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You are cordially invited to  
The Tech Trek Tea  
Saturday, February 13, 2010, 3-5pm  
at the home of Irene Olson  
Co-hosted by Ann Johnson, Tech Trek Chair  
575 Crestmont Drive, Oakland, CA  
A Traditional, Luxurious Afternoon Tea,  
with delightful treats and special guests.  
Donations in any amount accepted in  
support of Tech Trek



**Save the date!!!**

Sunday March 14, 2010  
Scottish Rite Center  
1547 Lakeside Drive,  
Oakland, CA

**Children's Summer Programs Fair**

(See pages 2 and 10 for details on how you can volunteer to help make it a HUGE success)

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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

Are you still writing 2009 on your checks and notes? I'm almost there, but already it seems like this year is flying by. Looking ahead, I see that these next few months will be busy ones for our branch! The selection process for the 2010 Tech Trek girls is already underway, and I'm looking forward to the Tea on the 13th. Ann Johnson tells me that a few of last year's campers will be there, so please don't miss this very fun and lovely event. In accordance with our 'new economy' tradition, there is no set donation requested, only what you feel you can comfortably give. At convention a couple years ago, the Tech Trek Program directors shared the results of a 10-year follow-up study with us, which showed that most of the girls did indeed go to four year colleges, and many credited their increased confidence and achievement to their time at Tech Trek.

We're in the throes of getting ready for the 28th Annual Children's Summer Program Fair, and I know you all share my enthusiasm for this great event ... not only does it give us great exposure in the community, but we offer a real service to children and families seeking quality summer experiences. It's great to see old and new friends among the camp providers, and a wonderful opportunity to see each other, too. You've probably already had a phone call or two from Seena or one of her helpers, so I'm looking forward to seeing you all on March 7th at the Scottish Rite Center.

The Sister-to-Sister Committee is moving forward with plans for our first Summit and our website has been updated with information and applications. If you know a middle or high school girl who would be interested, please steer her there. There are many tasks for many hands to make this a successful event, so please mark May 15th on your calendars as we kick off this outstanding event.

Stay tuned for more interesting and exciting adventures with Serendipity and Book Groups as we head into spring, and please mark your calendars for April 30-May 1 for the State Convention in San Ramon.

## We're Getting Ready for the Children's Summer Programs Fair

**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 10) 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!

# INTEREST GROUPS

## INTEREST GROUPS AND COMMITTEES

### EVENING BOOKS

Sue Yascolt  
510-530-2328

### INTERNATIONAL FOODS

Ann Lister  
510-658-5063

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### MORNING BOOKS

Joyce Temby  
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### SERENDIPITY

Sue Yascolt  
510-530-2328

### PUZZLES, GAMES, & CARDS

Linda Hoffman  
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### Fiberista's Night

Patricia Dilks  
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Please email contact changes/updates ASAP

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Joyce Temby



## HIKING

February 20<sup>th</sup>, 10 a.m.  
Meet at Redwood Regional Park,  
Skyline Gate.

**Rain cancels.** RSVP to Judy Cox  
(595-7402; [judyacox@gmail.com](mailto:judyacox@gmail.com)) so  
we know you area coming.



## MORNING BOOKS

First Thursday, February 4, 2010

At the home of Tamra Hege  
80 Florada Avenue  
Piedmont 94610 510-832-4261

### The Georgetown Ladies Social Club

by C. David Heymann

**A DIFFERENT LOCATION FOR THIS MONTH'S MEETING**

## Puzzles, Games, & Cards

SATURDAY, February 20th  
3-5pm at:

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

Maybe we'll have a wild game of Hearts in honor of Valentine's Day this time! Or bring an old favorite you'd love to share. But come ready to learn something new, strategize, laugh, and have a chance to catch up with friends or make a new one! An RSVP would be nice, but not required. Thanks, Linda



## Lunch Bunch

Second Friday, Feb 12th,  
1:00 p.m.

