting** – ALL WELCOME !! Non-board members may contact Barbara Krummel barbarakrummel@comcast.net for an Invitation to Register

Saturday, September 11, 11:00 AM – **September Luncheon** – Tech Trek luncheon at Girls Inc. Meals provided by Santoro’s Italian Deli.

Thursday, September 16, 10:00 am – **Museum Group** –Naval Air Museum

Friday, September 17, 1:00 pm – **Dirt Divas/Gardening Club**

Saturday, September 18, 6:00 pm -- **Ethnic Dining Group**

Monday, September 20, 1:30 pm – **Afternoon Books Group**

Tuesday, September 28, 7:15 pm -- **Evening Books Group**

National Inclusion & Equity (I&E) Committee Announces its Programming Year!

Recurring meetings:

- I&E Committee: 1st Wednesday of every month: 12-1pm ET/9-10am PT
- Diversity Officer calls: 3rd Tuesday of every month: evening (probably 7pm ET/4pm PT)
- AAUW Webinars: 4th Thursday of every other month: 3-4pm ET/12-1pm (starting in September)

Webinar/Plug-and-Play Topics:

Sept. 23, 2021 -- Understanding implicit/unconscious bias -- what is it, how does it manifest, recognizing your biases and how to interrupt them

Dec. 2, 2021 (due to Thanksgiving) -- Creating inclusive spaces -- activities to get to know your membership and what has “shaped” you as an activist? When have you felt included, when have you felt excluded, create as a group more inclusive practices that become standard at meetings

Jan. 27, 2022 -- Allyship -- what is it, getting past “performative” allyship, how to be an ally

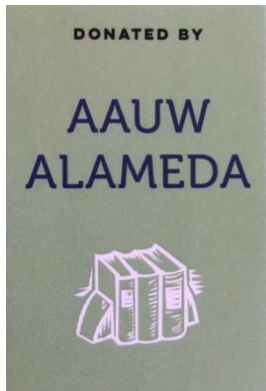
Mar. 24, 2022 -- Intersectionality – definitions, how intersectionality may affect individuals; overall purpose

May 26, 2022 -- Social Justice — how other topics play into social justice; definition (with Robin from Policy team)

I hope you will consider putting these events on your calendars.

I hope also that all of our Members will consider serving on a Formational Committee to consider the addition of an Inclusion & Equity (I&E) Officer into our Branch Officer “Corps.” This would require a change to our By-Laws.

For further information, contact Mark Hamilton, 2021-2022 Alameda Branch Secretary and National I&E Committee Member (second year of a two-year term), via e-mail, at mdham21@yahoo.com



The Shuler-Heimburger Family Fund: the gift that keeps on giving!

Jane Chisaki, Director of the Alameda Free Library, sent a list of titles that were purchased with the \$1,000 we donated last January. We requested materials specifically about strong women, women's issues and accomplishments and provided AAUW-Alameda bookplates.

There are over 50 titles so too many to list all of them, but here are a few:

- *Becoming*, by Michelle Obama
- *Sing with Me/Conta Conmigo:La Historia De Selena Quintanilla/ The Story of Selena Quintanilla*, by Diana Lopez
- *Classified: The Secret Career of Mary Golda Ross, Cherokee Aerospace*
- *Engineer*, by Traci Sorell
- *Code Breaker, Spy Hunter: How Elizebeth Friedman Changed the Course of Two World Wars*, by Laurie Wallmark
- *Come As You Are*, by Emily Nagoski
- *Dawn*, by Octavia E. Butler
- *Face*, by Justine Bateman
- *The Feminist Utopia Project*, by Alexandra Brodsky

We are so grateful to the library staff for their thoughtful selections.

-Barbara Krummel

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 the first Sunday each month starting in October for an afternoon matinee at the Alameda Theatre. To join us or for more information about the group, please contact Kevis at kevis.brownson@gmail.com

Ethnic Dining Group

Meets monthly, usually on the third Saturday evening, at 6:00 pm. *The in-person or virtual status of our Gatherings will depend on current public health.* If you like good food and good company, join us. **For more information, contact Mark Hamilton -- (510) 749-0738 or mdham21@yahoo.com**

Evening Books

The 4th Tuesday Evening Book group meets on September 28 at 7:15 pm,. Book list is on the web at <https://alameda-ca.aauw.net/book-club/> .For more information about the group, please contact Kevis at kevis.brownson@gmail.com

Dirt Divas/Garden Club

Friday, September 17 – Meets every month on the third Friday at 1 PM. Everyone is welcome.
Contact Paula Biber 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**

Museum Group

On Thursday, September 16, we will be visiting [THE NAVAL AIR MUSEUM](#) at [2151 Ferry Point](#). Larry Pirack will be our tour guide. The tour begins at 10:00 a.m. and lasts 1 1/2 hours. We will see displays from WW1 through Desert Storm, Doolittle and PANAM. Women in military and civilian dress from 1940 to 1997, as well as a brand-new special exhibit on the 3rd floor. (Elevator to 2nd and 3rd floor.) Donations for the Alameda Naval Museum are most welcomed. After we'll have lunch at [Scolari's, 2301 Monarch St.](#) We will meet at [The Naval Air Museum](#) at 10:00 a.m., [2151 Ferry Point](#). For more information, contact Judy Sparks -[510-523-6736](tel:510-523-6736)

Calendar

Branch Activities	September					2021
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Aug 30-Board Meeting 6 PM via Zoom		1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11- Tech Trek Luncheon at Girls Inc 11:00 AM
12	13	14	15	16- Museum Group 10:00 AM Naval Air Museum	17-- Dirt Divas 1:00 PM	18- Ethnic Dining Group 6:00 PM
19	20-Afternoon Books 1:30 PM	21-	22	23	24	25
26	27	28- Evening Book Club 7:15 PM	29	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.