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HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!



CIRCLE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR
FOR 2010 PROGRAM
EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES!!!

TECH TREK TEA
CHILDREN'S SUMMER PROGRAMS CAMP FAIR
TECH TREK
SISTER TO SISTER SUMMIT
MEMBERSHIP EVENTS
EDUCATION FOUNDATION & LAF PROGRAMS

COUNT, SORT, CHAT & NIBBLE on Monday, February 8 at 7 pm at the home of Ann Livingston, in preparation for the Children's Summer Programs Fair (to be held at the Scottish Rite Center on Sunday, March 14, 2010).

See the Volunteer Sign-up Sheet in this VOICE issue (page 9) for other ways you might contribute to our Fair.

As the Oakland-Piedmont Branch's main fundraiser for operating funds, we ask every member to do a little something that's what makes the Fair such a success!

Save the date!!!

LAF LUNCHEON in January!

January 30, 2010

12:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Crow Canyon Country Club

711 Silver Lake Drive,
Danville, CA 94526

Download registration form at:
http://www.aauw-ca.org/assets/resources/LAF_luncheon_reservations_2010.pdf

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AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education and research. To serve our diverse community, the AAUW Oakland-Piedmont Branch supports quality education and innovative programs. Membership is open to all college graduates and enrolled students.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As 2009 draws to an end, many of us are looking to 2010 with hope and enthusiasm. We hope our families and friends will continue to thrive despite the year of turmoil that is concluding. We hope for equity and justice for women and girls -- personally, professionally and socially. We give thanks for the strides that were made when President Obama signed the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act, and deplore the relentless attacks on womens' right to unrestricted reproductive health care. We applaud the progress that Alameda County is making in reducing domestic violence, offering both hope and meaningful change to those whose lives have been torn by this social crisis. We feel pride in the aspirations of women of all ages pursuing and achieving goals in high school, community college, universities and in their professions, and know that our support through scholarships to Tech Trek, PCF and the AAUW Funds make these things possible. We see some financial easing on the horizon as the economic situation improves and our savings and retirement funds regain stability.

Most importantly, we've re-embraced the intangibles we draw from our AAUW membership; friendships; shared interests; working together toward common goals; and acknowledged our craving for social justice, equity and opportunity. Let's allow that dedication to shine as we work together for Tech Trek, the Children's Summer Programs Fair, funding our scholarships and grant programs, making our new Sister-to-Sister Summit a reality, and all the other challenges and opportunities that AAUW offers. As you make your plans and resolutions for 2010, add a little resolution to enjoy the rewards of your AAUW membership, whether that might be attending a friendly lunch, a book group, an impromptu concert, a road trip, or experiencing the satisfaction of planned giving.

For the New Year, I wish each of you peace, health, and love.

Save the Date

TECH TREK TEA!

**FEBRUARY 13, 2010
AT THE HOME OF:**

IRENE OLSEN

**575 Crestmont,
Oakland CA 94619
510-531-8167**

STAY TUNED FOR DETAILS

INTEREST GROUPS

INTEREST GROUPS AND COMMITTEES

EVENING BOOKS

Sue Yascolt
510-530-2328

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Fiberista's Night

4th Tuesday

January 23, 2010

6:30-9 pm

Patricia Dilks' home
97 Selkirk Street
Oakland
510-531-5133

**All knitters, crocheters,
quilters, needle pointers, etc.,
are welcome.**

MORNING BOOKS

First Thursday

January 7, 2010



Book:
"The Worst Hard Times" by T. Egan

Irene Olson
575 Crestmont, Oakland
510-531-8167

Puzzles, Games, & Cards

Sunday, January 10th

3-5pm at:

Linda Hoffman's house
29 Blachford Court (off Ascot)
Oakland, 94611
510-531-9255

No need to bring anything unless you received a new game over the holidays and can't wait to try it, or have an old favorite you'd love to share. Come ready to learn something new, strategize, laugh, and catch up with old friends or make a new one! An RSVP would be nice, but not required. Thanks, Linda



Lunch Bunch

**Second Friday,
January 8, 2010,
at 1:00,**

**Banana Blossom
Thai Restaurant,
4228 Park Blvd.,
Oakland**

Call Marilyn Little
339-9609 for
information and
reservations.



Evening Books

Second Thursday

January 14, 2010

Book: Horse Heaven

Author: Jane Smiley

Reviewer: Patty Dilks

Hostess: Ann Johnson

1901 Melvin Rd.

Oakland 94602

Oakland, CA (510) 482-5596

Coffee-Dessert - 7:30 p.m.

Review - 8:00 p.m.

Ideas for New Interest Group?

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

Calling all AAUW artists!

Showcase your art to your fellow AAUW members! AAUW invites all our members to help create our 2010-11 calendar, which will be mailed to AAUW members.

