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Hayward/Castro Valley Branch

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2014

HAYWARD / CASTRO VALLEY ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP POTLUCK PICNIC

September 19, 2015

12:30 pm – 2:30 pm

At Sulphur Creek Nature Center
1801 'D' Street, Hayward

In celebration of another successful year together, we will host our annual membership potluck picnic under the majestic trees at the Sulphur Creek Nature Center.

Bring a friend who might be interested in learning more about our branch.

Any new members that join at this event will get a discounted National Membership Dues rate of \$59.

We will honor all our new members and this year's Tech Trek recipients and their families, highlight our program plans for the coming year, and have a naturalist "show and tell" one of the animals in residence.

Choose your favorite potluck dish to share

MAIN DISH

SALAD

DESSERT

So we can set up enough seating, please R.S.V.P. by Thursday, September 17, 2015 to Ursula Batz at ursrpt@earthlink.net.

**Individual donations to TECH TREK are always welcome.
Make checks out to TECH TREK and send to: Ursula Batz**

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Questions? Contact Ursula Batz at at ursrpt@earthlink.net

The PRESIDENT's MESSAGE



Hello members, welcome to Program Year 2015/16. Thank for electing me as your new AAUW President. I appreciate your vote of confidence and the opportunity to serve our wonderful organization.

The picture I've chosen to include with this first President's message is one of myself and my daughter Emily because family is an integral part of my life.

It is also my motivation to help make the community where I live and work a better place through volunteerism. Volunteerism was taught to me early by my mother, Jean, also a member of AAUW, and has helped me through hard times by allowing me to reach out to someone in greater need than myself to help dissolve despair.

Like many of you I volunteer for multiple organizations, but for me AAUW has always coincided with my family values. I was first attracted to AAUW because of Tech Trek, but soon realized I could support women and girls in many ways, through education (Local Scholarship), opportunities (Tech Trek), and funding (AAUW funds) to make their dreams come true as mine have.

I am truly fortunate and blessed with a college degree, a job I love, children/grandchildren that are safe and healthy, and opportunities for retirement, travel, and ease in my later years. These benefits are not available to all women and girls, but they can be, given the right advocacy, philanthropy, education and research. The mission of AAUW.

I am proud to represent you this year and glad you are joining me in promoting the mission of AAUW too. I look forward to meeting each and every one of you at an event, member meeting, program, or fundraiser. Together we thrive!

Linda Slater, President

**MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!**

EVERY THURSDAY
Walking Group

September 7
Board Meeting

September 11
Bunco

September 19
Membership Lunch

September 21
Book Group

October 2
Drama Reading

October 24
Tech Trek
Fundraiser

***LOOK INSIDE FOR
DETAILS***

Hiking/Walking Group

Meet at Lake Chabot near the café **EVERY THURSDAY** at 8:15 AM, or contact Ruth Rymer ruthrymer@sbcglobal.net, or call Ruth at 317-2010.

BOARD MEETING

**September 7th, 6:30 pm
at Liz Bathgate's home.**



Welcome back after a very nice summer break

Friday, September 11th – 6:30pm to 9:00pm

Nice to meet other AAUW members casually.

Hostess is Dee Butner, 4789 Rollinghills Way, Castro Valley, CA

Please call Dee Donaldson (510-538-3415) or Dee Butner (510-537-8541) to sign up for the game.

We will help you decide what food item to bring too.

Be sure to bring your \$5 in single \$1 bills.

Directions: COME FROM CASTRO VALLEY BLVD. AND TURN NORTH ON CENTER ST. AND CONTINUE TO EDWARDS AND TURN RIGHT. GO ONE LONG BLOCK AND TURN LEFT ON GLIDDEN. GO 2 BLOCKS AND TURN RIGHT ON ROLLINGHILLS WAY. MY HOUSE IS THE YELLOW ONE ON THE CORNER AT THE END OF THE BLOCK.

SEE YOU THERE!

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BOOK GROUP MEETING

Monday, September 21st

2pm to 4 pm

Our summer is quickly going by as members travel, enjoy families and friends, and knowing the Book Group, many are busily catching up on reading. It's hard to believe our first meeting is not that far off and we'll be enjoying another special year of friends and books.

The first meeting of the 2015-16 year will be at the home of Olive Riley-Steward, 32174 Bernice Way, in Hayward.

