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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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October Meeting -- Celebrate Tech Trek !

When: Saturday, October 26, 11:30am to 1:30pm

Where: Trinity Lutheran Community Room, 1323 Central Avenue
(Entrance on Morton Street)

What: A Build Your Own Sandwich & Salad Bar at \$20 per person

RSVP by Oct. 21 to barbarakrummel@comcast.net, or
call/text [510-846-5887](tel:510-846-5887)

Reserve your luncheon spot and pay online here:

<https://square.link/u/TIi51ygH>



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

It was wonderful to see so many of you and your guests at our Welcome Back Mixer at Almanac Brewery. And it was a pleasure to welcome our newest member, **Susanne LeFaver**. Thanks to Kevis Brownson for planning this successful event that presented lots of information about our causes, fundraising activities and interest groups. There is one or more for you!

Naturally many of our members are advocates, informed voters and election volunteers. The 2024 election will have a major impact on gender equity in education, women's economic security, and reproductive and civil rights.

The good news? When women vote, we change the conversation.

Our National AAUW website provides non-partisan election resources:

aauw.org/resources/policy/get-involved-in-elections/

A great local resource is the League of Women Voters: www.lwvalameda.org

In fact, our League of Women Voters will host two 2024 Candidates Forums on Saturday, September 28 at the Mastick Senior Center, 1155 Santa Clara Ave. City Council Candidates are featured at 2:00pm and Alameda Unified School District Candidates are featured at 4:00pm. LWV will present California State Senate, District 7 Candidates Forum on Monday, September 30 at 6:30pm on Zoom.

Register at www.lwvalameda.org/election-forums.html

These forums are always non-partisan and free to the public.

Reminder: our board meetings are on the first Monday of the month at 6pm, and they are open to all members. I encourage you to attend our board meetings, and see if you would like to become more active in our branch. Let me know if you wish to attend, and I will send you the zoom link. Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions, ideas or concerns.

Kay Weinstein, President

kayweinstein@gmail.com

Membership Renewal

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL – PAST DUE

*****Deadline June 30, 2024*****

The dues for the 2024-2025 year are \$115.

You may renew online or by check. To renew online you need to know our branch number: CA0128 Alameda. Many find it easier to renew by check. Make out your check to AAUW, and mail to Marilyn Sharron, 1437 Morton St. Apt. D, Alameda, CA 94501-2462.

Did you know that \$72 (the National portion of our dues) is now tax-deductible?

Thank you,
Membership Committee



Please Support AAUW Alameda Tech Trek

Click here to donate online now <https://square.link/u/SbiYftmt>

Tech Trek is a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) sleep-away camp designed to develop interest, excitement, and self-confidence in young women who will enter eighth grade in the fall. It features a full week of hands-on activities in STEM-related fields. For our Alameda girls, all sleeping, eating, instructional and recreational activities happen on the beautiful Sonoma State campus. The girls attend at no cost to them or their families, our branch raises the funds—\$10,800--to send 9 campers this past summer (our largest cohort to date!) so we need your help! Plan to attend our general meeting luncheon on October 26 (details in the meeting announcement) and bring a check or credit card or click here: <https://square.link/u/SbiYftmt> to make a donation online.

This camp can change lives. Don't just take it from me, **let's hear from the girls:**

"I learned that failure is the best tool of learning as long as you keep on trying..."

"I got to experience amazing things and finally met people like me."

"I can literally feel the change and improvement in my ability to initiate conversations."

"My favorite part was the architecture speech. I am now so inspired to look for a job in that path"

"The field trip was so cool, I feel like I would never have gotten to see something like that..."

"I also love hearing women in STEM come and talk to us."

And finally, " I realize that girls and women usually don't get opportunities like Tech Trek to learn and collaborate with one another as I did. I hope the program can continue to grow and support more girls."

-Barbara Krummel, Tech Trek Committee Chair

ANNOUNCEMENTS/Future Events

Saturday, October 5, 6:00 pm – **Global Restaurant Dining Group** – Troy Greek Cuisine

Sunday, October 6 – **Cinema Club**

Monday, October 7, 6:00 pm -- **Board Meeting** – via Zoom – All Welcome!

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

Tuesday, October 15, 7:00 pm – **Evening Books Group**

Monday, October 21, 1:30 pm – **Afternoon Books Club**

Saturday October 26, 11:30 – 1:30 pm – **October Meeting** – Celebrate Tech Trek!

Saturday, October 26, 6:00 pm – **Global Cooking Group**

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



California Public Policy News

The September issue of Public Policy News includes a newsletter article about AAUW **California-supported ballot propositions**. Also included are head-to-head **voter guides for several key congressional races**, a piece on Public Policy Priorities: **Reproductive Rights** and **the Election**, and much more.

Please click [HERE](#) to view these and other artiicles.

Amy Hom and Missy Maceyko - Co-chairs, AAUW California Public Policy Committee
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Tech Trek Girls enjoying get-together in June before attending camp

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 October meeting is on Monday the 21st at 1:30 pm at the home of Kay Weinstein. Contact Karen Scanlon at yakitt@aol.com or [510-523-6456](tel:510-523-6456) for more information. New members are welcome

Cinema Club

Cinema Club meets on Sunday, October 6, for a matinee at the Alameda Theatre followed by a gathering at Tucker's Ice Cream for discussion. In summer, we will venture out of Alameda for events at BAMPFA, Landmark Theatres, and others. 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 the third Tuesday of the month in members' homes. Our books for 2024-25 are *The Potter's Field* by Andrea Camilleri (9/17), *The First Ladies* by Marie Benedict (10/15), *Mozart's Starling* by Lyanda Lynne Haupt (11/19), *Klara and the Sun* by Kazuo Ishiguro (1/21), and *Finding the Mother Tree* by Suzanne Simard (2/18). For more information about the group or to join us, please contact Penny Washbourn at penelopewashbourn@gmail.com.

Global Cooking Group

The Global Cooking Group meets every two months at a member's home to share a potluck meal of an interesting cuisine from around the world and US. We will meet this month on **Saturday, October 26 at 6:00 pm at Paula Biwer's house**. Other gatherings this year will be on **Saturdays, February 15, April 26, June 21, and August 16**, generally at 6:00 pm. To join us or for more information, please contact Jennifer McGaffey at jjmccgaffey@guenean.com.

Global Restaurant Dining Group

The Global Dining restaurant group will be meeting on Saturday October 5th at the Troy Restaurant at 2320 Central Ave, Alameda at 6PM. Please email Kay Weinstein who is this month's hostess at kayweinstein@gmail.com if you wish to attend. All AAUW Alameda members and guests are welcome to attend.

Mah Jongg (American Style)

We meet on the 2nd and 4th Monday afternoon of each month to play American-style Mah Jongg using the National Mah Jongg League card and rules. Beginners and experienced players are welcome. Contact Laura Porter at Lrajean@aol.com or [510-912-0385](tel:510-912-0385) for more information about the Mah Jongg interest group.

Museum Group

Contact Judy Sparks at JudySparks@comcast.net for more information.



Calendar

Branch Activities

October 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	 2	3	4	5- Global Restaurant Dining Group 6:00 PM
6-Cinema Club	7-Board Meeting 6:00 PM	8	9	10	 11	12
13	14- Mah Jongg 1:30 PM 	15-Evening Books 7:00 PM	16	17	18	19
20	21- Afternoon Books 1:30 PM	22	23	24	25	26- October Meeting 11:30-1:30 PM; Global Cooking Group 6:00 PM
27	28- Mah Jongg 1:30 PM	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.