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Branch

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## A Message from the President

Welcome to 2017! We're off to a great start. Over 40 members enjoyed a wonderful bi-branch luncheon co-hosted with Fremont Branch at Aqua de Farina in Hayward. Then heard a great talk about travel in Panama with Judy Harrison at Baywood. Thanks ladies.

Speaking of Judy, her Tech Trek committee distributed all the applications for this year's Tech Trek program at Sonoma State. Ochoa Middle School wins the prize for first middle school to have their applications submitted. Our branch will be sending 7 girls to camp again this year. Thanks to all of you, we've done a great job of fundraising. It's so important to the girls who may never have gotten such a chance before.

Helene Victor has joined the Tech Trek committee, but the Board is still wishing for members, new and old, to get involved with the Program, Membership, Public Policy, and Tech Trek committees. Please contact me if you are interested.

A big "Thank You" to branch member Becky Bell for stepping forward to take over as Shareline Editor. Unfortunately, we say good-bye to long-time editor Susan Mahaney who is stepping down due to family concerns. Thanks Susan and Becky.

March is Women in History month. On Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 11 AM, the San Ramon Branch will host a forum on "Muslim Women, Beyond the Stereotypes". All branches welcome.

In April CA AAUW will host leadership trainings for all branch members. Stay tuned in, check our branch calendar regularly, and watch for Yahoo Groups! notices on date, time and place.

Save the date for Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> from 5-7 PM. The Hayward Area Historical Society will host a reception for our Community Gallery Event – AAUW Hayward Castro Valley 75 Years of Service. The Community Gallery exhibit will run from May 13<sup>th</sup> – June 18<sup>th</sup>. Many thanks to Penny Peck, Evelyn Gertler, Mary Graw and Ursula Batz for helping me keep this project on track. If you have mementos, photos, articles, or artifacts about our Branch please let me know.

Yours in Service,

Linda Slater

## Women in Leadership by Elaine Wong Eakin

“Women Changing Our World: Paths to Leadership” was a forum organized by the Santa Clara County Interbranch Council of AAUW. For two hours, five women leaders and a moderator inspired us as they shared insights and lessons learned on their road to leadership. I was fortunate to attend with three other AAUW members: Avis Kresin from the Fremont branch, and Liz Bathgate and Helene Carr from the Hayward/Castro Valley branch.

Cathy Foxhoven, a long-time AAUW member and leader on the AAUW California Board, skillfully moderated the panel, asking thoughtful questions of the five panelists who came from diverse backgrounds.

- Caryn Beck-Dudley is a well-established scholar and has served as a dean of business schools.
- Danielle Feinberg, the Director of Photography-Lighting at Pixar Animation Studios, has contributed to Academy Award-winning films.
- Julianne Sylva is a Superior Court Judge in Santa Clara County and a recognized expert in parental abduction.
- Marlene Bjornsrud is founder of The Alliance of Women’s Coaches and the Bay Area Women’s Sports Initiative. As a leader and advocate in women’s sports, she has testified at a U.S. Congressional hearing about the importance of Title IX.
- Rose Herrera was elected to the San Jose City Council, served for two terms, and was appointed Vice Mayor

Some highlights of their responses:

- Confidence
  - One panelist realized that the imposter syndrome was holding her back. She overcame her doubts by acting like she knew what she was doing and built confidence.
  - Another panelist learned how to approach “I’ve never done this before” situations: instead of backing off, she would make them learning experiences.
- Stereotypes - How to handle being the only woman in a man’s world? Should a woman act like men?
  - Ms. Bjornsrud remembered her early days attending athletic conferences where the evening activities were drinking and smoking. **Advice: Accept yourself - you don’t have to be one of the boys.**
  - Judge Sylva observed that stereotypes continue: aggressive behavior in men are accepted whereas women who behave aggressively are perceived negatively. **Advice: Respect yourself and stay true to yourself.**
- Mentoring - The panelists had role models and mentors and are, in turn, mentors to women and men. They appreciate the value of mentors and role models paving the way. **Advice: Raise others up.**

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If you would like to learn more about women in leadership, especially in elected offices, mark **May 9th** on your calendar. The AAUW Hayward/Castro Valley is organizing a panel of women elected officials to share their insights.

**When:** Tuesday, May 9, 6-8 pm

**Where:** Castro Valley Library, 3600 Norbridge Avenue, Castro Valley, CA 94546





# Tech Trek News

## Save the date!

**August 21, 2017** for the annual Tips For Change dinner at Gianni's Italian Bistro in San Ramon. This fun filled event brings enough in tips and the raffle to send three girls to camp. This year the camp fees went up to \$1,000 per girl so your support is more necessary than ever. Stay tuned for the publicity announcement and the call for baskets for the raffle. We will be asking for wait staff in the coming months. Contact Liz Bathgate (510-581-0461; [lbathgate@att.net](mailto:lbathgate@att.net)) if you are interested.

Our committee has visited all 12 schools in our four districts and will be reading the applications on March 13<sup>th</sup>. We will interview the finalists on March 25<sup>th</sup> and announce the winners on April 1<sup>st</sup>. Thanks to your generosity we plan to send seven girls to camp this year.

Camp is at Sonoma State and is from June 18 to 24. They still need Dorm Moms/Monitors. The following is a brief description of the position: (if you are interested in a complete job description email Judy Harrison at [jharrison663@comcast.net](mailto:jharrison663@comcast.net)).

**Purpose of the Position:** Dorm Monitor/Mom will monitor a small group (10 campers) of Tech Trek campers, provide emotional support, and respond to campers' questions and concerns throughout the week.