January 2010 Submit your art design online. Original art can be any medium but must be submitted electronically.

February 2010 Members vote for their favorite designs on the AAUW web site. For more information including submission and voting instructions, visit: www.aauw.org/contests

Items of Interest & Events

The next committee meeting for the Sister-to-Sister Summit will take place on **January 21, 2010**. Updates and structure of the summit will be discussed and a light dinner will be served. Location—home of Patty Dilks. **Additional committee members are needed for Communication, Public Relations, and Fundraising.** The Sister-to-Sister Summit is a nationwide AAUW Summit which was launched in 2001, to bring together diverse girls to address issues young girls face in school; that schools cannot adequately address.

The AAUW Educational Foundation's "The AAUW Report: **How Schools Shortchange Girls**" labeled these issues as sexual harassment, violent, early sexual activity, substance abuse and body image." The AAUW-Oakland-Piedmont Branch will work with girls between the ages of 12-16 years of age and collaborate with school administrators, teachers, civil rights organizations, College women's centers and social service agencies to plan the summit.

The Sister-to-Sister Summit will be held at Holy Names High School May 15, 2010. For more information, please contact Teron McGrew at 510-761-4653 or teronmcgrew@att.net. Your participation is sincerely appreciated!

See you on the 21st!!



Breaking through Barriers

Travel Interest Group. We're going to start out with a trip to Ashland, Oregon to the Oregon Shakespeare Festival in July. How does this sound??

Drive to Ashland on Friday, July 9 in time to see Henry IV, Part I on the Elizabethan (outdoor) stage at 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, take a backstage tour at 10:00 a.m., see Hamlet in the Angus Bowmer (indoor) Theater at 2:00 p.m., and then watch The Merchant of Venice at 8:30 on the Elizabethan Stage

Sunday, lounge about/shop (great yarn store nearby)/sightsee during the day, see Twelfth Night at 8:30 on the Elizabethan Stage.

Drive home Monday, July 12.

Tickets run \$62-\$88 for each play, and the backstage tour is \$20. You could choose to see any or all of them. There are a variety of lodging options, from a vintage downtown hotel with shared bath (\$125-\$135/night), to a 1950's motel with kitchenette (\$69-\$125/night), to a nice hotel (\$221/night). All prices are for a room with two beds, and all three are within a five-minute walk of the theater complex.

Ticket and rooms sell out quickly, so I need to have confirmation of your interest as soon as possible, and a substantial deposit by January 29, 2010. Call me at 510-528-2251 or e-mail me at nadams527@hotmail.com. Nancy Adams

Items of Interest and Member Notes

Children's Learning Center

State Certified Nonpublic, Nonprofit Special Education School
Seeing the Possibilities ... and Making them Real

Patricia Dilks

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(510) 769-7100 * Fax (510) 769-1824

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school: pdilks@clcalameda.com

Good News for Prospective Members

If you or someone you know has been waiting until January to pay the **half yearly** national dues now is the time! Beginning January 1 and extending until March 15 national dues are just \$24 which is tax deductible. Local branch dues are \$15 and the state dues are \$16 for a total of \$55.

Remember, our branch is participating in the "**Member-Get-A-Member**" campaign.

Current members recruiting new members are eligible for prizes. Judy McCord

**GREAT DECISIONS 2010
HAS BEEN CANCELLED DUE TO LOW RESPONSE.**

Gen Katz

MEMBERSHIP NOTES

The Value of Belonging **PART 2 OF 2**

Relevant Information

AAUW is a trusted source of timely and important information. Our award-winning magazine AAUW Outlook highlights issues and individuals affecting women and girls today. Action Network briefs alert you to congressional actions on issues that can change your life. State and branch groups publish newsletters about local activities and interests, and the AAUW Mission & Action e-newsletter regularly updates members about the work of AAUW and provides information on today's hot issues and opportunities for activism.

Valuable Resources

AAUW provides many educational and professional development experiences for you to improve your personal and leadership skills as well as opportunities for educational advancement through fellowships, grants, and awards. There are special resources for members facing employment challenges and exclusive member discounts on numerous things from subscriptions to insurance. AAUW membership is an incredible value: Representation. Community. Savings. Information. Education. Inspiration. You can find it all as part of AAUW.

AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, or class.

*Share this information with friends, co-workers and others. You may call me and request a copy of the Voice or other membership information or go to our website www.aauw-op.com Judy McCord
Membership V.P. 510-922-1594*

Membership

Membership in AAUW California is open to anyone with an associate degree or higher from a regionally accredited institution. Student affiliates must be enrolled in an associate or bachelor degree program at an accredited two- or four-year institution. In principle and practice, AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There are no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of age, gender, race, creed, sexual orientation, national origin, disability or class. AAUW offers affiliate memberships to undergraduate students who are taking at least one course from an accredited college or university.

