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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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November Luncheon

Saturday November 12 12:00 Noon
Speisekammer Restaurant 2424 Lincoln Ave



Meet Julie Vu, a majoring in Political Technology and the fun fact about Julie is

AAUW Tech Trek participant. She is also a recipient of the Girls Inc. National Scholarship and the P.E.O. Scholarship.

Julie is a first-generation Vietnamese-American, born and raised in the Bay Area. This past summer, she was a Development Intern at StreetCode Academy, focusing on donor relations and progress metrics with a commitment to helping the BIPOC community improve access to the tech industry.

Currently, she works as a Student Support Services (SSS) Peer Advocate and Social Media Strategist for the Centers for Educational Equity and Excellence (CE3) at UC Berkeley.

It has been almost 10 years since she joined Girls Inc. Julie brings the Girls Inc. values of being "strong, smart, and bold" in everything she does, especially as a first-generation and low-income student. Before transferring to UC Berkeley, she attended the College of Alameda and worked at Nordstrom for four years. Thus, Julie shares her academy and career journey on LinkedIn to be a role model for the first-gen community.

Some of her interests include watching fashion videos, traveling, trying new restaurants, and boxing classes. She hopes to travel and explore the world after graduation.

RSVP to Ellie Barrantes at esbarrantes@gmail.com

To attend: Make a check for \$40 out to AAUW Alameda Branch and mail to Ellie Barrantes, 1160 Bismarck Lane, Alameda, CA 94502 or Pay at the Luncheon

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.



To provide quality opportunity drawing items, **please bring any of the items listed to the November and December luncheons.**

I would like to tailor the items to the luncheon theme or holiday of the month.

These are some examples of items that I can hopefully create a nice package/basket.

If there are any nice, artsy planters or baskets left from the plant sale, I could make good use of these as well.

I hope to limit the prizes to five per meeting.

Books- Hardback/Paperback

Journals

Candles

Stationery

Unwanted Gift Cards

Boxed Soaps/Lotions

Wine

Scarves

Crochet/ Knitted Items

Picture Frames

Boxed/Packaged Coffee, Tea

Event Tickets

Or any unused gifts received needing a good home.

-Submitted by Cindy Silva

Request for 2023 Calendars



This time of the year we all receive calendars from the many organizations that we donate to.

At the branch luncheons from November to December, please bring any 2023 excess calendars that you may have. We are accepting both wallet and wall calendars.

The calendars will be provided to the clients of the Alameda Food Bank.

Cindy Silva will be collecting the calendars.

Thank you in advance for your donations.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/Future Events

Monday, November 7, 6:00 pm -- **Board Meeting** – via Zoom -- ALL WELCOME !!

Wednesday, November 9 – **Out to Lunch Bunch** – The Point

Friday, November 11, 6:00 pm -- **Art Walk Group** – Frank Bette Center for the Arts

Saturday, November 12, 12:00 pm – **November Luncheon**

Monday, November 14, 1:30 pm – **Mah Jongg Group**

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

Thursday, November 17, 9:30 am – **Museum Group** – Pleasanton Museum – Pioneer Women

Friday, November 18, 1:00 pm – **Dirt Divas**

Sunday, November 20 – **Cinema Club**

Monday, November 21, 1:30 pm – **Afternoon Books Group** – New members welcome!

Monday, November 28, 1:30 pm – **Mah Jongg Group**



2021-22 Legislative Session Closes with Big Wins for AAUW California

Kathi Harper, Chair

AAUW California Public Policy Committee

At the stroke of midnight on September 30, 2022, the 2021-22 legislative session officially came to a close as it marked the Governor's deadline for signing or vetoing bills. The AAUW California Public Policy committee is pleased to announce that we achieved a 70% success rate on the bills on our legislative agenda, and 25 of our 36 bills are now law, including 7 of our 8 top priority bills. The following is a brief synopsis, by each pillar of our Public Policy Priorities:

Economic Security for All Women

8 of our bills were signed by the Governor, 1 was vetoed, and 1 died in the legislature. The most significant bill under this pillar was AB (Assembly Bill) 92, which we co-sponsored. AB 92 was introduced in 2020, and became a 2-year bill, which is why it remained on this year's agenda. This bill originally sought a 1-year waiver of supplemental child-care fees for low-income families, with a request for a sliding scale to be applied thereafter. In his 2021 budget, Governor Newsom included \$120 million for 2-years' worth of waivers. The bill was then amended to request an additional year of waivers through October 2024, with a sliding scale to then be

implemented. Unfortunately, the amended bill was vetoed; however, we are still proud of the work we did to get those 2 years of waivers in the budget, so we still consider it a win!

Equal Access to Quality Public Education for All Students

6 of these bills were signed by the Governor, 1 was vetoed, 1 was approved by the legislature (no signature required) and 2 died in the legislature. Of particular note under this pillar are 3 of our top priority bills: AB 1968, which requires campuses to develop and post uniform guidelines for reporting sexual assault; AB 2881 which provides additional support for college students with dependent children; and AJR 23 (Assembly Joint Resolution), a Title IX 50th Anniversary Proclamation.

