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COME HEAR RHONDA SERVIN TALK ON "FAITHING"

Saturday, April 15th, 10:00 a.m.

Christ Lutheran Church

780 Ashbury (at Stockton), El Cerrito

Rhonda Servin is a local female black artist, writer, and storyteller. She has led writing workshops that focus on using your imagination and honoring its connection to the Universe Within. She says, "There are so many stories within us, and with a little prompting, they begin to pour out and through us." She is also the author of an upcoming book, **"The Universe Chronicles."** Rhonda's passion for an authentic connection to the universe is evident in her extensive art portfolio and the wondrous stories she tells. **Rhonda** sculpts women's heads or busts. She will bring some of her artwork and tell mesmerizing stories about the women she sculpts. The title of her talk is **"Faithing."**

Gloria Merrill

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Next **Tuesday, April 4**, is **Equal Pay Day** – the date that symbolizes how far into the year women must work to bring home what men made in 2016. An **AAUW** key goal is to promote awareness and to close the gap. The **\$tart \$mart** Workshops in Contra Costa County help achieve this goal. During March, **\$tart \$mart** Wage Negotiation Workshops were conducted for 64 Diablo Valley College students. Classes were offered at both Pleasant Hill and San Ramon campuses. Based on the exit surveys, the students expressed gratitude for information on the Gender Gap and Equal Pay. Los Medanos and Contra Costa College were also offered the free classes, but did not respond to our many calls and emails.

In April of 2015 our **CCC Inter-Branch Council (IBC)** approved purchasing a three-year license offering to provide free **Equal Pay Workshops** to the students of the **Contra Costa Community College District**. We are being asked to renew the lease for another three years at a cost of \$156/branch. **Elena Noble**, CCC IBC \$tart \$mart Facilitator, feels that the CCC IBC made an excellent investment. We have been the voice of our community in educating women on the Pay Gap. Our classes provide students and staff research-based knowledge, language, and strategies to earn the best possible lifetime wage deserved. In addition, our willingness to participate as co-partners with our community colleges has earned **AAUW** significant standing. At DVC, we are welcomed and encouraged to engage with students and staff as mentors and supporters of women's issues. By renewing the license we will continue our contract and work hard to extend it to Los Medanos and Contra Costa Colleges

March 18th and April 15th Meetings: At our March 18th meeting, **Ameena Jandall** of the **Islamic Network Group** gave a very interesting talk on "*Muslim Women Beyond the Stereotypes*." The room was packed (20 members and 20 guests). Thanks to Hospitality Chair **Sally Dunham**, we were able to provide a projector for our speaker's Power Point presentation. Our last general meeting, on April 15, will feature **Rhonda Servin**, who sculpts women's heads or busts. She will bring some of her artwork and will tell mesmerizing stories about the women she sculpts. Her talk is entitled "Faithing." Invite friends and others interested in **AAUW** to the meeting. Note that if they join at the meeting, they will be a member through June 30, 2018, at a reduced rate (\$60.50 vs. \$85.00).

TECH TREK: Our Tech Trek team (**Sally Dunham, Karen Euston, Mimi Fruehan, Mary Ghidella, Christine Hills, Jackie Title, Sharon Trott, and Marsha Weintraub**) have selected our nine campers. The girls are from all eight of the West County Middle Schools. They will be introduced at a reception at the El Cerrito Denny's on **Saturday, June 3**.

WCC Information Pamphlet and AAUW Button: This is a reminder that copies of our new Branch information pamphlet with a detachable application form are available. I also still have AAUW 1-3/4" round buttons; let me know if you want one.

Membership Annual Renewal: Remember that your membership dues for next year (**July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018**) are to be paid by June 1. Consider giving an extra contribution. Our membership income covers less than half of our regular expenses .

Thanks for all your support. I enjoy working with such special women.

Roberta Montgomery, President



OOPS! PLEASE CORRECT YOUR DIRECTORIES

We are delighted to welcome two new members, **Sarah Miyazaki** and **Sarah Whitecotton**. Alas, in the previous newsletter I confused their emails. Please correct your directories.

Sarah Miyazaki's email is sakm@nothingbutnet.net.

