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*The Oakland-Piedmont Branch Presents*

**The Julia Morgan Designed  
Mountain View Cemetery  
Tour— Sat May 7th, 10:30 a.m.  
5000 Piedmont Avenue**

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

Open the door to history as Joyce Temby, docent at the historic Mountain View Cemetery, shares with us the challenges and accomplishments of this prominent Bay Area Architectural marvel.

We will also hear the true stories behind the residents of Millionaire's Row. Following her talk, have lunch at one of the many restaurants on Piedmont Ave.



Mountain View is distinguished from other cemeteries by its architect's vision of man and nature and their relationship to each other.



**Millionaire's Row**

**SAVE THE DATE JUNE 23 - 6:30 PM**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING ~OFFICER ELECTIONS  
Home of KAY GILSON, 216 Pershing Dr, Oakland 94611**

Our "end of year" Membership Meeting is the time we thank and honor those who have worked hard all year to run the branch, bring you programs, chair the Interest Groups, raise the money for AAUW funds, and keep us all informed of important issues and developments.

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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

**May 2011**

The California AAUW Convention was a wonderful celebration this year with AAUW California celebrating 90 years of advocacy for education and equity for women and girls. We also celebrated 100 years of suffrage for women! The Saturday night Gala was especially festive as each decade of our history was recounted in words and pictures by members dressed in costumes of the time.

Julia Brown, Miriam Zamora-Kantor and I represented you and attended workshops on how to better lead during the coming year. We also gained information on urgent topics such as financial issues, women's health and human trafficking which we will share during the coming year.

Executive Director Linda Hallman leads our network of more than 100,000 members in 1,000 branches. She described how at the national level we are working to get the light out from under the bushel and make sure AAUW is recognized for the barriers we are breaking. She is working to bring us revitalized programming and high-profile research reports.

I was proud to share Oakland-Piedmont's many projects and successes with other branches! Please join me in thanking our branch leaders who help us bring equity and education to women and girls.

Judy McCord,  
President

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### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING ~OFFICER ELECTIONS**

**JUNE 23 - KAY GILSON'S HOME - 6:30 PM**

We also elect our officers for the upcoming operating year, which begins July 1st.

This coming year we need to fill three key positions: First Vice President, Membership Vice President and Program Vice President. While we have support teams in place for each of these jobs, we do not have candidates for the leadership positions. We will continue to try to fill these jobs and can even take nominations at the meeting on June 23.

Please consider helping us run the branch and continue our important work in the community. You'll have lots of help and support and the work will be fun and easier with the great team we have in place. Our President Judy McCord is a terrific mentor and leader and you'll find the Board a wonderful group to work with.

See you on June 23rd. It will be a grand party!

Miriam Zamora-Kantor, First Vice President

**INTEREST GROUPS  
AND COMMITTEES**

**EVENING BOOKS**

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FOODS**

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**LUNCH BUNCH**

**MORNING BOOKS**

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**PUZZLES, GAMES, &  
CARDS**

Linda Hoffman  
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**FIBERISTA'S NIGHT**

Patricia Dilks  
510-531-5133

**INTEREST GROUPS**

**MORNING BOOKS**



**Third Thursday, May 19, 2011 at 10 a.m.**

Book: Lacuna  
Author: Barbara Kingsolver  
Reviewer: Irene Olson  
Hostess: Judy Mann,  
6102 Viewcrest Drive, Oakland  
510-531-9811

Call Judy if you need directions

**Lunch Bunch**

**2nd Friday—May 13, 12:30 p.m.**

A taste of Southern cooking awaits us at Miss Pearl's Jam House, Jack London Square. Weather permitting, we will eat outdoors and bask in the sunshine. Please call Dana Barnett at 482-3060 by May 9 to reserve your place.



**Evening Books** **Second Thurs May 12, 2011**

Title - The Help

Author - Kathryn Sockett  
(Note that this is a change from our original schedule.)

Hostess - Margaret Bahan  
Address - 5276 Harbord Dr  
Oakland, CA 94618  
(510) 562-0201

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**

No one has signed up for May (20) or June (17). We need a hostess for each of those months. It's lots of fun-the hostess sets the theme and members sign up to bring dishes. Yum! Anyone interested in volunteering please contact Joanne Sandstrom as soon as possible, 510-339-1352, [joannes@berkeley.edu](mailto:joannes@berkeley.edu)

**Fiberista's**

**FOURTH TUESDAY May 24 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



We're taking a break for the lovely month of May -

### SERENDIPITY

No event is planned for this month. Please attend the Author Event and the tour of Mountain View Cemetery.

