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Hayward/Castro Valley Branch

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SOUPER SUPPER

FRIDAY, MAY 13TH

6PM to 9PM

First Baptist Church gymnasium

18550 Redwood Road

(corner of Redwood Road and 7 Hills Road)

New this year – A Souper Supper Raffle!

Bring your favorite DESSERT to be raffled during our supper

Meet **Jennifer Pierre-Louis**, from Chabot College, who'll 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 9th:

**Call Liz Bathgate at 510.581.0461 or email
lbbathgate@att.net**

The PRESIDENT's MESSAGE

"How Do YOU Fit In"?

Watching the recent political debates on both sides, I thought perhaps the art of constructive discussion of the issues had gone by the wayside. Not so. Your board has very positive and constructive conversation about how to better engage with our community, and our members, to increase involvement on our board and as volunteers by communicating the importance of the purpose of AAUW at a State and National level, and how we all fit in as a part of the broader AAUW mission.

These ideas caused me to think about the reason I became involved with AAUW. I joined later in life, having completed my degree the same year my son graduated from high school. My mom and sister were already active members, but I needed to find my own place on the team. Another member took me under her wing, got me involved in branch work right away as the Shareline editor but also demonstrated that our work at the branch level directly supports AAUW all the way from our communities to the national level.

As I reflect back on the years I have been a member, my best experiences have been as a Board member, in various capacities and as a volunteer working as a dorm mom for Tech Trek, chairing the holiday parties, and supporting informative forums and programs in conjunction with other like minded agencies like the League of Women Voters of the Eden Area and the Hayward Public Library, to name a few.

Yes, the book groups and bunco parties provide members an opportunity to build meaningful friendships with members they would otherwise not have had an opportunity to know. That's valuable, but being a part of the board and supporting the mission-based programs of AAUW has given me a wonderful sense of belonging to a team that helps coordinate and lead our work.

In 2016, your Board has focused on the important Title IX issues of campus safety and the limiting of sexual assault cases on campus by funding, through an AAUW Grant, the showing of the important film "It Happened Here" on five (5) campuses around the East Bay, beginning with Cal State University of the East Bay in April. If you missed the premier showing check out the other dates, times, and places. The Board, with member support, has also funded six (6) 7th grade girls, with an interest and aptitude for math and science, to attend the upcoming Tech Trek camp at Sonoma State. And we've chosen a Chabot College student to attend the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) in Maryland this summer.

**MARK YOUR
CALENDAR !**

- April 27
1st discussion meeting for AAUW 75th Anniversary
- May 2
Board Meeting
- May 4
Drama Reading
- May 13
Souper Supper & vote on bylaws
- May 16
Book Group

***LOOK INSIDE
FOR
DETAILS***

Presidents Message - continued

You have an opportunity to be a part of this validating work. The Board is looking for new volunteers to keep our great team going for our upcoming fiscal year beginning in July. Are you interested in expanding awareness of Public Policy, like Title IX, experiencing the immense impact of Tech Trek, have an interest and/or experience developing new programs, have a knack for fundraising, or want to try your hand at leadership, we WANT you! Please call me at 510-435-6150 or by email at slaterl@sbcglobal.net to discuss opportunities. Thank you and look forward to working with you to continue the mission of AAUW.

Linda Slater
Administrative Officer
Hayward-Castro Valley Branch of AAUW

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Hiking/Walking Group

Sorry to inform those who have enjoyed our walking group but it is being disbanded until further notice.

Thanks for all who participated.

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

BOARD MEETING

**May 2nd
6:30 pm
at Liz Bathgate's home**

DRAMA READING

Wednesday, May 4th

At 7 pm

The play we will be reading is “The House of Blue Leaves”. This is a truly wacky play with all sorts of action. It should be fun to read.

We will meet at Liz Bathgate’s home and enjoy some refreshments at intermission.

Everyone is welcome to join us.

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

75th Anniversary Committee Moving Forward

Wednesday, April 27th at 1 PM

I want to give you all an update on the use of the Hayward Historical Society's Community Gallery for the Branch's 75th anniversary exhibition. I've been informed that the release of the 2017 exhibit calendar is delayed until mid-May.

I was holding off calling together the branch members who graciously volunteered to support the gallery showing until the dates were confirmed, but we do have decisions to be made and boxes of paperwork to sort through. Even if the community gallery is unavailable, the branch will hold a 75th anniversary event, so I'm scheduling a first meeting, at my home to begin the discussion to determine the extent of the paperwork, and make some initial decisions about the potential exhibit.

My home address is 3422 Del Campo Circle in San Leandro, CA. My cell phone is 510-435-6150. If you are available please join us. If you have Hayward-Castro Valley AAUW documents, pictures, flyers, brochures, etc. that you'd like to donate to the 75th anniversary committee please bring them along. This is an exciting milestone for our branch and I know our celebration will be fabulous!

