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DATES TO REMEMBER

November 2 – Election Day VOTE!
November 3 – Drama Reading: “9 Parts of Desire”
November 6 - Autumn Festival for LAF
November 11 – Meet the Author: Anita Amirrezvani
November 12 - Bunco Party: 6:30 – 9:30pm
November 16 – Book Group: “Eat, Pray, Love” 2:00 – 4:00pm

December 12 – Holiday Party

MEET the AUTHOR

The first Meet the Author program co-sponsored by the **Hayward Public Library, Friends of the Hayward Library, AAUW and Chabot College**, will be on Wednesday evening, **November 11, at 6:30, at Chabot College, Room 804**. The speaker will be local Iranian American writer Anita Amirrezvani who will discuss her first novel, *The Blood of Flowers*.

Both a love story and a luminous portrait of a city, ***The Blood of Flowers*** is the mesmerizing historical novel of an ill-fated young woman whose gift as a rug designer transforms her life. Illuminated with fascinating detail of Persian rug-making, and bringing to life the sights, sounds, and life of seventeenth-century Isfahan, ***The Blood of Flowers*** is a timeless tale of one woman's struggle to live a life of her choosing. *Kirkus Reviews* wrote that the novel is "a lavishly detailed debut, in which some of the simple values of a folktale are woven.

President’s Message- Helene Carr

I would like to thank all of you for the honor of being named the “Star” representing our Branch at the annual Volunteer awards ceremony. It was an opportunity to meet some volunteers for the first time as well as renew old friendships. AAUW has many members intermingled with other groups so it was a fun and inspiring evening. My son was visiting from out of town and was impressed with the level of volunteerism and it encouraged him to get involved.

Elections are quickly approaching and it is important that

each of you vote and encourage everyone you come in contact with to do the same. The League of Women Voters is sponsoring a number of question and answer sessions explaining the propositions on the ballot ; as the wording can be confusing. If you need any further information , you can contact me.

An area to focus on in the coming months is **the Paycheck Fairness Act**. It has passed the House of Representatives and now needs to be approved by the Senate. As a majority of Americans favor this step to further to establish greater paycheck equity it must be passed this year or the process must begin anew. **Please contact your senator to vote “Yes”!**
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CUDO'S TO OUR TECH TREK CHAIR:

Judy Harrison, has just received a prestigious award from CALTAC which is the **California Association of Library Trustees and Commissioners**. Judy was chosen a number of years ago by the Hayward City Council to serve on **the Hayward Library Commission**. She is now in her second term on this commission which makes recommendations to the city council regarding any library issues including the building of a new library within the city of Hayward.

Judy is a magnificent library advocate for the **Hayward Public Library** and her recent activities are an extension of her service to public libraries. Currently a Board commissioner, Judy became president of the Friends of Hayward Public Library in June 2006 after many years on their board and serving as a book sale organizer, sorter, and cashier. Also in 2006, The California School Library Association gave her their Honorary Life Membership for service to school librarianship. Early experience in the Peace Corps and 31 years with the Hayward School District prepared her for a busy retirement with the Hayward Education Foundation Board and AAUW. Judy persisted in leadership roles from 1997 through 2009 to build toward a successful utility tax campaign. She also finds ways to create cooperative activities with school and public library participation and fundraising. Her participation in ongoing opportunities for professional development promise rewards to Hayward for years to come.

Judy is the second member of our branch to receive this award. A few years ago Marilyn Baker Madson and her husband Carl, who own the Book Shop in Hayward, received this same award. **It is to be presented to Judy on November 14th in Sacramento** at a luncheon. If you would like to attend this luncheon to support Judy, email Allison Lewis at aslewis1215@yahoo.com, and she will let you know all the information.

November Bunco game

When: Friday, Nov. 12, 2010 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Where: Dee Butner's House: 4789 Rollinghills Way, Castro Valley

RSVP: Dee Butner by Nov. 5 at 537-8541

We always encourage new players to join us. Past players can come also. We need a total of 12 players. So call and reserve your space for the game.

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 evening at a reasonable hour. Car pooling can be arranged.

Please bring \$5. This is a great game for meeting new people.

FUN—FOOD—MONEY PRIZES

Easy directions: To get to Dee Butner's house coming from Castro Valley Blvd. turn left on Center St. and continue to Edwards and turn right. Go one long block and turn left on Gliddon. Go two short blocks and turn right on Rollinghills Way. My house is on the corner at the end of this block.



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BOOK REVIEW GROUP

The November meeting of the branch Book Group will be on Monday, November 16, from 2-4 p.m., at the Hayward home of Barbara Jones, 3595 Oakes Drive. Eva Kastel will review the recent best seller *Eat, Pray, Love* by **Elizabeth Gilbert**. Refreshments will be served.

