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*You are cordially invited
to Afternoon Tea*

Saturday, April 16, 2011

3pm-5pm

At the home of Judith Mann

6102 Viewcrest Dr., Oakland, CA



Enjoy special treats, visit with friends, meet new members and hear from girls who have attended the summer Science Camp. Help us send more girls to the summer Science Program.

A benefit in support of Tech Trek Science/Math/Technology Camp. Any donation at your comfort level appreciated. RSVP to 510-531-9811

**Donations should be made out to:
AAUW CA. SPF [Special Projects Fund]**

SAVE THE DATE Mon Apr 4, 2011

**NWPC and AAUW O-P co-sponsor - Monday Dinner Meeting Series
6 – 7:30 PM**

Buttercup Grill, 229 Broadway at 3rd Street, Oakland, CA 94607

This month will feature a panel of Women Veterans and Service Providers speaking on "What's it Like to be a Woman Serving in the Military."

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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

April 2011

Spring is here and we are more than ready! Lighter, brighter, and longer days mean that AAUW O-P has again held the ever successful Children's Summer Programs Fair, our major branch fundraiser. A sincere and heartfelt thanks to organizers Seena Clark and Marilyn Little and to Marilyn's very able assistant Mahal Watkins. We also thank Margaret McAlone chair of food sales and Ann Livingston who each year oversees flyer distribution.

Joining the organizers and committee chairs were over 30 energetic members. From all of us to all of you, 'THANKS' for another great year.

Spring is just popping up all over! Interviews for Tech Trek campers are well under way. Our annual Tech Trek Tea is being held on Saturday, April 16, in the beautiful home of member Judy Mann. I hope that you will all be there to enjoy scrumptious goodies and to meet former campers who will tell us how their experience at the summer science camp opened their eyes and possibly changed their lives.

AAUW State convention is being held April 8-10 in Irvine. I am encouraging members to join me in attending this inspiring event. Lilly Ledbetter will be the featured speaker at the AAUW Funds Lunch. Ms. Ledbetter took her case against Goodyear Tire and Rubber all the way to the Supreme Court--and lost. With the support of AAUW and others she took her case to Congress and the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act was signed into law by President Obama in 2009.

I want to meet this tenacious woman who changed the work place for women across the nation. Please join me. Just give me a call at 510-922-1594 or email me at Judy_mccord@comcast.net.

P.S. I attended IBC this week where it was announced that two Californians (both O-P Branch members) are candidates for Director At Large of the National Board. Kathleen Cha and Julia Brown.

Judy McCord,
President

SUMMER PROGRAMS FAIR - ANOTHER SUCCESS!

We did it again! For the 29th year in a row, we've brought wonderful summer programs to the community for a free afternoon of shopping. Marilyn Little and Mahal Watkins, a new Branch member, did a splendid job of finding 30 new programs to populate the floor with over 100 creative and interesting programs for children. Margaret McAlone brought in food and drinks, along with baked goodies donated by O-P Branch members, to sell to the hungry crowd and benefit Legal Advocacy Fund. A large team of promoters, led by Dana Barnett, Lindsey Daskalos, and Ann Livingston and supported by Gen Katz, Linda Brown (new member), Susan Schroeder (new member), Beth Turner (new member), and Carol Spencer (really new member) led the effort to blanket seven cities with 50,000 Fair flyers, online announcements and newspaper and magazine ads. Patty Dilks created a fabulous web page about the Camps Fair with 28 customized camp/program ads, which increase our revenues and information sharing. This huge volunteer effort, including those who worked at the Flyer Bundling Party and did flyer distribution, brings the parents and families in the door to see the programs we present.

All together, this effort amounts to an energetic and stimulating day of fun. We had 26 volunteers work on the day of the Fair, which included nine new Branch members. You'll notice that our new members have been especially prominent in this effort and we owe you new members a great debt of gratitude for pitching in so quickly and putting your energies to the service of the Branch and the community. And, of course, to all you faithful Branch members who have come and worked year after year, there are not enough THANK YOUS for all you contribute.

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**INTEREST GROUPS
AND COMMITTEES**

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CARDS**

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FIBERISTA'S NIGHT

Patricia Dilks
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INTEREST GROUPS

MORNING BOOKS



Third Thursday, April 21, 2011, 10 a.m.

