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Please join us for our Fall Kickoff

Breaking Through Barriers for Women and Girls

**Learn how AAUW Oakland-Piedmont
makes a difference for women and girls
and how you can be involved**

Hear about Interest Groups and other activities

A light brunch will be served

DATE: Saturday, September 12, 2009

TIME: 10:00 to 12:00

**PLACE: East Bay Parks Trudeau Training Center
11500 Skyline Blvd., Oakland, CA**

**Please RSVP by September 9, 2009
By Calling 510-287-9855
or judy_mccord@comcast.net**

Guests are welcome. Bring a friend!



Breaking News

AAUW-CA Educational Foundation Committee
announces a Celebration Luncheon honoring the
2009-10 EF Fellows and grant recipients studying
in California.

See page 7 for details and registration information.



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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

WELCOME BACK!

For some of us, AAUW is an unbroken year of service and activity, with meetings, planning, workshops, book groups and socialization. For others, summer is a welcome respite ... a chance to let go of a few commitments and focus on travel, one's self, family and work. Whichever category you consider yourself in, WELCOME BACK to AAUW!

Katherine Bond and Teron McGrew, as our new Co-VPs of Programs, are already planning a variety of interesting events for this year. Katherine's close ties with Mills College will reunite us with our founding locus as she finalizes plans for the October program, and Teron is already in communication with Program VPs from our region for a Sister-to-Sister Summit to coincide with the Annual State Convention in late April.

Judy McCord is committed to growing our membership, and our enjoyable activity groups are once again proving to be a draw to new members. Check elsewhere in this issue for new information on this.

We have reason to celebrate in our branch: we sent five girls to Tech Trek this summer, and we awarded the first round of our new branch scholarships to two amazing women students from Laney and Merritt Colleges. Our branch is growing, and we are solvent.

For many of us, this past year has been one of challenge and loss as our fiscal and personal lives were twisted or those we love have passed from us; for others, great joy and celebration as new grandchildren and life's successes brightened our days. Through it all, we know we can rely on the friendship and sisterhood of our AAUW community. So I hope to see all of you ... and a few new friendly faces ... at our annual Branch Kickoff Brunch on Saturday, September 12th. The talking will be short and the laughter long as we catch up with each other and look forward to another wonderful year with our Oakland-Piedmont Branch.

SEE YOU THERE!

October's Event Celebrates Writers from Latin America and the Caribbean

October's branch event—Celebrating Writers from Latin America and the Caribbean—will feature four Mills College professors reading and discussing their latest work and comes at the end of Hispanic Heritage Month. Carlota Caulfield, Brinda Mehta, Patricia Powell and Déborah Santana are all from different departments at Mills. Their literary efforts range from poetry to novels to scholarly tomes on the Francophone Diaspora in the Caribbean and Puerto Rican life in the United States. What might they have in common?

Come hear these talented women discuss their work---and their work/life balance. How do they find time to prepare for the classes they then teach, attend meetings with their colleagues and administrators, hold office hours, eat, sleep, exercise, be with their families and friends, participate in the running of their households....and then find time to write, finish their work product to polished perfection, get it published, promote it, and plan their next project?

Please join us for drinks and regional hors d'oeuvres at Mills College's Faculty Lounge on **Wednesday, October 14, from 6 to 8pm** to meet and mingle with these marvelous women, listen as they read excerpts from their work, and hear their impressions on life in academia. They will also have their books available for purchase at the event. ¡Vamos celebre!

Contact Katherine Bond for more info:510-841-1978



INTEREST GROUPS

INTEREST GROUPS AND COMMITTEES

EVENING BOOKS

[Sue Yascolt](#)
510-530-2328

INTERNATIONAL FOODS

[Ann Lister](#)
510-658-5063

LUNCH BUNCH

[Ann Johnson](#)
510-482-5596

MORNING BOOKS

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SERENDIPITY

[Sue Yascolt](#)
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PUZZLES, GAMES, & CARDS, (TENTATIVE NAME)

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Note: New Interest Groups may be formed at any time. Contact Helen Bersie (hbersie@aol.com) or any board member to talk about your ideas!



Knitter's Night

Usually takes place the Fourth Tuesday 7-9 pm at Patricia Dilks' home. However, for Sept you should **call her first** to confirm this month's meeting. **510-531-5133**

LUNCH BUNCH

A new Lunch Bunch coordinator is needed. Anyone interested should contact either Ann Johnson or Patty Dilks. We need someone who likes to try out new restaurants with congenial companions.

Serendipity

For September 2009
Woodminster Musical,
see page 6 for more

Call or e-mail Sue

sueyascolt@yahoo.com

530-2328 to see if any half-price tickets are still available.

Morning Books

First Thursday
Sept 3, 10:00 A.M.

BOOK:
OLIVE KITTRIDGE
Author: Elizabeth Stout

Hostess: Joyce Temby
1125 Sunnyhills Rd
Oakland 510-451-6711
dojotemby@msn.com



Evening Books

9/10/09

Book: **White Tiger**
Author: **Aravind Adiga**
Reviewer: **Judy Cox**
Hostess: **Mary Reynolds**
5 Sereno Circle
Oakland, CA 94619
(510) 530-4779



INTERNATIONAL FOODS TBA

Contact Ann Lister



NEW INTEREST GROUP

The tentative name is: **Puzzles, Games, & Cards**" with the intent of having a little contest to see who can come up with a catchier name.

