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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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Luncheon Update

Holiday Luncheon January 8, 2022 11 – 2
High Street Station Café



COME CELEBRATE THE NEW YEAR with AAUW!

Our December AAUW holiday luncheon had to be canceled, but do not despair; we have an exciting event planned to celebrate 2022 on Saturday, January 8 at the High St., Station Café (corner Encinal & High ST) at 11 AM - 2 PM. We will have a complete afternoon tea with creamy Caesar salad, tea sandwiches (egg salad, chicken salad, cucumber and cream cheese) clotted cream with strawberry jam, cream puffs and small cookies. Choice of specialty teas. We will have a voluntary fun post holiday gift exchange (value of \$25 or less). Remember to be creative with your wrapping and wear a tea hat if you have one. **Please send a check for \$40 (this includes the tax and tip) made out to AAUW Alameda Branch to Paula Biber 340 29th AV UNIT 370 Oakland, CA 94601 by Monday, January 3** or call 510-918-8577 if you cannot get the check in the mail on time.

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



AAUW  **140th ANNIVERSARY !**

Click on this link to register for AAUW's **140th anniversary** celebration on Nov 17th at 1:00 pm PST. Join AAUW for a celebratory event honoring our rich past and looking ahead to a bright—and equitable—future. There will be an interview with a distinguished 2021 Alumnae Recognition Awardee, recognition of notable branch birthdays, and board chair Julia Brown and new CEO Gloria L. Blackwell will speak.

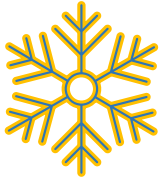


Where is my Members Roster ??

Your very own Alameda Branch members roster is just a few clicks away!! Instead of printing out a roster this year, we decided to save paper and time and encourage you to follow these simple instructions to access all of our members' contact information. Please remember that this information is not to be shared with anyone outside of our organization.

- Go to <https://alameda-ca.aauw.net>
- Click on "MEMBERS ONLY" (all the way on the right of the contents list across the top)
- Enter the Password (case sensitive): AAUWAlameda
- Under "Protected: Members Only", click on "2021-22 Branch Roster"
- Now you have the roster that our wonderful Mark Hamilton has updated. Use it electronically or print out a paper copy.

- Barbara Krummel, President



ANNOUNCEMENTS/Future Events

Thursday, December 2, 12:00 -- **AAUW National Inclusion and Equity Committee (IEC) Webinar**

Sunday, December 5 – **Cinema Club**

Monday, December 6, 6:00 pm -- **Board Meeting** – via Zoom -- ALL WELCOME !!

Saturday, December 11, 6:00 pm -- **Ethnic Dining Group**

Monday, December 13 – **Mah Jongg Group**

Thursday, December 16, 9:30 am – **Museum Group** – Tyme for Tea at Niles

Monday, December 20, 1:30 pm – **Afternoon Books Group** - **New members welcome!**

Monday, December 27 – **Mah Jongg Group**

Saturday, January 8, 2022, 11:00 am – **Holiday Luncheon** – High Street Café

Friday, January 21, 12:15 pm – **Dirt Divas/Gardening Club** – Annie’s Annuals & Perennials

We need Opportunity Drawing Items!

Suggestions are candles, stationary, plants, scarves, hardback books and seasonal items. Items can be brought to the luncheons, evening book club, ethnic dinner group or contact Cindy Silva for pick up.





AAUW National Inclusion and Equity Committee (IEC) Webinar Thursday, December 2, 2021, 12:00 noon

The second in a series of five Webinars being hosted by our National Inclusion and Equity Committee (IEC), an advisory body to the AAUW National Board of Directors, will occur on **Thursday, December 2, 2021, starting at 12:00 noon, PST.**

The Plug and Play resources in the Association's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Toolkit are meant to be used by local Branches to create programming and events around relevant topics. Each Plug and Play topic includes an explanation of the topic, guidelines for the facilitator(s), and discussion prompts to make the event and conversation as robust as possible. For more information, go to:

<https://www.aauw.org/resources/member/governance-tools/dei-toolkit/plug-play-dei-programming/>

The topic for this November/December Webinar is Creating Inclusive Spaces. Activities include getting to know Branch Membership more intimately and determining what shapes us as activists for human and civil rights. Times when we have felt included or excluded are explored, along with ideas around the creation of more inclusive practices and meeting standards.

Three more Webinars will round out the Committee's offerings for this Membership Year:

January 27, 2022 – Allyship – What it is, getting past “performative” allyship, how to be an ally, etc.

March 24, 2022 -- Intersectionality – Definitions, how individuals are affected, overall purpose, etc.

May 26, 2022 – Social Justice – Definitions, strategies, affects of other topics and considerations, etc.

Closer to the date of this second Webinar, all Alameda Branch Members who have e-mail addresses on file, along with other potential Guests, will receive, by e-mail, complete details and registration information.

I hope to “see” you all there!

-Mark Hamilton,
Alameda Branch Secretary
Member, AAUW National Inclusion and Equity Committee

Branch Interest Groups

Afternoon Books

We meet at 1:30 pm on the third Monday to discuss books we are currently reading. **We are looking for more members! Call Kate Quick, 510-523-3612, for more information.**

Bridge Group No meeting this month.

Cinema Club

Cinema Club meets on December 5 at the Alameda Theatre. After the movie, we will discuss it at Tucker's Ice Cream. 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. *We will be meeting in person, with masks and as socially distanced as possible, 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**

Evening Books No meeting this month.

Dirt Divas/Garden Club

No meeting in December.

Dirt divas rescheduled trip to Annie's Annuals & Perennials Friday, January 21 at 1 PM. Please join us for a private tour of this wonderful nursery. We will carpool from the Ross parking lot leaving Alameda at 12:15 PM. This trip is open to all AAUW members. Please contact Paula at pbiwer@yahoo.com if you have any questions. Also, it is not too soon to begin propagating some of your plants; especially your indoor ones. Now is a good time to check out local thrift shops to purchase decorative ceramic pots for us to resell at our spring plant sale.

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**

Mah Jongg (American Style)

The group meets on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month. Contact Laura Porter at Lrajean@aol.com or 510-912-0385 if you'd like to play in the Mah Jongg Interest Group.

Museum Group

The members of the Museum Group will travel to Niles, CA on Thursday, December 16 to tea at Tyme for Tea. Afterward, we will look at some of the antique shops. As they haven't opened their books to reservations yet, the time and correct price will be sent out on the museum group loop. The price will be about \$50/person. **If you are interested, please RSVP as soon as possible.** Checks will be required to secure a final reservation. We will leave from the Ross Parking Lot at 9:30 sharp. Please respond to Judy Sparks at JudySparks@comcast.net if you are interested in going. For more information, contact Judy Sparks: **510-523-6736**.

Calendar Branch Activities

December 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2- AAUW Inclusion & Equity Webinar	3	4
5- Cinema Club	6- Board Meeting 6:00 PM via Zoom	7	8	9	10	11- Ethnic Dining Group 6:00 PM
12	13- Mah Jongg Group	14	15	16- Museum Group 9:30 AM	17	18
19	20- Afternoon Books 1:30 PM	21	22	23	24	25- Christmas
26- Kwanzaa Begins	27- Mah Jongg Group	28	29	30	31-New Year's Eve	

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.