**Dorm Monitor Selection Criteria:** Dorm Monitors should be flexible, highly responsible, and emotionally available. Dorm Monitors should be comfortable with kindly enforcing the rules and regulations and handling emotional situations such as homesickness, camper conflict, and stress. Dorm Monitors should also be prepared to handle the needs of a variety of personality types and should above all concern themselves with the girls' safety. Dorm monitors/moms must be at least 18 years of age.

## MEET YOUR ELECTED OFFICIALS

Aiwa Zelinsky, Co-President  
Joanne Young, Co-President  
League of Women Voters Eden Area  
[aiyz@comcast.net](mailto:aiyz@comcast.net)

The public is invited to meet their elected officials at a program and reception on Friday, March 10 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Hayward City Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 777 B Street, Hayward.

Elected leaders have been invited who represent the Eden Area: Hayward, San Leandro and the surrounding unincorporated areas of Castro Valley, San Lorenzo, Cherryland, Ashland and Fairview.

A representative from each of the jurisdictions has been asked to give a brief presentation relating to the past accomplishments of their office and goals for 2017-18. The program will be held in the Hayward City Hall Chambers.

During the reception, the elected leaders will be available to answer questions from their constituents individually.

The League has requested an rsvp to [lwvea@aol.com](mailto:lwvea@aol.com) for this free program.

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.

### Join us for BUNCO!

Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup> 6:30 to 9:00PM

Dee Butner's Home  
4789 Rollinghills Way  
Castro Valley, CA

Directions-Come to Castro Valley Blvd. and turn North on Center St. and continue to Edwards and turn Right. Go one long block and turn Left on Gliddon. Go 2 short blocks and turn Right on Rollinghills Way. My house is the yellow one on the corner.

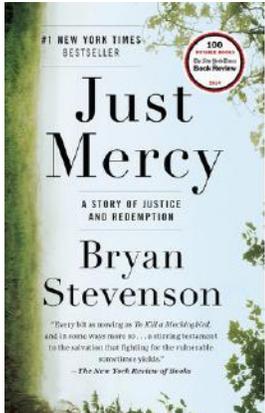
We start with appetizers and wine or soft drink which I assign people to bring. We play 2 rounds and then break for dessert and coffee or tea before playing the last round. Each player is to bring \$5 in \$1 denominations. In the end the 3 winners will receive a monetary prize.

RSVP to Dee at [510-537-8541](tel:510-537-8541).



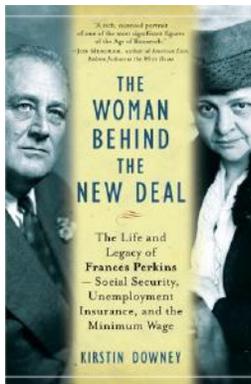
# Join us for Book Club!

The March meeting of the Branch Book Group will be on **Monday, March 20, 2-4 p.m. at the home of Helene Victor, 19253 Parkview Rd., Castro Valley.** The afternoon will be a group read, Bryan Stevenson's *Just Mercy*. Published in 2014, influential lawyer Stevenson has written about "the unforgettable true story of the redeeming potential of mercy. . . (He) founded the Equal Justice Initiative, a legal practice dedicated to defending the poor, the wrongly condemned and those trapped in the furthest reaches of our criminal justice system" (from the book jacket). The book was required reading for all freshmen at UC Berkeley last autumn. Liz Bathgate will facilitate what promises to be a lively discussion. Refreshments will be served.



If you are new to the group or are a regular member unable to join us or you will be bringing a guest, please contact Helene at 886-1640. Let's show this courtesy to our hostess so she can plan refreshments and seating.

## Looking ahead...



April 17<sup>th</sup>

The Woman Behind the New Deal  
Kirstin Downey

May 15<sup>th</sup>

The Nightingale  
Kristin Hannah



**DRAMA READING:** This month on the **1st of March**, we will read Neil Simon's play "Jake's Woman". The play centers on Jake, a writer with a struggling marriage. Jake talks to many of the women he knows, both in real life and in his imagination, as he works to save his marriage. Jake, suffering with psychosis and seeing representations of his daughter at age 12, his late wife Julie and recently divorced wife Maggie, is dealing with the inability to write productively and must resolve these issues before he does so.

Come join us for a rollicking fun evening. We meet at 7pm at Liz Bathgate's home.

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## **ROSIE THE RIVETER TRIP: April 21st. 9-3pm**

This will be Liz's third visit to the Rosie Museum. Friday's are the day to go since the few remaining Rosie's are there to tell us their stories. This museum is a reminder to all of us to try new things, test our limits, and believe in ourselves and others. This is an unusual urban national park, the WW11 Home Front National Historical Park is located on the waterfront in Richmond, CA.



We will go in carpools from Liz Bathgate's home in Castro Valley starting at 9:15am. The park opens at 10am and we will view the films before meeting with the Rosie's who will be there that day. We will have lunch in a great restaurant located right next door in the old

Ford Assembly plant. Please RSVP to Liz at 510-581-0461 to coordinate carpooling.

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## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

March 1st	Drama Reading	7pm (Liz Bathgate's Home)
March 6th	Board Meeting	6:30pm (Liz Bathgate's Home)
March 20th	Book Group	2-4pm (Helen Victor's Home)
April 1st	East Bay Leadership Day	9am-3pm (Concord)
April 21st	Rosie the Riveter Museum & Lunch 9-2	9:15am departure
April 22nd	State AAUW Meeting	9am-3pm (SFO Marriott)
May 9th	Elected Officials Panel	6-8pm (C.V. Library)
May 12th	Souper Supper	5-8 pm (Odd Fellows Hall)
May 17th	Hayward Area Historical Society Gallery Reception for our 75 year history exhibition	4:30-6:30pm (HHS)
May 27th	Muslim Speakers Panel	2-4pm (HHS)