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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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May Luncheon

Saturday May 14 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM
India Palace 737 Buena Vista Avenue



Please join us for our final luncheon of the year to **elect our slate of officers for 22-23** and to **recognize our volunteer and special award recipients for the year**. We will also be **celebrating the 60th anniversary of our local branch!**

We will have a large assortment of delicious Indian food and you may order your own beverage (I love chai tea or mango lassi).

Please send a **\$25 check by May 9 made out to AAUW Alameda Branch to Paula Biber 340 29th Ave., Unit 307, Oakland, CA 94601**. Contact Paula if you cannot send the check on time. We really want a large turn out at this important event.

- Lena Tam and Paula Biber, Program VPs



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

As we wrap up our 2021-22, I'd like to thank our Board members and interest group leaders for your leadership and our members for your participation. When I speak to Presidents of other branches I often hear that they are having trouble attracting members and encouraging participation, especially in leadership roles. That isn't a problem for our branch. We have a robust group willing to run the organization and an enthusiastic and fun membership interested in so many different activities. Let's keep it going for 2022-23.

SAVE THE DATE for our Board Retreat: **Saturday, June 25, 10 am to 1 pm**

Each summer our branch Board members (including elected and appointed officers and committee chairs) and interest group leaders hold an extended meeting or "retreat" to review the past year's accomplishments, discuss goals for the upcoming year and pass information from outgoing to incoming positions. As in past "normal" years, Dorothy Kerwin has offered to host the meeting at her house and everyone is invited to bring a dish to share for a lunch time potluck. I have not put together an agenda yet and would love to have input. Do you have ideas about 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 me by emailing at barbarakrummel@comcast.net or calling (or texting) **510-846-5887**.



OF CALIFORNIA

ANNUAL EVENT

Charmen Goehring, Meetings Planner, meetings@aauw-ca.org

Join us for our virtual Annual Event on April 30th to hear fabulous speakers like AAUW CEO Gloria Blackwell, Policy Rockstar Lisa Maatz, and the Dancing Rocket Scientist Jasmine Sadler! Get caught up on all the incredible work and successes of AAUW California branches from the past year. Hear our Speech Trek finalists. **AND**, there won't be a dull moment when we venture through a series of "open space" sessions in the afternoon, on a variety of topics covering all things AAUW, equity, women, and girls. **Register** for the Annual Event, [*Adventures in AAUWLand*](#), via Zoom on April 30th at 9:00 am. Inspiring speakers, shiny awards, Speech Trek videos, informal convos.



We are very excited that Tech Trek 2022 Camp, a one week STEM camp for rising 8th grade girls, is live and in person at Sonoma State University in Rohnert Park!!

<https://www.aauw-ca.org/tech-trek/>

Shout out to our Tech Trek committee members, Shubha Fanse, Jennifer Ayres, Ellie Barrantes, and Linda Preminger who established and maintained school contacts, reviewed applications and interviewed our applicants. Of course this all wouldn't be possible without the continued support from our membership.

We received 20 nominations from local middle school teachers and counselors and interviewed 12 girls. It's always so much fun to meet the girls and learn about their enthusiasm and excitement for all things STEM. However we can only select six girls from Alameda and here are our campers: Jayla (Wood Middle School), Karishma (Academy of Alameda), Mia (Encinal Jr. Jets), Reshmi (Bay Farm School), Susan (Bay Farm School) and Zorana (Encinal Jr. Jets). You'll get to meet them all at our September luncheon!

Barbara Krummel, Alameda Branch Tech Trek Coordinator

MEMBERSHIP REMINDER

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME IS HERE – ALMOST

The dues for the 2022-2023 year are \$110.00.

For those who prefer to renew online please have patience. The national AAUW website revamp is still not complete. I will send out an email when renewal online is possible.

The second way to renew is to send a \$110 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 rose \$3 for 2021-2022, \$5 for the renewal year of 2022-2023 and will be \$5 more for 2023-2024.