We'll start the year with an important group read of the two novels by Harper Lee. We've reread her 1960 novel, *To Kill a Mockingbird*, which earned a Pulitzer Prize, was a classic film, and is currently taught in English classes throughout the country. We're also reading her most recently published novel, *Go Set a Watchman*, which came out on July 14th to widely read reviews. Barbara Jones will facilitate our discussion of these two books, both written in the late 1950s, about life in the American South as seen by one of the region's most famous writers.

Join us and become a vital part of the discussion.

Our second meeting will be at the Castro Valley home of Dee Butner, 4789 Rollinghills Way, on Monday afternoon, October 19th. Ruth Rymer will review *No Ordinary Time* by

Doris Kearns Goodwin. This book, published in 1995, recounts the years and accomplishments of Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt during World War II.

Both meetings are from 2-4 and refreshments will be served. If you have questions or need directions, call Olive at 471-3332 for the September meeting, or Dee at 537-8541 for October. Remember, these meetings are open to all branch members who enjoy books and good conversations.

Hope to see you there!

DRAMA READING

Wednesday, October 2nd
At 7 pm

This group meets at Liz Bathgate's home the first Wednesday evening of each month from October thru May to read a play. Each participant is given a part to read and away we go.

During intermission we enjoy some dessert and great conversation.

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

LEGACY CIRCLE

Our branch has a number of members who have made a legacy give to AAUW National. They include Liz Bathgate, Ursula Batz, Helene Carr, Margaret Hankle, Mary Krieg, Ardeen Russell-Quinn, Pat Ball and Helene Victor. These members have all seen fit to either start a Charitable Remainder Trust which allows them to give to AAUW while receiving payments from the trusts; a Charitable Gift Annuity which allows them to make a gift to AAUW and then receive fixed payments for life; a gift of Real Estate; or a gift of their Life Insurance Policy. If you are interested in finding out more about how you can make sure that AAUW continues its wonderful work after we are gone, please contact Liz Bathgate.



Mark your calendar now!

Saturday, October 24th

8am-10am at

Knudsen's Ice Creamery

3323 Castro Valley Blvd., in Castro Valley

The Hayward/Castro Valley AAUW branch is having a **special fundraiser** benefitting Tech Trek.

The cost is \$10 per person to enjoy a generous breakfast of pancakes, bacon, orange juice and coffee or tea. Bring your family, your neighbors, all who would enjoy a Saturday morning sharing a good meal and helping the branch raise money to send girls to Tech Trek camp next June.

Those who joined us for this event last year will remember what a delightful time was had by one and all!

You can purchase tickets from any board member or contact Barbara Jones at bb_jones@pacbell.net or 538-0516. See you there!

MEMBER NEWS

Mary Krieg is currently at Kaiser's Rehab facility in San Leandro as she recovers from recent surgery to remove her gall bladder. She looks forward to returning home home soon and getting back to her many activities and friends. We wish her a continued smooth recovery.

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.

State Spotlight

AAUW Members in California and Connecticut Score Equal Pay Victories

In June 2015, significant pay equity legislation passed the State Senate in [California](#), and the State House in [Connecticut](#). The California bill exceeds federal anti-discrimination law and would require employers to show that any wage differences between male and female employees are based on job-related considerations and reasons other than gender. It also prevents companies from retaliating against employees who discuss their salaries at work, and it empowers employees to allege pay discrimination if other employees earn a higher wage doing substantially similar work. The Connecticut pay equity measure bars employers from retaliating against employees who share

information about their pay. AAUW members in both states have been actively involved with these bills, and we look forward to cheering on their efforts to get the best legislation possible passed through the California Assembly and the Connecticut Senate and onto the governors' desks!

Online Resource Center for Preventing Violence Against Women in Higher Education

The U.S. Department of Justice's Office on Violence Against Women has officially [launched](#) a new website dedicated to providing resources on sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence and stalking on campus. Also known as [The Center for Changing Our Campus Culture](#), this online resource center contains handy tools such as sample policies, best practices, and protocols which can be used as a model to replicate on campuses. The online clearinghouse aims to provide campuses with the necessary tools to create effective responses to sexual assault and dating violence on campus.

