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## The Oakland-Piedmont Branch Annual Holiday Party



Sun Dec 5th, 3 - 6 p.m.  
at the home of Irene Olson  
575 Crestmont  
Oakland, CA 94619  
510-531-8167

We hope you received your lovely invitation in the mail, but if not, don't stand on ceremony, come on along, -- Bring a Friend -- Enjoy the gracious hospitality and celebrate the Holidays with us!!

**DON'T FORGET TO RSVP!!**

**Note:** This year the party is **NOT** a potluck

### Save the Date!!

On January 22, come hear a future nuclear engineer -- one of our AAUW Fund fellowship recipients. She's a Master's candidate at UC Berkeley and will share her background and future plans with us. **In response to requests for earlier programs on the weekend**, we have scheduled our speaker for Saturday, January 22 at 10:00 a.m. We're still finalizing the location, so keep an eye out for a notice with the details!

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*AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research. To serve our diverse community, the AAUW Oakland-Piedmont Branch supports quality education and innovative programs. Membership is open to anyone holding an associate or equivalent (RN), baccalaureate or higher degree from a regionally accredited college or university. [Student Affiliation](#) is open to anyone who does not already hold an undergraduate degree but is enrolled in a two- or four-year regionally accredited educational institution.*

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

**Thank you to all of you who have been so generous to AAUW Funds again this year!**

I recently attended the AAUW Fellows Luncheon and was once again inspired to hear the stories of diverse and amazing women who were the gracious and inspiring recipients of AAUW fellowships. These women with their high ideals and ambition may truly save the world! As soon as you get your 2011 calendar mark the date January 22, when we will hear one of these future leaders.

Speaking of future leaders, it's not too soon to be thinking about what role you would be willing and able to help with in our branch next year. If leadership is in your blood or if you want it to be here's a great opportunity! Teaming up on the nominations committee is a great way to touch base with old and newer friends, get a sense of the amazing skills of our members, and help the branch at the same time. Please e-mail me so we can get started on this soon!

We have more dates in 2011 well worth saving. The California State Convention will be held April 8-10 in beautiful Irvine, California. Please join me in "Bridging our Past, Present, and Future" and celebrating AAUW's 90th birthday in California.

The 29th annual Children's Summer Programs Fair is coming up on March 13th. This is our huge community fund raising event with over 60% of our members participating. Many members participate year after year so it is a great place for newer members to meet new friends!

Before moving on so quickly to 2011, save the date, December 5th for our annual holiday social to be held this year in the home of Irene Olson. This gathering is a celebration of our year together and a great opportunity to visit with friends old and new. We especially look forward to introducing our new members.

Please plan on joining us!

Judy

### **The NWPC and AAUW co-sponsored Dinner Series Continues**

**Jan. 3, 2011 Unnatural Causes: Your Zip Code Determines Your Health**  
Buttercup Restaurant at 3rd and Broadway in downtown Oakland, 6:00 pm-7:30 pm

The discussion explores the racial and socio-economic inequities in health care in America. "Higher disparities lead to higher costs of health care, like higher asthma rates and diabetes rates. In addition to having access to health care, we need to start impacting some of the social determinants." Join us for a discussion of how to help highlight the need to address the disparities in health care for under-served residents.

**INTEREST GROUPS AND COMMITTEES**

**EVENING BOOKS**

Sue Yascolt  
510-530-2328

**INTERNATIONAL FOODS**

Joanne Sandstrom  
510-339-1352

**LUNCH BUNCH**

**MORNING BOOKS**

Joyce Temby  
510-451-6711

**HIKING**

Judy Cox  
510-531 5423

**SERENDIPITY**

Sue Yascolt  
510-530-2328

**PUZZLES, GAMES, & CARDS**

Linda Hoffman  
510-531-9255

**Fiberista's Night**

Patricia Dilks  
510-531-5133

All members-old and new are welcome to Interest Groups! As a courtesy please call the hostess to RSVP



**Fiberista's Night**

NO MEETING IN DECEMBER—  
SEE YOU IN JANUARY

**Ideas for New Interest Groups?**

Contact:  
judy\_mccord@comcast.net  
or any board member &  
talk about your ideas!

**INTEREST GROUPS**

**MORNING BOOKS**



Third Thursday, Dec 16, 10 a.m.

**Book:** "Little Bee "  
**Author:** Chris Cleeve  
**Reviewer:** Judy McCord  
**Hostess: Joyce Temby**  
1125 Sunnyhills Road  
Oakland, CA  
510-451-6711

**Lunch Bunch**

2nd Friday—Dec 10 12:30pm

**Berkeley City Club**  
2315 Durant Ave  
Berkeley, CA 94704



Beautiful California State Historical Landmark designed by Julia Morgan

Co-sponsors: Barbara Job and Helen Bersie  
Info/reservations, 510-531-4275 or [hbersie@aol.com](mailto:hbersie@aol.com)

(Please reserve by 12/09 noon) see you here!