Susan Myers – Finance Officer - samsat@att.net 510 326-8955

ANNOUNCEMENTS/Future Events

Friday, April 22, 12:00 - 1:00 pm -- **Dirt Divas** – Eventbrite Training

Friday, April 22, 1:00 - 2:30 pm -- **Dirt Divas** – Plant Sale Volunteers – Laura Porter’s house

Friday, April 22, 5:30 pm – 8:00 pm -- **Meet Lena Tam** -- at Lan Vie - see flyer on page 11

Saturday, April 30, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm – **Plant Sale** – See sign-up info on page 12

Saturday, April 30, 9:00 am – AAUW Annual Event via Zoom

Monday, May 2, 6:00 pm -- **Board Meeting** – via Zoom -- ALL WELCOME !!

Monday, May 9, 1:30 pm – **Mah Jongg Group**

Friday, May 13, 5:00 pm – **2nd Friday Art Walk Group**

Saturday, May 14, 11:30 am – **May Luncheon – India Palace**

Monday, May 16, 1:30 pm – **Afternoon Books Group - New members welcome!**

Thursday, May 19, 9:30 am – **Museum Group** – Legion of Honor – Guo Pei

Friday, May 20, 1:00 pm – **Dirt Divas/Gardening Club**

Saturday, May 21, 6:00 pm -- **Global Cooking and Dining Group**

Sunday, May 22 – **Cinema Club**

Monday, May 23, 1:30 pm – **Mah Jongg Group**

Tuesday, May 24, 7:15 pm – **Evening Books Group** – New members welcome!

Saturday, June 25, 10:00 am – 1:00 pm -- **Board Retreat**

Saturday, July 9, 4:00 – 7:00 pm – **Party for Mark Hamilton!** - See sign-up sheet on page 13

60th Anniversary!

Branch Beginnings Sixty Years Ago

In April 1962, a small group of Alameda women wanting something “to help make our life complete” and “constructive to think about in addition to home and children” held a planning meeting to establish a new branch of AAUW, a national organization that helped to promote educational opportunities for girls and women. One of the founders and first President, Reva Jackson, stated that “it is the responsibility of educated women today more than ever before to

think actively about the problems of society and to exert her influence in the public areas.” A rep from the California State Division of AAUW, came to assist in organizing the branch and on July 30, 1962, the national AAUW sent a statement of recognition to the Alameda Branch. Officers were elected and chairs of various study fields and appointed officers in the arts, international relations, status of women, elementary and secondary education, higher education, fellowships, and mass media were named.

The first activity was an Open House at the new Lum School in September which over 70 members and guests attended. Early programs covered the topics of reapportionment and a bill to outlaw communism, space communication, the feminine role in American culture, a book discussion on “fictionalized biography”, and higher education and the Russian woman. Dues in 1963 were \$10 a year with \$5 for the Branch and \$4.50 for national with the state getting 50 cents.

To hear more about the early days of the Alameda Branch and browse through some of the Branch scrapbooks from the past filled with news articles, photos, rosters, newsletters, and flyers, plan on attending our May 14th luncheon and help celebrate our 60th Anniversary.

-Beth Sibley



2022-2023 Branch Leadership Slate Approved

Good News !!

The Officers for our Branch for the 2022-2023 Membership Year are now duly elected! During the Annual Business Meeting portion of our April 9 Luncheon Program, the twenty-two (22) Members in attendance voted unanimously to accept and approve the entire Slate:

President: Barbara Krummel (incumbent)

President-Elect: Marilyn Sharron (incumbent)

Membership Co-Vice Presidents (VPs): Paula Biwer and Silver Alkhafaji (incumbents)

Program Co-Vice Presidents (VPs): Karen Kenney and Elizabeth “Ellie” Barrantes

AAUW Funds Vice President (VP): Mary Oppedahl (incumbent)

Finance Vice President (VP): Susan Myers (incumbent)

Secretary: Michelle Pero Igo

The next step for them is the official Installation Ceremony, which will be part of our May 14 Luncheon Program at India Palace, <https://www.alamedaindiapalace.com/>, in their lovely outdoor dining area. Look for more details in this Newsletter.

