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ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY

Our annual holiday party will be in a different location this year, at the home of Julia Brown:

455 — 44th Street,
between Telegraph and Webster,
Oakland, Ca 94609 [call for directions]

Its taking place the first Sunday in December—the 6th, from 3 to 6 pm. Please RSVP your attendance to 415-667-0138 or 510-547-8618 not later than December 1st. Judy McCord and Julia Brown will be coordinating the refreshments, there will be lots of food, but we will need someone to volunteer to bring the following items:

- Beverages,
- veggies, chips and dips
- and if there is a special hors d'oeuvres or dessert you like to prepare at the holidays please feel free to tell Judy or Julia what it is and that you're bringing it.

SEE YOU THERE!!!!

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

First of all, I want to extend a sincere 'thank you' to each of you who made your annual donation to the AAUW Funds for the Educational Foundation. This has been a difficult year in so many ways for so many of us, yet the women of AAUW came through yet again and we are sending nearly \$2,000 to the Association in support of EF. Next year when we attend Convention, or listen to the diverse and amazing women at the annual EF Luncheon, we will feel pride that we have indeed helped women break through economic barriers on their way to professional excellence.

Speaking of Convention, I hope each of you has a big 'Save the Date' marked on your calendars for the weekend of April 30-May 2, 2010, for the 89th annual AAUW-CA Convention in San Ramon. Because it is right in our own backyard, I hope a number of new and seasoned members will be interested in attending. I'm sure there will be volunteer jobs that the organizers will need help with, so I'll keep you posted about that. Since we probably won't incur hotel expenses, we'll try to extend branch financial aid to as many future leaders as possible.

Speaking of Future Leaders ... it's not too soon to be thinking about what role you would be willing and able to help in our branch next year. This is my last term as President, so if leadership is in your blood – or 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 skill sets of our members, and help the branch at the same time. Please email me so we can get started on this soon.

And speaking of getting started on things soon ... there are two big projects in the hopper: the first is the **28th Annual Children's Summer Programs Far, coming up on March 14, 2010**. This is our big community service project, the one that gives us all a chance to pitch in together on this fun and creative afternoon, and the one that provides much of the support for our branch programs and activities. Seena Clark is coordinating volunteers again this year, so you can expect her cheery voice on the phone one of these days soon. Marilyn Little already has her schedule outlined to enroll camp providers; we'll be at the Scottish Rite Center in downtown Oakland again. Ann Livingston is hosting the Fabulous Flyer Counting Party on Monday, February 8. This is one of the 'funniest' days in our branch year, so I'm really looking forward to working with you all to make it the most successful one ever!

Our other big project is a new one: **our first-ever Sister-to-Sister Summit**. This unique program pairs high schools with adult mentors for several months of training, and then an outstanding day of workshops when the high school girls reach out ... sister to sister ... to middle school age girls; speaking their personal truths about key issues of young women today. We have the time (**May 15, 2010**) and the place (Holy Names High School), and we have our Program VP Teron McGrew who has received orientation from our sisters in the Moraga/Orinda/Lafayette branch. Now we need YOU ...to help train/mentor the high school girls, volunteer on the day of event, help with publicity. Our second committee meeting will be in January, so please check the VOICE and the website for the most current information. If you know older teen girls who would be interested in being trainer/mentors, please let Teron know ASAP. They would be eligible for community service hours to meet high school graduation requirements.

Lastly, one of the things I promised myself this year was that it was going to include more FUN! And it has ... from my vacation this past August, to learning how to play dominos at Linda Hoffman's Games group, to attending the Symphony's Night at the Opera last week ... and coming up: our Annual Holiday Party on Sunday, December 6, 3-6pm, at Julia Brown's house. Will we have a special guest? Come and see!!

INTEREST GROUPS

INTEREST GROUPS AND COMMITTEES

EVENING BOOKS

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Fiberista's Night 3rd Tuesday

December 15, 2009

6:30-9 pm

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

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



LUNCH BUNCH

Second Friday, Dec 11, 2009

1 pm
Cocina Poblana,
499 Embarcadero West
at Washington Street
Oakland, CA
510-451-4700

Contact: Judy McCord
judy_mccord@comcast.net
510-922-1594



Evening Books

Second Thursday
December 10, 2009

Book: Telex from Cuba
Author: Rachel Kushner
Reviewer: Susana Mullen
Hostess: Jeanine Fetterly
6121 Swainland Rd.
Oakland, CA 94611
(510) 654-6484

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



MORNING BOOKS

First Thursday

December 3, 2009

"Out Stealing Horses"

by Per Petterson

January's book will be
"The Worst Hard Times" by T. Egan

Irene Olson
575 Crestmont, Oakland
510-531-8167

DIFFERENT LOCATION FOR MEETING — THIS MONTH!!!
Early Christmas get-together



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WOMEN VOTERS®

*Making Democracy
Work
Grassroots
leadership since 1920*

*"Redistricting in
California:
How to Participate"*

Join us from 6:30-8 pm
Wed., December 2

Lincoln Square
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MacArthur

www.lwoakland.org

(510) 834-7640

Ideas for New Interest Group?