### ~~~~~ **SAVE THE DATE EVENING BOOKS AUTHOR EVENT**

Zoe Ferraris, author of one of last year's Evening Books selections, Finding Nouf, has agreed to be our featured author on May 21 at the Rockridge Library. See page 11 for more details.

Volunteers are needed to assist with publicity, set-up, refreshments, flowers, help at the author's table for book signing, etc. **To volunteer for the Author event or to send your ideas for Serendipity**

### **May Board Meeting**

Our May board meeting is being held on Tuesday, May 3, 7 p.m., in the home of Judy McCord. We will be discussing proposed new Policies and Procedures, job descriptions and finances along with regular branch business.

**As always all members are invited to attend.** Call Judy if you need directions.



This is a great time to join AAUW O-P if you are not already a member!

Why? You will be part of a dynamic group of educated women who care about so many things including their community, education, and equity for women and girls. Women who mentor others and provide scholarships both at the college level and for seventh grade girls to attend our summer science camp, Tech Trek.

These same women enjoy hiking, book discussion groups, international foods, needlecrafts, puzzles, games and cards just to mention a few interests!

Another good reason to join NOW is that you will receive 14 months for the price of 12. There is more membership information and a membership form on our website [www.aauw-op.org](http://www.aauw-op.org)

### **TODAY THE THREE R'S HAVE A NEW MEANING—RECRUIT, RECLAIM AND RETAIN**

1. **RECRUIT**—Let all of us agree to contact one new potential member for next year-BRING her or HIM to the kickoff in September!
2. **RECLAIM**—Do we know someone who is no longer a member, or maybe she was a member in another city or town but has not renewed since relocating to the Bay Area—its time to reclaim her, get her contact information to the Voice Editor or one of the board members.
3. **RETAIN**—Do you see that a member seems to be getting less involved, not participating the way she used to, just slipping away? Pull her back into the fold, engage her in conversation about why she joined AAUW and talk about what she is getting out of it now (and what she is putting into it). Is there something she thinks the branch should be doing in the community? Lets get her ideas and see what we do with them.

**Member corner Updates**

**Linda Jolivet has a new work phone** 510-597-5017. She works at Rockridge Library. Remove the "615" number in the Directory.

**Lynn McCrea**-Correct phone number is 510-635-6058.

**Carolyn & Ken Noble's** new address is 4821 Davenport Ave., Oakland, CA 94619

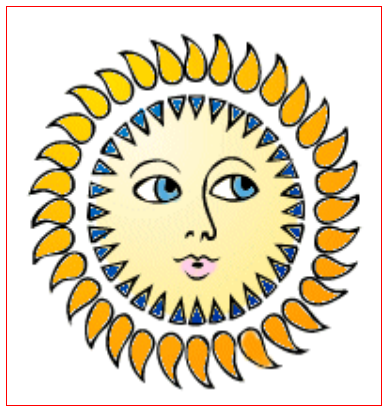
**Susan Schroeder's phone numbers** are: 510-428-1457 cell; 510-531-3021 home

**Rachel Spalding's correct zip code** is 94610.

Elizabeth Turner's correct phone number is 510-788-4695.

**Sunshine**

Do you know who the wonderful woman is who seems to know whenever there is a milestone, injury, or illness and sends a card from your AAUW sisters? That person is none other than long time member Joyce Temby! How does she know? Joyce has over 100 little gnomes who keep an eye (and ear) on branch members. She and the Sunshine Committee invite each member to share news of family and friends who are having a happy event or a less than happy event so that we can write a note to celebrate or support our AAUW family. Contact Joyce Temby at [dojotemby@msn.com](mailto:dojotemby@msn.com)



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**BECAUSE EQUITY IS STILL AN ISSUE JOIN TODAY!!**



## Citizens Redistricting Commission Schedules Public Input Hearing in Oakland

The 14 member California's Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission is holding public input hearings throughout the state (these started April 9 in Redding). The Commission was created by voters to draw state Congressional, Legislative and Board of Equalization districts.