-Submitted by

Mark Hamilton

Secretary, Website Coordinator, Immediate Past President/Officers Nominating Committee Convener, Hospitality Committee Member, and Global Cooking & Dining Group (GC&DG) Organizer – AAUW-Alameda Branch

Member – AAUW National Equity and Inclusion Committee (IEC)

From the AAUW Public Policy Committee



Within our Public Policy Priorities, six bills are related to Economic Security for All Women, seven are related to Equal Access to Public Education, and 18 are related to Social and Racial Justice for all Members of Society.

- **AB 92**—creates an equitable sliding scale for family fees to alleviate the burden on working families struggling to pay for childcare and early childhood education services. Co-sponsor
- **AB 1666**—enables persons to come from outside California for abortions and not be impacted by laws of other states. Co-sponsor
- **AB 1968**—mandates the creation of websites at CSU/UC campuses to assist sexual assault survivors.
- **AB 2881**—Student parents get priority enrollment, registration, and access to basic needs centers, enabling them to remain in California colleges.
- **SB 523**—Expands contraceptive coverage by requiring health plans to provide point-of-sale coverage without cost-sharing.
- **SB 1375**—updates statutes relating to abortion care to allow nurse practitioners to practice under standard protocols to provide first-trimester abortion care.

AAUW California is experiencing greater visibility among elected legislators by sponsoring/co-sponsoring bills.

The Public Policy Committee members spent many hours in March researching bills, and in discussions over two days, to select bills to support. AAUW members are working to improve the lives of women and children in California!



Carol mentoring at Otis School

Remembering Carol Finnegan

I first met Carole at a Branch lunch over twenty years ago. She carefully eyed the sweater I was wearing and asked if I had knit it, and then invited me to a meeting of the Bay Area Crochet and Knit Guild. This was the start of a long friendship that included weekly knitting mentoring in local schools as well as yarn shop expeditions. Carole had many amusing anecdotes about growing up in the Midwest with her large family, then moving to Alameda

with her mother where she was the director of the clinical laboratory at Alameda Hospital before her retirement.

Carole was an active AAUW board member and held offices including President and Legal Advocacy VP before the infirmities of age started to slow her down. She bounced back from brain cancer surgery and a broken hip and was a faithful attendee of our monthly lunches before the

pandemic. During the lock-down she suffered another broken hip and needed to enter an extended care facility where she died in February of this year.

Orchids were a special passion of Carole's. She co-owned a cymbidium nursery in Richmond for several years and was most generous with sharing her skills at dividing and maintaining them, as well as donating to the AAUW plant sale.

Carole will be missed by her many friends, and especially her last two cats, Bonnie and Bitsy.

-Submitted by Karen Scanlon



Message from Penny Washbourn, College / University Relations

Hello Members and Friends..

As you read this newsletter, you will no doubt be aware that this year's Branch major Fundraiser is this coming Saturday April 30 and it is not too late to register for a ticket to get early access to the best indoor and outdoor plants, for yourself or as a gift...

So here again is the link <https://aauw-plant-sale-2022.eventbrite.com>

If you were out of town or have absolutely no space for another plant or have a cat who eats all of your plants or have any number of valid reasons why you cannot attend, **BUT** you would like to make a **DONATION** to our special AAUW scholarship fund which supports students at the College of Alameda to Study Abroad, this is how you do it...

You could buy a ticket on EVENTBRITE and then give that ticket to a young or older person who would LOVE to be able to go to the sale and have fun picking out what they want...

Giving children the chance to learn how to take care of a plant and watch it grow, is a gift in itself.

Alternatively you could send a Check made out to **PERALTA COLLEGES FOUNDATION. WITH A NOTATION IN THE MEMO LINE : COA AAUW Study Abroad scholarship .**

Send it to Susan Myers, 3215 Garfield Ave, Alameda , 94501-1713

She will hand deliver the checks and proceeds from the sale later in the month of May.

