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**HAYWARD/CASTRO VALLEY**

**MARCH 2012**

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## **AFFORDABLE CARE ACT FORUM LUNCHEON**

**March 2<sup>nd</sup>, Friday**

San Lorenzo Village Homes Assn  
377 Paseo Grande  
San Lorenzo

Registration & Welcome:  
**11:30am-11:45am**

Luncheon & Speaker:  
**11:45am & 12:15 pm**  
**1:15pm Q & A**

Speaker: **Alex Briscoe**  
Director, Alameda County Health  
Care Services Agency

**Cost of lunch: \$10.00**  
(if paid by February 28<sup>th</sup>)  
**\$15 at the door**

This program is open to the public and there is no charge for people who would like to attend just the program, without the lunch.

However, RSVP's are requested and should be sent to [lwvea@aol.com](mailto:lwvea@aol.com) or call Nancy at 510-562-4473.

Send check to LWVEA at P. O. Box 2234 Castro Valley, 94546



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**AAUW –**  
Advancing equality  
for women and  
girls through  
advocacy,  
education,  
research &  
philanthropy

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**Web:**

**Branch**

[www.aauw-hcv.org](http://www.aauw-hcv.org)

**State**

[www.aauw-ca.org](http://www.aauw-ca.org)

**National**

[www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org)

**DRAMA READING      March 7<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday**  
**@ 7pm**

**We meet at Liz Bathgate's home, 22112 Queen St., Castro Valley.**

**We will read the play "Dead Man's Cell Phone" by Sarah Ruhl.**

**It is a beguiling comedy about a woman who picks up a ringing cell phone in a restaurant, only to find that its owner is deceased. What transpires after that is really funny.**

**Refreshments will be served as well as great conversation and wonderful laughter with this play.**

**BOARD MEETING      March 13<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday**

**@ 6:30pm**

**581-0461**

**Will meet at Liz Bathgate's home, 22112 Queen St., Castro Valley**

**LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD WOMEN**

Every year, when our branch budget is prepared, money is set aside to send our branch president to the AAUW California State Convention which is at the Santa Clara Marriott April 13-15, 2012. Helene Carr, who is also on the state board, is volunteering at the convention this year. The Hayward-Castro Valley Board voted to use the money we had budgeted for Helene's convention expenses to instead be used to send three branch members to convention for one day.

We have chosen Judy Harrison, Aisha Knowles and Becky Bell. Becky and Aisha are new members so attending the state convention will give them an opportunity to see how AAUW works and they will learn more about programs and policies that we support. This experience will give them a chance to become better acquainted with people in other branches who are as passionate about AAUW's mission as we hope they are or would like to be.

This 2012 national election is of great importance for women, education, and the economy. Many of the workshops and speakers featured on Saturday, April 14 look especially relevant for us at this time.

For our branch, increased participation by our members is vitally important. A Program Vice President (or Co-VPs) is very much needed. Helene Carr has served as Branch President for two years and a few of us on the Board have done so as well in prior years. It really is necessary for some new and younger members to become more active and be willing to serve on the board.

Please contact Helene Carr and/or Liz Bathgate about becoming a more active member of this branch and to express your interest in attending the AAUW-CA Convention in April.

## **MEET THE AUTHOR**

**March 17<sup>th</sup>, Saturday**

Mark your calendars now for a special program at the Hayward Library co-sponsored by Hayward/Castro Valley AAUW. You will meet writer and filmmaker Pavithra K. Mehta and hear about her book and film *Infinite Vision: How Aravind Became the World's Greatest Business Case for Compassion*. Published in November, 2011, the book tells the story and work of eye surgeon Dr. Venkataswamy (better known as Dr. V), who chose the impossible dream to cure the world of blindness. Victim of a crippling disease, Dr. V founded a tiny clinic, Aravind, in southern India to provide eye care for the people. Millions have been treated in his clinic for free. The clinic serves as a model for health care in other nations.

Author Mehta will speak at the Hayward Main Library, 835 "C" Street, at 2 p.m. on Saturday afternoon, March 17th. Her film, also titled *Infinite Vision*, will be shown on at 6:30 Monday evening, March 26, also at the Hayward Main Library.

The branch has been asked to provide refreshments for the March 17th author event. If you are willing to provide cookies, brownies, or other dessert refreshments, please contact Barbara Jones at 538-0516 or by e-mail at [bb\\_jones@pacbell.net](mailto:bb_jones@pacbell.net).