Book: Justice

Author: Michael Sandel

Reviewer: Rose Jellison

Hostess: Tamra Hege,

80 Florada Avenue,
Piedmont, CA 94610

If you need directions, call Tam at 832-42610

Lunch Bunch

2nd Friday—April 8th, 11:45 am (new time)

This month, Lunch Bunch is also **Serendipity!!!**



See Page 4 for Details

Evening Books

Second Thursday April 14, 2011

Book: "Country Driving: a Journey through China
from Farm to Factory "

Author: Peter Hessler

**Contact Sue Yascolt at sueyascolt@yahoo.com
or 530-2328 for location**

Coffee and Dessert 7:30 p.m.

Review - 8:00 p.m.

All are welcome!!!



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



International Foods

April 22 at the home of Claudette Beverly, 510-652-6719

Theme: Thai

**Please call her by Wed., April 20, to let her know what you will bring;
to get her address and directions if you need them.**

Fiberista's

FOURTH TUESDAY April 26, 2011, 6:30-9:00 P.M.



**Knitters, crocheters, all needleworkers welcome. A great time to focus on a
project, solve some problems, get advice, browse patterns, chat with friends.**

New members welcome!

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

Interest Groups & Events



Puzzles, Games, & Cards

As always, you're welcome to bring a favorite game to share, but come ready to relax, have a few laughs, and catch up with friends or make a new one!

SUNDAY, April 17th, 3-5 p.m.

Home of Linda Hoffman
29 Blachford Court (off Ascot), Oakland, 94611
510-531-9255

Hiking Group

Let's see if Spring is really here by planning a hike for Saturday, April 16th. We'll meet as usual in front of the Lincoln Square Safeway at 10:00 am to walk in Redwood Park. Rain cancels. To let me know you're coming, call 531 5423.



Judy Cox

SERENDIPITY—LUNCH BUNCH

Join us for Lunch at the brand new Laney Bistro, where fine chefs of the future prepare today's great cuisine at yesterday's prices! Students in the culinary arts program prepare superb meals, graciously served in a dining room on the Laney campus. On Fridays, the [Contemporary American Bistro Cooking](#) class will be serving specials featuring the best seasonal foods, and many local, organic and sustainable products prepared with a modern flair. Check out their menus at www.laney.edu/wp/bistro/menu.



I have enjoyed their fair and been delighted!! Diet the day before so you can indulge in some of the finest desserts ever!

Call Susan Schroeder at 510-531-3021 by April 4 to reserve your place!! I will send out maps and parking options in advance.



Convention 2011
90 Years of AAUW California
April 8-10, 2011
Irvine Marriott Hotel
18000 Von Karman Avenue, Irvine, CA

You can still register!!! One of the many highlights will be the AAUW Funds Brunch on Sunday 11:30 am-1:30 pm with Lilly Ledbetter.

Volunteers Needed -- if you are interested in working at convention, please contact Sue Guilford, Local Arrangements Chair. Space is filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

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EVENTS AND ITEMS OF INTEREST

SUMMER PROGRAMS FAIR - ANOTHER SUCCESS! Continued from page 2

Here's a list of those who worked on the day of the Fair, Sunday, March 13.

Nancy Adams - selling our Branch tee shirts for a mere \$20 ea, all of which goes to LAF
Linda Brown Judy McCord
Anna Cosby Chris Merlo
Clara Cosby Pat Metzgar
Judy Cox Becky Morton
Patty Dilks Barbara Norum
Mary Dolven Barbara Pearl
Rita Howard Karin Peterson
Robin Johnson Rhea Rubin
Marilyn Little Joyce Temby
Ann Livingston Helen Tilson
Margaret McAlone Beth Turner
Bernice McCarther Mahal Watkins

Thank you everyone who helped in any way to make this year's Summer Programs Fair a success. We reached our financial goal for raising operating funds for the Branch. Camps and programs were happy with the diverse and interested crowd that attended. Parents and children were the politest, most focused group we've seen. The diversity in the community was very evident and heart-warming, telling us that the community out there is active and thriving. The Fair never ceases to amaze us and we are thankful to be able to present such a wonderful event yet another year.

