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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 25, 11:30am to 1:30pm

Where: Christ Episcopal Community Room, 1700 Santa Clara Ave.,
Alameda

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](#)



This is your once a year opportunity to learn what makes the **AAUW Tech Trek** program such a wonderful experience. The girls will share details about camp and do some "show and tell" with their camp projects. We will be serving a tasty sandwich and salad buffet with cookies, and cold beverages. You can pay the day of or click on this link to pay in advance <https://square.link/u/QMfu07JF>

Please join us for this fun and inspiring presentation and **plan to make a donation to support next year's girls**. Can't make it but want to make a donation? You can donate online <https://square.link/u/SbiYftmt> or send a check made out to AAUW CA SPF (Tech Trek on the memo line) to Barbara Krummel, 3258 Liberty Ave., Alameda, 94501.

You will receive a thank you letter with Tech Trek's tax ID number.

President's Corner

Welcome to another fun and worthwhile year of AAUW Alameda Branch activities. The year got off to a smashing start with the Branch Mixer on September 3, 2025, at Almanac Brewery. With over 20 members in attendance, each interest group made a presentation about their group's activities with the "Enthusiasm Award"* 1 going to the Mah Jongg Group. Members with some spare time on the second and fourth Mondays of the month may want to check it out.

Other news shared at the Mixer involves a change in our monthly membership meetings. The interest groups will be helping the Board shoulder the responsibility for those events. For example, Afternoon Books will host a get-together at Elizabeth McGaffey's Club House at The Willows for the November meeting, and, in December, the Cinema Group will sponsor a movie at the Alameda Theater, followed by ice cream at Tucker's for those so inclined. The Program Coordinator, Kay Weinstein, will work with the interest groups to facilitate and publicize these events. We hope that the membership will enjoy the new mix of activities this year and will meet some members they would otherwise not know.

As your newly-elected President, I will be sharing my duties with Kay Weinstein, whose generosity to our branch is unmatched. In addition to her responsibilities as Membership Chair and Program Coordinator on the Board, Kay will be running at least half of the Board meetings and membership meetings as I galivant around the world. I cannot say how much I appreciate Kay's willingness to help me and the branch by taking on this added responsibility.

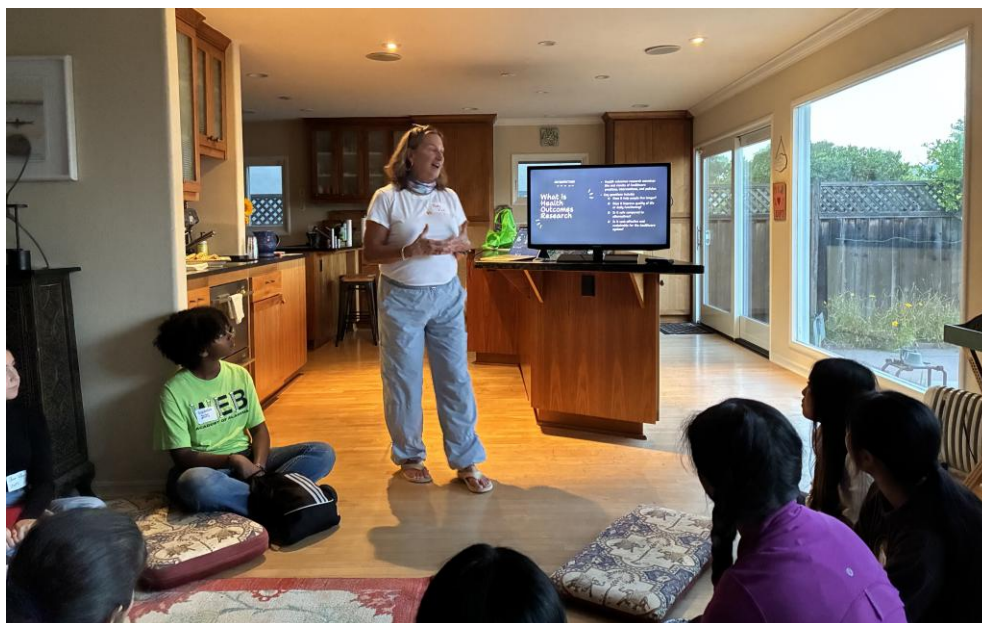
Finally, the Board and membership sadly say goodbye to our longtime member and friend, Karen Scanlon, who contributed so much to our branch's success over the years as a member, a Board member, interest group chair and, to quote her, "a member with a large house." I speak for us all when I say thank you and best wishes as you embark on your next adventure in the Sacramento area.

- Mary Oppedahl, President, AAUW Alameda Branch

* I made that award up but they are an enthusiastic lot.



Tech Trek Alumnae Event



Our Tech Trek committee held our first alumnae event for former campers on September 11. It was a well attended event hosted by Tech Trek committee member Mary Kay Hardwick.