Linda Slater

BOOK GROUP MEETING

Monday, May 16th

2pm to 4 pm

The last book group meeting of the year will be at the home of Helene Victor, 19253 Parkview Road, Castro Valley. The group read is the new Annie Barrows novel *The Truth According to Us*. Refreshments will be served.

If you are a regular member of the group who cannot attend, or if you are bringing a guest, please call Helene at 886-1640. This is a courtesy to our hostess so she can plan the refreshments and seating. Thanks for your help.

Please bring a recommendation for our first group read next autumn. There will be a sign up for hostesses and for those who would like to review a book.

All members of the branch and their guests are welcome to join our afternoons of fine books, good friends and stimulating conversations.

Membership Dues Are Due

Dear members,

It is time to renew your membership in AAUW. Most of you have received your notices by email and have the option to renew on line. If you do not have email, or do not wish to do so on line, you are asked to send me your dues to my home in the form of a check made out to AAUW Hayward/Castro Valley.

Here are the categories and how much the dues are:

Regular Member of the branch: \$84

Dual member (if you are signed up as a regular member with another branch): \$15

Paid Life Member: \$35

Honorary Life Member: No dues required, but a contribution to AAUW is always appreciated.

Please note on the bottom of the check if you are making a contribution to AAUW in addition to your dues. Thanks you for renewing as soon as possible.

Ursula Batz, Membership Chair

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 . Let's let our friends know we care.

Please keep Barbara informed during the summer months if you hear news about a member. Thanks.



CONVENTION 2016 **AAUW CA** **“EMPOWERING YOU”**

CONVENTION 2016 took place on April 15th thru 17th in San Mateo. Helene Carr, Linda Myers and Liz Bathgate all attended. There were over 200 people from branches all over the state in attendance. We attended workshops, listened to wonderful speakers at meals and learned a lot about our organization.

The movie the “Hunting Ground” about sexual assault on campus was shown on Friday afternoon. This is the film we showed last Wednesday at Judy Harrison’s home. Following the film there was a panel discussion which included one of the survivor activists from Berkeley, Ali Arman. She went on the Harvard and received a Masters in Education and her words are “There’s life after sexual assault”. She was one of the women onstage at the Oscar performance of the song by Lady Gaga “It Happened Here”. This was all very poignant for us since the other sexual assault movie “It Happened Here” is the focus of our outreach to colleges in our area.

Patricia Fae Ho, our National Board Chairman was on hand to let us know about AAUW’s latest achievements. She talked about how our leadership takes impetus from a powerful mission, unwavering courage and conviction and skilled, collaborative decision-making. AAUW unites our member leaders through our advocacy issues, programs and opportunities for engagement. She talked about

our latest research report being released right now that is called Barriers and Bias: The Status of Women in Leadership.

This report is funded by unrestricted funds. This means that when we give money to AAUW and do not designate a particular fund, they can use it to do this research, set up Start Smart and Elect Her workshops and the voter registration campaign called It's My Vote: I will Be Heard. All of these programs cannot be covered by the \$46 of dues that we all send each year.

In order to raise more funds in this unrestricted category, AAUW has started a campaign called "Charting the Course" The goal is to raise \$1,000,000 by next year. I decided to give them Bob's and my IRA distribution this year and as a result of this contribution and an additional \$13,000 from our members generosity, we were the NUMBER ONE branch in the state for Per Capita Giving to AAUW Funds. That is a great honor for Hayward/Castro Valley to achieve. Charting the Course still needs \$300,000 to achieve the goal. If you are so inclined to give to this fund, let me know. If you give \$5,000 you will receive a beautiful pin that looks like a wheel. If we can get 8 more people to give even \$100 each, we will be given a special status by National AAUW called Branch Navigator. Thus far there are three branches in the U.S. which have achieved this honor. We need 10 donations total to complete this.

One of the workshops that I attended had to do with Membership. All of our branches in the country are suffering the same illness, the aging of our members. The workshop I attended was led by Stockton Branch and they had many ideas about generating interest from the younger ladies in our community. One of the best ideas is the Give a Grad a Gift membership. Any one of us can give this to a friend or relative who has just graduated from a junior college or a four year institution. The cost to the grad is ZERO. National and the state give them free memberships and the local branches can also forgo dues for these youngsters. The key is getting them involved early on and having them bring friends to our events. If you have a person you wish to give this membership to this year, contact Ursula Batz and she will get you the necessary paperwork.

The other ideas for getting our name out into the community involve having a booth at a fair, marching in a parade with signs, write an opinion article for the paper, give speakers free membership and perhaps joining a woman network. Our branch is getting smaller and smaller and if we don't do something, our value to our community will be lost. When I meet a new person at the gym or at a meeting I always talk about AAUW. We need to spread the word about all the fabulous things we do locally as well as Nationally.

