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**Advancing equality for  
women and girls through  
advocacy, education,  
research & philanthropy**

## **PRESIDENTS MESSAGE**

As we approach the end of a year and the beginning of next, I would like to have your input as to which activities and programs you would be interested in. This is a **sample of the survey** that will be coming in your email or postal mail soon.

**ACTIVITIES:**

- Ferry trip to Angel Island
- Walk across the Golden Gate Bridge
- Tour of the Glass House in San Ramon
- Trip to the Farmers' Market at the Ferry Building
- Other Suggestions

**PROGRAMS:**

Panel Discussions with various topics:

- Bills currently before the Senate/Assembly
- Financial Literacy
- Bullying in schools
- Issues facing women in workplace
- Identity Theft
- Other Suggestions

**FUNDRAISERS:**

- Tech Trek
- AAUW Funds that includes Educational Foundation and Legal Advocacy Fund
- Local Scholarship
- General Funds

**COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER GROUPS:**

- Hayward Public Library – Continued sponsorship of authors
- League of Women Voters
- FESCO

**Also, how would you like to receive the Shareline?  
Electronically or by postal mail.**



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## Presidents Message-continued

A program that's relatively new to AAUW is **Speech Trek**; this program is a competition among high school girls with a topic selected by AAUW-CA. I have attended this competition at convention in the past and came away with a sense of awe at the level of expertise and poise these young women displayed. If this activity interests you and is one that you would like to see developed in our branch, please let me know.

As you can see there is much to contemplate and your input is extremely important. In recent conversations I have had with members, I realize that we need to develop our outreach to a greater degree and to get to know our current members a little better.

Thank you for your consideration and I hope to hear from all of you soon.

**Helene Carr**  
**President**

## ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ SPECIAL PROGRAM ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥

TOPIC: **EXTREME GRANDPARENTING**

WHEN: **TUESDAY, MAY@ 6:30pm**

WHERE: **CASTRO VALLEY LIBRARY**

We read or hear more and more often about grandparents who are actively involved in raising their grandchildren. There are many reasons for this growing phenomenon, including teenage pregnancy, death, divorce, substance abuse, incarceration abandonment, child abuse and special needs. Statistics bear witness to this trend. We know that:

- 1.4 million children are raised without a parent present (1 child in every 20)
- 5 percent of American families are grandparent/grandchild families
- 10 percent of all grandparents are raising grandchildren
- 4 million children live in a household headed by a grandparent
- The number of children only in day care with a grandparent continues to escalate

We know of two members of our branch to whom these statistics apply. Sylvia Ginwright and Marilyn Baker-Madsen will share their stories of challenge, triumph and love during the program.

## **DRAMA READING**

**May 4<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday**

**@ 7pm**

22112 Queen St., Castro Valley

581-0461

### **We will meet for the last time this spring.**

We will gather at Liz Bathgate's home to read the play "The Little Foxes" by Lillian Hellman.

This play, a cynical play of family greed and revenge, which opened on stage in 1939, was one of her most popular pieces of drama. Refreshments will be served along with great conversation.

## **BOARD MEETING**

**May 10<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday**

**@ 6:30pm**

Board members are asked to bring a friend.

Go thru the back gate to the party room.

Will meet at Creekwood Apartments 22294 City Center Drive

## **BUNCO**

**May 13<sup>th</sup>, Friday**

**6:30pm – 9:30pm**

Dani Stonelake's home, 19281 Edwin Markham Drive, Castro Valley (Palomares Canyon)

510.881.4460

This is our LAST Bunco get together until Fall so let's have a great turnout !

Bunco is a simple dice game. Four of us sit at a table and quickly throw three dice trying to get three of a kind or a particular number. The game changes each time a partnership at the head table (there are three tables) gets 21 points. At that point, the losing teams at all the table's move to a new table.

It is a great way to meet new people and have fun at the same time. We always start with appetizers and wine brought by the players and then end with dessert.

Please call Dee Butner at 537-8541 or e-mail @ [kinder55@aol.com](mailto:kinder55@aol.com) to make a reservation by May 6<sup>th</sup> and get directions if necessary. We need 12 people.

## **TECH TREK POT LUCK PICNIC**

**You are invited...**

**To a pot luck picnic hosted by your Tech Trek Committee to meet the girls who will be going to camp at Sonoma State University from June 19 to June 25 and their teachers.**

**They are:**

**Ashanti Curry** is a student at Bret Harte Middle School, Hayward who sees herself as a doctor specializing in dermatology and oncology in the future. She loves science, English and history. Ashanti is creative and loves to swim.

