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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 Membership Meeting Time for Tea with Scholarship Recipients



When: Tuesday, November 14, 3-5 pm

Where: Barbara's home, 3258 Liberty Ave.

What: Meet scholarship recipients and learn about NCCWSL

Cost: None

RSVP: by November 11 to Barbara Krummel at

barbarakrummel1009@gmail.com

Come and learn how your donations make an impact on college-age women. Please plan to join us for tea and treats at my home. We're planning to learn about NCCWSL ("Nick whistle" which stands for the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders) from our very own Mary Jo Knight, who was an instructor, and several of our scholarship recipients if they can fit us into their busy schedules! NCCWSL is an annual AAUW conference that brings together more than 800 young women from across the country for two and a half days of leadership training, networking, and inspiration in Washington, D.C. If you just can't wait to learn more, Click [HERE](#)

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 fall progresses all of our special interest activity groups seem in full swing. For those of you who were able to attend our October Mixer at Almanac Brewery, I hope there were those who learned more about what these groups have to offer. Our special interest activity groups are open to all Current Branch members and provide a way to socialize around a common interest and get to know some other members better. More details about the schedule and group leader to contact can be found further on in this Newsletter.

I have just read that AAUW California is trying to attract more teachers to our organization. They have launched a campaign to attract educators on LinkedIn and designed a "just for teachers" page on the state website. There is a direct link to this page in the October 2023 California Connection. I seems to me that this is an excellent way to let teachers know about all of the lobbying our state organization does to benefit our educators and of the many opportunities for students that AAUW sponsors. Even though we seem to get a lot of emails from AAUW, they really are interesting and definitely worth reading. I am always amazed about how much is being done! We should all be proud that our dues and contributions are helping to make this possible.

-Marilyn Sharron, President, AAUW Alameda Branch



Membership Report



The current membership total for the Alameda Branch is **65** members!

Membership Types Currently Active In Alameda Branch:

Graduate Student (1)

Lifetime (4)

Honorary Lifetime (2)

General Membership (National, State & Branch) (58)

-Roberta Schwarz, Cindy Silva, Kay Weinstein, Membership VPs



One last time ... you can still show your support by going to the [Tech Trek Page](#) of our website, scroll down to click on the **Donate button and indicate your donation is for our Alameda branch and for the camp at the Sonoma State campus.**

Or you can send a check. Checks must be made out to AAUW CA SPF and can be mailed to Barbara Krummel, 3258 Liberty Ave., Alameda, CA 94501. Tech Trek is a 501c3 nonprofit so donations are tax deductible. You will receive a thank you letter with the Tech Trek tax ID number. The cost for each girl in 2023 was \$1,000 but the cost will be increasing next year so we really need your help as our branch members are major supporters!

-Barbara Krummel, Alameda Branch Tech Trek Coordinator



Sunshine Alerts



Recently **Virginia Darrow** fell at home and required surgery on her leg. Please share some sunshine with Virginia by sending her a Get Well card.

-Cynthia Silva, Sunshine Chair



Patti Heimburger AAUW College of Alameda Scholarship Student Thank You Letters Spring 2023

We would like to share the heartfelt thank you letters from the College of Alameda students who received our transfer scholarships. We are including one thank you letter per newsletter!

Five outstanding students received the award:

- Manal Alssaidi - \$1,000
- Juliette Breen - \$1,000
- **Yujiao Cantu - \$1,000**
- Donna Hooper - \$1,000
- Nallely Marroquin - \$1,000

May 11th 2023

I am writing to express my appreciation for being selected as a recipient of the Patti Heimburger AAUW College of Alameda Scholarship. I am honored and humbled to have been chosen as a recipient of such a prestigious scholarship. As a community college student, I will complete the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) and transfer to the University of California, Irvine, to pursue a bachelor's degree in Public Health. Despite facing numerous difficulties growing up that made it challenging to pursue my academic aspirations, this scholarship has allowed me to continue my education and take a step closer to realizing my dream of attending a university.

Receiving this scholarship is particularly important to me because it will help cover my tuition fees, books, and other academic-related expenses, including those for the upcoming fall semester. With this support, I can focus on my studies without worrying about financial constraints. This scholarship means the world to me and will go a long way in helping me achieve my academic and career goals.

Once again, I express my sincere gratitude to the Patti Heimburger AAUW Scholarship Committee for choosing me to receive this scholarship. I will use this award to the best of my ability and work hard to achieve my academic goals. Becoming an annual female winner is a recognition and big encouragement for me, and I will continue to work hard in my studies and blossom on the path of my dreams. Thank you for investing in my education and believing in my potential.