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Seena Clark 510-568-2336

### League of Women Voters of Oakland Hot Topic for April 2011 Understanding Redevelopment



Governor Brown's proposal to eliminate redevelopment districts has made many of us examine how much we really know about redevelopment. How does it work in Oakland and other communities? Why does the governor think the districts should be phased out? Why do some mayors, including Mayor Quan, disagree?

Monday, April 25  
6:30 - 8:00 p.m.  
TransForm Conference Room  
436 14th Street, Suite 600

*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.*

**For more information, go to the League website: [www.lwvoakland.org](http://www.lwvoakland.org)**

## PUBLIC POLICY by Judy Cox

There is important legislation, which calls for the involvement of AAUW women NOW:

### CALIFORNIA

AAUW is urging CA state legislators to put Jerry Brown's proposal to extend temporary state taxes onto a June ballot. These taxes will expire in June if the proposal does not go to the ballot. If they expire, the effects will be to target education for even deeper cuts than are now planned, as well as cutting other services for poor women, children, the disabled and the elderly. These extreme cuts will have long-term effects on all the groups impacted, as well as on our state as a whole.

Contact your state legislators to express your support for putting the taxing measure on a June ballot.

Sandre Swanson: 510 286 1670; [Assemblymember.Swanson@assembly.ca.gov](mailto:Assemblymember.Swanson@assembly.ca.gov);

Nancy Skinner: 510 286 1400; [Assemnlymember.Skinner@assembly.ca.gov](mailto:Assemnlymember.Skinner@assembly.ca.gov);

Loni Hancock: 510 286 1333; [senator.hancock@sen.ca.gov](mailto:senator.hancock@sen.ca.gov).

### UNITED STATES

#### **Women's Reproductive Choice and Health**

We need the US House of Representatives to stop stripping away women's right to choose, as well as other reproductive rights such as family planning. Contact your Congresswoman Barbara Lee to ask her support for keeping these important rights.

Barbara Lee: 510 763 0370 and [www.lee.house.gov](http://www.lee.house.gov)

#### **Education Consumer Protections**

As decent employment more and more requires post-secondary education, enrollment in such education and training has gone up. Schools that receive U.S. taxpayer money through financial aid grants and federally guaranteed student loans must be held accountable for the quality of instruction they provide, whether the schools are for-profit or non-profit.

Federal law requires schools to prepare students for "gainful employment", but this term has not been clearly defined. Because of this vagueness, it is possible that some schools (especially for-profit ones) may not be adequately preparing students.

Schools must be required to provide career training if they are to receive federal money. The Dept. of Education is trying to issue and enforce a strong rule defining "gainful employment" and to hold all schools to that standard. Some schools are fighting the department's attempts to establish this accountability.

Contact your US Senators to ask them to extend the Education Dept.'s enhanced standards and thereby to protect students and taxpayers from enrolling in or supporting inadequate training.

Barbara Boxer: 415 403 0100; send from Web, <http://boxer.senate.gov>

Dianne Feinstein: 415 393 0707; send from Web, <http://feinstein.senate.gov>

**SAVE THE DATE !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

**JULIA MORGAN**  
**Saturday, May 7th, 10:30 a.m.**  
**Mountain View Cemetery**  
**5000 Piedmont Avenue\***

**Open the Door to History**

Joyce Temby, docent at the historic Mountain View Cemetery, will share with us the challenges and accomplishments of this prominent Bay Area Architect. We will also hear the true stories behind the residents of Millionaire's Row.

Following her talk, have lunch at one of many restaurants on Piedmont Ave.

\* Meet at the Office just to the right of the Entrance Gates.

## **STILL FIGHTING THE GOOD FIGHT – Planned Parenthood, AAUW and NWPC**

Kathy Kneer, president and CEO of Planned Parenthood Affiliates of California was the featured speaker at the March Dinner Meeting of NWPC Alameda-North, co-sponsored by AAUW Oakland-Piedmont.