**Restaurant Chu**  
5362 College Avenue,  
Oakland, CA 94618-1417  
(510) 601-8818.

Call 595 7402 for  
reservations (Judy Cox)

## Evening Books

Second Thursday

February 11, 2010

Book: **"The Bonesetter's Daughter"**

Author: Amy Tan

Reviewer: Lori Durbin

Hostess: Rita Sklar

3826 Fruitvale Avenue

Oakland, CA 94602

(510) 531-1404

Coffee and Dessert - 7:30 p.m.

Review - 8:00 p.m.

All are welcome!!!



## Ideas for New Interest Group?

Contact:  
[judy\\_mccord@comcast.net](mailto:judy_mccord@comcast.net)

or any board member & talk  
about your ideas!

## INTERNATIONAL FOODS



Not determined by  
publication date. Call  
Ann Lister for Information  
510-658-5063

## Fiberista's Night

4th Tuesday

February 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.

## *Items of Interest & Events*

### **February 2010 – Serendipity**

In Celebration of African American History Month

#### Walking Tour: New Era, New Politics

Saturday, February 6, 2010

Tour starts at AAMLO (The African American Museum and Library of Oakland)—**659 14<sup>th</sup> St**  
Stroll through downtown and learn about Oakland's African American leaders. Presented by Oakland Tours program.

After the tour . . .

[The African American Museum and Library of Oakland \(AAMLO\)](#), (Open Noon-5:30 pm) is always a beautiful place to visit.

This renovated Carnegie Library is currently showing two exhibits: "[Access to Life](#)," a photo exhibit of the fight against AIDS internationally, and "[Visions Toward Tomorrow: The African](#)

**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](mailto:nadams527@hotmail.com). Nancy Adams

## MEMBERSHIP NOTES

We are off to a wonderful start in 2010 with six prospective members. This is a great time to join AAUW since the national dues are half price until March 15th making the total \$55. Student membership is just \$41. Talk to your friends and coworkers about joining our great organization which since 1881 has been promoting education and equity for women and girls. Encourage those interested to check the national web site [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org) to see our history and our highly regarded and oft quoted research reports such as <sup>3</sup>Girls in the Middle<sup>2</sup>, <sup>3</sup>Hostile Hallways<sup>2</sup> and <sup>3</sup>Where the Girls Are<sup>2</sup>.

The Oakland-Piedmont web site includes information about our branch and a current Voice as well as information about membership. If you would like a membership packet please contact me [judy\\_mccord@comcast.net](mailto:judy_mccord@comcast.net) or 510-922-1954.

## New Member

Our newest member is Lesli Caldwell. Lesli is a graduate of UC Berkeley and received her law degree from Santa Clara University. She is interested in women's issues and evening books.

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**Remember: As you prepare your taxes— \$46 dollars of your dues is now tax deductible.**

### Give a Grad a Gift

Do you know someone graduating from a two or four year college program or earning a RN degree? You can give them a gift membership in AAUW at no cost to your. Need more information? Contact Judy McCord 510-922-1594 or [judy\\_mccord@comcast.net](mailto:judy_mccord@comcast.net)

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**GREAT DECISIONS 2010**  
**HAS BEEN CANCELLED DUE TO LOW RESPONSE. HOWEVER,** the briefing book is available on-line for those who wish to follow the topics independently.  
 Foreign Policy Association, [www.FPA.org](http://www.FPA.org)  
 Gen Katz

**LAF News**



**Working Toward Title IX Compliance**

**Title IX Compliance: Know the Score**

Holly Kearn and Judith Mann

It would be nice to believe that [Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972](#) has served its purpose and there is no longer sex discrimination in schools. We at AAUW know, however, that this is not the case. Thirty-seven years after its passage, Title IX is as necessary as ever.

All over the [country](#), there are [high schools](#) that [fail](#) to [treat](#) girls and young women fairly with respect to athletic participation, athletics facilities, and other benefits. Not only is this unfair, it also is potentially illegal under Title IX.