Mary Kay, who is the Research Director for Aptitude Health, shared insights from her career in Health Outcomes Research, why it's so important for women to lead this kind of research and how one might begin to prepare for a career in the field. Participants included former campers in middle and high school, parents and Tech Trek Committee members.

It was terrific to host such a great group of former tech trekkers! They were so engaged and asked so many insightful questions. It was also impressive that some of them were asking about how to gain some early experience in the field. We even had two attendees who started a Medical Career Club at their high school. Talk about initiative!

We are grateful to the parents who attended and had questions or offered insights. And we appreciate the TT committee members who also shared some of their own experiences with Careers in Science and engineering.

At the end, we looked around the room and felt so hopeful about the future—because such an engaged and smart group of girls are pursuing their interests in science!

- Laura Porter, Tech Trek Committee Member



Membership Update

Please welcome new members Rebecca Flynn and Liz London. Please say good-bye and farewell to longtime members Karen and Chuck Scanlon, who are moving to Sacramento. See Global Dining's special dinner in honor of the Scanlons further down in this newsletter.

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 <https://www.aauw.org/>. 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

ANNOUNCEMENTS/Future Events

Saturday, October 4, 6:00 pm – **Global Restaurant Dining Group** – Trabocco Italian Kitchen

Sunday, October 5 – **Cinema Club**

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

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

Monday, October 20, 1:30 pm – **Afternoon Books**

Tuesday, October 21, 7:00 pm – **Evening Books**

Thursday, October 23 – **Museum Group** – Asian Art Museum

Saturday, October 25, 11:30 am – 1:30 pm – **AAUW Luncheon – Celebrate Tech Trek!**

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

Saturday, November 15 – **Global Cooking Group**



AAUW California Prop 50 GOTV Campaign

- Newsletter Article and Messaging Guide

This year, AAUW California will focus on GOTV for the special election on November 4, 2025. Our focus will be on providing information about and emphasizing the positive impacts of Proposition 50. Please note that we are NOT making a formal recommendation or endorsement. Rather, as a trusted resource, we are providing non-partisan and information-centric information with focus on:

California impacts

AAUW California Public Policy Priorities

Combating misinformation

The importance of saving democracy for Californians

We have two resources to get you started:

1. Newsletter Article "Investing in Our Democratic Future: Non-Partisan Voter Education Around Proposition 50 in California" - - [AAUW CA Prop 50 NL Article.docx - Google Docs](#)
2. Messaging Guide to follow for postcards and campaigns - [AAUW CA-Prop 50 Messaging Guide - Google Docs](#)

Please feel free to start using these resources immediately. Share them with your branch members, and with your wider (non-AAUW) network. More strategies and materials, including press releases, social media materials, and more, will be coming soon - stay tuned.

Thank you for all you do.

September Public Policy News

Please click [HERE](#) for the September issue of Public Policy News. This issue includes action items and articles which are dedicated to the fight for public education as central in the fight to preserve our pluralistic democracy. Included are two articles for your October branch newsletters - "Understand the Urgency of Branch Participation in the School Board Project" and "Anti-LGBTQ+ Supreme Court Decision Will Likely Impact K-12 Education in California."

Our commitment to preserving democracy is unwavering and we are grateful to have you as a partner in this fight.

Amy Hom and Missy Maceyko Co-chairs, AAUW California Public Policy Committee
publicpolicy@aauw-ca.org



Branch Interest Groups

Afternoon Books

The afternoon book group meets on the third Monday of each month at 1:30pm. There is no assigned book. We just talk about what we have read, any genre, although mysteries seem to be a favorite. We meet in various members homes to enjoy a dessert and a good discussion.. The October meeting will be on October 20th. Please 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

Evening Books will meet at 7:00 pm on 10/21 at Mary-Jo Knight's house for the book *Homegoing*. 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. We enjoyed a wonderful Egyptian dinner in September and our next gathering will be November 15.

To join us or for more information, please contact Jennifer McGaffey at jjmcgaffey@guenean.com.

Global Restaurant Dining Group

AAUW Alameda's Global Dining Group invites all members to: **A GREAT SEND OFF FOR KAREN & CHUCK SCANLON**. It is a no-host dinner at Trabocco Italian Kitchen and Cocktails, 2213 S. Shore Center on Saturday, October 4 at 6pm.

RSVP ASAP to Mary-Jo Knight, moofjo01@aol.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, October 23 in the Ross Parking Lot to carpool to the Asian Art Museum.

Organizer for this trip: Susanne Lafaver, snlafaver@gmail.com

Calendar		Branch Activities				
October 2025						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wedne sday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4-Global Restaurant Dining Group 6:00 PM
5- Cinema Club	6-Board Meeting 6:00 PM via Zoom	7	8	9	10	11
12	13- Mah Jongg 1:30 PM		15	16	17	18
19	20- Afternoon Books 1:30 PM	21- Evening Books 7:00 PM	22	23-Museum Group	24	25- October Meeting 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM
26	27- Mah Jongg 1:30 PM	28	29	30	31 