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AAUW - HAYWARD/CASTRO VALLEY

OCTOBER 2012

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*Annual AAUW Funds
Legal Advocacy Event*

FALL FESTIVAL

November 10, 2012

7 - 9:30 PM

\$20.00 per person

Home of Ursula Batz

4473 Hillsborough Dr. Castro Valley

Come enjoy Kathleen Cha, from AAUW National, provide an overview of recent LAF cases and which cases AAUW will be taking on this fall. Kathleen is a fabulous speaker on the opportunities for local branches to support LAF.

*Enjoy the fellowship of members & friends,
the good food, wine & mulled cider.*

Space is Limited. RSVP to Peggy Robinson by 10/30/2012

24527 Marie Dr. Hayward, CA 94542

A) I (we) will attend: _____
@ \$20.00 per person. Make check out to AAUW H/CV.

B) I will bring these finger food(s): _____
(sweet or savory, your choice)

C) I want to make an individual contribution in the amount of \$ _____
Make check out to AAUW Funds. On memo line write in LAF.

See you there!



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

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

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www.aauw.org

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As most of you know, AAUW is near and dear to my heart. Many years ago I had some stock that had appreciated and I decided I wanted to put it into a fund where I would be able to have a Fellowship in my name. It has been wonderful over the years to meet and get to know the women who have received a stipend from my money so that they could complete their thesis year without holding another job. This year I had two of them come for dinner and was fascinated by their research and dedication to completing their PHD degrees at U. C. Berkeley. One of them is Nazanin Shahrokni. She will be speaking in San Jose at the Fellowship Luncheon on October.

There are many ways we can support AAUW. Four members of our branch have put AAUW in their trusts. The amount of this gift is not the criteria, rather the idea that you can leave a legacy in your name. Mildred Hart, my stepmother who died at 104, decided a number of years ago to buy an annuity through AAUW. She was paid a set amount four times a year until her death. This aided her greatly in paying for her caregivers. I have decided to use some of my inheritance to bring her remaining money up to \$200,000 so that she will have a Fellowship in her name forever. With interest rates at the bottom, AAUW Annuities look really good. Your earnings from them will depend on your age. Mildred was receiving 11% because when she opened this account the interest rates were higher.

This wonderful organization that we support was recently recognized as a top charity by the Huffington Post, Charity Navigator and Nerd Wallet. In addition, Great Nonprofits has again recognized AAUW as a top-rated women's empowerment organization! This organization catalogs and shares reviews of nonprofit organizations around the world. This shows all of us that the money we donate to AAUW Special funds is put to work in the best way possible and with the lowest overhead.

I mentioned in the last month's message that we were going to be registering voters at Chabot College. Many thanks to the ladies who encouraged those young people to register. We registered nearly 100 people. Instead of just sitting at a table, we confronted the students in line to see if they had registered yet. It was terrifically satisfying to realize that we encouraged so many young people to feel that our democracy needs their input by voting. The end of this month we will be going up to Cal State East Bay to register voters at a student fair event that lasts a week. We will have a table twice during this week and I hope that we can be as successful there.

Helene Carr and I drove to San Jose on Friday evening to provide the Lilly Ledbetter book, "True Grit" to a union conference. She was their key note speaker and was interviewed by one of the union leaders. We have seen her speak before, but never in an interview fashion. It was very illuminating and we sold every book that we brought. We could have sold even more as she is such an inspirational speaker that everyone wants to read about her life and her struggles for back pay from Goodyear Tire Company.

I want to encourage all of you to let me know what programs you would like to see in the future. We are open to suggestions at all times and of course to any of you who would like to volunteer for helping with future programs need to let me know. We need someone to help us with decorations for the Holiday Party and we need someone to run the Silent Auction. All money taken in from that event will go directly to our National Organization Education Fund.

Liz Bathgate, President

DRAMA READING

Thursday October 4th *

7 pm

*Because the first Presidential Debate will be on the usual meeting date, the 3rd.

We will meet at Liz Bathgate's home to read "On Golden Pond". An aging couple spends each summer at their cottage on a lake called Golden Pond. They are visited by daughter Chelsea, who is somewhat estranged from her curmudgeon father. Chelsea introduces them to her new fiancé, Bill, and asks them to let Bill's young son stay with them while they spend some time to themselves. The boy is annoyed by being left with elderly strangers with no friends nearby and nothing to do. He resents Norman's brusque manner at first, but eventually comes to enjoy their fishing adventures together. Chelsea returns, a little exasperated and envious of the fact that Norman seemingly has bonded with a stranger's child in a way he never quite did with her.