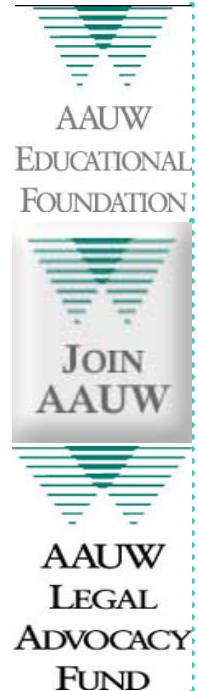
It's quick and easy to join AAUW Oakland-Piedmont, to print a membership form go to:

<http://www.aauw-op.com/documents/BranchMembershipForm.pdf>

Full Membership			Student Affiliate	
Association Dues	*49.00		Association Dues	19.00
CA Dues	16.00		CA Dues	16.00
Branch Dues or Dual Branch Membership in CA	15.00		Branch Dues	15.00
TOTAL:	80.00		TOTAL:	41.00

*Full year; half year \$24.

Beginning with the 2009-10 Membership Year, \$46 of your Full Membership, or \$16 of your Affiliate Membership, is tax deductible as a contribution to AAUW's 501(c)3 educational/charitable funds. If you have any questions about becoming a member of the Oakland-Piedmont branch of AAUW, please email [Judy McCord](mailto:JudyMcCord).



Directory Additions/Corrections

Please send directory additions and corrections to:
Judy_mccord@comcast.net



AAUW Action Network



Thank you for playing an integral role in AAUW's success in moving our shared mission forward this year. Your vocal advocacy and [financial support](#), along with the tens of thousands of others in our nationwide network of e-activists, has helped AAUW influence public policy throughout 2009. In the current economic climate, when so many organizations are cutting back, AAUW remains uniquely positioned to be a strong voice for you in the halls of power. As educated women and men, we continue to be advocates and catalysts for sustainable change, and [your contribution today](#) will supercharge our efforts to break through barriers for women and girls tomorrow.

Celebrate Action Network Successes in 2009!

The growing power and reach of AAUW's [Action Network](#) can claim some impressive achievements. Just consider that over the past year, together, we have:

- Regained ground in the fight for pay equity by successfully advocating for the enactment of the [Lily Ledbetter Fair Pay Act](#), signed into law by President Obama on January 29, 2009. AAUW Executive Director Linda Hallman and AAUW Director of Public Policy and Government Relations Lisa Maatz were in the front row at the bill signing in the White House.
- Celebrated at the White House after more than a decade of work to expand protections for victims of hate crimes with the successful enactment of the [Matthew Shepard and James Byrd, Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Act](#).
- Successfully supported [Justice Sonia Sotomayor's](#) confirmation to the U.S. Supreme Court, and celebrated this historic achievement for all women.
- Convinced the House to take the first critical step towards strengthening and updating the Equal Pay Act with the successful passage of the [Paycheck Fairness Act](#), and increased the number of cosponsors in the Senate to more than ever before.
- Ensured that a longtime champion for working women and their families has a seat at President Obama's cabinet table with the [Senate confirmation of Hilda Solis](#) as Secretary of Labor.
- Convinced the House to support work-life balance policies with the passage of the [Federal Employees Paid Parental Leave Act](#). Advocates also supported extending coverage of the Family and Medical Leave Act to flight attendants, who had been previously excluded from the law's protections, and we celebrate the extension's enactment this week.
- Advocated to keep our nation healthy by expanding support for paid sick days for American workers via the [Healthy Families Act](#) and the [Pandemic Protection for Workers, Families, and Businesses Act](#).

AAUW Action Network con't.

