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Alameda Branch News

*Celebrating our strengths and promoting education and equity
for women and girls in our community*

November 2025

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November Meeting

When: Monday, November 17, 1:30am to 3:30pm

Where: Willows Clubhouse, 2101 Shore Line Drive

Entry 3 on Franciscan Way in Ross Parking Lot

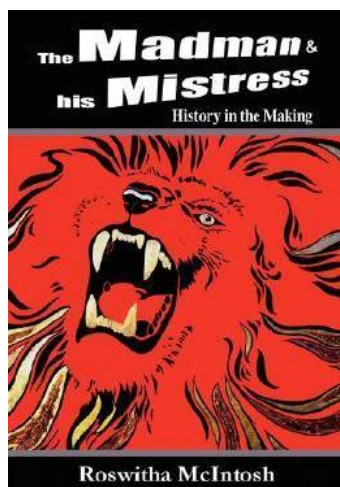
(After parking, look for an AAUW member to guide you into Entry 3)

What: Decaf Coffee, Selection of Teas & Desserts (some gluten free and vegan)

Author Talk by Willows Resident Roswitha McIntosh

Cost: \$20 Cash or Check made out to AAUW Alameda

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



The **Afternoon Book Group** invites you to our meeting held on the third Monday of the month at 1:30pm, and we are delighted to present our guest speaker. Roswitha McIntosh will discuss her 2007 historical novel, *The Madman and His Mistress, History in the Making*. She was born Roswitha Leuthold in Germany in the early 1930s. Her father refused to join the Nazi Party. Her novel is strongly based upon her family's experiences before, during, and after World War II. It is a harrowing tale of the rise of fascism with parallels to world events today.

If you want to read this book before our meeting, our main library has a copy. There are new, used and Kindle copies available on Amazon. Also, there are new and used copies on Ebay. Ros will bring copies for sale to our meeting, and she will sign your copy!

President's Corner

Greetings All. I am likely to be in Uzbekistan when this goes to press but, as many have noted, "It's hard to shut that woman up."

I am confident that the October Tech Trek luncheon was another resounding success due to the enthusiastic presentations made by last summer's Tech Trek campers. The Board has designated Tech Trek as this year's fundraising priority so if you did not bring your checkbook to the meeting or you were unable to attend, please accept this gentle reminder to make a donation to support next year's group of campers. As these 7th graders remind us every year at the luncheon, this one week at camp is a profound experience for many. The girls consistently and happily report they found other girls just like themselves ("smart" "nerds") and for the first time, are considering science, medicine or technology as possible careers.

As we approach the end of the year, this is a perfect time to remember that we can lower our tax liability and increase our happiness by doing good. For those of you with IRAs funded with pre-tax dollars, a donation to our branch's Tech Trek fund from your IRA account made by your financial institution will lower your gross income, help send another girl to camp and avoid all taxes on the money donated. If you are interested in this win, win, win strategy, discuss the mechanics with your financial institution.

Finally, I urge you all to attend the November Membership Meeting at The Willows. I was fortunate to be invited to join the speaker, Roswitha McIntosh, for lunch last August at Elizabeth McGaffey's. In her 90s, Ros was a little girl in Germany during WWII. Her stories of her life during the war, holed up in a rustic cabin with no heat or electricity in the mountains, and thereafter as she, her mother and brother escaped from the Russians are harrowing indeed. It promises to be a fascinating and inspirational presentation

- Mary Oppedahl, President, AAUW Alameda Branch



Membership Update

Please welcome returning member Anne McKereghan!

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



Please Support AAUW Alameda Tech Trek



If you attended our luncheon and made a donation, Thank You!! If you weren't able to join us but would still like to help, Click here to donate online now <https://square.link/u/SbiYftmt> or send your check made out to AAUW--CA SPF (Tech Trek on the memo line) to Barbara Krummel, 3258 Liberty Ave., Alameda, CA 94501. You will receive a thank you letter with Tech Trek's tax ID number.

Here's what some of the campers shared about their time at camp:

"I haven't had a moment of boredom and I've met scientists from all over the field of STEM. All of them were women which was amazing and inspiring."

"One of my favorite activities was the stargazing. Through the different telescopes, we got to see a blue ringed nebula, Mars and many stars.'

"I had a lot of fun and will remember this for the rest of my life."

"This opportunity has shown me how many paths there are to take in STEM and that women belong here."

-Barbara Krummel, Tech Trek Committee Chair



To Honor Donna Vaughn

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the park bench project for Donna Vaughn.

The plaque has been created and delivered to the Parks department. The bench has been reserved, it is the only one without a plaque at Chochenyo Park, nearest the Encinal Avenue side.

I am checking every few days, awaiting the unveiling. I hope there will be a photo for the next newsletter.