**Keyi (Sally) Liang** is a student at Creekside Middle School, Castro Valley. Sally and her family immigrated to the U.S. 3 years ago and she is enjoying school in Castro Valley. She wants to be an accountant when she graduates from college. Her favorite subjects are math and music. She sings in a choir and is a competitive swimmer.

**Yvette Rodriguez** attends Edendale Middle School in San Lorenzo. Her three dream jobs are to become a veterinarian, astronomer or and archeologist. Yvette's favorite subjects are science, math and social studies. She has participated in Science Alliance and TechBridge and sings in the choir.

**Vicky Tran** is a seventh grader at Martin Luther King, Jr. Middle School, Hayward. She would like to be a doctor who does research when she grows up. Her favorite subject is life science. Vicky won the grand prize in her school's science fair and sings in the choir. She loves doing science experiments.

The committee was very impressed with the caliber of the applicants this year and agonized over the selections. Through your generous donations we hope to make enough money next year to send more girls to camp.

Bring a picnic main dish, salad, snack, or dessert to share. We'll provide plates, cutlery, napkins and soft drinks. We need lots of main dishes for these hungry teenagers!

**Who: 2011 Tech Trekkers and all of the H/CV members**  
**When: Saturday, May 14, 2011**  
**Time: 12:00pm – 2:00pm**  
**Where: Sulphur Creek Nature Center**  
**1801 D Street, Hayward**

**RSVP: Judy Harrison, 510-889-1431, cell: 510-388-1423**

**Email:** [jharrison663@comcast.net](mailto:jharrison663@comcast.net)

## **Intergenerational Community Garden Work Day**

Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> - 10:00am to 1:00pm

Ochoa Middle School Garden

2121 Depot Road, Hayward (near Chabot College)

Complete the *Farm City* Book-to-Action series by volunteering at the Ochoa Middle School Garden, one of twenty-five school gardens operated in the Hayward Unified School District, and overseen by Project EAT ("Educate, Act, Thrive"). Missed the chance to meet the author of *Farm City* when she was at the Library in March? Novella Carpenter will join us again for this community service event.

## **BOOK REVIEW GROUP**

**May 16<sup>th</sup>, Monday**

**2pm – 4 pm**

Berna Neumiller  
21407 Tanglewood Drive  
Castro Valley

538-6650

**This is the final meeting of the Book Review Group until next autumn.**

The group will discuss Julia Alvarez' dynamic novel *In the Time of Butterflies*. This book, the current Big Read in Hayward, is the compelling story of the beautiful Dominican Republic Mirabal sisters who were leading opponents of the dictator General Rafael Trujillo. The sisters were known as Las Mariposas - the Butterflies.

Refreshments will be served. If you have questions or need directions, please call Berna.



**SPECIAL PROGRAM**

**Tuesday, MAY 17<sup>TH</sup>**

***EXTREME GRANDPARENTING***

## **AAUW DINING OUT**

**May 16<sup>th</sup>, Monday**

**@ 5:30pm**

### **Buffalo Bills**

1082 B St., Hayward

There is always plenty of parking in the lot behind, or across the street in the parking garage. I suggest we get there at **5:30pm** a little earlier than usual but it will still be happy hour (4-6 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday) for those who want to order one of their famous brews, a glass of wine, or a pitcher of Sangria!

**Reservations are not necessary.** Since Buffalo Bills can get noisy inside, we hope the weather will be warm enough for us to sit outside and I'll request that space for our group.

To RSVP or for more information, please contact Sandy Boswell 510 909-5466 or [sandyboswell@rocketmail.com](mailto:sandyboswell@rocketmail.com).

At the April 18<sup>th</sup> Dining Out gathering at Buon Appetito on A St., we had 15 members and spouses. The attentive and accommodating staff (which has to include the chefs because the food was fabulous), made us feel very comfortable. We lingered and talked and shared our latest adventures. Helene Carr and Nancy Turner, just back from the AAUW State Convention, shared some of the highlights. Linda Meyers will soon be off on a European adventure. Genie Lester and Leona Nichandros came late because they'd been busy with Hayward Arts Council business. They were warmly greeted but chose to sit at a near-by table because we had already finished eating. Many of us stopped by to chat with them!

## **MEET THE AUTHOR**

**Tuesday, May 31<sup>st</sup>**

**@ 6 PM**

Hayward Main Library  
835 C Street

A highlight of the Hayward Library's ***Meet the Author*** series will feature best-selling writer Ayelet Waldman. Ms. Waldman is the author of the light-hearted "Mommy Track" mystery series, as well as the mainstream novel *Daughter's Keeper*.

All the Hayward library's book groups are featuring books by Ms. Waldman in April and May.

Married to Pulitzer Prize-winning novelist Michael Chabon, Ms. Waldman lives in Berkeley.

