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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 Fall Mixer - Activity Group Leaders / Committee Chairs Q&A

When: Wednesday, September 3, 2025

Where: Almanac Beer Company Taproom 651-B W. Tower Ave

Time: 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

What: No host beer and soft drinks from Almanac.
\$5-10 donation at the door for snacks

RSVP to Kay Weinstein at kayweinstein@gmail.com
or [510-967-4610](tel:510-967-4610)

At our welcome back for the fall mixer, AAUW Alameda activity group leaders and committee chairs will introduce their groups to the membership. Prospective group members may find out in person about all that AAUW Alameda Branch has to offer. Bring a friend or an adult daughter who isn't yet a member to entice them to join our organization!

Almanac has ample parking across the street from the location and is very family friendly. RSVP is helpful for knowing what space to stake out and for the snacks but if you forget to respond, please just come! We'll be at one of the shaded tables outside. Any questions, please call or write Kay.



Remembering Donna Vaughn

Many of us knew and remember Donna as a long-term and active member of Alameda Branch AAUW. Her loss will be felt in many ways. It has been proposed that a good way to remember her in a tangible way would be a park bench. The Alameda Recreation and Park Department has a way to make this happen.

<https://www.alamedaca.gov/Departments/Recreation-Parks/Memorial-Benches-and-Picnic-Tables>

I am proposing a concrete bench (price \$2,000) with a plaque (cost unknown). If you would like to contribute to this project, send a check (made out to Dorothy Kerwin) to:

Dorothy Kerwin, 2918 Lincoln Ave, Alameda, CA 94501

I will keep you updated with our progress and hope to have the bench in place in the next 3 to 4 months. If you have any comments or questions, please email me, kerwindorothy@gmail.com

Thanks for your consideration.



Membership Update

Over the summer we said goodbye to Patricia Atkinson, who has moved out of state. Please welcome new member Jeanine Fetterly, who is also a member of Oakland-Piedmont branch.

Membership Renewal: For seasoned members, your renewals were due June 30. For newer members, renewals are due on the anniversary of your join date. You may renew online at aauw.org/renewal. If you renew online, you will need to know our branch number: CA0128-Alameda. That is CA zero one two eight. Some find it difficult to renew online. You may renew by making out a check for \$127 to AAUW Renewal and mailing it to: Jennifer McGaffey, 1327 Webster St. Apt. B309, Alameda, CA 94501. Yes, dues have increased to \$74 National + \$30 State + \$23 Branch = \$127 Total

-Kay Weinstein, Membership VP



Our Tech Trek Ice Cream Social was a huge success!! Each year before we send girls to camp, we invite them and their families to join us for an afternoon of delicious ice cream and an opportunity to hear from former campers about their experiences. This helps the girls and their families prepare for their time at camp. This year, Tech Trek committee member, Mary Kay Hardwick, opened her home and amazing waterfront backyard to us. All of the other committee members, Linda Preminger, Shubha Fanse, Marna Mitchell, Laura Porter and Jennifer Ayres (she made all of the fabulous ice creams and sorbets) helped with the party.



We had 8 campers this year: six attended camp at Sonoma State University and for the first time we sent two girls to camp at UC Santa Cruz. 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. All sleeping, eating, instructional and recreational activities happened on the two beautiful college campuses.

Keep your eyes open for an announcement in next month's newsletter about our Tech Trek luncheon which will be on a Saturday in October (date TBD). This is when you can hear directly from the girls about their experiences. It is definitely one of our best meetings of the year!

-Barbara Krummel, Alameda Branch Tech Trek Coordinator



ANNOUNCEMENTS/Future Events

Monday, August 11, 1:30 pm – **Mah Jongg Group**

Saturday, August 16, 6:00 pm – **Global Cooking Group**

Monday, August 25, 1:30 pm -- **Mah Jongg Group**

Monday, August 25, 6:00 pm -- **Board Meeting** – via Zoom – All Welcome

Wednesday, September 3, 4:30 – 6:30 pm – **AAUW Fall Mixer** – Almanac Beer Company

Saturday, September 6, 6:00 pm – **Global Restaurant Dining Group** – Bhan Mae Vane

Monday, September 8, 1:30 pm – **Mah Jongg Group**

Monday, September 15, 1:30 pm – **Afternoon Books**

Tuesday, September 16, 7:00 pm – **Evening Books**

Thursday, September 18, 10:15 am – **Museum Group** – Berkeley Art Museum

Monday, September 22, 1:30 pm – **Mah Jongg Group**

Sunday, October 5 – **Cinema Club**



Installation of AAUW Alameda in May at Julie's Coffee and Tea Garden

Branch Interest Groups

Afternoon Books

The Afternoon Book Club meets on the 3rd Monday of the Month in various members' homes. There is no assigned book. We start the meeting with a dessert and then take turns sharing what we have read during the previous month, regardless of genre. It is a great place to get reading recommendations and share physical books. The September meeting is Monday the 15th, 1:30pm at the home of Karen Scanlon. New members are welcome. For further information contact Karen at yakitt@aol.com or [510-523-6456](tel:510-523-6456) for more information.

Cinema Club

Cinema Club meets on Sunday, October 5, for a matinee at the Alameda Theatre followed by a gathering at Cinema Grill or 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 Books

The Evening Book Group meets at 7:00 pm September 16 to discuss *Differ We Must*. We are looking for new members to join our group. We read an eclectic selection of literary fiction, nonfiction, history, and memoirs. Our 2025-26 selections are *Differ We Must* by Steve Inskeep, *Homegoing* by Yaa Gyasi, *The Glassmaker* by Tracy Chevalier, *The Geography of Bliss* by Eric Weiner, *Crow Planet* by Lyanda Lynn Haupt, *James* by Percival Everett, *Poet Warrior* by Joy Harjo. Our dates and books for the year are listed at <https://alameda-ca.aauw.net/book-club/>. 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. Our gathering will be on August 16 for dinner. To join us or for more information, please contact Jennifer McGaffey at jjmccgaffey@guenean.com.

Global Restaurant Dining Group

Saturday, September 6 at 6:00pm the Global Dining Group will dine at Bhan Mae Vane. This Lao and Thai Cuisine restaurant was recently featured on "Bay Area Check Please" receiving rave reviews! We are lucky they are on our island home! Located at 1511 Webster St.; the city lot on Santa Clara Ave. is a good bet for parking. Car pools are always wise. **Please RSVP to me by Sept 2** if you plan to attend. Kay Weinstein, kayweinstein@gmail.com

Mah Jongg

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

Our Museum Group now meets on the fourth Thursday of each month. (November and December still meet on third Thursdays.) We will meet on Thursday, September 25 in the Ross Parking Lot at 10:15 for a 10:30 sharp departure to the Berkeley Art Museum to see "Routed West: Twentieth Century African-American Quilts in California." We will eat lunch at a nearby restaurant before returning to Alameda. Organizer for this trip: Karen Butter, karenbutter@comcast.net

Calendar		Branch Activities				
September 2025						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 	2	3- Branch Mixer 4:30-6:30 PM	4	5	6- Global Restaurant Dining Group 6:00 PM
7	8- Mah Jongg 1:30 PM	9	10	11	12	13
14	15- Afternoon Books 1:30 PM	16- Evening Books 7:00 PM	17	18	19	20
21	22- Mah Jongg 1:30 PM	23	24	25- Museum Group 10:15 AM	26	27
28	29	30				