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## the Shareline

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Hayward/Castro Valley Branch

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2014

# FELLOWS LUNCHEON FREMONT & HAYWARD/CASTRO VALLEY

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2016

Acqua e Farina Restaurant  
22622 Main Street, Hayward  
11:30 am – 2:00 PM  
Cost \$ 36.00

### MENU

First Course: Insalata Mista

Main Course: Choice of:

1. Ravioli di Spinaci in a marinara sauce
2. Linguini w/shrimp and veggies in lemon sauce
3. Pollo alla Piccata

Dessert: Tiramisu

**Our speaker - Kristin de Nesnera:** a Ph.D candidate in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology at UC Santa Cruz

### RESERVATIONS FOR THE FELLOWS LUNCHEON:

**MAKE CHECK OUT TO: – AAUW H/CV for \$36.00**

Send to: Liz Bathgate

**Reservations due by January 30th**

22112 Queen Street Castro Valley 94546

NAME \_\_\_\_\_, your food choice: \_\_\_\_\_

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

## The PRESIDENT's MESSAGE

Hello Branch Members

Welcome to 2016. I hope you all enjoyed your holidays and are back and energized for the New Year. 2016 is going to be exciting for our Country, our State, and our County. It's a big election year with lots of contention, unknowns, and probably some surprises. Where does AAUW stand among all the rhetoric? Squarely on the side of equity and education for women and girls, of course!

I hope many of you watched President Obama's final State of the Union address in January. It was clear that President Obama believes that some of his policies could be rolled back if a Republican succeeds him, and the speech in many ways framed the 2016 campaign in terms of that choice. The speech's opening got right to the heart of what Obama sees as the unfinished business of his presidency. "I'll keep pushing for progress on the work that still needs doing. Fixing a broken immigration system. Protecting our kids from gun violence. [Equal pay for equal work](#), [paid leave](#), [raising the minimum wage](#). All these things still matter to hardworking families; they are still the right thing to do; and I will not let up until they get done." The president also stressed his support for voting rights, and the need to find ways to [remove barriers](#) and [encourage more women, especially younger and minority women, to vote](#). He said he intends to "travel the country to push for reforms," and we expect he'll find AAUW members waiting with pertinent questions at every stop. And, per usual, [AAUW's priority issues](#) were right in the thick of things. President Obama also decried the influence of money in politics, which has unique ramifications for women. Although women are the majority of registered voters, studies show we are less [likely to make political contributions](#) (hello, [gender pay gap!](#)), and women list fundraising as [their](#) biggest barrier to [running for elected office](#). If money remains the most respected and effective form of speech, women become even more marginalized. Despite representing more than 50 percent of the nation's population, women occupy far too few of the leadership roles in the United States: Less than a quarter of college presidents, just a fifth of the members of Congress, about one-tenth of the governors, and only one-twentieth of Fortune 500 CEOs are women. This leadership gap is why AAUW is pushing forward in 2016 to cultivate women leaders and to pave the way for their rise in education, government, and the corporate world. Our Branch supports the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) by giving a \$1,000 scholarship to a deserving student to attend the 4-day event in Maryland.

Two key AAUW priorities missing from President Obama's last State of the Union address were the issues of ending [violence against women, especially campus sexual assault](#), as well as the attacks on women's access to [reproductive health services and birth control](#). That was disappointing to say the least, given the prominence of both issues in the country's national conversation in 2015. Our branch is actively working with local Colleges and Universities to air the important film "It Happened Here" to raise awareness of sexual assault on college campuses. Look for dates and times in future Sharelines. To read the full article about the President's State of the Union visit <http://www.aauw.org/2016/01/14/obamas-final-sotu/>

As we (AAUW) embark on the 2016 election season, the [AAUW Action Fund](#) will continue to work with state leaders, branches, and allies to ensure that voters know the [registration rules in their state, their rights](#),

[and what to bring to the polls](#) on Election Day. [Voting](#) is the best way to ensure that women's voices are heard and that the issues directly affecting women and girls are respected and addressed. For more information on AAUW's policy issues go to <http://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/public-policy/aauw-issues/>.