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

WE	THEY

Possible New Interest Group Bridge Anyone?

We have had an inquiry from a prospective member about a bridge group. If you are interested please let Judy McCord know (judy_mccord@comcast.net)

Directory Additions/Corrections

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

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Items of Interest & Events



The first committee meeting for the Sister-to-Sister Summit was held on November 19, 2009. **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!

Community Action Grants 2010- 2011 Grant Year

Community Action grants provide funds to individuals, AAUW branches and AAUW state organizations as well as local community-based nonprofit organizations for innovative programs or non-degree research projects that promote education and equity for women and girls.

One-year grants (\$2,000-\$7,000 over one year) One-year grants provide seed money for new projects. Topic areas are unrestricted, but should include a clearly defined activity that promotes education and equity for women and girls.

Two-year grants (\$5,000-\$10,000 over two years) provide start-up funds for longer-term programs addressing the particular needs of the community and develop girls' sense of efficacy through leadership or advocacy opportunities. Topic areas are unrestricted, but should include a clearly defined activity that promotes education and equity for women and girls.

Applicants must be women who are U.S. citizens or permanent residents. Nonprofit organizations must be based in the United States. Grant projects must have direct public impact, be nonpartisan, and take place within the United States or its territories. Special consideration is given to projects focused on K-12 and community college girls' and women's achievements in science, technology, engineering and math.

APPLY NOW! Online Application

Community Action Grants: <http://www.act.org/aauw/cag/>

Questions about applications must be directed to the Iowa City office. Please do not contact the AAUW office in Washington, D.C., or local branches for application information. Please call 319/337-1716 ext. 60, e-mail aauw@act.org, or write to the customer service center at

AAUW
Dept. 60
301 ACT Drive
Iowa City, IA 52243-4030

Today – more than ever, the world functions as a unit – each and every piece affecting the whole. To be informed citizens of our country we must also know the world.

GREAT DECISIONS 2010

The LWVO and AAUW are planning to jointly meet for a discussion group on the *Great Decisions* topics. Published annually by the Foreign Policy Association, the *Great Decisions* briefing book features impartial, thought-provoking analyses on eight issues of concern to U.S. policymakers today. Each topic is presented in a way that brings together background, current issues and questions to help come to an opinion. The length of each topic is between ten and fifteen pages – easy reading with pictures and graphs. The 2010 edition features articles on:

Special envoys	Kenya & R2P	Global crime
U.S.-China security relations	Global financial crisis	Russia and its neighbors
The Persian Gulf	Peace building and conflict resolution	

The briefing book is now \$18.00 with a \$2.00 shared charge for the DVD tape.

Meetings are planned to start in January, on Thursdays from 10 -12 and will be held for eight consecutive weeks at the home of Gen Katz , 3317 Brunell Dr. Oakland. If you are interested, please send me an e-mail with name and phone number, 510-530-8870 (gen@metron.com).

It is important that different members take on leading the discussion topics - it's a snap for most of us and requires reading the 10 to 15 pages before hand. It leads to a much more lively exchange of ideas. With today's world, we have to think beyond local and national politics. If you want more information on *Great Decisions* you can visit the website for the Foreign Policy Association, www.FPA.org

MEMBERSHIP NOTES

PART 1 OF 2

The Value of Belonging. Membership in AAUW offers exceptional tangible and intangible benefits a strong voice, a vibrant community, relevant information, and valuable resources.

Strong Voice. AAUW's 100,000-member voice makes a difference on critical women's and civil rights issues briefing policy-makers, spearheading coalitions, and impacting the world through international initiatives and partnerships. Check out all the opportunities for individual action through activities such as the AAUW Capitol Hill Lobby Corps and Two-Minute Activist. AAUW provides you the opportunity to support and be the first to learn about ground-breaking research on women, girls, and education.

Vibrant Community. Wherever you go, you will find a community of friends and professional contacts in AAUW a powerful local and national network for personal and professional growth. Locate AAUW colleagues from around the world through our Member Services Database and give back to your local community through projects to benefit women and girls as a branch member. Stay on the pulse of all issues and activities through AAUW's growing social media network by joining the AAUW Facebook page and group, and following us on Twitter, YouTube, and the AAUW Dialog blog.

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

New member:

Please welcome new member, Lesli Caldwell-Houston.
Lesli is a graduate of UC Berkeley and University of Santa Clara law school, and is interested in joining the book group.