HAYWARD VOLUNTEER DINNER

October 9th in the tent at St Rose Hospital. Dee Butner will be our honoree. Concern was shown by the group over the seating arrangement. We need to have two AAUW tables so that our members can all sit together. Last year some of the members were forced to sit at different tables. Call Supervisor Valle's office, 510.259.1097 to find out about two tables.

BUNCO TIME IS COMING UP ON OCTOBER 12, 6:30 p.m.

AT MARY GRAW'S HOME IN CASTRO VALLEY!!!!

It's been a long time since our last games and it will be great to see everyone again. Here's just a reminder to call 538-3415 or e-mail to register and tell Dee Donaldson what appetizer or dessert you want to bring along with your luck and 5- \$1.00 bills.

Mary's home is at 4859 Beacon Hill Drive. 581-5536. You cross Castro Valley to the East on Castro Valley Blvd' and turn left on Crow Canyon Rd. then turn right on Beacon Hill the second street, OR, if you cross CV on Heyer Rd. at the end you will turn right on to Crow Canyon Rd. and Beacon Hill is your first left turn. When you call me I can help with other directions if needed.

BOOK REVIEW GROUP

Monday, October 15

2p – 4p

We will be meeting at the Castro Valley home of Dani Stonelake. The book selected is *Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide* by Nicholas D. Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn. Mr. Kristof is a writer/columnist for the *New York Times*. Ms WuDunn, his wife, previously worked at the *Times* as a business and news writer and was a foreign correspondent in Asia. The two were the first married couple to win a Pulitzer Prize in journalism for their coverage of China as *New York Times* correspondents. Ruth Kufin will be the facilitator of the discussion.

Please come join us for a fascinating, thought-provoking year of books and friends.

Refreshments will be served. If you have questions or need directions, contact Dani at 881-4460 or my email at dstonelake@gmail.com.

The group is looking ahead to the annual Holiday Party on December 2nd. We will once again have a basket to be auctioned off as part of the EF fundraiser. Dee Butner has again graciously volunteered to make one of her beautiful baskets. Please bring items for the basket to the October or November meeting. Items like books, tea, dessert treats, whatever creative ideas you have for contributing will be welcome. If you have questions, contact Dee at 537-8541.

DINING OUT

OCTOBER 15, 2012 6 P.M.
BUFFALO BILL'S BREW PUB
1082 B STREET, HAYWARD, CA 94541

buffalobillsbrewery.com

While enjoying our Thai dinner at Siam Palace, we discussed future restaurant choices. Buffalo Bill's will be featuring their Pumpkin Ale in October and the weather should be warm enough for us to sit in the covered outside patio comfortably.

Happy Hour ends at 6 p.m. If you enjoy beer or wine and want to save some money, arrive early and order your tasty adult beverage at the Happy Hour price at the bar before joining the group. We'll skip dining out in November and December because of numerous holiday events.

Olive Garden will be our venue on January 21, 2013- hot soup and warm bread sticks will sure feel good then.

R.S.V.P. sandyboswell@rocketmail.com
Or call home # (510) 293-9575 / cell # (510) 909-5466

tech trek

Tech Trek Notes

We are gathered here today to share our experiences at Tech Trek and thank those who contributed. There is almost too much to talk about, and I could not possibly say it all, a statement that I never thought I would say! At TechTrek, I learned so much; about character, technology, and math. I also learned more things, such as what life in a dorm is like, and that the food at college is much better than the food at my middle school.

The best part of Tech Trek was making new friends. I met so many new people; I met my dorm mate, Andria, who was an amazing girl who loves music and theatre. I met Jada, an equally wonderful girl and also very kind, Maria, the third Tech Trekker in her family, Nicky, who loved literature, Julie, who was silly, Kimi, who was sweet, Ayra, Brianna, Elizabeth, and a wonderful dorm mom. I met Erin, who understood when I accidentally locked my cardkey in my room. I met so many new people that I'm sure I left some out and hope they are not offended.

I learned about geometry. Melissa the math teacher taught us string art, ellipses, and the trick where you cut up a postcard and can walk through it. I learned about technology. Ginny the computers teacher taught us how to use Scratch, a program which enabled you to create your own movie, animation, or even video game. I learned about geology. Lisa the science teacher taught us about fossils and earthquakes. I learned about finance. I learned about volcanoes. I learned how to tell vinegar and water apart without drinking them. (Hint: sniff the cups!) I even learned how to make lip gloss out of Kool-Aid and Crisco.