For example, students in Chula Vista, California, filed a Title IX sex discrimination lawsuit against their school district in *Ollier v. Sweetwater Union High School District*. Elizabeth Kristen, project director of the Title IX K-12 Equality Project at [The Legal Aid Society – Employment Law Center](#) [explained the case](#): The girls' softball program was forced to play on a substandard field lacking basic amenities like covered dugouts. The softball team shared their field with the physical education program, which led to overuse of and damage to the entire field. The boys' baseball field was fully fenced, locked, and reserved exclusively for the boys' baseball team and was in excellent condition. The boys also had covered dugouts with storage and a concessions stand, to name just a few of their amenities. When girls and their parents complained about inequity, the school fired their beloved softball coach.

In spring 2009, a federal district court in California [ruled](#) in favor of the plaintiffs and scheduled further proceedings to address the question of a remedy.

Both AAUW members, Elizabeth and her mother, Kathryn (Kathy) Braeman, approached AAUW for help addressing the widespread noncompliance with Title IX. (You can read the guest blog post [Title IX: Two Lifetimes of Activism](#) by Elizabeth and Kathy to learn more about them.)

## Working Toward Title IX Compliance Con't

Elizabeth believes that litigation should be a last resort against noncompliant schools and that local activism, which AAUW members excel at doing, can make a huge difference without wasting limited school funding in a costly lawsuit.

Over the last few months, AAUW has worked with individuals like Elizabeth and Kathy and staff at the [Women's Sports Foundation](#) to craft a program that allows AAUW members to engage in the kind of local activism Elizabeth envisions. Now, you can access the result of our labor: [Title IX Compliance: Know the Score!](#)

Through this project, AAUW members (and other interested persons) can download the new online [Program in a Box](#), which contains tools to help them learn about Title IX, find out if their local school is Title IX compliant, and, if it is not, understand what steps they can take to pressure schools into compliance. [Download and view/listen to the one-hour Webinar](#) from October, 29, 2009, to learn more about the Program in a Box, how you can use it, and why we need your help ensuring that schools are compliant with Title IX. (It make take a few minutes to download. Please contact [laf@aauw.org](mailto:laf@aauw.org) if you have any difficulties)

We hope you will participate in the program to help ensure equity on the playing fields for girls at your local high schools!

In a related development, in the fall of 2009, the AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund and the AAUW Research Department entered into collaboration with **the Legal Aid Society of San Francisco – Employment Law Center [LAS-ELC] in California** to help raise awareness among AAUW members and schools nationwide about Title IX Compliance and enforcement in high school athletics.

AAUW will now work to inform our members nationwide about Title IX and, with LAS-ELC, to train interested members to enable them to recognize if schools in their community are compliant. If you are interested in Title IX and high school athletic issues, please contact [laf@aauw.org](mailto:laf@aauw.org) so you can be involved in the **"Title IX and High School Athletics Program."**

**Note: The MS Foundation for Women found that: "Girls who participate in some kind of sports - experience higher than average levels of self-esteem."**

### PUBLIC POLICY Judy Cox

#### NATIONAL

As we all know, Health Care bills have passed both the House and Senate and are now in committee to reach compromises to produce a final bill which will go to the President. If you think that the final bill should have

- ✦ some form of public option
- ✦ some form of abortion coverage
- ✦ guarantees against continuing the practice of gender rating which means women often pay more than men for coverage

Now is the time to contact one of our Senators and express your views: Barbara Boxer, 415 403 0100 or [boxer.senate.gov](mailto:boxer.senate.gov); Dianne Feinstein, 415 393 0707 or [Feinstein.senate.gov](mailto:Feinstein.senate.gov).

AAUW Action Network also encourages us to urge our Congressional representatives to support the Healthy Families Act (HR 2460/S 1152) which would provide full-time employees with seven paid sick days a year to be used for their own medical needs or those of a family member.