- Increased support for [legislation](#) that would prevent the taxation of forgiven student loan debt, making the ideals behind loan forgiveness a reality. Increased congressional support for expanded access to [contraception and preventive health care services](#) and [comprehensive, age-appropriate, and medically accurate sexual education](#) in schools.
- Celebrated the enactment of a no-cost technical fix that will again ensure university students and low-income women once again have access to affordable birth control.
- Moved us closer to writing women back into history with the House passage and Senate introduction of the [National Women's History Museum Act](#).
- Provided ideas for action through AAUW's policy recommendations on the supports working women and their families need to thrive in a changing workforce, in reaction to the release of [The Shriver Report-A Woman's Nation Changes Everything](#).
- Increased congressional support for outreach, education, training, support, and job placement assistance to help women train for and thrive in jobs that will boost the economic security of women and our nation.
- Opposed continued funding for private and religious school vouchers in our nation's capital that fly in the face of our nation's commitment to civil rights and public education, and made progress towards an appropriate end to the voucher program.
- Celebrated the anniversary of Title IX by encouraging members of Congress to enforce this landmark legislation in our high schools across the country, and taking part in a White House celebration with Education Secretary Arne Duncan.
- Successfully fought on behalf of American families facing financial hardship and those experiencing extended unemployment.
- Increased awareness of the pay gap between men and women through programming based on AAUW's Pay Equity Resource Kit, Equal Pay Day events, telling members of Congress to "Keep the Change until Women Have Real Change," and showing members of Congress the everyday faces of pay equity.
- Supported Rep. Edward J. Markey's (D-MA) investigation to protect AAUW's good name and grassroots strength against astroturfing activities.
- Kept issues like pay equity, work-life balance, workforce investment, and education in the spotlight by submitting comments and recommendations to President Obama, the Obama administration, the White House Task Force for Middle Class Working Families, and the White House Council on Women and Girls.
- Sponsored five congressional briefings on Capitol Hill, focusing on topics such as pay equity, Title IX, women's participation in science, technology, engineering, and math fields, and paid parental leave.
- More. . . for more information go to:

[http://capwiz.com/aauw/issues/alert/?alertid=14487406&queueid=\[capwiz:queue_id\]](http://capwiz.com/aauw/issues/alert/?alertid=14487406&queueid=[capwiz:queue_id])

28th Annual Summer Camps and Programs Fair
Sunday, March 14, 2010 – Scottish Rite Center, Oakland

We need 100% Branch membership participation for our 28th Anniversary of this worthwhile community service project! Complete form by checking what you would like to do and return to SEENA CLARK by Feb. 1st so we won't have to call you again! **CHECK MARK YOUR ACTIVITIES BELOW.**

By mail: Seena Clark, 4340 Turner Ave., Oakland, CA 94605
By phone: (510) 568-2336 or **email:** clarkscorner@comcast.net

Name _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

1. Call 8 to 10 Branch members to ask for help with preparations for Fair. _____
(guaranteed pleasant conversations with members who have volunteered regularly)
2. Bundle/count 45,000 flyers Monday, February 8, 7:00 pm, Ann Livingston's house _____
(270 Rishell Dr, off Skyline at top of Redwood Rd., 531-8632)

Deliver flyers to –

- Berkeley Schools (12 elementary schools) _____
- Private Schools (Oakland, Berkeley, Alameda) _____
- Community/Rec. Centers _____
- Churches _____
- Businesses for window posting (Montclair, downtown Oakland, etc.) _____
- Gyms, Stores (Claremont, Rockridge, etc.) _____

Bake or buy delicious goodies (individually wrapped) to sell at the Fair _____
~Drop off at Margaret McAlone's, 1720 Trestle Glen Rd., by March 13 or at Scottish Rite Center morning of March 14.

Donate \$5 or more to buy food to sell at the Fair _____
Make check to "AAUW Oakland-Piedmont" and mail to Seena Clark (address above).

Volunteer to work at the Fair – Sunday, March 14th

- Vendor Assistant (outside) 11:00 – 1:00 _____
- Vendor Floor Assistant (inside) 1:00 – 3:00 _____ 3:00 – 4:45 _____
- Prepare/set up food for the Fair 11:00 – 1:00 _____
- Sell food at the Fair 12:45 – 2:45 _____
- Sell food (and clean up tables) at the Fair 2:45 – 4:45 _____
- Info Table-front lobby 12:45 – 2:45 _____ OR 2:45 – 4:45 (includes cleanup) _____

Thanks for your support! Seena Clark, Volunteer Coordinator, Summer Camps & Programs Fair '10

Join us on Monday, February 8 at 7 pm at the home of Ann Livingston, 270 Rishell Dr, Oakland (off Skyline, one block west of Redwood Rd) as we count and sort 45,000 flyers to distribute to local schools. This is the single biggest way that families learn about the free community service Fair. It's also a very enjoyable event and doesn't feel like work at all. Just ask anyone who's been there! Call or email Seena Clark at 568-2336 or clarkscorner@comcast.net to say you'll be there. It's the most productive two hours you'll have all week!



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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	Pg
January 5	Board Meeting, 6:30 pm	Patty Dilks' Home	4
January 7	Morning Books	Irene Olson's Home	3
January 8	Lunch Bunch	Banana Blossom Restaurant	3
January 10	Puzzles, Games & Cards	Home of Linda Hoffman	3
January 14	Evening Books	Home of Ann Johnson	3
January 26	Fiberista's Night	Patty Dilks' Home	3
January 30	LAF Luncheon	Danville, CA	1
February 8	Count, Sort, Chat & Nibble-CSPF Prep Work	Home of Ann Livingston	2
February 13	TECH TREK TEA	Home of Irene Olson	2

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