"Planned Parenthood thanks Gov. Brown for standing up for the millions of women and men who come to our health centers for essential preventive care," said Kneer, in appreciation of his letter to Congress protesting proposed cuts in funding. "We are seeing tens of thousands of new patients each year, many of whom are struggling to just make ends meet. They come to Planned Parenthood because they trust us to provide for their essential health care needs. And we're here for them. Bills like H.R. 217, which would cut funds to our health centers, are bad health policy and bad fiscal policy."

Kneer noted that by voting to prohibit Planned Parenthood from receiving federal funds for any purpose, Congress is hurting the millions of low-income women who come to us for life saving cancer screenings, contraception, STD preventions and treatment, breast health and other essential health care.

Although there is a widespread assumption among conservative groups to the contrary, ninety-seven percent of the services provided by Planned Parenthood health centers are preventive care such as life-saving cancer screenings, contraception, STD prevention and treatment, breast health care as well as comprehensive sexual health education programs.

Kneer characterized H.R. 217 as one of several attempts by House Republicans to reduce access to abortion services and access to family planning and preventive health services for millions of Americans, including the elimination of the federal Title X family planning program.

Planned Parenthood, AAUW and NWPC all share a common principle that women are unquestionably entitled to the right to reproductive freedom and self-determination. While our rights are protected in California, there are many states which restrict and control the rights of women; we cannot cease to be vigilant and must continue our efforts to ensure freedom and fairness for women throughout the US and around the world.

**The April 4 Dinner Meeting (also at the Buttercup Restaurant, 229 Broadway, Oakland; 6-7:30pm) will feature a panel of Women Veterans and Service Providers speaking on "What's it Like to be a Woman Serving in the Military."**

### **The League will be ready for a June election.**

At press time, it remains uncertain whether there will be a special election to extend the temporary tax increases and to consider initiatives already qualified for the ballot. But the League of Women Voters wants you to know that speakers will be available in late April and May to present the pros and cons of all measures. These presentations never discuss the League positions; however, this year a different set of speakers will do presentations that also discuss the stands the League has taken. If you have a group that would like to have a League presentation, please call 834-7640.

## **Congratulations to California! AAUW National Breaking Through Barriers Awards**

California has made a **fantastic showing** in the national **Breaking Through Barriers** competition!

Three submissions from California branches are among the 16 finalists:

- Tech Trek California submitted by AAUW San Francisco (CA) Branch
- Speech Trek - Eleanor Stem Allen Memorial submitted by AAUW San Mateo (CA) Branch
- Bullying and Cyberbullying: A Community Concern submitted by AAUW Napa County (CA) Branch

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## Tech Trek



Tech Trek is a math/science camp designed to develop interest, excitement and self-confidence in young women who will enter eighth grade in the fall. It features hands-on activities in math, science and related fields. All sleeping, eating, instructional and recreational facilities are located on a university campus where camps are held. In California, camp will be held at 8 university campuses in the 2010-11 season.

### So What is This About?

Campers are assigned math and/or science core classes that they attend daily. Girls also take shorter math and science-related classes and off-campus field trips that encourage maximum interaction and instruction.

Most important is the university campus experience. No matter what campus they attend, campers will have the opportunity to live the life of a college student for the week. They learn to live with someone other than a sibling or a relative, share community bathrooms, eat dorm food and explore the campus area under the careful supervision of camp staff. They also will interact with women who model a high degree of science, mathematics or computer expertise as part of their daily lives.

Tech Trek is designed to provide every camper with exposure to all core subjects taught, as well as a selection of rotating labs designed to explore individual specialties more deeply. Hands-on activities in core classes, rotating labs and field trips at Tech Trek camps help to make math and science fun as well as educational. Instructors include credentialed middle school teachers and women currently engaged professionally in math, science or technology fields.

### Camp Staffing

Camp Directors have no problem identifying interested and competent teachers, as the word spreads every year from those who do participate, with most wanting to return again and again. Several teachers have returned every year since Tech Trek began. Instructors in Tech Trek camps spend long hours gathering materials and preparing, all of which helps make the week an unforgettable and exhilarating experience.

AAUW member volunteers serve as dorm moms/counselors (surrogate mothers), health aides, classroom aides, and fill in as needed. They provide the opportunity to bring like-minded middle school girls together for a week of involvement in math and science enrichment activities, which are fun while educational. As an example, one 2007 camper was overheard telling her parents, "I'm with my people!"