**Evening Books**



Second Thursday Dec 9, 2010

**Book:** "The Supremes Greatest Hits:  
The 37 Supreme Court Cases That Most Directly Affect Your Life"

**Author:** Michael G. Trachtman  
**Hostess:** Lori Durban  
12120 Tartan Way  
Oakland, CA 94619  
(510) 482-4363

Coffee and Dessert 7:30 p.m.  
Review - 8:00 p.m.

All are welcome!!!



**International Foods**

**NO DINNER IN DECEMBER**  
We resume in January 2011

**NOTE: Hostesses are needed for Apr. 15 or 22, May 20, June 17**  
(call Joanne Sandstrom to volunteer! 510-339-1352)  
Dinners are potluck. The hostess sets the theme.

## Interest Groups & Events



### Puzzles, Games, & Cards

P&G is taking a December Holiday Break, but will return in January, so plan to bring the new games you receive as gifts over the holidays to our first meeting in 2011!

### Serendipity December 2010 -- BERKELEY PLAYHOUSE

#### CINDERELLA, ENCHANTED

By Rodgers & Hammerstein  
Thursday, December 2, 2010 @ Julia Morgan Center  
2640 College Avenue  
Berkeley, CA 94704  
510-845-8542

Every culture has had a Cinderella story; a story of the ultimate romantic love. The timeless fairy tale is reborn with the Rodgers & Hammerstein hallmarks of originality, charm and elegance. Originally presented on television in 1957, the show was revised in 1997, starring Whitney Houston, Whoopie Goldberg & Bernadette Peters. That new version has been adapted for the stage. The Berkeley Playhouse performance will be whimsical, wild and wonderful!

**Single Tix: Adult - \$33 / Senior (65 & up) - \$30**

HALF-PRICE ONLINE / PAY-WHAT-YOU-CAN Performance: Select your seat on-line and pay half off the Adult price. Or, take your chances at the door and pay-what-you-can. (Box office opens 1 hour before the show.)

**Order concert tickets on your own**



### 2011 National Convention

**June 16-19, 2011  
Renaissance Hotel  
Washington, D.C.**

**SAVE THE DATE!!**

**START MAKING  
YOUR PLANS NOW**



### HIKING GROUP

10:00 am December 19th



We will meet in front of the Safeway on Redwood Rd.

We'll be hiking for about 1-1/2 to 2 hours leaving from that point.. Please RSVP to Judy Cox ([judyacox@gmail.com](mailto:judyacox@gmail.com)) to let her know you are coming.

**Save the Date  
Convention 2011  
April 8-10, 2011**

**Irvine Marriott Hotel  
18000 Von Karman Ave  
Irvine, California**

## EVENTS AND ITEMS OF INTEREST

### YOUNG WOMEN & MONEY

AAUW sent 10 girls to the **Young Women & Money Conference** hosted by the YMCA at the Marriott on November 6. I made use of the AAUW ticket to go because I am interested in how girls/women are being taught to handle money matters. It was very different from the usual making budgets and allocation of resources.

There was excellent financial advice - stuff we learned over time but young girls don't know. Not only was there specific advice on various topics; but also an attempt was made to change attitudes regarding money -- connecting it with power and security while balancing risk and evaluating choices made. Young women did all this in a friendly tone.

About 300 young women ranging from teens to 30 (most in their early 20's—about to finish college) attended. At lunch I sat next to a young woman who said that the sessions taught her to *"love her money - that it was power."* Way different from the way I was brought up.

It was a splendid conference - I am so glad we sent 10 girls - it will probably change their lives!

-----Gen Katz



### League of Women Voters of Oakland

#### Hot Topic for December 2010

Nonpartisan *and* Political:  
The League in Action

When the League of Women Voters speaks, people listen. The election is over, but the League will continue to address the issues that affect all levels of government. This month's discussion will focus on how the League chooses, examines, and acts on issues that matter to our communities.

Monday, December 6

6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Redwood Heights Community Center  
3883 Aliso Avenue

(Off Redwood Road below Highway 13)

*The League of Women Voters of Oakland sponsors monthly HOT TOPICS roundtable discussions to inform members and the public, and to seek ways we can come together to address important issues facing our community.*

### WARDROBE FOR OPPORTUNITY

The economy has made the job market much tighter. Those looking for work need every competitive edge possible. Wardrobe for Opportunity helps unemployed and low to moderate income under-employed men and women show up for that important interview looking their best. Any Man or Woman who has an interview scheduled can go to Wardrobe for Opportunity for appropriate clothing at:

570 14th Street, Suite # 5  
Oakland, 94612  
510/463-4100

They have an extensive array of clothing and accessories. They appreciate donations of business attire for men and women. Look in your closet for those suits and business attire that you don't use anymore, please consider donating them. You will get a tax deduction and the man or woman looking for a job benefits from the clothing you donate. For more information contact Judy Mann 510/531-9811, [judithamann@comcast.net](mailto:judithamann@comcast.net) or Wardrobe for Opportunity.



AAUW O-P extends a warm welcome to our new members. We hope to see each of our new members soon at book group, lunch bunch, Serendipity or one of our other interest group activities.

We will be distributing the updated membership directory at the Annual Holiday Party (Sunday, Dec.