However, I learned more important things than lip gloss. I learned about pride, strength, and honor. I learned about hard work and perseverance. I learned much, much more than I have put on this paper; indeed much more than I could even speak of (and that's saying a lot.) I want to thank all who contributed to helping me to experience this amazing camp, and I want to say that Tech Trek influenced my life in more ways that even I can imagine.

Lianne Dooley, Tech Trek Camper, 2012

Lianne was unable to attend the picnic so she sent Judy Harrison this letter to read to the group. She epitomized what Tech Trek does for our young ladies.

Campers Daniela Perla, Alejandra Samaniego, Iman Khan and Shubham Gupta shared highlights of camp for them and impressed the chapter with their enthusiasm and sincerity. Their parents also shared the same excitement.



Judy Harrison, Ruth Kuffin, Iman Khan,
Alejandra Samaniego, Shubham Gupta,
Dee Butner

Camp at Sonoma State will be in June. Fees have increased to \$900 per girl and we have made reservations for 5 girls. We have some seed money from Bonnie Smith's estate and will start our fundraising now. Let's all make sure we can send our girls to camp!

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ADOPT-A-CAMPER FOR SONOMA STATE

Help sponsor a girl at the AAUW Tech Trek Science Camp at Sonoma State by paying for all or part of her experience.

- \$900 will pay for her entire week
- \$350 will pay for half of her stay
- \$100 will pay for one day of her stay
- \$ 50 will pay for ½ day at camp
- \$ 25 will pay for a one field trip
- \$ 20 will pay for her supplies for science and math classes
- \$ 15 will pay for her meals for one day
- \$ 10 will pay for her snacks for one week

We know that you want to make sure our girls have an opportunity to attend camp by adopting one with a donation of any amount.

We plan to send five girls to Tech Trek camp in June 2013 for six days of a wonderfully unique educational experience.

Please send your donation to **Pat Sutter, 3619 Arcadian Ct., Castro Valley, CA 94546-1118**. Checks should be made out to **AAUW CA-SPF**. Be sure to write **Tech Trek** on the check's memo line. All donations are tax deductible.

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Yes, I would love to ADOPT-A-CAMPER! I am enclosing

\$ _____ to pay for: _____

Signed _____

Address _____

**AAUW FUNDS - SAN JOSE
FELLOWS & GRANT
RECIPIENTS LUNCHEON**

Lunch: \$40
Registration
11:30 a.m.
&
RSVP
Deadline
October 8th

Saturday, October 20, 2012

12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Sainte Claire Hotel

302 S. Market Street | San Jose, CA 95113

Join us for this enjoyable and informative day when we will celebrate the 2012-13 Funds Fellows & Grant Recipients studying in California. Fellowship and grant recipients perform research in a wide range of disciplines and work to improve their schools and communities. Their intellect, dedication, imagination, and effort promise to forge new paths in scholarship, improve the quality of life for all, and tackle the educational and social barriers facing women in the United States and around the globe.



San Jose - Reservations Due by October 8, 2012

2012-13 AAUW FUNDS **SAN JOSE** FELLOWS & GRANT RECIPIENTS LUNCHEON

Register online at: www.rsvpbook.com/aauwfundsluncheonfall2012 and enter passcode: **aauwca**

Make Check Payable to **AAUW CA** and Mail Form to:

AAUW CA
1331 Garden Highway, #100
Sacramento, CA 95833

Name: _____

Branch: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Guest: _____

Guest: _____

Qty.

____ Tube Pasta in Tomato Sauce

____ Tube Pasta with Bacon & Vodka Cream Tomato Sauce

____ Mesquite Grilled Chicken Breast

(Beverage and Dessert included)

of Reservations: Amount Enclosed: \$

SAVE THE DATE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2012

**ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY
SAN LORENZO HOMES ASSOCIATION HALL
SAN LORENZO, CA**

The Holiday Party is almost upon us. As Chairperson for the event I am looking for volunteers to help with the planning, arrangements, and implementation. If you would like to help, please contact me by email at slaterl@sbcglobal.net or by phone at 510-435-6150. We need the following number of people to handle these tasks:

Handle Registration (1)	Decorations (2)
Reception (2)	Wine Servers (2)
Silent Auction Coordinator (1)	Entertainment (1)
Silent Auction Assistants (3)	Clean Up (4)
Refreshment Coordinator (1)	Setup (4)

The party is always lots of fun. It will take a committed group of individuals to pull it all together. Let me know if I can count on you.