Sarah Whitecotton's email is sarahsart518@gmail.com

The Editor



REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE – NOMINEES FOR NEXT YEAR'S OFFICERS

Nominees for the Branch's **Elected Officers** for next year (2017-2018), who will be voted on at the April 15th meeting, and installed at the May 20th Luncheon, are:

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| <u>President:</u> | Roberta Montgomery; |
| <u>Program Co-Vice Presidents:</u> | Gloria Merrill, Maria LaForge, and Sue Walenta; |
| <u>Membership Co-Vice Presidents:</u> | Jackie Title, Mimi Fruehan, Judy Sam, and Susan Duncan; |
| <u>AAUW Fund Vice Presidents:</u> | Virginia Summerer and Barbara Vaughan; |
| <u>Treasurer:</u> | Christine Hills (back-up, Roberta Montgomery); |
| <u>Secretary:</u> | Marilynn Bracelin (back-up, Barbara Vaughan and Ida Michael). |

In addition we will confirm the following **Appointed Officers**:

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| <u>Bylaws/Policies and Procedures:</u> | Marilynn Bracelin; |
| <u>Community/Cultural:</u> | Barbara Miller (back-up, Betty Ann Barnett); |
| <u>Contra Costa College Relations:</u> | Joyce Muse; |
| <u>Hospitality:</u> | Sally Dunham (co-host assigned for each meeting); |
| <u>Newsletter Circulation:</u> | Marion McIntire; |
| <u>Newsletter Editor:</u> | Sue Walenta (back-up, Barbara Miller); |
| <u>Public Policy/ Women's Issues:</u> | Marianne Selph; |
| <u>Publicity:</u> | Maria LaForge; |
| <u>Read-Aloud Project:</u> | Judy Sam; |
| <u>Sunshine:</u> | Nancy Hendrickson; |
| <u>Tech Trek Coordinators:</u> | Roberta Montgomery and Marsha Weintraub; |
| <u>Telephone Monitor:</u> | Janet Mengle; |
| <u>Website Manager:</u> | Barbara Vaughan. |

Ellen Mills & Marilyn Bracelin, Nominating Committee



WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER!

Please welcome our new member, **Dr. Martha Conklin**. Her contact information is as follows:

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| Name: | Dr. Martha Conklin |
| Address: | 1741 Walnut Street, El Cerrito, CA 94530 |
| Phone: | 510-374-6430 |
| Education: | Mt. Holyoke College, Caltech (A.B., 1976; M.S., 1980; Ph.D., 1986) |
| Email: | mconklin@alumni.caltech.edu |
| Birthday month: | November |

Gloria Merrill, Membership Co-VP



CULTURE CORNER for APRIL-MAY 2017
by Barbara Miller

Richmond Art Center — 2560 Barrett, Richmond. 620-6772. <http://www.richmondartcenter.org>

- Wednesday, April 5: 5:30-7:30pm. ***The Artist as Culture Producer: Living and Sustaining a Creative Life.*** Artist Sharon Lauden talks with Jan Wurm.
- Saturday, April 8: 2:00-4:00pm. Artist Panel: ***Mapping The Uncharted***
- Thursday, April 13: 5:00-7:00pm. ***52nd Annual West Contra Costa Unified School District Student Art Show***
- Saturday, April 22: 10:00-3:00. ***Open House***

NIAD Art Center — 551 23rd Avenue, Richmond, 620-0290. Niadart.org

- Monday thru Friday: 9:00-3:00. Program for artists with disabilities to develop their artistic abilities and sell their work.
- April 14: Opening reception for painter Marlon Mullen, 2015 Wynn Newhouse Award recipient. Work on display April 14 – May 16.
- April 15: Opening reception for ceramicist Sylvia Fragoso. Work on display April 7-28.
- April 7-28: Exhibition of work by landscape painter Kim Miskowica, BFA from UNM.
- May 13: Opening reception for ***Word Play***. Includes “Phantom Limb” miniature sculptures by Em Kettner; “Handbills”; and work by painter Jesus Salas. Exhibition continues May 5-26.

Contra Costa Civic Theater — 951 Pomona (at Moeser), El Cerrito. 524-9132. www.ccct.org

- April 7-30: World Premiere: ***The Lost Years***, directed by Marilyn Langbehn. Fridays & Saturdays, 8 PM, Sundays, 2 PM

San Pablo Art Gallery — 13831 San Pablo Ave., Maple Hall, Building #4, In the beautiful San Pablo Civic Center, San Pablo, at Alvarado Square. 882-8673. www.ci.san-pablo.ca.us

- April 8 – May 14: (reception April 8, 1-3 PM). ***Many Cameras, Many Visions.*** Photography exhibit with Austin Brewin, Steve Gumina, Steve Napoli, Diana Rebman, Roseanne Smith, Bernadette Talbot.