**AAUW WASHINGTON
UPDATE**

July 25, 2015

Top Stories

Bill Could Allow Pregnant Single Women to Be Fired

The First Amendment Defense Act (H.R. 2802), which protects people and businesses who believe in "traditional marriage" from religious discrimination, was [referred](#) to committee this week. The bill was drafted as a conservative response to the Supreme Court's same-sex marriage decision, but its broad language could also include businesses being able to fire single women for being pregnant. The act states that, "sexual relations are properly reserved to such a marriage," permitting businesses to fire women who become pregnant outside of marriage if employers deem it "untraditional."

New Resources Addressing School Discipline Policies

The U.S. Departments of Education and Justice [released](#) some new resources to rethink discipline in schools. *Addressing the Root Cause of School Discipline Disparities, Rethink School Discipline: Resource Guide for Superintendent Action, and Support for State and Local Educational Leaders and Partners from Other Systems* will help school leaders decrease suspension and expulsion rates and create safer and more supportive learning environments for all. The departments cited [research](#) from the federal government's Civil Rights Data Collection, which noted that more than 3 million students receive suspension or expulsion as discipline each year. Suspensions and expulsions can facilitate higher drop-out rates, entrance into the juvenile justice system, and untimely graduation.

LGBT Anti-Discrimination Law Proposed Thursday

While marriage equality is now the policy of the land, the LGBT community still faces discrimination in other crucial areas. In fact, they can be married on Sunday yet fired on Monday for being gay. To combat that, Rep. David Cicilline (D-RI) and Rep. Jeff Merkley (D-OR) [introduced](#) the Equality Act this Thursday. This legislation proposes to ban anti-LGBT discrimination in key areas such as employment, housing, education, and more by providing legal protections. This bill replaces the AAUW-supported Employment Nondiscrimination Act, or ENDA, with broader and much needed protections.

[AAUW WASHINGTON UPDATE](#) - continued

July 31, 2015

For years, Planned Parenthood of Metropolitan Washington's health center was located across the street from AAUW's national office. On a near daily basis, AAUW staff watched as women were harassed as they entered or left the building. Why those women were going to the clinic is their own private concern; the vast majority were there for basic healthcare such

as well-woman visits, cancer screenings, and birth control prescriptions. Some may also have been there to have a safe, legal abortion.

By now you are aware of the attacks against Planned Parenthood prompted by the release of heavily and deceptively edited videos regarding fetal tissue donation. The anti-choice group Center for Medical Progress is behind these videos, and has shown they'll go to great lengths to stop women from accessing vital health care services. These videos have already been widely discredited, and an investigation into the California-based group has been launched by state Attorney General Kamala Harris. Let's be clear: fetal tissue donation only occurs with the woman's express consent, is not a profit-making venture, and does not involve federal funds. Further, the option to donate fetal tissue has been a source of comfort for the many women during an already difficult time. It is a deeply personal decision, and one that should not be politicized. And yet, some opponents in Congress have already introduced legislation that aims to completely defund Planned Parenthood.

So what is AAUW's response? As evidenced in our [member-adopted Public Policy Program](#), AAUW is a longtime supporter of reproductive rights. We know Planned Parenthood values the health and safety of its patients above all else, and has high-quality standards for their lifesaving tissue donation programs. To show our support, [AAUW joined 92 organizations](#) in signing a letter to Congress informing them that we stand with Planned Parenthood and the women they serve every day. AAUW has also joined [96 organizations on a coalition letter](#) opposing congressional efforts to defund Planned Parenthood, and sent our own [letter](#) to the Hill urging a "no" vote. We will be scoring this vote in our [AAUW Action Fund Congressional Voting Record](#).

While Congress debates federal funding for Planned Parenthood, states have been launching their own investigations into the misleading videos' allegations. Arizona, California, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Missouri, Ohio, Kansas, South Carolina, Tennessee and Texas have all announced investigations into the Planned Parenthood clinics in their state. Notably, public officials in Indiana and Massachusetts have already closed probes of Planned Parenthood clinics, citing no evidence of wrongdoing.

Planned Parenthood has been the most trusted women's health care provider in the nation for nearly 100 years. These community clinics are the only source of health services for many uninsured and under-insured people, especially for poor women and women of color. In fact, one in five women rely on its services at some point in her lifetime. Defunding Planned Parenthood would be a devastating blow to the 2.7 million women that have come to rely on the clinics' preventative healthcare services. AAUW stands with our friends at Planned Parenthood Federation of America, and we will stand strong against any attempts to defund critical healthcare services for women. [Join us by taking action today](#).

Sincerely,
Lisa M. Maatz
Vice President of Government Relations