Public participation in drawing these districts is critical to ensuring that communities have the strongest voice possible to express their preferences. When voters with similar interests are drawn into a district together, their voices multiply giving them a greater opportunity to express their views, elect candidates of their choice and hold their leaders accountable. The Commission is taking testimony from area residents throughout California before drawing its first round of draft maps which will be released in June. Final district maps must be certified by the Commission by August 15th. The Oakland hearing is scheduled for:

**Saturday, May 21**

**2 - 5 p.m.**

**Oakland City Hall, City Council Chambers**

Each person will have five minutes to speak. This could be reduced to three or four minutes if there is a large crowd.

Additional information about the work of the commission is available on its website:

[www.wedrawthelines.ca.gov](http://www.wedrawthelines.ca.gov).

**Editor's note:** These input hearings and the re-drawing of these district lines will impact elections, eligibility for receipt of federal funds and taxes. In the words of the League of Women Voters, "public participation in drawing these districts is critical to ensuring that communities have the strongest voice possible to express their preferences. When voters with similar interests are drawn into a district together, their voices multiply giving them a greater opportunity to express their views, elect candidates of their choice and hold their leaders accountable."

Anyone wishing to provide testimony to the Commission can learn more about how to effectively present information by going to [http://www.wedrawthelines.ca.gov/learn\\_more.html](http://www.wedrawthelines.ca.gov/learn_more.html)

—please consider attending and participating.

## AAUW 90th Annual Convention, a first hand account Miriam Zamora-Kantor

This month I had the exciting privilege of attending, as a "first timer", the AAUW California's 90th Annual Convention in Irvine. It was also my first time being away over night alone away from my son. I enjoyed the quiet and comfort of the hotel, even packing was a different as I removed small toys, activity books and back-up clothes from my travel bag.

Julia Brown and Judy McCord (the only people I knew) and I represented our Oakland/Piedmont branch. The weekend was entirely satisfying, besides the opportunity to spend time with our president Judy, and Julia - and to see Julia honored with the presenting of the legacy circle pin, I met women from other branches and enjoyed casual conversations with presenters and fellow California members.

Charlotte Maxwell Newhart, AAUW-CA's Sacramento lobbyist, who spoke on the state of California politics and the need for local community organizing was obviously knowledgeable, committed and struck me as refreshing with her intelligence and accessibility. Lilly Ledbetter shared her emotional compelling story of sacrifice, humanity, losses and triumphs. She quoted the NY Times as having said she had a strong southern drawl, but that if you could get past that she had quite a story to tell.

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## AAUW 90th Annual Convention, a first hand account Con't from page 6

Indeed she did, of her husband's support and eventual death, the legal battles, AAUW's standing by her the whole time, the continued battles for the impoverished and for equality, and her personal invitation to the Whitehouse for the signing of the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act. I felt touched by her softness, humility, approachability and warmth.

Other highlights included \* years of history.

- The past presidents interactive multi-media presentation of AAUW's 90 – a creative artistic musical play of women's history, "We Did It For You - A Women's Journey Through History". I overheard that this show may come north for our convention next year; I highly recommend it.
- A workshop led by Andrea Riggs, author of, "Wake Up, American Women - five myths that threaten our health and sanity". Despite the amazing advances and freedoms we enjoy in our country, we occupy only 17 percent of available seats in the U.S. Congress, of our 50 states, only 6 women are governors, only 15 of the fortune 500 companies have women CEO's. Even more disturbing are the myriad of ways we harm ourselves with negative self images and unattainable unrealistic, superficial ideals which keep us purchasing and consuming and avoiding our true worth. Andrea reported that 7 out of 10 women, ages 15-60 admitted avoiding meeting friends, exercising, voicing an opinion, attending school, going to work, dating or seeking medical attention because of the way they look. She counsels that when we can find our true worth and value, we can find our voice and then collectively we can achieve great personal and global advances. Supporting, modeling and mentoring other women and girls is an integral part of her proposal. I was inspired to think about the many women and men who mentored and shared so much with me. The workshop on "Human Trafficking" was an eye opener. It is annually a 32 billion dollar global industry with tentacles in our very own community. The topic is so devastating, horrific and multi-layered, it can feel overwhelming; yet by learning what is being done, and steps being taken, we were moved to respond in creative meaningful ways. I hope to write more and do more on this in the coming year.

In the course of this weekend I felt charged and recharged, I also realized that there are different ways I wish to participate in and serve our branch and will be stepping down as first vice president. I am grateful for the enriching opportunity to continue to be part of our branch and wholeheartedly encourage you to look for ways to both give and receive more. All of the board members welcome your inquiries, comments and friendship!