Cerrito Theater — (Rialto Cinemas), 10070 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito

Through April 12: (National Theater Live from London)

“Saint Joan” (March 6, 15, 20, 22, 7 PM) (by George Bernard Shaw)

“Hedda Gabler” (March 27, 29, April 3, 12, 7 PM) (by Henrik Ibsen)

Spring-Summer Series: (NTL. Series tickets on sale now)

“Twelfth Night” (by William Shakespeare). Directed by Simon Godwin

“Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead” (by Tom Stoppard)

Directed by David Leveaux. Starring Daniel Radcliffe and Joshua McGuire

“Obsession” a new stage adaptation of Visconti’s masterful film

Directed by Ivo van Hove. Starring Jude Law

“Peter Pan” (by J.M. Barrie). Directed by Sally Cookson

“Salome”. Adapted and directed by Yael Farber

“Angels in America Part One: Millennium Approaches” (by Tony Kushner).

Directed by Marianne Elliott.

Starring Andrew Garfield, Nathan Lane, James McArdle and Russell Tovey ***“Angels in***

“America Part Two: Perestroika” (by Tony Kushner).

Directed by Marianne Elliott

Starring Andrew Garfield, Nathan Lane, James McArdle and Russell Tovey

“Great Art on Screen:

“Revolution: New Art for a New World” (March 16, 30 1 PM)

(film on Russian Avant-Garde)

“Exhibition-I Claude Monet” (March 16, 30 1 PM) (film on his life by Phil Grabsky)

Telephone: 273-9102, or see www.rialtocinemas.com

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CULTURE CORNER for APRIL-MAY 2017

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Rosie the Riveter WW II Home Front National Historic Park Visitor Education Center, 1414 Harbour Way South, Suite 3000, Richmond. 620-6772. <https://www.nps.gov/rori/index.htm>

- ***Of Lost Conversations***. Park Ranger Betty Soskin discusses her experience as a young African-American woman during WW II. April 4, 8, 11, 15, 22, 2-3pm; April 6, 13, 20, 11am-noon.
- ***Blossoms and Thorns***. "A powerful documentary film by Ken Kokka about the WW II experiences of Japanese-American flower growers in Richmond, CA". Thursdays through Dec. 14, 2017 at 2pm.
- ***Chips the War Dog***. Starring Barndon Douglas. The true story of a family pet who became the most decorated dog of WW II. April 20, 7pm. On board the Red Oak Victory Ship, Shipyard 3, 1337 Canal Blvd., Berth 5, Richmond, CA

NOTE RE DIRECTORY UPDATES

Please note that if you update your contact information in the AAUW Member Services Database (MSD), you will also need to inform our Branch. Please do so by sending an email to the Newsletter Editor, Sue Walenta (awalenta@comcast.net), or to one of the Membership Co-Vice Presidents, Jackie Title (jtitle@mac.com); Mimi Fruehan (mimifru@aol.com); Judy Sam (jssam47@yahoo.com); or Susan Duncan (suejaiello@gmail.com).

Roberta Montgomery, President

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL 2017!

***** Please Pay Your 2017-2018 Membership Dues by June 1 *****

Regular members: **\$85** (AAUW National \$49*, State \$20, Branch \$16);

Paid Life members: **\$36** (\$20 State, \$16 Branch);

50-year members pay NO dues

*Note \$46 of National Dues is tax deductible

Please make your check payable to **AAUW WCC**, and mail it to:

AAUW WCC, PO Box 501, El Cerrito, CA 94530, with the form below **if** there are changes.