## NEW MEMBERS

**Are you ready to celebrate? This month marks the beginning of a year-long celebration of AAUW's 130th Anniversary!** That's almost two lifetimes of support for girls and women in education. It's nice to think that when our granddaughters are in college or beyond, that AAUW will be there for them as a source of inspiration, leadership, community and philanthropy just as it has been for us. Oakland-Piedmont welcomes three new members this month:

**Elizabeth (Beth) Turner**  
3900 Harrison St., #306  
Oakland, CA 94611

Beth has been a member of AAUW in the past in Texas where she was involved in her local branch, serving as Treasurer. Beth works with special needs students. We're looking forward to having Beth continue as an active member with Oakland-Piedmont.

### **This month, we welcome our two newest Peralta Scholarship winners as Affiliate Members**

**Jessica Alvarez** is a student at Laney College majoring in Social and Behavioral Sciences, planning on a degree in Criminal Justice. **Lakisha Nicole Langston** is our award winner from Merritt College, also a Criminal Justice major, who has a very busy life: in addition to being a student, Lakisha is a full time caregiver to a large extended family of 9. Although both Jessica and Lakisha will be busy with school for the next several months, we look forward to meeting them soon at a branch event. Each woman received a \$1,000 scholarship for the Spring 2011 semester. **Congratulations!**

Jessica Alvarez  
1510 51st Avenue  
Oakland, CA 94601

Lakisha Nicole Langston  
1735 11th Avenue  
Oakland, CA 94601

### **AAUW's 130th Anniversary Membership Campaign**

Recruit new members with special 130th Anniversary introductory rates for college/university partners (\$130) and graduate students (\$18.81)! Enter appeal code M11130anniv to register a new member. Individuals and branches can win prizes, be recognized in AAUW's Hall of Fame, and help strengthen the organization for years to come.



## Membership Matters



The Branch Board and members send their heartfelt sympathies to our Branch President Judy McCord on the loss of her mother; to our Branch Communications VP Linda Hoffman on the loss of her father; and to Kathy Krohn on the loss of her father.

Each woman has gone through tremendous efforts to be with their families and to simultaneously continue to serve our Branch in their time sorrow. We salute them for their dedication and send warm wishes for sweet memories of lost parents.

### Fellowships and Grants Deadlines

Fellowships and grants deadlines are fast approaching! Do you know anyone who needs higher education funding or grant money for an innovative, community-based project for girls? Check out AAUW's upcoming [application deadlines](#).

### Cash Prizes and Discounted Convention Registration

Be recognized and rewarded for your successful programs by applying for the [Breaking through Barriers Awards program](#). Applications from states and branches will be accepted until February 15, 2011. Finalists receive a table at convention and discounted registration. The top three projects announced at [convention](#) will receive \$3,000 each!

### Looking for Leaders!

AAUW is looking for group leaders. Are you a "pied piper" or someone with special expertise? If you are interested in putting travel groups together in exchange for free or discounted travel for yourself, please contact Ann Hite at [info@travelsmartpartners.com](mailto:info@travelsmartpartners.com). Why not plan — and take — the branch trip of a lifetime?

### Discounted Pet Insurance Now Available

We are passionately devoted to our pets! While it's hard to anticipate accidents and illnesses, [VPI Pet Insurance](#) makes it a little easier to be prepared for them. From routine office visits to significant medical incidents — even cancer — your AAUW membership makes this coverage more affordable!

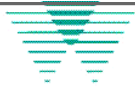
### AAUW Wants You—to Run for Office!

Additional applications for [AAUW Board of Directors candidates](#) are currently being accepted, and all members are encouraged to apply before the **January 15 deadline**. Because this is AAUW's first every-member (non-delegate) election, please take this opportunity to introduce yourself to the national membership and let your credentials shine! [Submit your application](#) today.

The initial slate of candidates for elected AAUW office will be posted on the [One Member, One Vote](#) section of the AAUW website in early December, and the final slate of candidates will be posted in March. Additionally, the final candidate slate will appear in the Spring/Summer *AAUW Outlook* and will be listed alphabetically on the paper and electronic ballots. Voting begins May 1; details are available on the website.

### AAUW Convention Book Signings

Are you a published author? Do you want to promote your work to 1,000 women from across the United States? Then [apply to host a book signing](#) at the [2011 AAUW National Convention](#)! Submissions will be accepted until December 31, 2010, and selected authors will be showcased at the event.



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**CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS**

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	PG
Dec 2	<b>Serendipity</b>	Julia Morgan Center	4
Dec 5	<b>Holiday Party</b>	Home of Irene Olson	1
Dec 6	LWV Hot Topic Program	Redwood Hts Comm. Center	5
Dec 9	Evening Books	Home of Linda Hoffman	3
Dec 10	Lunch Bunch	Berkeley City Club	3
Dec 16	Morning Books	Home of Joyce Temby	3
Dec 19	Hiking Group	Safeway on Redwood Rd	4
<b>2011</b>			
Jan 3	NWPC Dinner Series	Buttercup Restaurant	2
Jan 22	EF Speaker-Event	TBA	1
Apr 8-10	State Convention	Irvine, CA	4
June 16-19	National Convention	Washington, D.C.	4

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