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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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AAUW New Year's Tea Celebration

Malaya Tea Room

920 Central Avenue, Alameda

January 13 Saturday 3:30 - 5:00 pm



Are you ready for a break from the holiday hustle and bustle? Join us for a tea party to celebrate a new year of fellowship and dedication to promoting women's potential! We will have a complete afternoon tea with tea sandwiches (smoked salmon, chicken salad, cucumber and turkey with Brie and fig jam), clotted cream with strawberry jam, a savory, and assorted desserts. Choice of specialty teas. A vegetarian option is available (please write 'veg' in memo on check, or select the vegetarian option when paying online).

Don't hesitate to invite a non-member friend to this relaxing afternoon! We will have an optional fun gift exchange (value of \$25 or less). Space is limited in this cozy, charming tea room, so reserve your spot(s) ASAP!

How to reserve: **Either-**

Send a check for \$50 (includes tax and tip), made out to AAUW Alameda Branch c/o Susan Myers 3215 Garfield Ave, Alameda, CA 94501.

OR pay online using this link: <https://square.link/u/LqZlkhM2>

OR scan this QR code with your phone's camera to register and pay.



Any questions, please contact Paula at pbiwer@yahoo.com or (510) 918-8577

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.

Year End Donations to AAUW NCCWSL - Correction – Donation Website Address

If you are considering making a donation from your IRA for an IRS Required Minimum Distribution, you will need to inform the administrator as soon as possible so it can be processed prior to January 31, 2024. They will need the tax ID on this letter.

Two ways to to Donate:

Write a check to AAUW CA SPF

In the memo line write: Alameda NCCWSL

Mail or give to: Penny Washbourn, NCCWSL Coordinator 501 Lagunaria Lane, Alameda, CA 94502

Donations over \$250 will be acknowledged by AAUW CA Special Projects Fund; under that amount will be acknowledged by the Alameda Branch NCCWSL project.

The Tax ID is 68-0463071; CA Charitable Trust ID #127807

OR

Donate directly via Pay Pal or Credit card on the website:

<https://specialprojectsfund-ca.aauw.net>

1. Go to DONATE on the menu bar.
2. Put in your donation amount,
3. Select AAUW Branch Projects/Scholarships
- 4 Select AAUW Alameda College of Alameda NCCWSL Sponsorship (#2010)
5. Click donate via Paypal,
6. Select pay by Pay Pal or Credit card and fill in your information.
7. The receipt will be sent to you via email.

Questions: Penny Washbourn pwashbou@gmail.com or call **925-949-9791**

Thanks so very much! Every donation helps us reach our goal.

Penny Washbourn, NCCWSL Coordinator and Selection Committee:
Susan Myers, Annette Koch, Silver Alkhafaji, VP Tina Vasconcellos,
College of Alameda.





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 29, 2023

Patti Heimburger College of Alameda Scholarship

The purpose of my letter is to thank the donor and committee for choosing me as a recipient of this scholarship. I am very grateful to have been the recipient, this scholarship is very meaningful to me because it will help me to continue to go further in my education and cover part of my expenses as a student.

I am a student who is compromised with her education and desires to acquire knowledge through college. I am a student adult, which is very challenging since I am a mother of three children, but at the same time, it pays off because the things I learned I applied to real-life situations that also include my kids. I am very grateful to have been chosen to receive this scholarship, it is a lot of help that goes towards my education. This scholarship will help me to buy ink for the printer, and a backpack, some groceries, and I will save the rest to buy books.

I will thank the committee for choosing me as a recipient. I am a student that wishes to go further in her education even though all the challenges that could be present. I do my best in everything I learn, every assignment I make, and every conversation I have with the teachers. It makes me believe that It was the best decision in my life, being a student and a mom at the same time. This scholarship will help to continue with my goals and encourages me to go forward.

Sincerely,

Nallely Marroquin.
nalle1819@hotmail.com



Lobby Days 2024 – Save the Date!



By Amy Hom, Co-chair AAUW California Public Policy Committee

AAUW California will hold our 2024 Lobby Days event on April 2 and 3, 2024.

An interest survey including a registration form will arrive in your inbox mid-January. Please be sure to complete and return the form to be added to the communications list for the event.

We encourage all AAUW California members to participate in this act of advocacy that is essential for achievement of our legislative priorities. In addition to our members, we plan to invite college students to join the event. Their participation will enable us to reach more legislative offices, and we hope that this introduction to our organization will inspire these advocacy-minded young people who share our values to join AAUW.

