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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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Education Fund Luncheon



When: Saturday, February 11, 2023 11:30 a.m.

**Where: Trinity Lutheran Church
1323 Central Avenue**

Lunch: \$25 per person

Our February program is always dedicated to hearing from one of our fantastic AAUW scholarship awardees. This is always a wonderful opportunity to learn about their progress in school and future ambitions. Watch for an upcoming eblast with more information about the awardee who will dazzle us.

Lunch includes various cold cuts with all the condiments, bakery rolls, potato salad, fruit salad, homemade chocolate chip cookies, coffee, tea, and water.

We're going to try a different way to get together and we hope you like it. Our goal is to offer a lower cost and try new venues. We look forward to your feedback after the event.

Please RSVP to Ellie Barrantes at esbarrantes@gmail.com. Send your check (write out to AAUW Alameda Branch) to Ellie Barrantes, 1160 Bismarck Lane, Alameda, CA 94502 or you can pay on the day of 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.

President's Corner

Help keep our Branch Roster up-to-date

Our Branch Roster with member contact information is available on our website. Please follow the instructions below to access the roster and confirm that your information is correct. If you have any changes, please contact Jennifer Ayres, jhaayres@gmail.com with the information.

1. Log on to our website <https://alameda-ca.aauw.net>
2. Click on "Members Only" (in the menu bar at the top of the page)
3. If prompted, enter the password: AAUWAlameda
4. Click on 2022-23 Branch Roster
5. Review your information
6. Email Jennifer Ayres, jhaayres@gmail.com with any changes
7. You can save an electronic copy to your computer or print out a hard copy

ANNOUNCEMENTS/Future Events

Tuesday, January 31, 7:00 - 8:00 pm -- **Bright Futures for Women Career Series**

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

Wednesday, February 8 – **Out to Lunch Bunch**

Wednesday, February 8, 7:00 – 8:00 pm -- **Bright Futures for Women Career Series**

Saturday, February 11, 11:30 am – **February Education Luncheon**

Monday, February 13, 1:30 pm – **Mah Jongg Group**

Wednesday, February 15, 1:00 – 2:30 pm – **Dirt Divas - EAST BAY WILDS** (Native Calif. Plant Nursery)

Thursday, February 16, 10:30 am – **Museum Group** – Oakland Museum – Angela Davis

Thursday, February 16, 7:00 – 8:00 pm -- **Bright Futures for Women Career Series**

Saturday, February 18 – **Global Cooking Group**

Sunday, February 19 – **Cinema Club**

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

Tuesday, February 21, 7:15 pm – **Evening Books Group**

Monday, February 27, 1:30 pm – **Mah Jongg Group**

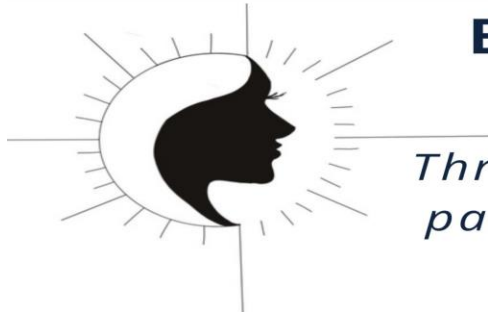
Tuesday-Wednesday, March 21-22, 2023 – **Lobby Days**

Bright Futures for Women Career Series

Let's support our sister branch by encouraging young women in our lives to participate in these great discussions. I attended last year and the presenters were diverse, engaging and inspiring.

-Barbara Krummel

AAUW-Livermore-Pleasanton-Dublin Presents



BRIGHT FUTURES FOR WOMEN CAREER SERIES

Three virtual zoom sessions featuring a panel of professional women sharing their career experiences

Tuesday, January 31, 7-8pm, featuring:

Estelle Reyes VP - Los Angeles Clean Tech Incubator

Lynda Tesillo Mechanical Engineer, L L NL

Sarah Palmer Zone 7 Water Board

Register at: <https://bit.ly/BrightFutures1>

Wednesday, February 8, 7-8pm, featuring:

Carolyn Hall Institutional Biosafety Officer @ L L NL

Mekena Metcalf Quantum Computing Scientist

Anusha Iyengar PhD Researcher, Molecular Biology

Register at: <https://bit.ly/BrightFutures2>

Thursday, February 16, 7-8pm, featuring:

Jessica Blois Paleocologist, Assc. Professor @ UC-Merced

Marylou Manzo Mechanical Technologist @ L L NL

Kyndra Cleveland Developmental Psychologist & Lawyer

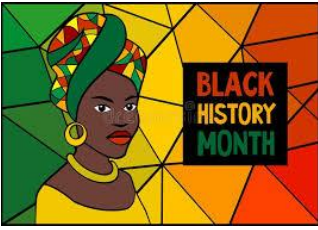
Register at: <https://bit.ly/BrightFutures3>



**Cost \$5/session. Questions
or request for fee waiver
can be sent to
girlprograms@aauw-lpd.org**



Registration
links



AAUW California Celebrates Black Women in History for Black History Month, February 2023

-Nancy Major, AAUW California Public Policy Committee

Many Black women have made significant contributions to history, thought, society, innovation, science, government, civil rights, women's rights, and much more. For Black History month we celebrate the achievements of but a few:

Sojourner Truth, a former slave, became an outspoken advocate for abolition, temperance, and civil and women's rights (1797-1883).