Thanks in advance. Linda

LAF NEWS

September 2012 New Information

Third Military Sexual Assault Case to Be Filed

On September 28, the firm that represents the plaintiffs in the military sexual assault cases [*Cioca v. Rumsfeld*](#) and [*Klay v. Panetta*](#), will file a third lawsuit on behalf of service members who were sexually assaulted or raped by other service members while serving their country. AAUW is providing financial support to this case in addition to the two existing cases. The third case will be filed against the Air Force and the Army in the U.S. District Court for Northern California. The plaintiffs and their lawyers will hold a press conference that morning in the San Francisco area and local AAUW members are invited to attend.

Contact laf@aauw.org for the location and time (as of this writing, that information is not yet known).

LAF NEWS – continued

AAUW Signs On to Affirmative Action Supreme Court Case

In August, AAUW signed on to an [amicus](#) brief urging the U.S. Supreme Court to uphold racial preferences in college admissions. The court will hear the case, [Fisher v. University of Texas, Austin](#), in October. In 2008, Abigail Fisher filed a lawsuit against UT after she was denied undergraduate admission. She argued that since the university already had a race-neutral policy to increase minority admissions, it should not have an additional race-conscious policy. Many legal experts [believe](#) that, given the Supreme Court's current composition, it will strike down the policy. AAUW supports affirmative action programs that establish equal opportunity for women and minorities and improve gender, racial, and ethnic diversity in educational institutions, which is why we signed the amicus brief in support of UT's current admissions policy.

Participate in the Fall Legal Advocacy Fund Information Conference Call

On Tuesday, October 2, 2012, at 8 p.m. EDT/5 p.m. PDT, LAF staff will hold a conference call open to all members who want to learn about the latest LAF programs and updates. The presentation will last about 30 minutes with additional time for questions. To participate and to receive call-in information, please e-mail laf@aauw.org by October 1.

Apply for the Case Support Travel Grants

Do you want to meet one of the courageous plaintiffs who benefits from AAUW's financial support and hear her or his story firsthand? Apply for a Case Support Travel Grant by October 15 to have an LAF-supported plaintiff or lawyer speak at your spring state convention. Information and the application are [available online](#).

MEMBER NEWS

George Rusteika has returned home after his heart attack and surgery. He is weak but doing better.

Glenna Zolling has recovered her stamina and celebrated her 90th birthday with her family from British Columbia.

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. Let's let our friends know we care.

MEMBERSHIP

Since our last Shareline, we have added five new members. Chabot College has joined our National AAUW as a College Partner. As a result of this liaison, we have added the President of Chabot, Susan Sperling and her Executive Assistant, Karen Silva as members of our branch. We foresee many times when this partnership will bring us closer to their students with programs such as \$tart \$mart and the showing of a Miss Representation and The Invisible War, both relevant to equity for women.

We have a new member, Megan Finney, who is taking advantage of the Give a Grad a Gift program. She just finished her MA in Kinesiology with a Physical Education Emphasis. She recently moved to Castro Valley and for the time being is working at Curves. She will be lonely for people her own age if you don't recommend other recent grads to this wonderful AAUW National program. If you know any women who qualify, please call me so I can contact them.

At our membership picnic we added two other ladies to our roles. Patti Diaz teaches at Chabot College and is a former student of mine from Mission San Jose High School. She is a graduate of U.C. Davis and received her master's degree at C.S.U.E.B. She lives here in Castro Valley and spends her spare time reading.

Kristina Seher received her BA from the University of Michigan and then went on to receive two M.A. degrees from U.C. Berkeley. She is the Head of the School at the Principled Academy which is located in San Leandro. She lives in Berkeley.

The Membership Picnic was attended by over 40 people including four of our Tech Trek girls and their families. We heard from all four girls about their impressions of the camp and how it has changed their perspectives on continuing their education in a S.T.E.M. field. Judy Harrison read a letter from another camper who was unable to attend and you can read that in this newsletter. Listening to these girls talk about their experiences was really uplifting for all of us. This is such a worthwhile program for us to support!

We called the group to order because we needed to vote on this coming year's budget. Linda Slater presented it and it was passed unanimously by the members present.

At the picnic, June Cook brought two women who work for an organization called Love Never Fails Us. The mission of this group is dedicated to the rehabilitation, education, and protection of youth involved or at risk of becoming involved in domestic sex trafficking. Girls as young as twelve are being exploited and this organization wants to raise youth awareness in order to prevent this from happening. They also are involved in removing and rehabilitating youth who have been subject to sex trafficking. We see this group as an opportunity for us to sponsor a program on this topic in our community to raise awareness of his problem.