Julia Brown shown with Lorelei Self and Kathleen Cha  
Miriam Zamora-Kantor & Lilly Ledbetter  
receives Legacy Circle Pin



*Miriam Zamora-Kantor lives and works in Oakland. She has served as first Vice President 2010-2011 and on the Scholarship Committee.*

## More Convention Highlights



### Happy 90th Anniversary, AAUW California!

There were 266 registered (which included 6 guests) attendees. Next year's convention will be held at the Santa Clara Convention Center. Watch for detailed information in the Voice as it becomes available.

**Kathleen Cha and Julia Brown were introduced as At Large Director candidates for the Association (National) Board of Directors.**

New State board members were elected and, along with the continuing board members, they are listed below with their terms. They will assume their roles on July 1, 2011.

### AAUW CA 2011-12 Board of Directors

#### Co-Presidents

Judy Pfeil (2010-12)

Gloria Taylor (2010-12)

#### Vice President

Sue Miller (2011-13)

#### Secretary

Laurie Dennen (2010-12)

#### Chief Financial Officer

Donna Mertens (2011-13)

#### Directors

Helene Carr (2011-13)

Ginny Hatfield (2010-12)

Kim DeBroux (2011-13)

Carolann Ford (2011-13)

Cathy Foxhoven (2011-13)

Lynn Janeway (2011-13)

Sherry Ludwig (2011-13)

Bakula Maniar (2011-13)

Shelley Mitchell (2011-13)

Lorelei Self (2010-12)

Harriet Tower (2010-12)



**ASSOCIATION (NATIONAL) ELECTIONS**  
**ONE MEMBER, ONE VOTE**  
One Member One Vote Procedure

**Casting the Ballot**

A member may cast a vote by mailed paper ballot, online electronic ballot, or in-person electronic ballot at convention. The timeline for voting is as follows:

- April 15, 2011 - Paper ballots personalized with member number and a pin number mailed to all members.
- May 1, 2011 - Electronic voting period begins. Online voting is encouraged. It is fast, easy, and secure.
- **May 31, 2011 - Mailed paper ballots must be postmarked by 11:59 p.m. EST. Paper ballots submitted after that date will not be counted**

**June 17, 2011** - Electronic voting period ends at 9 p.m. EST online or onsite at the convention. **Meet the Candidates—Information about the candidates, their individual candidate statements and a link to their video may be found at: <http://www.aauw.org/enter/1member1vote/candidates.cfm>**



**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF OAKLAND**

**May 2011 Program Meeting**

**Taxes – The Price of a Civilized Society**

*As budget battles rage in Washington, Sacramento, and Oakland, discussions are being renewed about what kind of society we are and want to be, and what the elements are of a civilized society in the twenty-first century. New attention is being paid to the words of Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes inscribed over the entrance to the Internal Revenue Service building: "Taxes are the price we pay for a civilized society."*

**Henry E. Brady, Dean of the Goldman School of Public Policy at UC Berkeley, will discuss the role of taxes in society.**

Dean Brady is an award-winning author and a leading scholar of public opinion, political movements, and public policy. He has also worked for the Office of Management and Budget in Washington, D.C.

**Tuesday, May 17**

**6 – 7:30 p.m.**

**Oakland City Hall, John Hege Hearing Room  
(inside and to the left of the 14th Street entrance)  
One Frank Ogawa Plaza**

*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.**

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

## Tech Trek Update

Ann Johnson, Tech Trek Coordinator, reports that, “we have five delightful girls all ready to go to Tech Trek camp at Sonoma State in June. These are all girls who are thrilled to be going, who have parents who are thrilled that they are going, and who otherwise would not be attending any camp this summer, and especially not a wonderful science camp like Tech Trek.

Isabel Burgos and Linda Vicente, Melrose Academy; Zulma Hernandez, Urban Promise Academy; Juliana & Keida Bailey (identical twins), Westlake. All three of these schools have teachers who are personally and enthusiastically involved in getting these students (and their parents) ready for their great adventure. Next September, we will invite these girls to come to the Kick-Off Meeting and report on their June adventure.

