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The Berkeley Branch Newsletter

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AAUW Berkeley Branch General Meeting

Join us as Linda Kekelis, Executive Director of Techbridge, shares with us what is "Inspiring Girls in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math: *What's New in California and the Bay Area.*"

**On Saturday - June 1, 2013
From 12:00 Noon to 2:00 p.m. in the Parlor
For a Potluck Salad Bar Buffet
Northbrae Community Church
941 The Alameda, Berkeley**

Our agenda also includes election of officers and news about *our* Tech Trek campers.

For our salad buffet, greens, dessert and beverages will be provided. Please bring salad materials to share or a donation of \$5 (suggested). Please RSVP to Phyllis Gale at 510-548-0591/ p2gale@gmail.com or Sarah Miyazaki at 510-524-1416/sakm@nothingbutnet.net. Bring a friend!

Election of Officers

The following members are nominated for office of the Berkeley Branch Board for the 2013-2014 AAUW Program Year:

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| President | Sarah Miyazaki |
| Program | Phyllis Gale |
| Secretary | Ida Michael |
| Membership | Irene Frew |
| Public Policy | Gloria Taylor |
| Tech Trek | Victoria Veitch |

Officers will be elected at the meeting.

About Our Speaker

Linda Kekelis is Executive Director of Techbridge, a non-profit that inspires girls in science, technology, and engineering. With over 20 years of experience designing and leading girls' programs, Linda collaborates with girl-serving organizations and works with professional groups and corporate partners to promote females' participation in science, technology, and engineering. She conducts research, participates in conferences, and writes, translating research into practical applications for educators, professionals, and parents. She has a doctorate in special education from the University of California, Berkeley.

Membership Renewals Are Due for the 2013-2014 Year!!

Your membership is critical to continue AAUW efforts to promote equity for women and girls. Renewal fees are \$83 for regular members and \$41 for undergraduate student affiliates. **Please make your checks payable to AAUW Berkeley Branch** and drop them in the mail to Irene Frew, AAUW Berkeley Membership, 838 Mountain Blvd. Oakland CA 94611 by June 19th.

President's Message

by Sarah Miyazaki

As our program year comes close to the end, I am happy to report we have two girls, Sasha and Ain, to attend Tech Trek at Sonoma State University this June. They are recommended by their 7th grade science/math teachers at Willard Middle School in Berkeley. I was the lucky individual to interview them and met the parents as well. Their essays were well written. Thanks to all of our members and friends for contributing to the \$900 per camper cost to our Branch's campers.

It is time for our Branch's annual meeting and the election of officers. Our current board members have indicated a willingness to continue to serve, but if you want to be more active, let any of our board members know so we can help.

I hope you took the opportunity to vote in the AAUW-CA and AAUW National elections. It is easy to let those things slide but more satisfying to be an election participant. I look forward to seeing you at our June meeting.

Sarah Knox Miyazaki, President

Thank you 2013 Tech Trek Donors: April McMahon, Irene Frew, Christine Byrne, Rebecca Parlette-Edwards, Phyllis Gale, College Women's Club, and Sarah Miyazaki.

Our website has changed!

Our website has been updated to match the changes in the national AAUW.org web design changes. Just go to <http://berkeley-ca.aauw.net/> Check us out!

Partners with UC Berkeley

During this past year, we have provided 2 programs for UC Berkeley women. If you are interested on working on the \$tart\$mart, Graduating to the Pay Gap, and other programs for the next school year, please contact Phyllis Gale or Sarah Miyazaki.

It's My Voice – I Will Be Heard

by Phyllis Gale

During the 2012 Fall political Campaign, AAUW conducted a get-out-the-vote program aimed at young women. Dr. Lisa Garcia to talk on Civic Engagement and Voting in Our Latina/o and Other Ethnic and Racial Communities at the annual meeting of the League of Women Voters BAE. This talk is an excellent follow-up to this AAUW 2012 project. The League has invited us to come to the talk at 6 pm and we may also join them for dinner at 5:30 pm. Details are below in the League's announcement:

Dr Lisa Garcia Bedolla of the University of California Berkeley, will speak at 6:30 pm on June 6 at Northbrae Community Church, 941 The Alameda Berkeley. In her talk on Civic Engagement and Voting in Our Latina/o and Other Ethnic and Racial Communities. Dr. Garcia Bedolla will report on her research on civic engagement and community activity and political involvement in Latina/o and other racial and ethnic groups in California and the country. Her most recent book (with Melissa Michelson) *Mobilizing Inclusion: Transforming the Electorate through Get-Out-the-Vote Campaigns* (New Haven: Yale U. Press, 2012) is highly relevant for our League, as the 2010 census shows that number and proportion of Hispanic/Latino and Asian residents has been growing in Berkeley. Her talk will begin at 6:30. Her award-winning work includes: *Latino Politics* and *Fluid Borders: Latino Power, Identity, and Politics in Los Angeles*.

There will be an optional buffet supper before the talk at 5:30 pm. You may reserve and pay with your credit card via PayPal at www.lwvbae.org/annual-meeting. Dinner is \$15 per person. The Annual Business Meeting of the League of Women Voters of Berkeley, Albany, Emeryville will follow begin at 7:30 pm.

All are welcome to attend Dr. Garcia Bedolla's talk at Northbrae Community Church, 941 The Alameda, Berkeley, CA 94707.