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HAYWARD/CASTRO VALLEY

January 2010

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Happy



New Year

In 2009 it was said...

"The jobs of the future are going to require of workers a basic understanding of the principles of math and science. If we do not persuade women to pursue these fields, they are already [risking] cutting themselves out of a great job future," said Rep. Vernon Ehlers (R-MI).

"Education is universally acknowledged to benefit individuals and promote national development. Education expands the opportunities and life choices for both boys and girls. Worldwide, however, 60 million girls remain out of school."
www.usaid.gov

President Obama signed his first bill into law, approving equal-pay legislation that he, as he affixed his signature to the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act, said would "send a clear message that making our economy work means making sure it works for everybody."

"When we ensure that children have access to a rights-based, quality education that is rooted in gender equality, we create a ripple effect of opportunity that impacts generations to come."
www.unicef.org/girlseducation

"Judge Sonia Sotomayor, who rose from the housing projects of the Bronx to the top of the legal profession, made history Thursday when the Senate confirmed her to become the nation's first Hispanic Supreme Court justice."
www.cnn.com

Hayward/Castro Valley () Fremont () Livermore/Pleasanton/ Dublin AAUW
TRI-BRANCH EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES LUNCHEON**

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2009

11:30 AM TO 2:30 PM

SUNOL VALLEY GOLF CLUB
6900 Mission Road, Sunol

\$30.00 PER PERSON (non-tax deductible)

Chicken Piccata, Garlic Grilled Salmon, or Tortellini Primavera (vegetarian)

Featured Speaker

SELECTED PROFESSIONS FELLOW

TEIZEEN MOHAMEDALI

STANFORD UNIVERSITY – CIVIL ENGINEERING

"Ecosystem Water Needs"

Send check & reservation to Anne Les, 1718 Almond Ave, Livermore 94550-5036

For information contact Dee Donaldson, 510-538-3415 or cydondee@yahoo.com

**We would like to try out a new approach instead of another silent auction: There will be an opportunity for "matched giving" at the luncheon. Anonymous members, from each branch, will be matching individual donations made at the luncheon. Donation envelopes will be available for your use. Only cash and checks accepted.

TRI-BRANCH LUNCHEON RESERVATION FORM

WHEN: Saturday, February 6, 2009, 11:30 - 2:30 WHERE: Sunol Valley
Golf Club - Pavilion Room

COST: \$30.00 per person

Make checks payable to AAUW (non-tax deductible)

Send to Anne Les, 1718 Almond Ave, Livermore 94550-5036

ENTRÉE CHOICE (Check desired entrée(s)):

Chicken Piccata Grilled Salmon Tortellini Primavera

NAME: _____ BRANCH _____

GUEST(S): _____

TOTAL AMOUNT: \$ _____



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Holiday Party Recap

The annual party of the Hayward/Castro Valley Branch was held at the San Lorenzo Homeowners Community Hall on Dec. 6, 2009, located at 377 Paseo Grande in San Lorenzo. It started at 2:00 P.M. and ended at 4:30. It is a very large hall and to fill up some space, I used 15 gold and red helium balloons to eat up the space. The tables were all 8 ft x 30 inches.

We had 7 silent auction tables (covered with Linda Slater's plastic table covers). The eating tables (covered with our green cloths) had examples and stories of different bells that followed the party's theme of Bells and their history in the lives of people.

We had a very rich assortment of auction items for sale due to the members bringing really wonderful items of baked goodies. There were various items: a perfect 1881 silver dollar worth \$50, lots of merchant's gift certificates for haircut and styling, tickets for dinner for 2, a shampoo for a dog, a wonderful assortment of about 20 items from Trader Joe's, a gift card for Lucky Supermarket and others. There were great baskets to buy and lovely jewelry, some necklaces given to us from Barbara Jones' neighbor who makes them and an interesting display of succulents to buy which came with Ann & Willie Grundler.

We had champagne, Red and White wines, Martinelli's and punch and coffee and hot tea water to drink with the hors d'oeuvres and desserts.

Many thanks go to all the helpers who make things go: Liz and Bob Bathgate, Jane Arndt, Dick Johnson who poured many drinks, Ursula Batz, Sandy and Larry Boswell, Pat and Duncan **Buchanan, Karolyn and Gordon Shultz**, Dee and Dave Butner, Ann and Willie Grundler, Ruth Leth, Leona Nichandros, Estelle Raderman, Joan Reynolds, Mathilde Schmidt, Linda Slater, Nancy Turner and John Hendry, Wilda Colbert and Joan Reynolds.

So, the great news is that the profit from the party is \$2,171--congratulations to all. It's a fine amount to give to someone who needs help to continue her education beyond a B.A.

Dee Donaldson, Chair, Holiday Party

Drama Reading Group



We will meet at Liz Bathgate's home at 7pm on January 6th to read *A Tomb with a View* by Norman Robbins. This is a mystery that begins when a lawyer reads a will to a sinister family where the millions of pounds being left by the deceased are more than the family members can handle! Everyone is welcome to come enjoy the play, some socializing and, of course, some dessert.