Members are asked to bring donations of books and related items for the group's basket for the silent auction at the annual Holiday Party on Sunday, December 12. Dee Butner will organize the basket. Please call Barbara at 538.0516 if you have any questions or need directions.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

DRAMA READING GROUP

The play this month is called 9 Parts of Desire by Heather Raffo, a woman whose mother is American and father an Iraqi.

The play is a portrait of the extraordinary (and ordinary) lives of a whole cross section of Iraqi women: a sexy painter, a radical Communist, doctors, exiles, wives and lovers. This work delves into the many conflicting aspects of what it means to be a woman in the age-old war zone that is Iraq.

It is an unusually timely meditation on the ancient, the modern and the feminine in a country overshadowed by war. It was written after many interviews with the women who had lived thru the bombing of the Gulf War.

We will meet at Liz Bathgate's home at 7pm on November 3rd and will enjoy tea and refreshments half way thru the play. If this subject matter interests you please join us for a very interesting evening. It will be different from anything we have done in the past.

Member News

Congratulations and Happy Birthday to **Irene Zook**! She will celebrate her 90th birthday on October 26 with family and friends.

Bonnie Smith was hospitalized recently for surgery related to her recent diagnosis of lung cancer. She is home once more with the help of her many good friends within the branch and from her early years growing up in Stockton. Notes and cards mean a lot to her and she welcomes telephone calls. **Bonnie's address is 571 Blue Jay Dr., Hayward 94544. Her phone number is 581-6747.** Our love, thoughts and concerns are very much with Bonnie. **She is a vital member of our branch.**

Ruth Rymer was in Denver, Colorado this past weekend attending a memorial service for **her sister, Dr. Carol Rymer Davis**. Carol Davis was one of two balloonists who were presumed dead September 29 after their gas balloon plunged into the Adriatic Sea during an endurance race. **A champion balloonist, Carol was also a nuclear radiologist specializing in women's health.** Our thoughts and condolences go to Ruth and her family at this very difficult time.

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 Barbara Jones at 538.0516 or by email at bb_jones@pacbell.net

Let's let our friends know we care.

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AAUW is developing several programs to focus on finance – Financial Literacy and Start Smart being in the forefront. Our branch is in the process of organizing a spring program on finance so stay tuned for more information.

A number of us attended the membership event at Sulphur Creek and Liz did a great job organizing the event and all of the Tech Trek campers were in attendance. A wonderful afternoon capped off with a red tailed hawk presented to the group. And we got a new member!

We have a number of events on the horizon that promise to be a kickoff to another busy holiday season. So be sure to read the Shareline and mark your calendars.

See you at the Autumn Festival.

MEMBERSHIP

Our membership to date is **136**. We would love to introduce more women/men to our organization and the wonderful things we do in the community and across the country. If you have any friends you would like to receive more information, please call me and I will send them the brochures and give them a call.

We had one new member sign up at the September Membership Picnic. Her name is **Charlotte Kampcik**. She lives at 575 Blue Jay Drive in Hayward 94544. Her phone number is 583-5044. Charlotte is a teacher and looks forward to her retirement in a few years. She is a neighbor of Bonnie Smith and came to the picnic with Bonnie.

The Membership Picnic was great fun for all who attended. We had all four Tech Trek girls come with their mothers to tell us about the highlights of their week at Sonoma State. All of them enjoyed the special things like kayaking and visiting the wild animal park in Santa Rosa. They also mentioned dissecting the cow's eye as a fascinating project. For these girls, this experience will hopefully change their lives so that some of them will think about pursuing a career in the sciences.

Last year I met a young woman at one of the events at Nancy Turner's church. She came up to me after the presentation and told me she needed to join AAUW. I asked her why and she told me that she had been a recipient of a Tech Trek campership many years ago and it had led her to pursue a career in Biology. She has graduated from college and is working in her field. At our California State Convention this year, there were hundreds of campers who returned to share their stories since attending Tech Trek. This young lady who I met was one of their main speakers.

If you have any friends who will be coming to the Autumn Festival at Ursula's home on the 6th of November, they can join that evening for a reduced rate of \$55.50.

Women's Volleyball at CSUEB

Several AAUW members have attended the Cal State East Bay Woman's Volleyball games this season. We're all impressed by the skill and determination of this very competitive team! Not only have we enjoyed the games, but also see that this a great way for HCVAUW to show its support for women athletes. After one of the games the entire team came over to introduce themselves and thank AAUW for the support. We're pleased that Cal State women are learning about AAUW, and our goals of addressing women's issues.

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