MEMBERSHIP NOTES

Please help us in welcoming all our new members at the annual holiday party at Julia Brown's home on December 6th from 3 to 6 pm.

Also you may pick up your new 2009-2010 directory at the party. Many thanks to Helen Bersie and Patty Dilks for putting it together and to Katherine Gyoorfi for the very attractive cover

Judy McCord, Membership V-P

PUBLIC POLICY

Judy Cox

LOSING ABORTION RIGHTS?

Most crucial among our issues this month is the need to contact our Senators Boxer and Feinstein to ask them to oppose anti-abortion amendments to the Federal health care bill under consideration in the Senate.

As you probably know, HR 2962 passed the House of Representatives, making for a great expansion of health care for Americans, including maternity care, preventive care, elimination of gender ratings, and other women's protections. What this bill specifically outlaws, however, is cover for abortion services. The House bill would prohibit women getting federal subsidies for health care (that is, poorer women who now lack health care) from purchasing a health plan covering abortion. All private plans that cover abortions would be eliminated from participation in the new coverage system.

To avert this giant backward step, contact Barbara Boxer, 415-403-0100; <http://boxer.senate.gov>; or Dianne Feinstein, 415 393 0707; <http://feinstein.senate.gov>. and ask them to prevent an anti-abortion amendment from being added to the health care bill when it is debated in the Senate.

THE SHRIVER REPORT—*The Shriver Report-A Woman's Nation Changes Everything* highlights the rise of women in the workforce while emphasizing that working women and their families still lack the critical support they need to thrive in today's changing world.

AAUW is particularly emphasizing those parts of the report which touch on workplace fairness and educational opportunity.

The report outlines the lack of gender equity in pay in the workplace. To address this, AAUW urges you to support the Paycheck Fairness Act; AAUW also advocates strengthening and improving the Elementary and Secondary Education Act by strengthening STEM education, using multiple measures of student achievement and expanding after school programs; Our association also wants to make career and technical programs available to women, including providing training support programs such as child care and tuition assistance, and to assure that women have access to the most rigorous technical courses and majors.

GOOD NEWS—The U.S. unemployment rate is nearing 10 percent, and long-term unemployment is at record highs. The Department of Labor Statistics reports that there is only one job for every six unemployed workers who are looking for work. A third of all jobless workers—about 5.4 million Americans—have been out of a job for six months or more. In the face of this dire situation, we are gratified to see that Congress has extended unemployment benefits for 14 additional weeks, to allow unemployed Americans additional time to find new employment. Why not contact your Congressperson and say “thanks” as part of your Thanksgiving celebration?

BAD NEWS—A couple of former and present local politicians are trying to prevent Alameda County from implementing instant runoff voting (IRV), a voting system approved by 69% of Oakland voters and 72% of Berkeley voters. IRV eliminates runoff elections, and produces a majority winner in one election. That in turn allows Oakland to move local elections to November when almost 60% more people vote. This method of voting makes it easier for women and people of color to run, because it isn't as costly to run one campaign as it is to run two. It also provides an electorate that is demographically more representative of Oakland. **If you'd like to see IRV implemented as the voters chose in 2006, contact your Councilmember and ask him/her to move ahead with IRV.**

Oakland-Piedmont Branch Adopted Budget 2009-2010

2009-10

	projected income 2009-10	projected expense 2009-10
Dues collected ¹	8,155	
Remitted to Association ¹		4,700
Remitted to State ¹		1,700
Childrens' Fair income ²	12,180	
Children's Fair expense ²		6,090
Admin costs - web fees		100
Tech Trek		2,000
Insurance		300
Interbranch Council Dues		30
Leadership: convention		1,000
Leadership training		50
Membership Expenses		1,500
Directory		300
Newsletter		1,300
Branch Expenses		300
P.O. Box		100
Postage		44
Program - Regular		1,115
Program - Sister to Sister	1,750	2,500
SBC voice mail		450
EF/LAF expense		350
Miscellaneous		200
Subtotal:	22,085	24,229
Total ³		-2,144

Notes to Budget:

¹Net Dues to Branch, Est.: \$1,755

²Net CSPF to Branch, Est.: \$6,090

³Branch has sufficient cash in bank to offset



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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

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**Assn. Member Helpline
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DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	Pg
December 2	LWV	Lincoln Square, Oakland	4
December 3	Morning Books	Irene Olson's Home	3
December 6	Annual Holiday Party	Julia Brown's Home	1
December 10	Evening Books	Jeanine Fetterly's Home	3
December 11	Lunch Bunch	Cocina Poblana, Oakland	3
December 15	Fiberista's Night	Patty Dilks' Home	3
January 5	Board Meeting, 6:30 pm	Patty Dilks' Home	
January 30	LAF Luncheon	Danville, CA	1

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