The first 2 meetings will take place at:

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

Sun, Sept 20, 3-5pm; & Sat, Oct 24, 3-5pm. An RSVP would be nice, but not necessary; no need to bring food for these first 2 organizational meetings.

But, do bring your favorite puzzles, games and cards!!



Actively engaged in effecting change at the local, state, and national level.

“Battle of the Budgets”

Join **Niccolo DeLuca**, City of Oakland Lobbyist; **Susan Muranishi**, Alameda County, and **Tony Smith**, Supt., OUSD in a panel discussion about the effect of the state’s deep budget cuts on the City of Oakland, County of Alameda and Oakland Unified School District budgets.

Tuesday, September 15, 2009 - 6 to 8 PM
Oakland City Hall, Hearing Room 3
One Frank Ogawa Plaza, Oakland
(inside the 14th Street entrance to City Hall)

BART: 12th Street/City Center Station.
Parking: **street parking (metered until 8 PM)** and the Clay Street Garage at 1414 Clay Street

www.lwvoakland.org
510) 834-7640

Teron McGrew, Co-VP of Programs of the Oakland-Piedmont Branch, recently traveled to South Africa at the invitation of Dr. Margaret Eisenhart, Distinguished Professor, Univ of Colorado at Boulder. This delegation was in conjunction with the People to People Citizen Ambassador Program, established by Pres. Eisenhower in 1956. All of our nations past Presidents have served as Honorary Chairs. Teron is a Ph.D. Candidate in Urban Planning at UCLA. Her field of concentration is Fair Housing Legislation with an emphasis on “Women, Education and Housing.” Dr. Eisenhart included a discussion on “Housing” which contributed significantly to Teron’s research for her dissertation. This once in a lifetime opportunity demonstrates the limitless



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SCHOLARSHIPS ANNOUNCED!!!!

The first round of the AAUW O-P Scholarships have been made. Thanks to all those whose efforts contributed to implementing the program and getting the word out to applicants, the winners are:

Cin Muyibi and Dianna Adams

Cin is in her early 50's, studying Social Sciences at Laney College with a 3.37 GPA, and plans to obtain a degree in Public Administration from Cal State East Bay in the near future.

Dianna is in her late 40's, a single mom with 2 daughters, studying nursing at Merritt College with a 3.2 GPA, and plans to obtain an RN from Samuel Merritt Nursing School.

Both women attended high school locally and have diverse education and work experience backgrounds. We are very pleased to have such qualified candidates receive our first awards.

AAUW-CA's 2010 annual meeting/convention will be held in San Ramon, California, April 30 through May 2.

Request for Proposals

Anyone wishing to present a workshop or plenary must submit a proposal for review and consideration. The proposal must include the subject of the workshop/plenary, names and a brief bio of committed speakers and a complete budget itemizing all expenses with explanation. Proposal form may be found at:

[http://www.aauw-ca.org/assets/resources/Proposal Form for Convention Programs and Works hops.pdf](http://www.aauw-ca.org/assets/resources/Proposal%20Form%20for%20Convention%20Programs%20and%20Workshops.pdf)

Workshop subject material must be AAUW mission-based and specific areas of interest for this year's

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convention are pay equity, personal empowerment and financial literacy. Mission based programming ideas may be found at www.aauw.org or www.aauw-ca.org

Workshops should be no longer than 75 minutes in total and plenaries should be no longer than 2 hours in total. Proposals must be submitted no later than **September 15, 2009** at midnight PST.

Proposals are not to exceed 5 pages and must include all components listed above to be considered.

Incomplete proposals will not be reviewed. Proposals received after the deadline will not be reviewed.

Proposals should be **submitted by email** only to lisanehallaauw@pacbell.net.

AAUW LEGAL ADVOCACY FUND

MISSION AND GOAL

The Fund was conceived and implemented to aggregate member contributions and invest them in activities that prevent and combat sex discrimination, as well as to promote gender equity by supporting litigation and educational programs. Since January 1, 2009, LAF case support was expanded to address discrimination cases that protect women in all workplaces, in addition to those in academia.

LAF will look to support plaintiffs with significant cases that have the potential to set precedent and protect others against discrimination in the future.

PAST SUPPORT AND NEW STRATEGY

In the past, over 70 cases have been supported involving specific academic institutions.

Going forward, LAF will support those workplace sex discrimination lawsuits that have the potential for making a strategic difference for women's rights.

There are, at present, 5 cases that the LAF is supporting. Four of them involve California institutions [Feather River Community College and Regents of the University of California], and one in Kentucky [Berea College].

In the future, to be eligible for LAF support, cases must :

Address a workplace issue within AAUW's mission such as discrimination related to economic security, education, civil rights or Title IX; have the potential for significance with respect to future cases and the likelihood to set or reinforce precedent that will discourage gender discrimination and benefit women; preferably be filed at the Appellate level; request support to advance the legal case. Financial support will not be provided to reimburse personal expenses. Litigants must be willing to engage in branch visits and make appropriate public appearances with AAUW.