Book Review Group

The January meeting of the Book Review Group will be held on Monday afternoon, January 18, at the home of Margaret Hankle, 2244 Heathrow Place, San Leandro. Eva Kastel will review *The Girl in the Tangerine Scarf* by Monja Kahf. We will meet from 2-4; refreshments will be served. If you have questions or need directions, please call Margaret at 667.9556.

Hope to see you there for an afternoon of books and good conversation.



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Health Care Reform

Health Care Reform legislation is the focus in the U.S. Senate at this time. Many components of the bill are consistent with AAUW's stated position that reform should:

- End the practice of gender rating;
- Require coverage of women's reproductive health services;
- Ensure access to and coverage of access to preventive services and care.

A number of amendments have been introduced, including one by Senator Ben Nelson (D-ND), mirroring the amendment by Rep. Bart Stupak (D-MI) in the House bill, that would effectively end coverage for abortion services and instituting what amounts to a domestic gag rule. The Nelson Amendment did not pass, thanks in part to floor speeches by California Senators Feinstein and Boxer who forcefully spoke about the implications for women of such a restriction on reproductive freedom. This is a positive step in the fight for reproductive health care coverage, but the battle isn't over yet; language similar to the Stupak and Nelson amendments could still be included in the final version of the Health Care Reform bill.

There have been numerous other amendments to this complex bill, and debate continues on this monumental legislation. A very useful resource with detailed analyses of all the key aspects of coverage can be found online at the Kaiser Family Foundation website, www.healthreform.kff.org. It is updated frequently and contains helpful comparisons of the Senate and House bills. Current topics explored in depth include:

- Implications for Women's Access to Coverage and Care;
- The Medicare Buy-in Option for Older Uninsured Adults;
- Immigrants' Health Coverage and Health Reform: Key Questions and Answers.

When the Health Care Reform bill passes in the Senate, a joint conference committee will work to integrate the Senate and House bills into a single bill for President Obama to sign.

Please contact Senators Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer, thanking them for their vote on the Nelson Amendment, and asking them to continue to work for inclusion of the principles that AAUW supports in the Senate Health Care Reform Bill. Email is best and easy: google each of their names, go to their websites where you'll find "contact Senator" by email. Or if you wish to call their offices: Senator Feinstein (202)224-3841, Senator Boxer (202)224-3553.

Sue Miller, AAUW CA Public Policy Director
Article submitted by Linda Slater

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Membership Report by Liz Bathgate

Starting in January the dues for National will be halved so that your friends can join for \$55.50 from January thru May. If we have a special event like our Tri Branch Luncheon and you bring a friend, they can join at that meeting for only \$43.35. This luncheon will feature a woman working on her MS in Civil Engineering at Stanford and she is receiving funding from my own fellowship.

On January 23rd, here at my home in Castro Valley, I will be hosting a NEW MEMBER COFFEE from 10-12. This will be an opportunity for all the new members to meet each other and view a video that does a fine job of describing AAUW and all of its many facets. Members of the board will be there to help answer any questions you might have.

January Bunco Game

FUN—FOOD—PRIZES

When: Friday, January 22, 2010, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m

Where: Mary Graw's House: 4859 Beacon Hill Dr, Castro Valley

RSVP: Dee Donaldson by January 15 @ 538-3415



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We always encourage new players to join us.; past players are also very welcome. We have 12 players. Call and reserve your space right away. Our pre-game meal will be appetizers, wine and other drinks. We will end the evening with coffee and dessert. When you RSVP you will be assigned something to bring. We ask that players be on time. We want to end the evening at a reasonable hour. Car-pooling can be arranged. Please bring \$5 in \$1 increments. This is a great game for meeting new people.

Easy directions: Go North on Center St. from Castro Valley Blvd. to Heyer St. and turn right. Go down hill on Heyer St. to Cull Canyon Rd. and turn right. Proceed to Crow Canyon Rd. and turn right. Drive to Beacon Hill Drive and turn left. Beacon Hill is on the left side of road.

See you there!

Member News

Linda Slater is the proud grandmother of Ashton Lynn Cassi, born on Thanksgiving, November 26, to her daughter Emily. Our congratulations to Linda and all her family on their new addition.

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.

Next Board Meeting

January 21 : 6:30 pm

@ Liz Bathgates –

22112 Queen St,
Castro Valley

Have a program idea? Would like to be on a committee? Want to have your say?

Everyone is welcome

ADOPT-A-CAMPER!

Help sponsor a girl to next year's AAUW Tech Trek Math and Science Camp at Sonoma State by paying for all or part of her experience at Camp:

\$750 will pay for her entire week

350 will pay for half of her stay

100 will pay for one day of her stay

50 will pay for ½ day at camp

\$25 will pay for a trip to Chabot Science and Space Center

20 will pay for her supplies for science and math classes

15 will pay for her meals for one day

10 will pay for her snacks for one week

We know that you want to make sure our girls have an opportunity to attend camp by adopting one with a donation of any amount. We plan to send four girls to Tech Trek camp in June 2010 for six days of a wonderfully unique educational experience.

Please send your donation to Peggy Robinson, 24527 Marie Court, Hayward, CA 94542. Checks should be made out to **AAUW CA-SPF**. Be sure to write **Tech Trek** on the check's memo line. All donations are tax deductible.

Thank you!

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Yes, I would love to ADOPT-A-CAMPER! I am enclosing

\$_____ to pay for:_____

Signed_____