



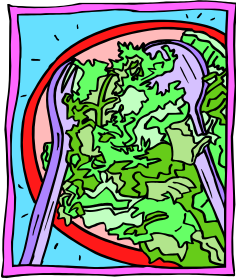
# The Berkeley Branch News

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## AAUW Berkeley Branch General Meeting



Join us for our annual business meeting  
On Saturday-- June 9, 2012  
From 12:00 Noon to 3:00 p.m. in the Parlor  
For a Potluck Salad Bar Buffet  
Northbrae Community Church  
941 The Alameda, Berkeley

Our agenda includes the election of officers, news from our Tech Trek campers, and an update on our year-long program on the centennial of California Women Suffrage.

Join us at Noon for our salad buffet. We will provide salad greens and beverages. Please bring a salad to share or a donation of \$5 (suggested). Please RSVP to [AAUWBerkeley@gmail.com](mailto:AAUWBerkeley@gmail.com) or give us a call at 510-528-3284. See you there!

### Election of Officers

The following members are nominated for office of the Berkeley Branch Board for the 2012-2013 AAUW Program Year:

<b>President</b>	Sarah Miyazaki
<b>Program</b>	Phyllis Gale
<b>Secretary</b>	Ida Michael
<b>Membership</b>	Irene Frew
<b>Public Policy</b>	Gloria Taylor
<b>Tech Trek</b>	Lorelei Self

Please vote via the enclosed card. Nominations will be entertained from the floor.

### Membership Renewals Are Due for the 2012-1013 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.

### A Report on AAUW California Convention:

The convention was attended by members Sarah Miyazaki, Lorelei Self, Gloria Taylor and Phyllis Gale. It was held in Santa Clara mid-April. Speakers included Jennifer Siebel Newsom, film maker, actor, corporate CEO and mother, whose film "Miss Representation" was shown. Retiring co-presidents Judy Pfeil and Gloria Taylor were honored for their excellent service. Lorelei was the Meeting Planner as a member of the State Board of Directors. Phyllis and Sarah assisted with business meetings and the AAUW Funds Luncheon. Our new member Chris Bryne was a vendor selling her fabulous original designed jewelry at convention with proceeds supporting Tech Trek Campers. Lorelei's daughter Lorelei and Phyllis' great niece Micaela, 8 year olds, attended the closing session representing the next generation of members.

## tech trek news

The Berkeley Branch is sending one middle school girl from Longfellow School to Tech Trek this year. She will spend a week at Sonoma State tasting dorm life and classes related to various aspects of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. The \$900 fee comes from tax deductible gifts donated by members and proceeds from Chris Byrne from her jewelry sale at our Holiday Luncheon in December 2011. As a side note, AAUW National is adopting the California AAUW Tech Trek model this year. For more information on Tech Trek, go to [www.techtrek-aauw.org](http://www.techtrek-aauw.org).

## THE SIMPLE TRUTH ABOUT THE GENDER PAY GAP

### ***The pay gap is one of the leading issues for women today***

AAUW Research determined that for the year 2010, women's median earnings is 77% of men's median earnings. This means that for every dollar a man makes, a woman makes 77 cents.

Sometimes, men and women make choices that affect their salaries, and in turn, this affects the pay gap. Men and women still tend to choose different majors in college and to work in different occupations after college. Women also tend to work fewer hours, even when they work full-time. Women are more likely to leave the workforce or work part-time when they have young children. Choices account for some of the differences in salaries, but they aren't the whole story.

The AAUW report *Behind the Pay Gap* examines this question. After accounting for the issues raised above as well as others, our study found that there was a five percent difference in the earnings of men and women one year after college graduation that was still unexplained.

The pay gap is real and pervasive, and it affects all women. Individuals, employers, and communities need to take action. For more information and resources, visit [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org). You can also pick up a copy of the pamphlet *The Simple Truth about the Gender Pay Gap* at our next meeting on June 9<sup>th</sup>.

---Excerpted in part from AAUW Website

***"The views and votes of our elected officials affect everything from college affordability to our access to birth control."***



***It's My Vote I Will Be Heard*** is AAUW Action Fund's nonpartisan campaign to educate and mobilize young women of the millennial generation for the 2012 elections.

### **Why Millennial Women?**

There are as many millennials as there are baby boomers — and women ages 18–31 have enormous potential to be as potent a force in politics for years to come. The difference right now is that millennials have yet to establish a consistent pattern of voting. However, fewer millennial voters participated in the 2010 election compared with 2008. **By engaging with millennial women, we have the opportunity to support an enormous generation of young women in establishing lifelong voting habits and to strengthen the voice of women in the 2012 elections.**

### **What's the Plan?**

Branch members Sarah Miyazaki, Gloria Taylor, Lorelei Self, and Phyllis Gale attended training in April. Also in April, Gloria Taylor, Co-President of AAUW California presented ***It's My Vote I Will Be Heard*** at Berkeley City College. In the months leading up to Election Day 2012, AAUW will be doing some serious voter outreach to millennial women to drive home this message: Elections matter for women and girls — VOTE!

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## Dates to Remember

June 9	General Meeting and Luncheon – Noon 941 The Alameda, Berkeley
June 19	Membership Renewals are Due -- June 19th
June 22	Go to the Movies . . . <b>The Invisible War</b> is about sexual assault in the military. LAF recommended, it is a Sundance Festival award winner and will be released 6/22 in the San Francisco area. Check listings.