Sincerely,
Yujiao Cantu
11034947@cc.peralta.edu

ANNOUNCEMENTS/Future Events

Saturday, November 4, 6:00 pm -- **Global Restaurant Dining Group** – Troy Greek Restaurant

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

Tuesday, November 7, 7:00 pm - **Evening Books Group**

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

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

Tuesday, November 14, 3:00 pm – November Membership Meeting

Thursday, November 16, 9:45 am – **Museum Group** –Cantor Arts Center – Morris Hirshfield

Sunday, November 19 – **Cinema Club**

Monday, November 20, 1:30 pm – **Afternoon Books Club**

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

Sunday, December 2, 6:00 pm – **Global Cooking Group**



AAUW Food Bank Calendar Project

Last year the 2023 calendar project was a great success, so we are repeating the project. This time of the year we all begin to receive calendars from the many organizations that we donate to.

From November to January, please bring your calendars that you wish to donate to the monthly meetings. We are accepting wallet, square, wall calendars and 18 month term calendars. The calendars are provided to the clients at the Alameda Food Bank. Last year over 200 calendars were collected.

Thank you in advance for your donations. Pick up service of calendars is available. Contact Cynthia. Cynthia.silva26@yahoo.com

-Cynthia Silva, Calendar/Recycle Project Chair



Branch Interest Groups

Afternoon Books

The Afternoon Book Club meets on the 3rd Monday of the Month at various members' homes. New members are welcome, and there is no "homework". We share what we have read and trade books. Members read all genres, although mysteries seem to be a group favorite. Our November meeting is on Monday the 20th at 1:30 pm at the home of Kay Weinstein. Contact Karen Scanlon at yakitt@aol.com or **510-523-6456** for more information.

Cinema Club

Cinema Club meets on Sunday, November 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.

Evening Book Group

The Evening Book group meets on Tuesday, November 7 at 7:00 pm. Our book this month is *All The Pretty Horses* by Cormac McCarthy. 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 meets Saturday, December 2, for an evening gathering featuring holiday appetizers from around the world. To join us or for more information please contact Kevis at kevis.brownson@gmail.com.

Global Restaurant Dining Group

The Global Restaurant Dining Group will meet Saturday, November 4 at Troy Greek Restaurant, 2320 Central Avenue, at 6:00pm. For reservations, contact Kay Weinstein at **(510) 967-4610** or kayweinstein@gmail.com. Also please reply if you need a ride.

Mah Jongg (American Style)

We meet on the 2nd and 4th Monday afternoon of each month to play American-style Mah Jongg. Beginners and experienced players are welcome. 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

The Museum group will be going on Thursday, November 16, to the Stanford University, Cantor arts Center, to see Morris Hirshfield paintings. *Morris Hirshfield* was a self-taught artist. A Jewish immigrant, tailor, and slipper manufacturer in Brooklyn who took up painting at the age of 65, Morris Hirshfield (1872–1946) attracted a great degree of attention during his brief career as an artist.

His wildly stylized pictures of animals, landscapes, and often nude female figures were embraced by the international avant garde, including Pablo Picasso and Piet Mondrian, collected by Peggy Guggenheim, and featured in a highly-publicized solo show at The Museum of Modern Art in 1943. Yet, the artist was dismissed in the press as an unschooled amateur and mocked as the “Master of the Two Left Feet” for his tendency to display the female body in an unorthodox fashion. This exhibition will showcase Hirshfield’s imaginative, vibrantly patterned paintings. As *New Yorker* writer Andrea K. Scott described them: “His subjects are ornamental, so highly stylized—static, hypnotic—that paint on canvas performs as beads, trim, and pompoms once did on his patented slippers, a delightful selection of which have been re-created for the exhibition.” The exhibition at the Cantor will feature Surrealist artists that Hirshfield was exhibited alongside in New York, such as Yves Tanguy, Kay Sage, and Leonora Carrington, and a section devoted to self-taught artists such as John Kane, Hector Hippolyte, and Grandma Moses.





The carpool. will leave from the Ross Parking lot at South Shore. Be there at 9:45 for a 10:00 **sharp** departure. We will have lunch at the museum restaurant.

Please RSVP if you would like to go to JudySparks@comcast.net

Calendar

Branch Activities

November 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 	2	3	4- Global Restaurant Dining Group 6:00 PM
5-Daylight Savings Ends 	6-Board mtg 6:00 pm via Zoom	7-Evening Books 7:00 PM Election Day	8-Out to Lunch Bunch	9	10	11  Veteran's Day
12	13- Mah Jongg 1:30 PM	14- Meeting 3:00 PM	15	16- Museum Group 9:45 AM	17	18
19- Cinema Club	20- Afternoon Books 1:30 PM	21	22	23 	24	25
26	27- Mah Jongg 1:30 PM	28	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.