Social and Racial Justice for All Members of Society

8 of these bills were signed by the Governor, 1 was vetoed, 1 was incorporated by the Governor into an Executive Order, 1 was approved by and 2 died in the legislature. We saw success on all 4 of our top priority bills in this area: AB 1666, which provides protection for those from other states seeking abortions in California, as well as for those providing services here, from the enforcement of a related civil judgment from their home state; SB (Senate Bill) 523, which requires insurance coverage for over-the-counter contraceptive products; SB 1375, which allows certified nurse-practitioners to perform some early-term abortions; and SCA (Senate Constitutional Amendment) 10. SCA 10 was introduced in the Senate as a measure to place a constitutional amendment on the November ballot to enshrine in the California constitution the right to an abortion and to contraception. When this measure passed in the Senate, it became Proposition 1.

To see the results of all the bills on our 2021-22 legislative agenda, check out our webpage for a full agenda summary, here: <https://www.aauw-ca.org/documents/2022/10/results-of-2021-22-legislative-session.pdf/>, or to view our Bill Tracker, here: <https://www.aauw-ca.org/documents/2022/10/bill-tracking.pdf/>.

DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER! DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!
DON'T FORGET TO TAKE THE PLEDGE TO VOTE "YES" ON PROPOSITION 1!

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 Karen Scanlon, 510-523-5456, for more information.**

Art Walk Group

The Art Walk group will meet on Friday, November 11, at 6:00 pm, to go to the Frank Bette Center for the Arts. For more information about the group and to respond for this month, please contact kevis.brownson@gmail.com.

Cinema Club

Cinema Club meets on Sunday, November 20, for a matinee at the Alameda Theatre followed by a gathering at Tucker's Ice Cream for discussion. To join us or for more information about the group, please contact Kevis at kevis.brownson@gmail.com.

Dirt Divas/Garden Club –

Dirt Divas, the branch gardening interest group, meets on the third Friday of the month. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Paula Biwer (call or text to **510-918-8577** or email to pbiwer@yahoo.com).

Evening Books

The Evening Book group meets on Tuesday, November 15 at 7:15 pm. We are actively looking for new members for our group. For this year's book list, please see our web page <https://alameda-ca.aauw.net/book-club/>. To join us or for more information, please contact Kevis at kevis.brownson@gmail.com.

Global Cooking Group

The Global Cooking Group (CGC) is regrouping after our Ethnic Dining Group (which cooked 9 to 10 months each year) split into a restaurant group and our cooking group. We still plan to cook 9-10 months yearly and dine out 2-3 months (as always). We usually meet on the third Saturday each month at a member's home or in social spaces like at Phoenix Commons. Please contact any GCG member or Dorie Behrstock at dgbintl@gmail.com or by phone/text at **510-409-7478** for more info.

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 November and June. **For more information, contact Dorothy Kerwin -- kerwindorothy@gmail.com**

Mah Jongg (American Style)

We meet on the 2nd and 4th Monday afternoon of each month to play American-style Mah Jongg. Beginners are welcome and we can teach you how to play if you'd like to give it a try. Contact Laura Porter at Lrajean@aol.com or **510-912-0385** for more information about the Mah Jongg interest group.

Museum Group



On Thursday, November 17, the Museum Group will travel to the Pleasanton Historical Museum to see the exhibit **Pioneer Women**. This exhibit is based on a journal written in the 1800s about the daily lives of the women who settled in this area. We will be greeted by a curator, but then will have a self-directed tour, which should last about an hour. Afterward, we will have lunch in one of the several restaurants near the museum TBD. The group meets at the Ross Parking Lot at Southshore at 9:15 for a 9:30 **sharp** departure. For further information, contact Judy Sparks at JudySparks@comcast.net

Out to Lunch Bunch

The next lunch outing will be Wednesday, November 9th. We will be going to The Point Restaurant in Rio Vista. For information or reservation call Virginia Darrow at **(510) 409 7481**.

Calendar Branch Activities

November 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7-Board mtg 6:00 pm via Zoom	8 – VOTE!	9-Out to Lunch Bunch	10	11 – Art Walk 6:00pm 	12- Luncheon 12:00 PM
13	14- Mah Jongg Group 1:30 PM	15- Evening Book Club 7:15 PM	16	17-Museum Group 9:30 AM	18- Dirt Divas 1:00 PM	19
20-- Cinema Club	21- Afternoon Books 1:30 PM	22	23	24- Thanksgiving 	25	26
27	28- Mah Jongg Group 1:30 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.

Nancy J. King



Having lived a full life, Nancy passed away August 14, 2022. Nancy was born in Racine, WI.

After attending the University of Hawaii for graduate school and developing a lifelong love of the islands, she settled in California.

A resident of Alameda for most of her life, Nancy worked for the Alameda Unified School District for 31 years, including many years as Vice Principal of Alameda High School.

She traveled extensively with her husband, while always finding time to visit family. Nancy was an avid competitive and social bridge player. A longtime member of the Harbor Bay Tennis Club, she loved to play and watch tennis, traveling the world and the US to attend the Major Opens.

Nancy was a member of a number of Alameda associations including local books clubs, League of Women Voters, American Association of University Woman and Alameda Family Services and served as docent at the Oakland Museum.

She lived the last ten years at Cardinal Point where she made many new friends. She will be missed by her friends and family and will be remembered by them as a fun loving and generous woman.

Her husband of 45 years, Gene King preceded her in death in 2005. Nancy is survived by her sister Carol Strandberg of Anacortes, WA and daughters Laura King of Alameda, Sharon Reid (Jim) of Gig Harbor, WA, Kathleen Smock (Jim) of Santa Barbara, CA and two grandchildren and five great grandchildren.