AAUW Nationally is the largest funder of Fellowships for women in the country. This will never change as the funds that keep this going are completely separate from the regular budget. These funds are endowed and will continue to be available every year to be given to women completing their PHD's thesis.

OUR CHABOT COLLEGE NCCWSL RECIPIENT: Jennifer Pierre-Louis

Jennifer is an international student from France. She is currently working at Chabot College as a student assistant for the Early Childhood department as well as serving as Secretary for the Student Senate. She is completing her last semester before transferring to a university. Her major is Political Science and International Relations with a minor in Early Childhood Development.

She grew up in Orleans France and has two sisters and a brother. Her father was a worker and mom a housewife. Because of the restricted financial resources at home she learned early to be independent and started her first job at sixteen. Her hopes were to travel, so she focused on learning languages and studied Japanese at the University of Orleans.

When she reached 21, she decided to go to the U.S. and spent two years as an Au-pair, one in North Carolina and the next in CA. This experience was life changing for her and after returning to France for a year, to earn some money, she returned to the U.S. to continue her studies. California was calling and she entered Chabot College which was a mind opener for her. Her Political Science teacher inspired her to get involved in the community and her Economics teacher provided her with the tools to understand the world as well as invaluable insight. Her experience at the Children Center made her aware of inequalities when it comes to children's learning experiences and prompted her to add Early Childhood Development to her education. This is when she became active on campus, joining the Economics Club and doing some volunteering at the Children Center on Saturdays.

Right now she is advocating for and representing the students of Chabot College as a member of the Student Senate. Because she has been struggling to convey the importance of participating in different projects to other students she is looking forward to NCCWSL as a great opportunity for self-improvement. She faces a lot of challenges in her daily life and hopes to hear more from other women on how they face and overcome difficulties in their own lives, managing their lives between work, school and involvement in community activities.

Her long term goal is to open her own business and advocate for children. This conference is a chance to get together with like minded students from all over the U.S. and share experiences as well as gain knowledge through the testimonies of more experienced people.



7 Campers selected for Tech Trek for 2016!

This summer we will be sending 7 lucky girls to Sonoma State for a weeklong STEM camp at Sonoma State. The campers are divided between the 4 school districts our branch serves: Castro Valley, Hayward, San Leandro and San Lorenzo. They are very qualified and eager to go to camp. Choosing the girls from 28 applications was not an easy job, but our hard-working committee of Dee Butner, Sylvia Ginwright, Judy Harrison and Linda Hendley made the selection over two days.

The girls are all concerned about the environment and the drought. Several had interesting ideas such as inventing a water making machine, a way to put garbage to work as a power source, more efficient farming, inventing a teleportation system, becoming a cardiologist, and even becoming a math or science teacher. All of them are involved with technology from coding to building robots. They will be excellent stewards of our world as they grow up and join the work force.



Aparna Anandkumar,
Crestside,
Castro Valley



Anna Bay, Canyon
Castro Valley



Camilla San Juan,
M. L. King, Hayward



Aurora Friedman,
Bancroft, San Leandro



Tamia Minor,
Bancroft, San Leandro



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San Lorenzo



Stephanie Rivas,
Edendale,
San Lorenzo



Tech Trek
A program of AAUW

Send a girl to camp in 2017
Donate now to AAUW:
Make your checks payable to AAUW
(Tech Trek, Sonoma State on memo
line) and mail them to: Helene Carr,
P.O. Box 642
Hayward, CA 94543
Or online at:
<http://www.aauw.org/GivetoTechTrek>
(Select Sonoma State)

BRANCH BYLAWS

Hello Branch Members.

Your Board is bringing you the Branch Bylaws for review and approval at a special Branch meeting to be held before the Souper Supper on Friday, May 13th.

The update to the Branch bylaws and the subsequent vote of membership was precipitated by mandated changes issued by AAUW National and State in October 2015, and California Corporation Code requirements. In addition, your Board took the opportunity, with assistance from the State Governance Committee member, Sandy Kirkpatrick, to recommend additional amendments to specific Articles that align with the Branch and Board actual practices.

As you review the bylaws, on our local website www.hcv-ca.aauw.net , look closely for those words or phrases that are Italicized and highlighted in Bold. Those are the recommended changes. The primary articles for branch member approval are:

Article VI - Nominations and Elections, Section 1;

Article VII - Officers, Sections 1 and 2;

Article VIII - Board of Directors, Section 1; and

Article XI - Meetings, all Sections.

If you have any questions you can contact me at slaterl@sbcglobal.net or Ursula Batz at ursrpt@earthlink.net. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Linda Slater, Administrative Officer
Hayward-Castro Valley Branch of AAUW

According to the bylaws:

Provisions of these bylaws not governed by the AAUW or state bylaws may be amended at a branch meeting by a two-thirds vote of those present and voting provided written notice shall have been sent to the members at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting.