## **MARK YOUR CALENDAR !**

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**EVERY THURSDAY**  
Walking Group

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February 1  
Board Meeting

February 3  
Drama Reading

February 6  
Fellows  
Luncheon

February 12  
Bunco

February 15  
Book Group

**LOOK INSIDE  
FOR  
DETAILS**

## **Hiking/Walking Group**

Meet at Lake Chabot near the café **EVERY THURSDAY** at 8:30 AM, or contact Ruth Rymer [ruthrymer@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ruthrymer@sbcglobal.net), or call Ruth at 317-2010.

Everyone is welcome and more members/friends are coming each week.

*Remember: exercise is the best medicine as we get older!*

### **DRAMA READING**

**Wednesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**At 7 pm**

The play this month is "The Chalk Garden" by Enid Bagnold. It is about a woman who applies as a governess to a household position in the country of England. The Applicant – the "governess" – has done a life sentence for murder and has only recently come out of prison. This fact swells like a mushroom cloud all through the play, and the cloud develops flames within it when the judge, who once sentenced her, comes to lunch. There are 9 parts.

We welcome all play readers to join us and partake of refreshments and good conversation after the second act.

If you are a new member and need more information, call Liz at 581-0461.

### **BOARD MEETING**

**February 1<sup>st</sup>**

**6:30 pm**

**at Liz Bathgate's home**



**Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup> – 6:30pm to 9:00pm**

Hostess: Olive Riley Steward, 32174 Bernice Way, Hayward, 94544

Tel#- 510-471-3332

**Happy New Year bunco friends! Hope you can come to our game. Bring your 5--one dollar bills and your cheerful spirits to play. Call Dee Donaldson (tel.-510-538-3415) to sign up for game and decide what food item to bring.**

**Directions-**

**From Foothill Blvd. make a slight left at Mission Blvd. Drive south on Mission Blvd for 11 minutes. Turn left at Blanche Street (Eiffel Tower Preschool). Drive 1 minute. Turn right at Trevor Street (Kindango School). Drive less than 1 minute. Turn left at Bernice Way. Olive's home is on the right side.**

**Please call Dee Donaldson (510-538-3415) and she will assign food item to bring. Call Dee Butner (510-537-8541) to sign up for the game.**

## **AAUW NATIONAL**

**This year we are once again asked by our D.C. leaders to take part in registering voters. If you would be interested in helping with this valuable part of our being citizens, let me know. I will keep you informed of the details about this initiative. The slogan they are using is IT'S MY VOTE - I WILL BE HEARD!**

**Our goal nationwide is to get 18-31 year old men and women to register and to vote. We are not discriminatory about their party, we just want more of our citizens to see the importance of everyone participating in this essential**

part of our democracy.

Many of us are members of the League of Women Voters and will be doing voter registration with them in libraries and at BART. The last election cycle many of us went to Chabot College and were able to sign up 100 new voters. We will see about doing that again this spring or fall. We need volunteers to help.

The issues at stake in this election are Pell Grants, Sexual Harassment, Affirmative Action, the Supreme Court Justices, Reproductive Rights, Equal Pay laws, Strengthening Social Security and Paid Parental Leave.

To learn more about the campaign from national, go to [voter@aauw.org](mailto:voter@aauw.org)

## **BOOK GROUP MEETING**

**Monday, February 15<sup>th</sup>**

**2pm to 4 pm**

Monday afternoon, February 15th, will find the branch Book Group meeting at Dee Butner's Castro Valley home for a review of Anthony Doerr's multiple award-winning novel, *All the Light We Cannot See*. The 2015 Pulitzer Prize winner for fiction, the novel movingly tells the stories of a blind French girl and a young German soldier whose paths cross briefly as each endeavors to survive the horrors of World War II. Brenda Sentura will review the novel for us.

The group will meet from 2-4 p.m. at Dee's home, 4789 Rollinghills Way, Castro Valley. Refreshments will be served. If you are a regular member of the group and plan to bring a guest, or if you cannot come, please call Dee at 537-8541 and let her know. If you are not a member of the group and wish to join us, please call Dee. It's a helpful courtesy to let our hostess know how many are coming so she can plan the refreshments and seating.

Looking ahead to March, we will meet on Monday afternoon, March 21, at Margaret Hankle's San Leandro home to explore our third group read of the year, Geraldine Brooks' new novel, *The Secret Chord*.