Starting in January, our committee will evaluate new bills introduced in the state legislature which are aligned with our Public Policy Priorities: Economic Security for All Women, Equal Access to Quality Public Education for All Students, Social and Racial Justice for All Members of Society, and Increased Representation of Women in Leadership Roles. In early March, our committee will meet to discuss our evaluations and select 30-35 bills for our 2024 Legislative Agenda that best represent our priorities. We will also choose the top 3 bills to advocate for during Lobby Days.

Lobby Days 2024 is scheduled to take place when the legislature returns to session after their Easter break, and will span two days to provide flexibility so that we can secure as many meetings as possible. We are planning a hybrid event with meetings scheduled virtually over Zoom as well as in-person at the Capitol. Members who live in and around Sacramento will have the option to participate in person. Legislative offices are equally willing to meet virtually or in person, and the virtual option makes it easier for AAUW members around the state to participate.

Our AAUW California Legislative Advocate will schedule meetings with the legislative offices. The committee will assemble teams of AAUW members and college students, matching them with Assembly and Senate districts. Training materials on the bills and the event will be posted on the state website in mid-March, and a mandatory training webinar will be held on March 25, 2024.

If you have participated in Lobby Days in the past, we would love to hear your feedback on what worked and what didn't. Please send your comments to publicpolicy@aauw-ca.org.

Lobby Days is a wonderful opportunity to meet with your legislators and advocate for legislation to promote gender equity and improve the lives of women and girls. We hope that you will join us in this important activity to advance our values.

Election Update: School Board Candidates



We are happy to report that school board candidates who were seeking to ban books and historically accurate curricula lost BIG in the November election nationwide! Current reporting tells us that only 50 of 139 school board candidates endorsed by Moms for Liberty were elected. We'll keep working to ensure that our marginalized students are accurately represented and protected through the School Board Project

ANNOUNCEMENTS/Future Events

Tuesday, January 2, 6:00 pm -- **Evening Books Group** – Zoom Meeting – Current/Former members
Saturday, January 6, 2–4 pm – **Life of Mary Church Terrell** – African American Museum – See Flyer
Saturday, January 6, 6:00 pm – **Global Restaurant Dining Group** – Ala Restaurant
Monday, January 8, 1:30 pm – **Mah Jongg Group**
Monday, January 8, 6:00 pm -- **Board Meeting** – via Zoom – All Welcome!
Wednesday, January 10 – **Out to Lunch Bunch**
Saturday, January 13, 3:30 pm – January Meeting – Malaya Tea Room
Monday, January 15, 1:30 pm – **Afternoon Books Club**
Thursday, January 18, 10:30 am – **Museum Group** – Oakland Museum
Sunday, January 21 – **Cinema Club**
Monday, January 22, 1:30 pm – **Mah Jongg Group**
Tuesday, February 6, 7:00 pm – **Evening Books Group**
Thursday, February 15, 7:00 pm – **AAUW Scholarship and Grant Ed Fund Event** – Via Zoom
Saturday, February 17, 6:00 pm – **Global Cooking Group**
Tuesday-Wednesday, April 2nd – 3rd – **Lobby Days**
Saturday, May 11, 7:00 am – 2:00 pm - **Plant Sale**



AAUW Food Bank Calendar Project

Final Calendar Collection Date – January 31, 2024

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.

Please bring your calendars that you wish to donate to the January meeting. 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



Sunshine Alerts



Please email Cynthia Silva if you have knowledge of any life events for any of our members. This can include Get Well, Thinking of You, Sympathy, New Home and Congratulations. The cards are sent to our members on behalf of our local branch. If you know of a need, please let Cynthia know. The cards sent are of high quality.

-Cynthia Silva, Sunshine Chair



FEBRUARY AAUW SCHOLARSHIP AND GRANT FUND EVENT

February 15, 2024 7:00 PM Via Zoom

Mark your calendars now for the branch's annual AAUW Ed Fund Event. **Again** this year, we will be fortunate to have one of the California recipients of National's scholarship and grant program as a speaker.

We have an amazing array of accomplished young women pursuing advanced degrees with help from AAUW from which to select our speaker. We are confident that this year's speaker will, as in years past, make an interesting and compelling presentation outlining her area of study, and how she hopes to advance the interests of women and girls upon completion of her education.