Name _____

Street/Apt _____

City/State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone/Home _____ /Work _____

Email _____

Birthday month _____

I wish to receive the newsletter by e-mail

I wish to receive a hard copy of the newsletter by US mail

In addition to my dues, I am enclosing a contribution of \$_____ to help us meet the expenses our annual dues no longer cover and further the good work of our Branch



APRIL-MAY ACTIVITIES

Board Meeting: The next Board meeting will be on **Tuesday, April 4, 2017, at 2:00 PM**, at the home of **Sue Walenta** (526-4383), 737 Bay Tree Lane, El Cerrito. The last Board meeting before the summer will be a joint meeting of outgoing and incoming officers on **Tuesday, June 6, at 2:00 PM**, at the home of **Jackie Title** (234-9370), 3511 Roosevelt, Richmond. Please call **President Roberta Montgomery** (237-5293) for more information.

Afternoon Books: The group usually meets on the **fourth Monday** of each month at **1:30 PM**. Our next meeting will be on **Monday, April 24**, at the home of **Sarah Whitecotton** (528-8268), 518 Curtis Street, Albany, where we will discuss *Hillbilly Elegy* by J.D. Vance. The last meeting before the summer will be on **Monday, May 22**, at the home of **Maria LaForge** (527-4378), 240 Columbia Avenue, Kensington, where we will discuss *Last Bus to Wisdom* by Ivan Doig. All are welcome; please join us!

Daytime Bridge: This group usually meets at **1:00 p.m.** on the **third Friday** of the month. The next meeting will be on **Friday, April 21**, at the home of **Ellen Mills**, 1648 Oak View Avenue, Kensington. The following meeting will be on **Friday, May 19**, at the same location. All levels of players are welcome. Any bridge player who would like to join the group should contact **Ellen Mills** at 526-5815.

Global Interests Group: The group meets on the **second Monday of each month from 1:30 to 3:00 PM** at the home of **Ellen Mills** (526-5815), 1648 Oak View Avenue, Kensington. The group's next meeting will be on **Monday, April 10**, from **1:30 to 3:00 PM**. Our last meeting featured a presentation by our member, **Marty Sorbey de Souto** (925-304-2022), on the southern part of the South American continent: Argentina, Uruguay, and Chile. **Marty** will continue her coverage of the continent, discussing Ecuador, Peru, Brazil, and Columbia. She will pay special attention to the Galapagos Islands, Machu Picchu, and the Inca Empire, as well as the Amazon River. She hopes there will be time to discuss a few of the many points of interest in Brazil, which she has visited repeatedly in her many past trips as a tour leader throughout South America. The following meeting will be on **Monday, May 8**, although the speaker and topic have not yet been selected. Readers who wish to join the group are very welcome and should call **Ellen** or **Marty** to let them know that you are coming. All those attending should come with a four- or five-minute presentation on some recent global event to share with other attendees during the first part of the meeting. For further information, if you have any questions, or if you wish to bring a guest, please contact the group's coordinator, **Marty Sarbey de Souto** at 925-304-2022 or josemarty@yahoo.com.

Get Together for Lunch Group: The next meeting of this group will be on **Thursday, April 20, at 12:00 Noon**, at **Restaurant Café Valparaiso**, 1403 Solano Avenue, Albany. If you are able to join us, please contact **Maria LaForge** (527-4378) or email her at d.laforge@sbcglobal.net so we can get an appropriate count for our lunch reservation.



BIRTHDAY REMINDER – AAUW FUND DONATIONS

Through a birthday reminder, our Branch asks us to make tax-deductible donations to AAUW to support the **Vivian Lamont Coe #4046 American Fellowship Fund** (California Unfinished Endowment) and the **Eleanor Roosevelt Fund #9170**, which supports research on issues important to women and girls. Make your checks payable to **AAUW**, put the Fund # on the memo line of the checks, and mail them to **Virginia Summerer**, 601 Sea View Drive, El Cerrito, CA 94530. Note that **AAUW National** solicits directly for **AAUW Funds** and allows donations to be made online via credit card. Note that if you donate through the Birthday Reminder, you can enjoy the notecards without an additional donation.

Virginia Summerer, AAUW Funds VP



Our new [#StandUptoSexism](#) campaign is informing and inspiring women and allies to take a stand against gender bias. Don't miss our upcoming livestream event, guaranteed to spark important dialogue in your community.

The F-word: How to Be a Feminist in the Workplace

COMING UP!