Periodically we hear from former campers (or parents) telling us how much Tech Trek meant to them. One such e-mail from a mother of a camper shares her feelings:

“Dear Ann,

I wanted to send a quick note to thank you and all of the AAUW Members for giving my daughter, Kelly Morrison, the opportunity to attend your Tech Trek Science Camp four years ago. Kelly is now a Junior in the Engineering Academy at Oakland Technical High School, and as we are looking into opportunities for her future, the AAUW Tech Trek Camp comes up as a time in her life that really got her thinking about pursuing a future in Engineering.

She won an award for her Engineering Project at the 2010 Alameda County Fair, and is now involved in the ACE Mentor Program ([www.acementor.org](http://www.acementor.org)) Looking toward college, she wants to major in Engineering; and she is enjoying investigating the various areas of Engineering.

Thank you again for all that you have given my daughter.

Sincerely,  
Leslie Morrison”



### Tech Trek Tea Highlights

The Tech Trek Tea was held Sat April 16 at the lovely home of Judith Mann, who was the gracious ‘hostess with the mostess.’ A beautiful floral centerpiece, compliments of our Branch President Judy McCord, was surrounded by a bountiful assortment of visually appealing and delicious morsels. The bright sunny day was punctuated with an overflow crowd, many wearing fabulous spring chapeaus! While there were no Tech Trek girls in attendance (turns out spring break was in session), there were several potential new AAUW members. There was a lively and informative presentation about Tech Trek made by Ann Johnson, Patty Dilks, and Barbara Miller (who announced that after four years as a “Dorm Mother” for the Camp she will be retiring, but will continue to work with us recruiting participants). Tea attendees joined in on a discussion about funding Tech Trek and exploring options for tracking its success and broadening its reach and thus, impact.

The Oakland Piedmont Branch of AAUW  
Invites you to attend an Author Event



**Saturday, May 21 – 1:30 p.m.**  
**Rockridge Library - Oakland**

Author Zoe Ferraris will be discussing her most recent book, City of Veils on Saturday, May 21 at 1:30 pm at the Rockridge Library in Oakland.

Zoe Ferraris moved to Jeddah, Saudi Arabia in the aftermath of the first Gulf War. She lived in a conservative Muslim community with her then-husband and his family, a group of Saudi-Palestinians. It first occurred to her to write a mystery set in Saudi Arabia at the jacket bazaar in Jeddah, where her ex-husband bought a “Columbo” coat and proposed setting off to solve mysteries together. Her first book, Finding Nouf, has been acclaimed to be an intimate glimpse inside a closed society and a riveting literary mystery.

City of Veils, a follow-up to Finding Nouf, has received praise from Publishers Weekly (starred review) and The Guardian. The Independent calls it a “*fascinating crime novel with an astonishing denouement...modern crime fiction at its very best.*” It’s also an LA Times and Salon.com summer reading pick.

City of Veils was chosen as one of the best books of 2010 by the Guardian, the San Francisco Chronicle, and the Florida Sun Sentinel.

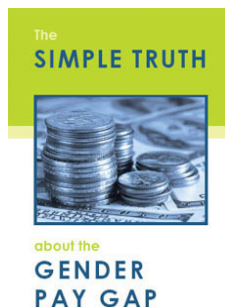
**For more information, contact Sue at 510-530-2328.**

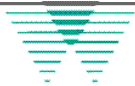
**Equal Pay Day, Observed April 12, 2011**

"Equal Pay Day reminds the nation that women had to work all of 2010 and nearly a quarter of 2011 to make the 2010 earnings of their male counterparts," said AAUW Executive Director Linda D. Hallman, CAE. "As long as pay equity undermines the economic security of women and their families, it will be a priority for AAUW."

AAUW released a state-by-state earnings comparison by gender that shows that the pay gap is still stubbornly in place. The charts are available in The Simple Truth about the Gender Pay Gap, a new AAUW guide designed to give members and advocates the facts and resources needed to understand the pay gap and to push for pay equity. **(Download a free copy) at:** <http://www.aauw.org/learn/research/upload/SimpleTruthAboutPayGap.pdf>

A woman still makes, on average, just 77 cents for every dollar earned by her male counterpart. The District of Columbia has the best earnings ratio — women make 88 percent of what men earn — but in West Virginia, Utah, Louisiana, and Wyoming, women don't even make 70 percent of what men earn.





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UNIVERSITY  
WOMEN

**CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS**

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May 21	LWV Hot Topic Event	Oakland City Hall John Hege Hearing Room	9
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