Mark your calendars for these special afternoons of great friends, rewarding conversations, and outstanding books. All branch members are welcome to join us.

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See you there!

**MEMBER NEWS**

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.

# AAUW ACTION

## NETWORK

*November, 2015*

### AAUW Gives Thanks

#### State Equal Pay Laws

We are thankful for the growing number of legislatures across the country that are passing statewide equal pay laws! California Governor Jerry Brown (D-CA) signed into law the nation's strongest statewide equal pay law in October, which provides more legal tools for employees and ensures stronger salary transparency rules. New York passed a package of five bills that take on discrimination, sexual harassment, and pregnancy accommodations in the workplace. Illinois approved a law to ensure that all employers, no matter how many workers they employ, follow established equal pay policies. In North Dakota, the new law makes it harder for employers to use non-work-related defenses to defeat pay discrimination claims. Both Oregon and Connecticut passed laws that prohibit employers from discriminating or retaliating against employees who discuss their wages. Finally, contractors in Delaware are now required to pay all employees equally.

#### The New 10

In June, the U.S. Department of the Treasury announced that a woman will be featured on the redesigned ten dollar bill in 2020. That year represents the 100th anniversary of women gaining the right to vote under the 19th Amendment. As the Treasury Department decides on the bill's new face, AAUW [released a poll](#) that asked members who they would choose (Nobel Prize-winning scientist Barbara McClintock won!). We're thankful to U.S. Treasurer Rosie Rios for inviting AAUW to a private roundtable with her to discuss the bill's redesign.

### **Executive Order on Paid Leave**

President Barack Obama signed an [executive order](#) establishing paid sick leave for federal contractors. Under the policy, that should begin in 2017, federal contractors will be required to provide their employees at least seven days of earned paid sick leave. The policy also accounts for absence due to sexual assault or domestic violence.

### **U.S. Women's Soccer Team Wins World Cup**

For the first time since 1999, the United States [women's national soccer team](#) won the FIFA World Cup. We're thankful for the team's remarkable achievement, and we think they should be paid equally for their championship win. Congress introduced resolutions that call on FIFA to pay men's and women's championship teams equally — not the current \$35 million to \$2 million ratio. Ask Congress to show its thanks by [urging them to cosponsor the resolution here!](#)

### **Record Number of Women Serving in Congress**

A [record number of women](#) are serving the 114th Congress: 88 women in the House and 20 in the Senate. We are thankful for this historic representation of women serving in office, and we'll continue to work to grow their ranks. Only

278 women have served in the House, and half of them were elected after 1992; 23 out of the 46 women who have served in the Senate were elected after 1996.

## **Tell Congress to Avoid Last-Minute Brinkmanship on the Omnibus!**

**Thank you to the AAUW Action Network advocates who made their voices heard by legislators over the last few weeks. As Congress worked to reach an agreement to fund the government through an omnibus spending bill, ideological policy riders threatened to stop the bill's progress. Nearly 6,000 messages were sent by Action Network to the House and Senate from all 50 states, urging them to avoid the policy riders and pass a funding bill to protect critical programs for Americans.**

**Congress' proposal avoids most of the damaging riders that AAUW opposed – such as ones to limit women's access to health care or block civil rights enforcement activities. While it is not a clean bill, it reflects many AAUW-priority policies that support women and families. Americans rely on these programs to stay safe, healthy, and secure—next year, Congress must avoid this last-minute brinkmanship!**

**Here are a few of the outcomes in the omnibus that AAUW considers wins:**

**No cuts to the Pell Grant program, allowing the maximum grant to increase to \$5,915 in the 2016-17 school year.**

**A policy rider to block the Department of Education's gainful employment rule, which helps protect consumers from bad career education programs, was defeated.**

**Violence Against Women Act programs see increased funding, including the campus grants to help end sexual violence.**

**A policy rider to defund Planned Parenthood and limit women's**

**access to health care was not included.**

**The federally funded, Washington, DC school voucher program was not reauthorized.**

**Your advocacy is an important part of AAUW's work on public policy priorities. The omnibus avoided many of the most problematic and ideological riders. Thank you for being a critical voice in supporting the funding of programs that keep Americans healthy and safe.**

**[Urge your members of Congress to avoid this last-minute brinkmanship next year!](#)**