To make it easier for one of these busy young women to join us, the program committee has made this a Zoom event. We hope that the format will encourage as many of you as possible to attend as well. And don't forget to put your checkbook next to your computer so you can support this important work going forward with a generous donation. There is nothing like seeing these wonderful women in person (or virtually in person) to underscore the doors we help open for them and the lives they will touch in the future.

In the spirit of the season, you may wish to make your donation now. If so, checks should be made out to "**AAUW**" with "**FUND**" in the memo line and mailed to: Mary Oppedahl, 2465 Shoreline Drive, #106, Alameda CA 94501.

Branch Interest Groups



The **Global Cooking and Restaurant Groups** – Kevis, Marlis, Cindy, Kay, and Roberta enjoyed a get together at Karen S's home.

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 January meeting is on Monday the 15th at 1:30 pm at the home of Li Volin. Contact Karen Scanlon at yakitt@aol.com or **510-523-6456** for more information.

Cinema Club

Cinema Club meets on Sunday, January 21, 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, January 2 at 6:00 pm for our third annual Zoom meeting for current and former members of the group. Our next regular in person meeting is February 6 when we will discuss *Shrines of Gaiety* by Kate Atkinson. 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, and to be on the list for January 2, please contact Kevis at kevis.brownson@gmail.com.

Global Cooking Group

The Global Cooking Group meets every two months at a member's home to share an interesting cuisine from around the world and US. Our next gathering is February 17. 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 at the Ala Mediterranean Grill and Mezzes Restaurant at 1504 Webster at 6:00 pm on Saturday, January 6. For more information please contact Penny Washbourn at pwashbou@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 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.

Museum Group

THE MUSEUM GROUP will carpool to the Oakland Museum on January 18, and see: *Into the Brightness: Artists from Creativity Explored, Creative Growth & NIAD* celebrates myriad works from contemporary artists with developmental disabilities. From painting to sculpture to multimedia, these world-renowned artists are producing work of incredible power, exuberance, humor, complexity, and joy. *Into the Brightness* presents a variety of dynamic perspectives from the artists' personal experiences of the world. This original, collaborative exhibition is the largest museum exhibition in over a decade featuring artists from the three local organizations –Creativity Explored in San Francisco, Creative Growth in Oakland, and NIAD (Nurturing Independence Through Artistic Development) Art Center in Richmond.

The carpool will leave from the Ross Parking lot at South Shore. Be there at 10:15 for 10:30 sharp departure. We will have lunch at the museum restaurant. Please RSVP if you would like to go to JudySparks@comcast.net

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**.

Calendar

Branch Activities

January 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2-Evening Books 6:00 PM	3	4	5	6- Mary Church Terrell Talk, 2-4 PM; Global Restaurant Dining Group 6:00 PM
7-	8-Mah Jongg 1:30 PM; Board Meeting 6:00 PM	9	10-Out to Lunch Bunch	11	12	13- January Meeting – 3:30 PM -Malaya Tea Room
14	15- Afternoon Books 1:30 PM	16	17	18- Museum Group 10:30 AM	19	20
21- Cinema Club	22- Mah Jongg 1:30 PM	23	24	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.



SAVE THE DATE

FOR AN UNFORGETTABLE AFTERNOON!

THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN
BERKELEY & OAKLAND-PIEDMONT BRANCHES
THE AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM & LIBRARY, OAKLAND



Invite You to Learn About the Remarkable Life of **MARY CHURCH TERRELL**

Mary Church Terrell (1863-1954) was one of the most prominent African American activists of her time. Born into slavery, her life spanned emancipation to the modern civil rights movement. She fought against lynching and for women's suffrage, collaborated with Frederic Douglas, Ida B. Wells, and W.E.B. Dubois, was the first President of the National Association of Colored Women and a founder of the NAACP.

Meet Her Biographer

ALISON M. PARKER

Chair, History Department, University of Delaware, Prof. Parker is the author of the critically acclaimed *Unceasing Militant: The Life of Mary Church Terrell* (Univ. of North Carolina Press, 2020). Using newly discovered documents, Parker weaves together the inspiring but little known struggles and achievements of Terrell's public and private life.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6, 2024 2-4 PM
THE AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM AND LIBRARY
658 4TH Street, Oakland

RSVP BY JANUARY 2, 2024 to lenoregallin@gmail.com

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