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**OAKLAND-PIEDMONT
BRANCH
OAKLAND MUSEUM
DOCENT TOUR
Saturday, October 16,
11:15 a.m.**

Join us for a Docent Tour of the reconceived Gallery of California Art, Luncheon and visit to the PIXAR exhibit.

See the new installations and the exciting PIXAR exhibit.

The Docent tour starts promptly at 11:30. The tour will end about 12:15. Lunch follows and then at 2 p.m., we have reservations to explore the PIXAR exhibit.

**Fees: For Members--\$4.00 for the Docent Tour
For Non-Members: \$9 for Seniors, \$12 for Adults plus \$4.00
for the Docent Tour.**

Parking is available at the Museum Garage for \$1/hr. with validation. Remember to bring your parking ticket into the Museum with you for validation. You may wish to car pool.

The Museum opens at 11 a.m. Please arrive in time to check in [pay the Docent fee, admission and validate your parking ticket] at the TICKETING HUB.

Please RSVP by October 6th. We need a precise count so the Museum can assign the correct number of Docents to our group.

Judy Mann at judithamann@comcast.net

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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

We are off to a wonderful start to our year with a very successful and fun kickoff event!

Over a third of our branch members and many guests, including all five of our Tech Trek campers attended. A delicious brunch was shared while we learned more about members old and new. Who is our youngest member? Who traveled the Nile this past year? and Who reviews software programs especially for girls? (answers below*) We again have a wonderfully diverse membership including the nine new members who you will read about in 'Membership Notes.' Please join me in welcoming them.

Program VP, Judy Mann, outlined another exciting, event filled year starting with a docent led tour of the newly remodeled Oakland Museum which includes the outstanding Pixar exhibit in October. In January we will meet a recipient of one of AAUW's prestigious fellowships. The 'fellows' have fascinating information to share about their research.

Our Interest Groups are off to a quick start this year with many discussions and events scheduled. Please see the Interest Group page for more information. All members are welcome. Just call the hostess to let her know that you are planning to attend.

Tech Trek campers shared their life changing experiences at the week long summer camp at Sonoma State. Most of these young women just out of 7th grade had never considered science as a career. They came away with a new understanding of the importance of science in our lives. Rather than the subject being boring and not something for girls, science is exciting and offers many wonderful careers for women.

Ann Johnson, Tech Trek, chair said that again this year AAUW O-P will be sending five girls to the program. To find out more just call Ann and plan on attending the Tech Trek tea in the spring.

Thanks to all who helped with the kickoff with food, set up, clean up and helping with membership, name tags and the branch survey. A special thank you to Pat Dilks who compiled information for our very popular 'Branch Bingo'!

Judy McCord

GREAT MINDS THINK ALIKE

For the past few years, AAUW O-P has co-sponsored a series of monthly dinner meetings focusing on voter education, public information, issues of concern to women and girls, and personal enrichment with a number of other local women's organizations, coordinated by National Women's Political Caucus Alameda North Branch. On Sept. 13th, AAUW, NWPC, BWOPA, the Commission on the Status of Women, Grey Panthers and others co-sponsored a voter education meeting focused on Instant Runoff Voting, also known as Ranked Choice Voting.

There is an exciting slate of dinner meetings coming up in the next few months. AAUW O-P will continue to lend its support as a co-sponsor, and members are encouraged to attend as many of these no-host dinner meetings as desired. Most are held at the Buttercup Restaurant at 3rd and Broadway in downtown Oakland, beginning at 6:00 and ending around 7:30 (the exception will be the October Baffled by the Ballot meeting, which will end closer to 8:00 pm). Here's the lineup, so mark your calendars:

Dinner Meeting Program Series 2010-2011

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| Oct. 4 | Baffled by the Ballot? Pro & Con Speakers on the Initiatives |
| Nov. 8 | Wage Theft From Working Women: The Feminization of Poverty |
| Jan. 3 | Unnatural Causes: Your Zip Code Determines Your Health |
| Feb. 7 | Health Care: Where are We Now & What's Ahead?
Presenter: Ellen Shaffer, Co-Director, Center for Policy Analysis |
| Mar. 7 | A Woman's Right to Choose: The Status in CA and Across the Nation
Presenter: Kathy Kneer, President of Planned Parenthood of CA |
| Apr 4 | Women in the Military: Crises During and Following Service |

**INTEREST GROUPS
AND COMMITTEES**

EVENING BOOKS

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**INTERNATIONAL
FOODS**

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LUNCH BUNCH

MORNING BOOKS

Joyce Temby
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HIKING

Judy Cox
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SERENDIPITY

Sue Yascolt
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**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**

4th Tuesday, Oct 26
6:30-9:00

Home of
Patricia Dilks
97 Selkirk
Oakland, CA 94619
510-531-5133

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

INTEREST GROUPS

MORNING BOOKS



Third Thursday, October 21, 10 a.m.