If you still wish to contribute, contact Dorothy Kerwin, kerwindorothy@gmail.com. Thank you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/Future Events

Saturday, November 1, 6:00 pm – **Global Restaurant Dining Group** – Speisekammer

Sunday, November 2 – **Cinema Club**

Monday, November 3, 6:00 pm -- **Board Meeting** – via Zoom – All Welcome

Monday, November 10, 1:30 pm – **Mah Jongg Group**

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

Monday, November 17, 1:30 – 3:30 pm – **AAUW Luncheon** - hosted by **Afternoon Books**

Tuesday, November 18, 7:00 pm – **Evening Books**

Thursday, November 20, 10:00 am – **Museum Group** – California Historical Radio Society

Monday, November 24, 1:30 pm – **Mah Jongg Group**



October Public Policy News

Please click [HERE](#) for the October issue of Public Policy News. This issue contains information on our Proposition 50 GOTV campaign, including a comprehensive GOTV toolkit and actions you can take to educate the community about the positive impacts of this important proposition for all Californians. There are two articles for your November branch newsletters - "Investing in Our Democratic Future: Non-Partisan Voter Education Around Prop 50" (first shared with branch leaders on 9/11/2025) and "School Boards - The Overlooked Frontline of Democracy".

Thank you for all you do to advance gender equity and social justice

Amy Hom and Missy Maceyko Co-chairs, AAUW California Public Policy Committee
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College of Alameda Scholarship winners

Below are two letters of gratitude and photos from the recipients of our Patti Heimburger College of Alameda Scholarship awards in Spring 2025.

As our members make their decisions about year- end tax donations, keep in mind that we need to raise \$3,000 before the Spring so we can continue to fund \$1,000 scholarships for this very deserving group of students who are screened for GPA and progress towards transferring to University level education.

Contact Penny Washbourn, College Relations, penelopewashbourn@gmail.com for how to direct your contribution.

Thanks so much.



5/4/2025

Dear AAUW College of Alameda Scholarship Committee,

Please accept this sincere letter of gratitude for awarding me the Patti Heimburger AAUW College of Alameda Scholarship. Receiving this scholarship has brought immense relief and encouragement as I pursue my academic goals.

Knowing that the American Association of University Women believes in my potential is incredibly motivating. This financial support will significantly ease the burden of tuition and allow me to focus more intently on my studies in Liberal Arts. I am truly excited to delve deeper into Behavioral Health and work towards my aspirations of becoming a Health Care Administrator. The AAUW's commitment to empowering women through education resonates deeply with me, and I am honored to be a recipient of this prestigious scholarship. I am inspired by the work you do and am committed to making the most of this opportunity.

Thank you again for your generosity and belief in my future. I am determined to excel in my studies and contribute meaningfully to my community, embodying the values that the AAUW champions.

With heartfelt gratitude,

Ricole Hunter



May 9, 2025.

AAUW Scholarship Committee
Peralta Colleges Foundation

Dear AAUW Scholarship Committee,

I am writing to sincerely thank you for selecting me as the recipient of the Patti Heimburger AAUW College of Alameda Scholarship. I am honored and deeply grateful for your generous support.

I am currently a chemistry major at College of Alameda, working toward my associate degree in science. I have recently been accepted into a 3-year university program, where I plan to continue my education and eventually earn my Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD). This \$1,000 scholarship means a great deal to me; it helps relieve financial stress and allows me to focus more on my studies and transition to the next phase of my academic journey. I plan to use the funds to help cover the cost of tuition and textbooks. Your investment supports not only my education but also my long-term goal of becoming a pharmacist who serves and uplifts underserved communities.

Thank you again for your generosity. I am committed to doing my best and making the most of this opportunity. Your support inspires me to stay focused, work hard, and give back to others in the future.

Sincerely,

Chaneline Zannou

kemllina2000@gmail.com



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 November meeting will be on November 17th at the Willows Clubhouse, 2101 Shore Line Drive, Entry 3. Please contact Kay Weinstein, kayweinstein@gmail.com, for more information.

Cinema Club

Cinema Club meets on Sunday, November 2, 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 11/18 at Nancy Adam's house for the book *The Glassmaker* by Tracy Chevalier. 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 at the home of Penny Washbourn. To join us or for more information, please contact Jennifer McGaffey at jjmccgaffey@guenean.com.

Global Restaurant Dining Group

AAUW Alameda's Global Dining Group will dine at Speisekammer German Restaurant and Biergarten, 2424 Lincoln, at 6:00 on Nov 1. For more information, contact Eloise Mason, eloisepmason@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, November 20, 10:00 am at the **California Historical Radio Society in Alameda!** Meet in their parking lot at 2152 Central Avenue.

Calendar		Branch Activities				
November 2025						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednes day	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1-Global Restaurant Dining Group 6:00 PM
2- Cinema Club	3-Board Meeting 6:00 PM via Zoom	4 VOTE	5	6	7	8
9	10- Mah Jongg 1:30 PM	11 	12	13	14	15-Global Cooking Group
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23 30	24- Mah Jongg 1:30 PM	25	26	27 	28	29