## **BOOK REVIEW GROUP**

**March 19<sup>th</sup>, Monday**

**2pm – 4 pm**

The March meeting of the branch Book Review Group will be on Monday afternoon, March 19, from 2-4 at the home of Pat Buchanan, 30847 Prestwick Avenue, Hayward. Olive Riley-Steward will review *Cutting for Stone*, the 2010 best-selling novel by Abraham Verghese. We'll enjoy a special afternoon discussing a recent popular novel and enjoying good friends. Refreshments will be served.

If you have questions or need directions, call Pat at 471-5963.

All branch members are well. We hope to see you there.

## **AAUW DINING OUT**

**March 19<sup>th</sup>, Monday**

**@ 6:00 pm**

### **Chef's Experience China Bistro**

22436 Foothill Blvd  
(between A St & Russell Way)  
Hayward, CA 94541  
(510) 538-2868

[www.chefschinabistro.com](http://www.chefschinabistro.com)

Please RSVP to [sandyboswell@rocketmail.com](mailto:sandyboswell@rocketmail.com) / phone 510 909-5466.

It really helps the restaurant to have as accurate a count as possible to set up a table to accommodate our group.

Fifteen of us gathered on February 21 at Buon Appetito on A St. in Hayward. The staff provided great service and honored our request for separate checks. The variety of dishes ordered looked and tasted delicious. Lots of lively conversations added to our dining experience.

We are making plans to go to IL Pescatore at Jack London Square in Oakland on Monday, April 16. We will car pool to save gas and parking costs and provide rides for those who don't drive far at night. More information will be forthcoming.



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## **LILLY LEDBETTER AT CHABOT COLLEGE**

FREE LECTURE AND BOOK SIGNING

MARCH 29<sup>TH</sup>

12 noon - 1:30 pm

Reed Buffington Visual & Performing Arts Center

CHABOT COLLEGE, Hayward

### **BOOK PURCHASES:**

Order yours now from the Book Shop in Hayward on B Street

Lilly, who was denied fair pay from her employer over her entire career with Goodyear Tire, took her case to court once she realized the disparity in pay between her and her fellow workers. The lower courts awarded her back pay and compensation, but Goodyear took it to the Supreme Court where her case was overturned. As a result of that case being overturned, and because of our National AAUW, Congress passed the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act of 2009. With strong backing from AAUW, this bill passed both houses and was the first bill signed into law by President Obama. At that signing were the Executive Director of AAUW and our lobbyist. They stood just behind the President.

Since that time AAUW has literally adopted Lilly and as a result she has been a speaker at two National Conventions as well as many state conventions.

She has written a book about her history with Goodyear and the facts behind pay discrimination. Liz Bathgate has heard her speak twice and she does an excellent job describing the wage discrimination she suffered in her long years of work at Goodyear. She has now written a book about it called "Grace and Grit: My Fight for Equal Pay and Fairness at Goodyear and Beyond".

### **TECH TREK NEWS**

Our annual theater night at the California Conservatory Theater will not happen this year, they are already booked for their charitable events. Do continue to support our local community theater during these hard times so we can have our event there next year.

## **TECH TREK NEWS** – continued

Thanks again to Bonnie Smith, Tech Trek at Sonoma State will have funds for two field trips this June. It appears that Sonoma State might be the only camp that will have these trips. Bonnie's spirit lives on in our hearts and in the hearts of the girls whose lives will be forever changed by their week at camp.

Recommendation forms are at all of the public middle schools in Hayward, Castro Valley, San Leandro and San Lorenzo. We hope to send applications to the girls in late February and early March. We will make our selection after the interviews on April 13.

### **VOLUNTEER HELP NEEDED for SOUPER SUPPER**

We are looking for volunteers to help set up and clean up at the Souper Supper on March 29. You can email Judy Harrison at [jharrison663@comcast.net](mailto:jharrison663@comcast.net) or Dee Butner at [kinder55@aol.com](mailto:kinder55@aol.com).

### **RESERVATION FORM FOR SOUPER SUPPER ON NEXT PAGE**

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#### **BUNCO**

**April 13<sup>th</sup>, Friday**  
**6:30pm – 9:30pm**

Place: Home of Olive Riley-Steward  
Address: 32174 Bernice Way  
Hayward, CA 94544

Directions: From Foothill Blvd. Make a slight left at Mission Blvd. Drive south on Mission Blvd and drive about 11 minutes. Turn left at Blanche St. (Eiffel Tower Preschool). Drive 1 minute. Turn right at Trevor St. (Kindango School). Drive less than a minute. Turn left at Bernice Way.