Rosa Parks and Claudette Colvin (age 15) helped initiate the Civil Rights movement by refusing to give up their seats to white men on Montgomery, Alabama buses. Their actions inspired resulted in the U.S. Supreme Court ruling that bus segregation was unconstitutional.

Dorothy Jean Dandridge was an actress, singer and dancer, the first African American film star to be nominated for the Academy Award for Best Actress for her performance in *Carmen Jones* (1954).

Katherine Johnson, a brilliant mathematician, was one of three Black students to integrate West Virginia's graduate schools. Her greatest contribution was to space exploration through her calculations synching Apollo's Lunar Module with the lunar-orbiting Module. She also worked on the Space Shuttle. (1958-1986)

Madam C.J. Walker was considered the wealthiest African-American businesswoman in America (1911-1919), by developing and marketing a line of cosmetics and hair care products for Black women. She hired 40,000 "ambassadors" to sell her products.

Shirley Chisholm was the first Black woman elected to Congress in 1968. She served as a representative from New York for 14 years, was the first Black candidate to run for president in the 1972 race, and founded the Congressional Black Caucus in 1971 and the Congressional Women's Caucus in 1977.

Mae Jemison became the first Black woman to fly to space on the space shuttle Endeavour. She was also the first Black woman admitted to the astronaut training program, in 1987.

Toni Morrison released her novel *Beloved* in 1987, winner of the Pulitzer Prize, based on the true story of an African American enslaved woman. In 1993, Morrison became the first Black woman to win the Nobel Prize in Literature.

Oprah Winfrey, born into poverty in rural Mississippi to a single teenage mother, molested as a child and pregnant at 14, became the most influential woman in the world by many accounts. An American talk show host, television producer, actress, author, and philanthropist, she was the richest African-American of the 20th century and was once the world's only black billionaire.

Branch Interest Groups

Afternoon Books

Afternoon Books will meet at Peet's Coffee in Nob Hill on Monday February 20th at 1:30pm. We discuss whatever we have read, swap books and collect books for the Friends of the Library. Contact Karen Scanlon for more information at yakitt@aol.com or 510-523-6456.

Cinema Club

Cinema Club meets on Sunday, February 19, 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

MANDAR WAGHOLIKAR'S art workshops for January and February have been canceled due to lack of interest. We will be having a field trip to **EAST BAY WILDS** on **Wednesday, February 15** from 1:00 - 2:30 PM to learn more about California native plants. They located on 28th Ave at 2777 Foothill Blvd, Oakland, CA 94601. There is small parking lot. We have permission to park there and block any cars that may be there. They are very excited to have us visit their website at easbaywilds.com to find out about their exciting ongoing projects at the Oakland museum, etc. All members are welcome to join us.

Please let Paula know at pbiwer@yahoo.com if you plan on attending so we can arrange for carpooling.

Evening Books

The Evening Book group meets on Tuesday, February 21 at 7:15 pm. Our book this month is *Harlem Shuffle* by Colson Whitehead. 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

We will meet on Saturday February 18. For more information, please email Dorie Guess Behrstock at dgmintl@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.

Out to Lunch Bunch

The Out to Lunch Bunch meets on the second Wednesday of each month. We travel near and far, trying restaurants new to us, or old favorites! If you are interested or would like more information, call Virginia Darrow, (510) 409-7481.

Museum Group

MUSEUM GROUP will visit **OAKLAND MUSEUM** on Thursday, February 16, to see an exhibit about **ANGELA DAVIS -- Seize the Time**. This exhibit examines the image, influence, and activism of the Oakland-based icon. With a focus on her arrest, incarceration, trial, and national international campaigns to free her, it highlights Davis's legacy as well as her ongoing role as an important contemporary figure for artists and activists. It includes a range of contemporary and historical artworks, media, literature, sketches, and rare manuscripts of Davis's writings. The group meets at the Ross Parking Lot at Southshore at 10:15 for a **10:30 sharp** departure. We will have lunch in the museum cafeteria. If you are interested in going, contact Judy Sparks at [judysparks@comcast.net](mailto:judy Sparks@comcast.net)

Calendar

Branch Activities

February 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		31- Bright Futures for Women 7 pm	1	2	3	4
5	6-Board mtg 6:00 pm via Zoom	7	8-Out to Lunch Bunch; Bright Futures for Women 7 pm	9	10	11- Lunch 11:30
12	13- Mah Jongg 1:30 PM	14	15- Dirt Divas 1:00 PM	16-Museum Group 10:30 am; Bright Futures for Women 7 pm	17	18- Global Cooking Group
19-- Cinema Club	20- Afternoon Books 1:30 PM	21- Evening Book Club 7:15 PM	22	23	24	25
26	27- Mah Jongg 1:30 PM	28				

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.