The Action Network also urges us to contact our senators to ask them to support the Federal Employees Paid Parental Leave Act (S 354). This important legislation will provide federal workers up to four weeks of paid leave for the birth or adoption of a child, and will be a significant step towards paid parental leave for all Americans.

**Con't on next page**

## Public Policy Continued

### STATE

The constant budget games continue in Sacramento, with the governor suggesting more unlikely or unworkable ways to cut the budget. If you are tired of the constant maneuvering instead of really solving the state's problems, why not contact the governor to tell him how you feel?  
[www.govmail.ca.gov](http://www.govmail.ca.gov).

If you are interested in applying for the new Citizens Redistricting Commission to help your community and the state by playing a leading role in the 2011 electoral line drawing process, come to a meeting in Berkeley at 5:30pm on Thursday, January 28 for an information session about the Commission, and the application process.

Representatives from the State Auditor's Office will explain the application process at the meeting, and discuss the anticipated impact of redistricting on political representation in California

For information on what the Commission will do and how to apply, go to [www.WeDrawTheLines.ca.gov](http://www.WeDrawTheLines.ca.gov). Applications will be accepted online until February 12, 2010.

### LOCAL

As many of you know, instant runoff voting, which our local AAUW supported, has finally been implemented, only 4 years after the voters approved it with 69%. That means that Oakland, Berkeley, and probably San Leandro will use IRV for the first time this November. There is a great need to educate voters throughout our City, and so we ask that each of you that belong to a church, a neighborhood group or other community organization see if you can arrange for an orientation to IRV session soon, or actual voter training in using the new ballot in the late summer. Please contact Judy Cox, 595 7402 or [judyacox@gmail.com](mailto:judyacox@gmail.com).



### Sister to Sister Summit

The mission of the Sister-to-Sister Summit is to bring middle and high school girls together to work through the difficult issues of adolescence in an engaging, energizing and supportive environment. The novelty, freshness, and uniqueness of the event is to reinforce and aid in producing self-confident young women empowered to make positive choices in their lives. We need **your** help to make this event successful. Will you help? Your assistance is needed on the Sister-to-Sister Summit Committee-Publicity, Public Relations, Registration, and Set-up.

The event will be held at Holy Names High School where one of our own members is a Teacher and serving as the committee's liaison. **The next meeting is February 18, 2010. The location will be announced via e-mail and phone call.**

**The excitement about the Sister-to-Sister Summit is in the air and it is spreading!**

For more information and to volunteer, please contact Teron McGrew at 510-761-4653 or [teronmcgrew@att.net](mailto:teronmcgrew@att.net)

**28<sup>th</sup> Annual Summer Camps and Programs Fair**  
**Sunday, March 14, 2010 – Scottish Rite Center, Oakland**

We need 100% Branch membership participation for our 28<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup>

- 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 30	<b>LAF Luncheon</b>	Danville, CA	
February 2	<b>Board Meeting, 6:30 pm</b>	Patty Dilks' Home	
February 4	<b>Morning Books</b>	Tamra Hege's Home	3
February 8	<b>Count, Sort, Chat &amp; Nibble-CSPF Prep Work</b>	Home of Ann Livingston	2
February 11	<b>Evening Books</b>	Home of Rita Sklar	3
February 12	<b>Lunch Bunch</b>	Restaurant Chu	3
February 13	<b>TECH TREK TEA</b>	Home of Irene Olson	1
February 20	<b>Puzzles, Games &amp; Cards</b>	Home of Linda Hoffman	3
February 20	<b>Hiking Group</b>	Redwood Regional Park	3
February 23	<b>Fiberista's Night</b>	Patty Dilks' Home	3
TBD	<b>Int'l Foods</b>	Home of Joanne Sandstrom	3
March 14	<b>Children's Summer Programs Fair</b>	Scottish Rite Center	1

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