We encourage new people to play as well as our regular players.

RSVP: Dee Butner Tel. #537-8541 by APRIL 9

Bunco is a simple dice game and it is a great way to meet some interesting members. We encourage new members to come and enjoy a fun-filled evening. You only need \$5 to play. Each person brings an appetizer or dessert and we enjoy this before our game starts which is at 7pm.





SAVE THE DATE

SOUPER SUPPER

Thursday, March 29, 2012

6 TO 9PM

CASTRO VALLEY FIRST BAPTIST  
CHURCH

*Meet some Tech Trekkers and see and hear what camp is like through a slide show and video.*

***COST: \$10 FOR MEAL WHICH INCLUDES SOUP, SALAD, BREAD, DESSERT, BEVERAGE, AND INTERESTING SPEAKER  
\$5 FOR THOSE WHO ARE COOKING***

**WE WILL GLADLY ACCEPT ADDITIONAL DONATIONS OF FOOD, PAPER GOODS OR MONEY.**

**BRING THE ENTIRE FAMILY!**

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**SOUPER SUPPER RESERVATION FORM**

MAKE CHECKS OUT TO AAUW H-CV.  
SEND TO SOUPER SUPPER C/O DEE BUTNER  
4789 ROLLINGHILLS WAY  
CASTRO VALLEY, CA 94546 TELEPHONE: 537-8541

if you have any questions contact Judy Harrison, 889-1431, [Jharrison663@comcast.net](mailto:Jharrison663@comcast.net) or Dee Butner, 537-8541, [kinder55@aol.com](mailto:kinder55@aol.com)

NAMES \_\_\_\_\_ GUESTS \_\_\_\_\_

AMOUNT SENT \$ \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_

I WILL BRING: SOUP SALAD DESSERT

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

You are a very important part of the upcoming elections; national and statewide. It has been 50 years since President Kennedy signed the Equal Pay Act and women are still paid less than their male counterparts – this is called the pay gap. Over time, the pay gap between her and her male colleagues is likely to become wider. On average this means \$150.00 less in her weekly paycheck, \$8,000.00 less at the end of the year and \$380,000.00 less over her lifetime. For women of color and women with disabilities, the disparity is even greater.

Equal Pay Day is observed on April 17, 2012 – mark that day – do not celebrate. Please wear red to acknowledge the fact that women are “in the red” until women’s wages are finally equal to men’s.

The California Women’s Foundation and the California Budget Project recently released an important report ***Falling Behind: The Impact of the Great Recession and the Impact on California’s Women and Their Families***. This is a must read and can be found at [www.cbp.org/pdfs/2012/120201](http://www.cbp.org/pdfs/2012/120201). It underscores that many of our Public Policy Priorities are not being realized for many women in our state. California AAUW voter mobilization project, ***It’s My Vote – I Will Be Heard*** is important for many reasons, including educating young women about these issues and the importance of voting in the November 2012 election. Our branch is going to participate in the training at a free Voter Education Workshop on April 12, preceding the AAUW CA Convention. If you are interested in attending, please let us know.

Cal State East Bay has recently become a member of AAUW National. Through the efforts of Liz Bathgate and June Cook, there will be future events planned to showcase AAUW’s programs of interest to students. We are very excited about the enthusiastic reception received from Susan Opp, Associate Vice President on Campus and hope to create an educational and worthwhile coalition.

Remember, AAUW-CA Convention is fast approaching: April 13 – 15. Please consider attending, as the next convention will be held in 2014 in Southern California. The next Northern California convention will be held in 2016.

Helene Carr  
President

## **IT’S MY VOTE: I WILL BE HEARD – VOTER EDUCATION AND ELECTIONS NEWS**

### **‘It’s My Vote’ Campaign Aims to Engage Millennials**

Next week, the AAUW Action Fund will [launch](#) the “It’s My Vote: I Will Be Heard” campaign.

The nonpartisan get-out-the-vote effort will mobilize women voters for the 2012 election, with a focus on millennial voters. The campaign targets this group of women – ages 18 to 31 – because the group is as numerous as the baby boomers, but has not established a consistent pattern of voting. The campaign will include voter education trainings across the United States, public service announcements, and more to deliver the message that elections matter for women and girls. All of the information about the campaign is anchored on the new AAUW Action Fund [website](#). Stay tuned, and get excited!