The Peralta Colleges Foundation is a 501(C)(3)non-profit organization Tax ID #23-7091547

This Study Abroad program provides Community College students a unique opportunity to learn new ways of looking at our world through exposure to other cultures and traditions. Since students have to raise the extra funds themselves to pay for the travel and other expenses, even this program is often out of reach for those who are first generation college students. Our AAUW \$1,000 scholarships go along way to meeting these expenses, but they still have to raise some of their own travel funds.

Thank you for your support for our Annual AAUW Alameda Fundraiser.

Branch Interest Groups



AAUW Alameda April Tea/Luncheon at High Street Station

2nd Friday Art Walk Group

The 2nd Friday Art Walk group meets on Friday, May 13 at 5:00 pm, location to be determined. We will meet and visit an art gallery hosting a reception on Webster Street, Park Street, Frank Bette Center, Rhythmix, or Jingtletown. For more information about the group, please contact kevis.brownson@gmail.com .

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.**

Cinema Club

Cinema Club meets on Sunday, May 22, for a matinee. If COVID precautions allow, we will meet at the Alameda Theatre followed by a gathering at Tucker's Ice Cream for discussion. If not, we will plan a virtual event. To join us or for more information about the group, please contact Kevis at kevis.brownson@gmail.com .

Evening Books

The Evening Book group meets on Tuesday, May 24 at 7:15 pm to discuss *Exhalation* by Ted Chiang. We are actively looking for new members for our group. For this year's book list, please see our web page at <https://alameda-ca.aauw.net/book-club/> .

To join us or for more information , please contact Kevis at kevis.brownson@gmail.com .

Dirt Divas/Garden Club - Plant Sale Preparations!

Friday April 22 at 1:00 pm at Laura Porter's house. We are still looking for more volunteers to work the day of the plant sale. If you are interested, please contact Paula at 510-918-8577 or pbiwer@yahoo.com if you have any questions.

Friday May 20 at 1:00 pm – Final meeting of the year. Our topic will be Urban Gardening. Meet at Phoenix Commons.

Global Cooking and 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**

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 May 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 at 1:30 PM. 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

On Thursday, May 19, the Museum Group will travel to the Legion of Honor Museum to see the exhibit of Guo Pei. Couture Fantasy celebrates the extraordinary designs of Guo Pei—hailed as China's first couturier—and includes more than 80 works from the past two decades highlighting her most important collections shown on Beijing and Paris runways.

We meet at the Ross Parking Lot at South Shore for a 9:30 am **sharp** departure. We have lunch at 11:30 am in the cafeteria. For further information, contact Judy Sparks at JudySparks@comcast.net.

Calendar Branch Activities

May 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2--Board Meeting 6:00 PM via Zoom	3	4	5	6	7
8	9-- Mah Jongg Group 1:30 PM	10	11	12	13- 2 nd Friday Art Walk 5:00 PM	14- Luncheon 11:30 AM
15	16-- Afternoon Books 1:30 PM	17	18	19-Museum Group 9:30 AM	20-- Dirt Divas 1:00 PM	21-Global Cooking & Dining Gp 6:00 PM
22-- Cinema Club Meet Lena Tam 5:30	23--- Mah Jongg Group 1:30 PM	24- Evening Book Club 7:15 PM	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.

Meet Lena Tam

Candidate for Alameda County Supervisor

Join us for a glass of wine and light snacks

Sponsored by:

Lan Liu, Owner of Lan Vie

American Association of University Women



Guest Speakers



Jennifer Williams
Alameda School
Board President



Alice Lai-Bitker
Former District 3
Supervisor

Date:

April 22, 2022

Time:

5:30 to 8:00 pm

Location:

Lan Vie

1501 Webster Street, Alameda
(Corner of Santa Clara and Haight)

To RSVP

www.lenatam.com/lanvie

If you have questions
events@lenatam.com



Well-made, real fabrics wool, silk, linen, cotton; an interesting touch that makes them fashionable, and reasonable prices. Coats, capri pants, jackets.

Lena supports small local businesses. They are the backbone to our economy and the pride of our communities. Lan is graciously inviting you to her store to meet Lena and show your support for her by donating, volunteering, or posting a lawn sign.

