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# the Shareline

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Hayward/Castro Valley  
Branch

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## A Message from the President

Hello Branch Members!

It's an exciting time for our branch. We celebrated our 75th year and Saturday, April 22nd the Hayward Area Historical Society honored us by naming the branch Historical Organization of 2016 in part because of working with us on the Community Gallery exhibition that runs May 13 - July 2, 2017. I want to thank all of you for your commitment to the branch and the mission of AAUW.

I hope all of you received your invitation to the Gallery Reception to be held Wednesday, May 17th from 5 - 7 pm at the Hayward Area Historical Society. You'll have a chance to view the exhibit, celebrate our anniversary, and enjoy some delicious refreshments. This is a no-cost celebration of our 75 years of empowering women and girls. Look forward to seeing you all there.

Once again I am asking for 12 members to volunteer for a one-day, 4-hour shift between 11 am - 2 pm on each Wednesday for the six-week run of the gallery exhibit. I would like two members each Wednesday to be a docent for the exhibit. Thank you.

I hope you'll take advantage of the other great events for May: (1) the Souper Supper always delicious and a great way to renew friendships, meet our Tech Trek and NCCWSL recipients, and sample soups and desserts; and (2) the "I Ran for Office and Won" forum co-sponsored by the LWVEA and the Castro Valley Library. A panel of 5 women will discuss what it takes for a woman to run for office. Don't miss it!

If you have a good idea for a program, forum or event, please shoot me an email. New ideas are always welcome!

Linda Slater, President  
AAUW Hayward-Castro Valley Branch



# **SOUPER SUPPER**

**FRIDAY, MAY 5TH**

**6PM to 9PM**

**HAYWARD ODDFELLOWS HALL**

**950 B Street**

Enter parking lot off Main Street between A & B.

The building is to your left and is wooden.

There are outside stairs and an elevator at the left end of the building.

**Last year this raffle was great fun SO!!**

**Bring your favorite DESSERT to be raffled during our supper**

Meet **ANGELINE PARRA**, from Chabot College, who will attend the annual National Conference of Collegiate Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) at the University of Maryland in June.

Meet the new group of **Tech Trek** girls, and their families, chosen to attend camp at Sonoma State in June.

Bring a **SOUP** or a **SALAD**. The branch provides everything else.  
No fee.

**Reservations are REQUIRED by May 3rd:**

Email Liz Bathgate at  
[lbbathgate@att.net](mailto:lbbathgate@att.net)

# I Ran for Office and Won

Four women candidates tell their story



**Fran David**  
**Moderator**  
former Hayward  
City Manager

**Shelia Young**  
Oro Loma Sanitary  
District Board,  
former Mayor of  
San Leandro

**Jennifer Madden**  
Alameda County  
Superior Court Judge

**Alicia Hetman**  
AAUW Nat'l Board  
Vice Chair,  
Candidate for AAUW  
Nat'l Board Chair

**Penny Peck**  
San Lorenzo  
Unified School  
District Board

**What does it take for a woman to run for office?** Fewer than 25% of California's state legislators are women. Certainly there is no lack of women leaders.

**Come and meet five successful women.** Learn what inspired them to run and about their experience as candidates and elected officials.

**When:** Tue, May 9, 2017  
5:30-8 pm

**Where:** Castro Valley Library  
3600 Norbridge Ave  
Castro Valley, CA

Worried about the direction of our government? Don't just tweet. Don't just protest. Get in there and do something about it. Run for Office.  
*Osita Nwanevu*

**Register at Eventbrite. This event is open to the public and admission is free.**

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/leadership-women-elected-officials-tickets-33632080458>

Your registration helps us set up enough chairs, handouts and light refreshment.



Library is wheelchair accessible. For other accommodation, please contact the library at least 7 days in advance at 510-667-7900 / TTY 888-663-0660.



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# 75 YEARS OF EMPOWERING WOMEN

For 75 years, the Hayward-Castro Valley Branch of AAUW (American Association of University Women) has been dedicated to advancing education, equality and community for Bay Area Women. Please join us at the reception celebrating the opening of our 6-week community gallery exhibit running May 13 – July 2, 2017. The exhibit showcases vintage photos, letters, articles, clothing, and awards, many never displayed before, celebrating this 75-year legacy.



Hayward-Castro Valley Inc. (CA) Branch

Please Join Us  
May 17, 2017 Gallery  
Reception

5:00 – 7:00 PM

Celebrate our rich  
AAUW history

Tour the Exhibit

RSVP [lindajslater2@gmail.com](mailto:lindajslater2@gmail.com)

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# AAUW California 2017 Election

AAUW California has an uncontested slate of officers so they will all take office on July 1st. But we will be voting on the Public Policy priorities for the next two years. You should have received instructions by e-mail on April 22. Voting closes on May 12th.

Voting is now open for our incoming slate of national officers. Go to <http://www.aauw.org/resource/national-election/> and meet the impressive women who want to lead us for the coming cycle. Then check out the seven (7) proposed changes to our by-laws.

We are again being asked to vote on removing the degree requirement from our membership eligibility. There are also six (6) proposed changes to the Public Policy Program and two (2) resolutions to consider. Last day for online voting is June 15th, but don't wait. You will need your individual member number and voting link which you received in a special e-mail from Mark Hopkins on April 10th. You also should have received your National AAUW Outlook Magazine and on the back are their member number and the pin that you will need to vote.

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## How Many Recent College Grads Do You Know? Give Them All the Gift of Free AAUW Membership!

Last year, colleges and universities in the United States awarded roughly one million associate degrees, two million bachelor's degrees, 800,000 master's degrees, and 200,000 doctoral degrees. Can you imagine if every one of these graduating students became an AAUW member? We can, and you can help us get there.