Please contact Ursula at email address [ursrtp@earthlink.net](mailto:ursrtp@earthlink.net) to let her know if you want to help in this effort in our area.

## **STATE ELECTION UPDATE!**

In 2012 for the first time, every member of AAUWCA will have the opportunity to vote for directors, officers and resolutions. In the past this was done at the state convention by the delegates from each branch. Instead, the voting will take place about two weeks after the convention when all members will receive an email from AAUWCA with an access code and a link to vote. [Candidates for office are already listed with their information on the aauw-ca.org web page. Click on Elections and Nominations and then below it, click on the box showing the word Candidates. That will allow you to read about all the members from the state who are presently running for office.](#)

Members who do not have email will receive a postcard with this information. All voting will end on June 1st at 9:00pm. The results will be available on the state website a couple of days later. It is really important that everyone vote. If you have questions about this process, contact Liz Bathgate.

## **AAUW FUNDS UPDATE**

Each year on December 1st our Branch donates monies collected throughout the year to AAUW Funds. AAUW Funds is a group of funds that support the charitable work of AAUW. There are five primary funds under the AAUW funds umbrella: the Educational Opportunities Fund, the Legal Advocacy Fund, the Public Policy Fund, the Eleanor Roosevelt Fund, and the Leadership Programs Fund. Each fund focuses on different issues that support AAUW's mission to "Advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research".

### **EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FUND:**

The Educational Opportunities Fund (EF) is one of the world's largest sources of funding for graduate women. Fellowship and grant recipients perform research in a wide range of disciplines and work to improve their schools and communities. In 2011 our branch donated a total of \$2,635 to EF. Of that \$2,000 was designated to the Lucy Lindsay/Margaret Hankle Research and Development grant, begun by member Margaret Hankle in honor of her mother, Lucy Lindsay. Another \$200 was designated to support a new grant honoring the California co-Presidents, Gloria Taylor and Judy Pfeil. In addition, individual members contributed directly to National AAUW in the amount of \$435. Their contributions are credited to our Branch's overall donation. Thank you to all branch members who contributed to support EF's educational and professional opportunities for women.

### **LEGAL ADVOCACY FUND:**

The Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF) supports the legal rights of those who are facing discrimination in higher education and the workplace. In 2011 our branch donated a total of \$1,230 to LAF. The funds were raised at our annual fall fundraiser hosted by Ursula Batz. In addition, individual members contributed directly to National AAUW in the amount of \$450. Their contributions are credited to our Branch's overall donation. Thank you to all branch members who contributed to support the Legal Advocacy Fund.

**If you would like to make a donation to EF, LAF or any of the other AAUW Funds, you can:**

1. Go to [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org) and click "Give to AAUW". The online donation form makes it easy to choose the fund you wish to donate to; the name of the branch(s) to receive credit; and whether you want to give in honor of a special person. Once you donate please send an email to the Finance Director, Linda Slater, at [slaterl@sbcglobal.net](mailto:slaterl@sbcglobal.net) so she can track donations on behalf of the branch.
2. Make a check out to AAUW Funds in the amount of your choice. Write the name of the fund you would like to donate to on the check "comments" line. Mail the check to the Finance Director, Linda Slater, at 26 Via Verde San Lorenzo, CA 94580. Linda will complete a donation form; register the donation for branch records, and mail the form to AAUW National on your behalf.

For more information on any of the funds you can logon to <http://www.aauw.org/contribute/support.cfm>

Please contact Linda if you have any questions about donations at 510-435-6150 or by email at [slaterl@sbcglobal.net](mailto:slaterl@sbcglobal.net). Thank you.

## **AAUW Washington Update**

### **AAUW Action Fund Releases *Congressional Voting Record* for 112th Congress**

#### *Partisan Gridlock Stalls Progress on Critical Women's Issues*

WASHINGTON — The American Association of University Women (AAUW) Action Fund released today a scorecard of congressional action on issues that will be critical to women and their families when they cast their votes in the upcoming elections.

The *Congressional Voting Record*, available at [www.aauwaction.org](http://www.aauwaction.org), covers the first session of the 112th Congress, outlines how U.S. senators and representatives voted and whether they co-sponsored legislation on priority issues affecting education, economic security, and civil rights.