Joyce Temby's house, 1125 Sunnyhills Road, Oakland
510-451-6711

Book: "Let the World Spin"

Author: Colum McCann

Reviewer: Tam Hege

Lunch Bunch

2nd Friday—Oct 8 12:30pm

Shanghai Restaurant

(510) 465-6878

930 Webster St

Oakland, CA 94607



This dim sum palace specializes in Shanghai-type cuisine, including cold noodle plates and soup dumplings. Plan to arrive early since parking is at a premium. There is a parking garage next to the EBMUD building. Contact Sue at sueyascolt@yahoo.com or 530-2328 to RSVP.

Evening Books

Second Thursday Oct 14, 2010



Book: "Shanghai Girls"

Author: Lisa See

Reviewer: Ann Johnson

Hostess: Ann Johnson

1901 Melvin Road

Oakland, CA 94602

(510) 482-5596

Coffee and Dessert 7:30 p.m.

Review - 8:00 p.m.

All are welcome!!!



**International
Foods**

Third Friday **Oct. 15, 7 PM--** Home of Joanne Sandstrom

1958 Manzanita Dr., Oakland 94611

510-339-1352; **Mexican theme**

RSVP and let the Hostess know what dish you are bringing

**Hostesses are needed for the following months:
(call Joanne Sandstrom to volunteer!)**

Jan. 21, Feb. 25, Apr. 15 or 22, May 20, and June 17

Dinners are potluck. The hostess sets the theme. Come alone or with spouse, partner, friend, visitor . . .

Interest Groups & Events

Puzzles, Games, & Cards

SAT Oct. 23, 2010

3-5pm at:

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

If you're in the **Halloween** mood for a "frightfully" good time, come on by and see how you fare in the ultimate whodunit - CLUE!

And don't hesitate to come dressed as your favorite CLUE character ~ or any other that suits your fancy.

No need to RSVP, just come join in the fun.

Serendipity -- October 2010

Waterfront Walking Tour - Jack London Square Saturday, October 23

The images of author Jack London will surround you as you tour the historic square and waterfront. Visit a turn-of-the-century wholesale produce district still in operation and see the USS Potomac, the restored yacht of President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Tour begins at 10:00 a.m. in front of the northwest corner of Broadway and Embarcadero Street.

Parking is available at various garages and surface lots in the area.

PLEASE RSVP to Sue at sueyascolt@yahoo.com
or 510-530-2328



2011 National Convention

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

SAVE THE DATE!!

**START MAKING
YOUR PLANS NOW**



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

**Irvine Marriott Hotel
1800 Von Karman Ave
Irvine, California**

DIRECTORY UPDATE

NOTE: There will be a "Directory Update" coming out shortly. Please review your information in the current directory for accuracy. Send any changes or corrections to Patty Dilks at pdilks@yahoo.com

THE DEADLINE IS SEPTEMBER 30TH.

Ideas for New Interest Groups?

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

San Mateo Practices International Advocacy

The AAUW-San Mateo branch's "International Women's Issues" committee will be having an outdoor film screening of "Bicycle Bride", a comedic film about an Indian girl in San Francisco who decides to challenge her cultural and religious beliefs of "arranged marriages" by seeking a life-partner on her own.

This event will take place on October 2, 2010, 7PM in Washington Park in Burlingame for the low cost of \$10/ticket. Cookies will be sold by the branch - 77 cents for women, \$1.00 for men. Proceeds will go to "The Virginia Gildersleeve International Funds". **Cathy Foxhoven, AAUW San Mateo International Women's' Issues Chair**

EVENTS AND ITEMS OF INTEREST

SAVE THE DATE!!!!!!!