The F-Word:

How to Be a Feminist in the Workplace

**Friday, April 14
1–2:30 p.m. ET**

**[Register to attend in person.](#)
[Register to watch the livestream.](#)**

Round up your friends or colleagues to [host a watch party](#) so that you can join the conversation together! We will be taking questions from viewers. P.S. Did you miss last week's livestream panel on women and internalized sexism? [Watch the archived recording.](#)

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1310 L St. NW, Suite 1000
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Members,

This is a reminder to sign up for the [AAUW CA Annual meeting on April 22nd](#) at the San Mateo Marriott. **The deadline to sign up is April 7th. [Register online here.](#)** Engage in stimulating conversations with fellow members in the morning, and then enjoy a delicious lunch while being thoroughly entertained by the three Speech Trek finalists, who are: **Roseville-South Placer Branch: Sarah Murphy; Alhambra-San Gabriel Branch: Sabrina Sy; Morgan Hill Branch: Nikhita Gopisetty.** (Honorable Mentions were awarded to: 4th Place: La Mesa-EI Cajon Branch, Jocelyn Tzeng; 5th Place: Sacramento Branch, Kathy Le)

Meeting Agenda

8:00 – 8:45, Registration and Continental Breakfast;
8:45 – 9:15, Annual Meeting;
9:15 – 12:00, Table Talk – What's on Your Plate?
12:00 – 12:30, Break
12:30 – 2:30, Luncheon
Speech Trek Competition
Branch Program Recognition
Introduction of Candidates for State Board
2:30 – 3:00, Closing Remarks

Cathy Foxhoven
AAUW CA Speech Trek Coordinator



TELL SENATORS: OPPOSE THE CONFIRMATION OF JUDGE GORSUCH

AAUW watched closely as the U.S. Senate held its hearing for Judge Neil Gorsuch, President Donald Trump's nominee to the U.S. Supreme Court. After careful consideration of his record and his testimony, one thing is clear: **if confirmed, Judge Gorsuch would Put the rights of women and families at risk.**

The Senate is expected to vote on Judge Gorsuch's nomination next week, and they'll need 60 votes to confirm him. It's crucial that BOTH of your senators hear your concerns – constituent comments will be the deciding factor in the confirmation process.

Call the Capitol Switchboard at (202) 224-3121 and ask to be connected to one of your two U.S. Senators. Urge them to Oppose Judge Gorsuch's confirmation to the Supreme Court. We've outlined our case in the following call script. When you're finished, hang up and call your second senator.

"Hello, my name is _____, and I'm calling from (CITY, STATE). I am calling to urge the Senator to oppose Judge Neil Gorsuch's confirmation to the Supreme Court and vote no. Judge Gorsuch's record and testimony show that he is a troubling choice for women and families.

"Judge Gorsuch consistently sides with employers, failing to ensure that workers who are wronged have access to the courts – including women who experience sex discrimination in the workplace.

"Judge Gorsuch has failed to agree to uphold *Roe v. Wade*, and, when given the opportunity to support women workers' access to birth control, he sided with their bosses and corporations.

"Judge Gorsuch has advocated to dismantle key legal precedent that ensures federal agencies Can protect everyone's health and safety and enforce civil rights laws.

"As a constituent, I urge the Senator to oppose his confirmation and vote no on cloture. If Judge Gorsuch cannot earn bipartisan support and meet the 60-vote threshold, then President Trump should put forward a new nominee."

The next Supreme Court justice stands to influence cases for multiple generations of Americans and could set important precedents in cases concerning women's rights, LGBTQ rights, immigration, health care, reproductive health access, voting rights, and many more civil rights issues. We need a Supreme Court justice who is prepared to be an independent voice, not one beholden to ideology or an executive.

Call both of your U.S. Senators now at (202) 224-3121 and urge them to oppose Judge Gorsuch's confirmation to the Supreme Court.

AAUW Action Network



MARY ELLEN BALES AAUW SCHOLARSHIP

Once again we are seeking contributions for our Branch-sponsored **Mary Ellen Bales AAUW Scholarship at Contra Costa College**. Your continued support of this worthwhile endeavor is much appreciated. Each year the West Contra Costa Branch provides a \$1,500 scholarship to a woman from the Center for Science Excellence to help her continue her education at a four-year college or university.

Joyce Muse is our contact with the **Contra Costa College Foundation**. She works closely with branch member **Seti Sidharta**, the **Director** of the **Center for Science Excellence**, to identify women candidates who have shown particular aptitude in math or science while studying at the college. They will introduce our 2017 scholarship recipient at the Installation Luncheon on **May 20** at La Strada Restaurant.