AAUW offers both financial and nonfinancial support to selected applicants, including funding for: Court Filing Fees, Preparation of Briefs, Filing and other Case-based costs. Support will also be provided for: Plaintiff court travel and specified immediate plaintiff needs.

AAUW can also offer nonfinancial support, including: Signatory of an amicus brief. The LAF accepts new cases on a rolling basis.

LAF operates as a restricted fund of AAUW's 501(c)(3) charitable structure. Donors may specifically direct their support to LAF and their donations to LAF will be tax deductible for personal tax returns.

Judith Mann, LAF V.P.
August, 2009

The following Educational Foundation Named Gift Honorees were recognized at the June meeting. They were: Patty Dilks, president and multi-talented contributor to AAUW; Seena Clark, for her many areas of contribution over the years and co-chairman of the Summer Camp Fair for the past several years; Marilyn Little, for her many contributions to AAUW and co-chair of the Summer Camp Fair for the past several years; Ann Johnson, for her very successful steering of Tech Trek for the past several years; Alison Wright for successfully chairing the EF for a total of 6 years. Also recognized was Kryss Wulff for her generous contributions to LAF and EF for many years with certificates from LAF at the Leader level and from EF at the Equity level. We would also like to thank Kay Gilson for hosting this meeting again this year!

Alison Wright,
Immediate Past Educational Foundation VP



September 6 – Brigadoon

PLEASE note that Woodminster Amphitheater now has safety handrails to guide you to your seats.

Brigadoon is a [musical](#) that tells the story of a mysterious [Scottish](#) village that appears for only one day every hundred years, though to the villagers, the passing of each century seems no longer than one night. The enchantment is viewed by them as a blessing rather than a curse, for it saved the village from destruction.

According to their covenant with God, no one from Brigadoon may ever leave, or the enchantment will be broken and the site and all its inhabitants will disappear into the mist forever. Two [American tourists](#), lost in the [Scottish Highlands](#), stumble upon the village just as a [wedding](#) is about to be celebrated, and their arrival has serious implications for the village's inhabitants.

The Sept. 6 **performance will begin at 7 p.m.** We will have a **pot-luck beginning at 5 p.m.** at picnic tables inside the theater. Bring your own utensils and something to drink as well as a dish to share for the potluck. Comfortable seating awaits you but be sure to dress warmly. Call Sue at 530-2328 or e-mail at sueyascolt@yahoo.com if interested. Tickets for each show will be \$20 which includes the \$2.00 City of Oakland fee as well as the table rental.

-Deadlines for tickets are two weeks before date of performance.

(Even if you're not sure, please contact me so I can let you know how things stand regarding meeting the 25 needed to get the half price tickets.)

DIRECTIONS TO WOODMINSTER

WOODMINSTER AMPHITHEATER is located in the Oakland hills, one mile up the hill from the Joaquin Miller Road exit off Highway 13. The exits are clearly marked off Highway 13 and you should make your way UP THE HILL to the Woodminster Sign on the left. The city of Oakland charges \$4.00 for parking, but this is far more convenient than parking on Joaquin Miller Road and having to walk up the many steps to the theater level.

From San Leandro and points south, take 580 to Highway 13 exit (Warren Freeway); take Joaquin Miller exit, turn left, and proceed UPHILL.



The [AAUW Educational Foundation](#) provides educational opportunities and equity for women and girls through research and support of fellowship and grants programs, including International Fellowships, American Fellowships, Selected Professions Fellowships, and Research and Projects Grants.

**American Association of University Women - California
Educational Foundation Committee** invites you and friends to a
Celebration Luncheon honoring the 2008-2009
Educational Foundation
Fellows and Grant Recipients Studying in California

NORTHERN California

October 26, 2008, 12:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Crow Canyon Country Club
711 Silver Lake Drive, Danville CA 94526
\$30.00

SOUTHERN California

November 2, 2008, 12:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Knott's Berry Farm Resort Hotel
7375 Crescent Ave., Buena Park CA 90620
\$30.00

RSVP Deadline: October 13

RSVP Deadline: October 20

**Reservation for Northern
Fellows Luncheon**

Please circle entrée choice
Chinese Chicken & Prawn Salad
Azteca Chicken Salad
Sunburst Salad (vegetarian)
Includes iced tea and dessert

NAME _____
BRANCH _____
POSITION _____
RESERVATIONS _____
AMOUNT _____

Send RSVP check payable to AAUW - CA :
AAUW CA
P.O. Box 160067
Sacramento, CA 95816-0067

**Reservation for Southern
Fellows Luncheon**

Please circle entrée choice
Cashew Chicken Salad /Honey Orange dressing
Steamed Vegetables w/ lasagna noodles & cheese
Includes beverage, rolls and boysenberry pie

NAME _____
BRANCH _____
POSITION _____
RESERVATIONS _____
AMOUNT _____

Send RSVP check payable to AAUW - CA :
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P.O. Box 160067
Sacramento, CA 95816-0067

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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

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