Former Tech Trek campers, who return as helpers, are now an indispensable part of the program at most camps. Recent college grads or high school seniors serve as Senior Counselors. Students still in high school may be Junior Counselors.

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**DON'T FORGET OUR TECH TREK FUNDRAISER TEA Sat April 16, 3 to 5 at the home of Judith Mann, see page 1 for details.**



## Calling all bakers, Cookie creators, Tea sandwich makers!!! Tech Trek needs you!!

Food donations are urgently needed for our fund raising tea party. We want to provide sumptuous home made finger treats - this is not the event for Costco fare or Mother's cookies. This will be an elegant, formal tea - silver and teacups and saucers - the whole nine yards. And we're suggesting wearing hats. If you have been following the style sections - you know that hats are in.

One more thing for those wonderful AAUW members bringing food--Please come early and show your stuff beautifully plated.

For food donations please contact Nancy Adams at 510-528-2251 or [nadams527@hotmail.com](mailto:nadams527@hotmail.com)

**Tech Trek Fund Raiser**  
**Saturday, April 16, 2011, 3-5 p.m.**  
**Home of Judy Mann**  
**6102 Viewcrest Drive (near Merritt College), Oakland**

## **Congratulations to California!** **AAUW National Breaking Through Barriers Awards**

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The top three awardees (to be chosen from among the finalists) will be announced at the 2011 AAUW National Convention, and each will receive a \$3,000 cash prize. All the finalists will receive 2011 AAUW National Convention registration discounts and an exhibit table at convention to showcase their program, as well as the opportunity to create their own AAUW Program in a Box to be posted on the AAUW website.

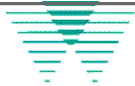
The 15 honorable mentions include these submitted from California:

- Tech Excellence from AAUW San Jose (CA) Branch
- Power @ the Polls: Women Running in the Direction of Election from AAUW San Diego (CA) Branch
- Top awardees, finalists, and honorable mentions will receive recognition in AAUW publications, on the website, and in social media.

In order to be considered for a Breaking through Barriers Award, a state/branch program must:

- ◆ represent our shared [AAUW mission and value promise](#),
- ◆ demonstrate innovation and creativity in addressing the educational and economic barriers to women and girls and/or be an effective implementation or adaptation of a model AAUW program,
- ◆ include outcome measures that predict/reflect community-based impact and demonstrate potential for sustainable change that breaks through barriers for women and girls,
- ◆ serve as a replicable model for other states/branches across the country, and
- ◆ carry the AAUW program brand. Other community organizations may play a role, but AAUW must be identified as a leader of the program.

**SAVE THE DATE!!!!** Our annual meeting/installation pot luck will take place at the lovely home of Kay Gilson Thursday, June 23. More details to come.



*The American Association of University Women advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.*

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UNIVERSITY  
WOMEN

**CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS**

| DATE       | EVENT                         | LOCATION                         | PG  |
|------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----|
| Apr 4      | NWPC Dinner Series            | Buttercup Grill, Oakland         | 1,7 |
| Apr 8      | Lunch Bunch-Serendipity       | Laney Bistro, Laney College      | 3,4 |
| Apr 8-10   | State Convention              | Irvine, CA                       | 4   |
| Apr 14     | Evening Books                 | Location TBD                     | 3   |
| Apr 16     | Hiking                        | Redwood Park                     | 3   |
| Apr 16     | Tech Trek Tea                 | Home of Judith Mann              | 4   |
| Apr 17     | Puzzles, Games                | Home of Linda Hoffman            | 1   |
| Apr 21     | Morning Books                 | Home of Tamra Hege               | 3   |
| Apr 22     | International Foods           | <b>Home of Claudette Beverly</b> | 3   |
| Apr 25     | LWV Hot Topic Event           | 436-14th St, Oakland             | 5   |
| Apr 26     | Fiberista's                   | Home of Patty Dilks              | 3   |
| May 7      | Mtn View Cemetery             | Piedmont, CA                     | 6   |
| June 16-19 | National Convention           | Washington, D.C.                 | —   |
| June 23    | Annual Meeting & Installation | Home of Kay Gilson               | 9   |

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