Together we will get Lena elected!

No person or entity shall make to any candidate for County office or elective County officer nor a candidate's or elective County officer's controlled committee a contribution or contributions totaling more than twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) for each election. Contributions are not tax deductible.



VOTE LENA TAM
Alameda County
SUPERVISOR

Paid for by Lena Tam for Alameda County Supervisor 2022 • FPPC ID#1443576

RSVP <https://www.lenatam.com/lanvie>

The Fourth Annual AAUW Alameda **Plant Sale**



Sat, April 30, 2022

9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

**2 Locations: Taylor & Webster Street
Lincoln Avenue near Court**

**Advance tickets with early access to sale 8 am to 9 am at
<https://aauw-plant-sale-2022.eventbrite.com>**

Over 600 beautiful plants grown by AAUW Alameda Branch Dirt Divas will be featured at this fundraiser.

This fundraiser ticket for Saturday, April 30, will allow each ticket holder early access from 8-9 am to the widest selection of outdoor and indoor plants for planting in the garden or in pots. Also featured is a selection of plant arrangements in beautiful pots. Think Mother's Day (May 8), graduation, birthday, giving possibilities! After 9 am door admission will commence, but you may still use your ticket to pick up your plants. Over 600 plants will be offered at two locations!

With each admission ticket, you may select 1-5 plants or arrangements (depending on size, from small to large). You may select additional plants at the event sites and pay there. ADDRESSES and PLANT LOCATIONS provided for ticket holders. SOCIAL DISTANCING, MASKS REQUIRED. Cash, check, or credit card. No change given. Please bring your own bags or boxes.

Sponsor: American Association of University Women, Alameda Branch. All funds raised will go to the Peralta Colleges Foundation, a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization, to support AAUW Alameda scholarships.



AAUW PLANT SALE Sign-up Sheet



We still need more volunteers for 10:30 AM - 1:30 PM at the Webster/Taylor location. Please contact Paula at [510-918-8577](tel:510-918-8577) or pbiwer@yahoo.com to volunteer. Thanks to our volunteers who will help to make this year's plant sale a gigantic success!



Refreshment Sign-up Sheet for After Plant Sale Party

Saturday, April 30 around 2:30 PM (after plant sale)

Dorothy's house: 2918 Lincoln Ave., Alameda



Please text or email Paula at [510-918-8577](tel:510-918-8577) or pbiwer@yahoo.com with your top three choices and she will let you know what to bring. Thanks in advance for your generosity and anticipated hard work and at our plant sale.

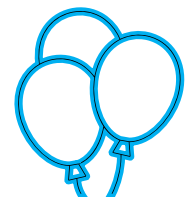
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| Veggies and dip | Bottle of red wine |
| Chips and dip. | Bottle of white wine |
| Cheese platter | 2 lg bottles of water (plain, sparkling) |
| Fruit platter | 2 lg bottles of 7-Up |
| Assorted crackers and baguette | 2 lg bottles of Pepsi |
| Cookies, baked goods | |
| Deli meat platter (roll each slice up individually and hold with toothpick) | |
| Paper goods for approximately 25 (plates, cups, napkins) | |



PARTY FOR MARK HAMILTON !!

PLEASE JOIN THE AAUW BOARD TO HONOR MARK HAMILTON FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE

- Date:** Saturday, July 9, 2022
Time: 4:00 pm to 7:00pm
Place: Lena Tam's Home, 2816 Waterton Street, Alameda



As many of you know, Mark is moving to North Carolina to be with his family. Our Board Is planning a good bye party and have purchased a lovely gift. We are inviting everyone to his party and if you would like to bring a dish, please review the list below and text or email Paula ([510-918-8577](tel:510-918-8577), pbiwer@yahoo.com) with your top three choices and she will let you know which one to bring. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

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| Vegetable dip platter | White wine |
| Chips & dip platter | Red wine |
| Adult sized Pizza | Two large bottles of 7-Up |
| Meatball platter | Two large bottles of diet Coke/Pepsi |
| Six pack of beer | |