AAUW Funds Northern Luncheon

Day: October 24, 2010
Time: 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM
Cost: \$35

Annual luncheon honoring AAUW Fellows and Grant Recipients in California.

Crow Canyon Country Club, 711 Silver Lake Dr., Danville, California

**Guest Speaker: Gloria Blackwell,
AAUW National Director of Fellowships, Grants and International Programs
Special Guest speakers—AAUW Fellows!!
Reservation deadline: October 11, 2010**

Email: aauwfundsdir@aauw-ca.org **Contact Name:** Lorelei Self
SEE RESERVATION FORM PAGE 9 IN THIS NEWSLETTER.



League of Women Voters of Oakland

FALL KICK-OFF MEETING

You have your Voter Information Guides, you've seen some ads.

Do you know how you want to vote on the propositions?

Are you clear yet on ranked choice voting?

Join the League for a Preview of the November 2010 Ballot Measures

Tuesday, October 5

Oakland City Hall
One Frank Ogawa Plaza
Hearing Room 3 (inside the 14th Street entrance)
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Alameda County Registrar of Voters Dave Macdonald will give his expert presentation on Ranked Choice Voting. Knowledgeable League members will present descriptions of the ballot measures along with the arguments pro and con and answers to questions.

Light refreshments will be served.

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.

OCTOBER PROGRAM COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Oct. 5th: Pros and Cons: Ballot Measures and Ranked Choice Voting, Hearing Rm. 3, Oakland City Hall, 1 Frank Ogawa Plaza, 6-8 p.m.; Sponsored by Oakland League of Women Voters.

Oct. 6th: Oakland City Council District 2, Lakeshore Baptist Church, 3534 Lakeshore; 7-9 p.m. Sponsored by the Oakland League of Women Voters and Grand Lake Neighbors.

Oct. 7th: Oakland Mayoral Forum, Hearing Rm. 1, Oakland City Hall, 1 Frank Ogawa Plaza, 6-8 p.m. Sponsored by the Oakland League of Women Voters and the Oakland Cultural Trust.

Oct. 12th: Pros and Cons: 9 State Propositions, 2 Candidates for Piedmont Judge, and Alameda County measure adding \$10 to the State Vehicle License Fee to cover local street repair, congestion management, bicycle lanes and other traffic related projects, 7:30 p.m. Council Chambers, Piedmont City Hall, 120 Vista Ave. Piedmont. Sponsored by the Piedmont League of Women Voters.

Oct. 14th: Oakland Mayoral Forum, College Preparatory School, 6100 Broadway, 7-9 p.m. Sponsored by Oakland League of Women Voters and RCPC.

Oct. 21st: Oakland Mayoral Forum, Holy Names University, Valley Center for the Performing Arts, 3500 Mountain Blvd. 6-8 p.m. Sponsored by the Oakland League of Women Voters, Holy Names University and Bay Area Black Journalists.

Oct. 22nd: Oakland City Council District 4, Allendale Rec Center, 3711 Suter St. 6:30-8p.m.(Allendale Rec Center); Sponsored by Oakland League of Women Voters, Laurel District Association and Laurel Village Association.

Items of Interest

Thank-you notes from our Tech Trek girls.

Dear Oakland-Piedmont AAUW Tech Trek Branch,

I wanted to thank you personally for this amazing opportunity to experience Tech Trek Camp. I really enjoyed the afternoon classes at Tech Trek because they were super fun. What I thought was fun was that everything was very hands on during the experiments. I also really liked how we always had something to take home! Whether it was a vial of our very own DNA, or the experience of dissecting a cow eye! Thank you so much for letting me go to this camp, I will never forget the amazing experience I had or the good friends I made.

Sincerely, Reyna Colt-Lacayo

Dear Oakland Piedmont AAUW Branch,

Thank you very much for selecting me and giving me the opportunity to experience the life of a college student and learn more math and science. In Tech Trek I learned how to share with others in the workshops. We dissected a cow's eye, it was really interesting to find out the elements inside the eye. The morning was a little difficult for me since I am not a morning person (I woke up late once Ha-ha). The field trips were fun. We got to go to Safari West and we saw wild animals. The kayaking field trip was at Tamalt Bay. We hiked and kayaked. Camp was so much fun because we learned more about what we enjoy, learning SCIENCE. We also made a lot of friends. Thank you so much for giving me this opportunity.