As an AAUW member, you can gift one year of free AAUW national membership to as many recent graduates as you like. We all know that the future of our organization depends on today's graduates. Give a minute; gain a new community of AAUW leaders. Here's how it works:

- Identify the recent college or university graduates in your networks.
- These recent graduates can be family, friends, neighbors, former students, friends of friends: you name it! You could even gift AAUW memberships to the entire graduating class of your local college or university. Anyone who has graduated within the past two years is eligible to receive one free membership from an AAUW member.
- Collect their information.
- You'll need to know the mailing address, phone number, e-mail, and alma mater for each of these future AAUW members. Go to the AAUW National Website at <http://www.aauw.org/resource/give-a-grad-a-gift/>



## Urgent: Tell Congress to Vote NO on AHCA

Despite overwhelming opposition from constituents, the House of Representatives is moving forward with another attempt to repeal the Affordable Care Act.

**Don't be fooled.** The revised American Health Care Act would put health care out of reach for *millions* of Americans, making coverage more expensive, dramatically limiting Medicaid for our nation's vulnerable, and, now, gutting protections for people with preexisting conditions like cancer or diabetes.

**[Call your Representative now and urge him/her to Vote NO on the American Health Care Act and MacArthur Amendment.](#)**

AAUW believes that everyone is entitled to high-quality, affordable, and accessible health care. The revised AHCA would severely limit access to coverage for millions of women, putting our health, well-being, and economic security in jeopardy.

**To fight back against this attack on women's access to affordable, quality care, we need you to make your voice heard as soon as possible.**

**[Click here](#)** to view our call script and phone number. Then, pick up the phone to urge your Representative to oppose the American Health Care Act!

**TAKE ACTION!**



Take Action: Protect the hard-earned retirement savings of retirees!

AAUW strongly supports strengthening retirement benefits and programs. That's why we celebrated when, in April 2016, the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) issued its final rule to strengthen protections for retirement savers by requiring financial advisers to provide retirement investment advice that is in their clients' best interests.

But with this commonsense rule scheduled to go into effect next month, Congress and the Administration are seeking to delay and ultimately eliminate it. DOL is currently accepting comments to examine the impacts of this rule and it's critical that they hear our message:

[Click here to tell the Department of Labor the fiduciary rule is a necessary tool in the fight to improve our nation's retirement income security and it should be supported.](#)

Women who work full time take home just 80 cents on average for every dollar men earn. Continuing pay inequity results in women having fewer savings, lower Social Security benefits, and lower pension benefits – leaving them on an unequal retirement footing. This is why it is even more imperative that when women trust their retirement savings to an adviser, that the adviser puts their best interests ahead of profits.

DOL's fiduciary rule has the potential to save women and their families billions of dollars in fees every year. That's money that can now stay and compound in their retirement nest eggs.

The deadline for submitting comments is **Monday, April 17**, so we've made it easy to do. Simply [click here](#) and enter your contact information. Then, submit your comments in support of this commonsense and long-overdue rule to protect hardworking Americans!

TAKE ACTION!



# Speaking for Ourselves

## A Panel of Your Muslim Neighbors

Fear has become toxic towards the stereotyping and marginalization of your Muslim-American neighbors. Hear from five practicing Muslims about being Muslim in America, Islamophobia, the challenges of ISIS, and how we can be better neighbors and friends in our community.

**Saturday, May 27, 2:00-4:00 PM**  
Free Admission



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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 (510) 538-0516 or by email at [bb\\_jones@pacbell.net](mailto:bb_jones@pacbell.net). Let's let our friends know we care.

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Sandy Boswell is home after recent knee surgery. She reports she is adjusting to her new knee but pain has been a problem she hopes to ease soon. Her AAUW friends wish her a smooth recovery and quick return to her many activities.

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Ruth Kuffin recently moved to San Leandro and is settling into her new apartment. Her address is: Carlton Senior Living, 1000 East 14th St., Apt. 233, San Leandro, CA 94577. Her phone number there is [\(510\) 878-2232](tel:5108782232). She indicates she looks forward to the many activities offered at Carlton, including their book group. She will also be keeping in touch with her many Hayward/Castro Valley branch friends.



The May meeting of the branch book group will be on Monday afternoon, May 15th, at the home of Pat Buchanan, 30847 Prestwick Avenue in Hayward. This will be our last group read of the year, Kristin Hannah's best selling novel about World War II France, *The Nightingale*. Brenda Sentura will facilitate our discussion. Refreshments will be served. All branch members are welcome to join in our wonderful afternoons of books, friends and conversation. If you are new to the group, please contact Pat at 471-5963.

This meeting will be the last one for the current AAUW year. Watch future issues of *The Shareline* for announcements about our meetings for the 2017-18 year which will begin on Monday, September 18th.

# MEMBERSHIP

The membership year for AAUW goes from June to June each year. The price this year is \$84 and includes \$46, which can be taken off your taxes as it goes to our national organization, which is a 501c3.

Due to the aging of our membership, our numbers are decreasing and I need each of you to bring your friends and relatives to our events. If you bring a friend to an open meeting such as our Souper Supper event, they can join on the spot for 1/2 the National Dues or a total of \$60.00. They need to have their checkbook with them at the event so that they can join on the spot.

If you have some friends or neighbors who are interested, please let me know and I can send them the brochure from our branch along with a letter that may better explain what AAUW is all about.

If you know a recent grad, they can become members for 0 cost. They have to have graduated within the last two years. Just send me their information. It doesn't matter where they have settled for their job.

Any new member who joins right now receives a couple of extra months of membership for free.

Next month I will have the information on how you can go to the AAUW website and pay your dues online using your credit or debit card. This saves me a lot of paper work.

Liz Bathgate