This year's scholarship is given in memory of **Leslie O'Hara**. **Leslie** died in December 2015 and gave the branch a bequest in the amount of \$1,500 for our scholarship program. She joined **AAUW** in 2009, participated in the Afternoon Books Group, and was a part of the Membership team. **Leslie** grew up in the San Joaquin Valley. After college, she relocated to San Francisco. Then she moved to a lovely Point Richmond Victorian home. **Leslie** was employed as a recruiter for Pacific Placement Group in SF; she spent her time on BART going to and from the city reading. **Leslie** was a self-described "foodie" and political junkie.

Each spring we solicit donations for the next year's scholarship. In 2018 we hope, with our members' generous contributions, to provide two scholarships. The check for your tax-deductible donation should be made payable to the **Contra Costa College Foundation**, with **Mary Ellen Bales AAUW Scholarship Fund** on the memo line. Then either mail the check to **AAUW WCC Branch**, PO Box 501, El Cerrito, CA 94530, or give it to me at our meeting on April 15. Thank you for your support!

Roberta Montgomery, President

JOIN US FOR OUR INSTALLATION LUNCHEON AND MEET OUR CONTRA COSTA COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT!

Saturday, May 20th, 2017, 11:30 a.m.

La Strada Italian Restaurant

2215 Church Lane (at San Pablo Avenue), San Pablo

Be sure to attend our final meeting of the year and installation of officers. **Joyce Muse** and **Seti Sidharta** will introduce the recipient of our **Contra Costa College Mary Ellen Bales AAUW Scholarship**. There are four menu choices: **Pollo Marsala** (chicken breast sautéed with Marsala wine and mushrooms), **Red Snapper** (fish sautéed with white wine, lemon, butter, capers, fresh tomatoes, and spring onions), **Ravioli alla Ragu** (beef ravioli in a meat sauce), and **vegetarian**. The chicken and fish entrees are served with polenta and vegetables. The \$28 cost (same as last year) includes bread, green salad, dessert, soft drinks, coffee, tea, tax, and tip. Please complete the reservation form below, indicating the number in your party (bring your friends!), your entrée choice, and send your check for **\$28** per person (payable to **AAUW WCC**) to AAUW WCC, P. O. Box 501, El Cerrito, CA 94530. Our reservation deadline is **Tuesday, May 16**. Note the reservation can also be turned in at our meetings on March 18 and April 15.

NAME: _____ **No. in party** _____

Luncheon choice(s):

Pollo Marsala _____ **Red Snapper** _____ **Ravioli alla Ragu** _____ **Vegetarian** _____

Reservation deadline is Tuesday, May 16

mail FORM and CHECK, payable to **AAUW WCC**, to: AAUW WCC Branch
P.O. Box 501
El Cerrito, CA 94530



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Tuesday, April 4: Equal Pay Day! AAUW Action Network urges us to write letters to the editors of our local newspapers. Writing and submitting a letter to the editor (LTE) is simple. [Click here](#), enter your zip code, and choose a local newspaper. Next, you'll draft your LTE using the sample talking points and tips provided. Once you're finished personalizing your letter, click submit, and your letter will be sent to the newspaper of your choosing.

Wednesday, May 10: 8TH Annual Northern California Summit on Children and Youth, jointly sponsored by the West Contra Costa Unified School District and the Richmond Community Foundation. The keynote speaker will be Robin D. Lopez. For more information contact Stacey Street at 510-234-1200, x 302 or street@richmondcf.org.



KENSINGTON CONCERT COMING!

Please mark your calendars to join us for our next exciting concert program: **Saturday, April 22, at 8:00 PM.** The **Kensington Symphony Orchestra**, in conjunction with the Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, presents **Keyboard Extravaganza!** featuring **Bryan Baker**, piano soloist, in Beethoven's Emperor Concerto (No. 5), and **Katya Kolesnikova**, organ soloist, in Horatio Parker's Organ Concerto, at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Road, Kensington. General Admission: \$20; Seniors & Students: \$15. Free parking. Tickets are available at the door. Our orchestra attracts repeat guests with its beautiful, engaging music; please join us. **AAUW** members, contact **Mollie Hazen**, KSO President, at mollie.hazen@gmail.com. For more information, see www.kensingtonsymphonyorchestra.org.