ROXANA GONZALEZ

P.S. Ms. Ann Johnson - Thank you for the letter you sent me.

Dear AAUW branch of Oakland,

Thank you for the great gift - helping me get here was the biggest thing anyone has ever done for me. The fact that you chose me out of all the other girls. Wow! Camp here at SSU was really great. I wish I could find a word that can explain the true happiness you brought me. I learned so many things that will help me in the near future. I hope that I can come back some day to tell other girls about my experience. Thank you for all you've done.

Love, Pashael Dorsey

Dear Oakland/Piedmont branch & Ann Johnson,

Thank you for sending me to Tech Trek. I met a lot of new people & had lots of new experiences. I met this lady named Teron McGrew who is going to school for Urban Planning. I got to learn about her career & introduce her to the rest of the camp. I got to dissect a cow eye, extract DNA & learn about the ladies in math (and lots of other things). I got to go to a Safari place, kayaking, & hiking for a field trip. Camp was fun because I got to do new & cool stuff. I appreciate you sending me to Tech Trek & I hope I get to be a JC later.

Sincerely, Briana Sidney

Dear Ann Johnson & Oakland Piedmont AAUW Branch,

Thank you so much for nominating me to come to Tech Trek. We did a lot of amazing things at camp. It was hard to choose a favorite class, but the cow eye dissection was probably the most fun.

I got to go to Safari West and go kayaking at Point Reyes. They were both a great experience. I'd like to thank you again for this opportunity.

Sincerely, Stephanie Brown



MEMBERSHIP NOTES

What a fun time we all had at the Branch Kickoff on September 11.th Not only was it great to see many familiar faces, it was wonderful to meet so many new members. Our branch has welcomed nearly a dozen new members in the past 45 days, and we're looking forward to an interesting and informative year of programming, interest group activities and community action. We have an exciting reading list with both Morning and Evening Books, some fun activities through Serendipity, social outings with International Foods and Lunch Bunch, and great programs. Welcome, Ladies! Over the next couple of months, we'll include short bios on our new members. Directory updates will follow in a couple of weeks so we can all stay in touch.

NEW MEMBERS

NINE new members have joined our branch!! Six of them joined at the kickoff!

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Joined at Kickoff

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Joined at Kickoff

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Joined at Kickoff

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MEMBERSHIP NOTES CON'T

NEW MEMBERS

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Joined at Kickoff

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MS, UC Berkeley, Library Science, 2010
JD, University of Iowa (in pursuit)

Joined at Kickoff

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*AAUW Funds Committee invites you and friends to a
 Celebration Luncheon honoring the
 2010-2011 Funds Fellows and Grant Recipients Studying in California*

***Guest Speaker - Gloria Blackwell,
 AAUW Director of Fellowships, Grants and International Programs
 Special Guest speakers—AAUW Fellows!!***

NORTHERN California

October 24, 2010, 12:00 - 3:00 p.m.
 Crow Canyon Country Club
 711 Silver Lake Drive, Danville CA 94526
 \$35.00

RSVP Deadline: October 11, 2010

SOUTHERN California

October 23, 2010, 12:00 - 3:00 p.m.
 Irvine Marriott Hotel
 18000 Von Karman Avenue, Irvine, CA
 \$40.00

RSVP Deadline: October 11, 2010

Fill out, detach and return reservation form with your check or reserve on line

**Reservation form- Northern
 Fellows Luncheon**

Please circle entrée choice

Chinese Chicken & Prawn Salad
 Azteca Chicken Salad
 Includes iced tea and dessert

NAME _____

BRANCH _____

POSITION _____

RESERVATIONS _____

AMOUNT _____

Please include names and entrée choices

Send RSVP check payable to AAUW - CA :
 AAUW CA
 P.O. Box 160067
 Sacramento, CA 95816-0067
 or
 Reserve online at www.aauw-ca.org/shop

**Reservation form - Southern
 Fellows Luncheon**

Please circle entrée choice

Cobb Salad
 Grilled Prawns & Penne
 Includes iced tea and dessert

NAME _____

BRANCH _____

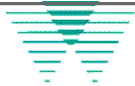
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Please include names and entrée choices

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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

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