As in the previous Congress, the story of the 112th Congress has been dominated by the economic recession. The similarity, however, stops there. While the 111th Congress made considerable progress on many of AAUW's priority issues, the current Congress has been caught in a vitriolic ideological divide. As a result, it has made little to no progress on women's issues. Instead of working to improve economic security, Congress has put eligibility for college affordability programs on the chopping block. Rather than helping women find jobs, Congress spent precious time and effort on damaging austerity measures. And while it could have been working to ensure women are paid fairly for their work, the House of Representatives instead attacked reproductive health programs.

## **AAUW Washington Update** - continued

“This voting record shows that Congress is gridlocked on the issues that can make a difference for women and their families,” said AAUW Executive Director Linda D. Hallman, CAE. “This excessive partisanship isn’t just disappointing, it’s discouraging to a nation that expected the new Congress to make economic recovery priority number one.”

There is a silver lining for some women’s issues: The 112th Congress has made progress on campus safety and domestic violence. Thanks in part to AAUW’s support, many senators and representatives became co-sponsors of legislation to protect students on college campuses, and the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act was introduced.

“This voting record underscores the lack of action on women’s issues and will be a powerful tool outside the Beltway,” said Lisa Maatz, AAUW director of public policy and government relations. “The AAUW Action Fund’s nationwide voter education program, It’s My Vote: I Will Be Heard, will be working to turn out the women’s vote to ensure that elected officials are held accountable for their votes.”

The AAUW Action Fund Capitol Hill Lobby Corps, a group of AAUW members who lobby Congress every week it is in session, will make a special effort to thank members of Congress who have a 100 percent voting record.

## **NEW MEMBERS**

**We have added TWO new members since last month.**

**Daphne Butler** is a former member who now lives in Livermore with her young son and daughter and wonderful husband Tim. She is a civil engineer and works full time. Her phone number is 510-321-6846 and her address is 446 Yosemite Drive, Livermore, 94551.

**Jo Astanehe** lives in Pleasanton and her phone number is 209-207-4621. Her address is P.O Box 5755, Pleasanton, 94566. She has a Masters in Counseling, but prefers to be in the classroom where she is teaching 5th graders in Stockton. She graduated from Temple University in PA with a BS in Education and then moved to the bay area where she did her MS work at Cal State East Bay. She came to our Tri Branch Luncheon and was very impressed with the recipient of AAUW's fellowship.

## **MEMBERSHIP Recruiting**

Our total membership is now 147.

We are still looking for new members. If they come to any of our events, they can join for \$43.25 until March 15. From then on it will be \$80 for the year plus a few months extra.

## **MEMBER NEWS**

The branch sends warmest congratulations to EVELYN and AL GERTLER who celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary on Tuesday, February 21st. They will share the special day with family members coming from many parts of the country. May they have many more celebrations in the years ahead!

One of our newest members, JOAN BRADFORD has been in St. Rose hospital for three weeks with pneumonia. We all send our best wishes to Joan for a speedy recovery so she can enjoy our future activities and have opportunities to get acquainted with everyone.

If you have news about a member who needs to be congratulated on a special occasion or accomplishment, who needs to be encouraged during illness or difficult time, or to be reminded we are here for him/her, please contact your corresponding secretary Barbara Jones at 538.0516 or by email at [bb\\_jones@pacbell.net](mailto:bb_jones@pacbell.net). Let's let our friends know we care.

## **PAST EVENT Recap**

The Tri Branch EF Luncheon was a success with the basket opportunity drawing brought in enough money that each branch received a check for \$111.18. Many thanks to Dee Butner who made three of the baskets using items and money collected from our members.

Two of our members donated \$100 each to the Leadership Programs Fund since Jo Harberson matches these donations.

## **NEW WAY TO 'GET THE WORD OUT'**

**CASTRO VALLEY PATCH: This is a new way we can advertise our programs that are open to the public. It is an online "newspaper" that sprung up about a year ago. It comes out daily and can be accessed by going to [Patch.com](http://Patch.com) and then looking for **Castro Valley Patch**.**

## **AAUW Branch Service Opportunity**

The Hayward/Castro Valley Branch is looking for a member to assume the role of Finance Director for PY 2012/13. This is an important role for the branch, but you will have the tools you need to do a good job:

1. Quick Books Pro 2009 tracks the income and expenditures against the branch budget.
2. Training and technical assistance from the former finance director and the State Finance director.
3. All of the necessary forms are available online.
4. Access to the Branch bank accounts.
5. Support of the Branch president and other directors

If you think that you are the right person for the job call or email Linda Slater at 510-435-6150 or [slaterl@sbcglobal.net](mailto:slaterl@sbcglobal.net).