The branch has been asked to bring refreshments to the meeting. If you can do so, please contact Barbara Jones at 538-0516 or by email at [bb\\_jones@pacbell.net](mailto:bb_jones@pacbell.net).

## **STATE CONVENTION Recap**



Nancy Turner, Liz Bathgate and Helene Carr

The convention was held in Irvine at the Marriott Hotel. Four members of our branch attended: Liz Bathgate, Nancy Turner, Helene Carr and Elizabeth Kristen. Elizabeth was a presenter at the workshop on Title IX and Nancy was a presenter at the Membership workshop.

### **THE MOST EXCITING THING THAT HAPPENED TO OUR BRANCH AT CONVENTION WAS THAT HELENE CARR WAS ELECTED TO THE STATE BOARD!!**

**Friday afternoon** we were treated to a special Leadership Training with Cynthia D'Amour. She is an advocate for developing leaders and building community and has written seven books. She has an MBA with a special emphasis on leadership. She was one of the most dynamic speakers I have ever heard. Her workshop was entitled Lead, Laugh or Get Out of the Way! The Lazy Leader's Guide to Outrageous Results. It was an interactive workshop with role-playing to facilitate strategic conversations more easily and develop strategies to create dynamic meetings.

**Friday evening** we had a speech by Linda Hallman who is AAUW's executive director and CEO. In her post as our leader she is committed to education, lifelong learning, and mentorship. She and our National staff have revitalized programming and high profile research reports along with streamlining our organization.

**Saturday morning** started out with Elizabeth Amini, [Elizabeth@AntiAging.com](mailto:Elizabeth@AntiAging.com) talking to us about the things that keep us young. She really pushed walking, mental games, eating more colorful foods and avoiding salt and sugar. Eating 1 handful of almonds or peanuts, dark chocolate and drinking oolong-green tea are all supposed to help. I have gone to her web site and tried some of the games she and her staff of neurobehavioral scientists have developed to keep our brains young and I find them quite interesting.

**The first workshop** attended was called The Doer. Dr. Holly Spohn-Gross from Sienna Wellness Institute who told us her story of being born with a cleft palate. After many operations, the final one when she was 18, she decided to make something of herself. She

went to college and became a pediatrician. In addition to her own practice, she goes with teams of doctors to rural villages in many countries where she operates on club feet while the other doctors fix cleft palates. She says that they often seem to go together as birth defects. She has become a 'do-er' after many years of a very painful childhood of rejection and bullying by others. Her story was very inspirational.

## **STATE CONVENTION** Recap-continued

**The next workshop** attended was called The Campus Connection. Our branches are encouraged to try to get our local colleges to join AAUW as University Partners. When these schools become partners, their student body automatically becomes members of AAUW with no cost to the students. Student Affiliate groups can be set up by local branches on these campuses and the students can be mentored by our branches.

**Our lunchtime speaker** was Sheila Kuel who served eight years in the State Senate and six years in the State Assembly. She is currently engaged in consultation with college districts, cities and counties on a variety of public policy issues. She gave a speech about our state government that made your hair curl. If we cannot get our legislators to stop bickering, we will never find solvency in this state again. She was a fantastic speaker and in the near future plans to run for Supervisor of Los Angeles County.

**Saturday evening** we were entertained by our former AAUW State Presidents who ran us through a history of AAUW at our 90th Gala Dinner. They used a variety of media to get their points across as we were moved from the beginning of our State AAUW on up to the present time. It was a wonderfully well thought out presentation.

**Sunday morning** breakfast was a report from our AAUW CA Public Policy Advocate who has been with us since 2003. Charlotte Newhart has over 30 years experience in advocacy for women and children and told us what Sacramento is like right now! She presented us with our Public Policy Legislative Positions as of March 2011. Included under high priority bills which we support are Family and Medical Leave, Human Trafficking - Minors, Autism Spectrum Disorder, Minors: Medical Care Consent: Pregnant Inmates, Least Restrictive Restraints, and Revised Biennial Session. She will commit maximum effort to these bills, sending letters, testifying on behalf of AAUW position in both committee meetings and Assembly and Senate floor sessions, and communicate when action alerts should be sent to the state AAUW membership.

**At Sunday lunch** Lilly Ledbetter treated us to a speech. She told us her story of Goodyear Tire paying her much less than her male counterparts for her whole career. She found out just before she was ready to retire and sued the company. She won her suit in lower court, but had it reversed in the Supreme Court when they said that she had not filed her claim in time. The effect of the Supreme Court's holding was reversed by the passage of the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act in 2009. President Obama signed the act into law on January 29th, 2009 with AAUW CEO Linda Hallman and AAUW lobbyist Lisa Maatz standing behind the President. It was the first bill that Obama signed into law.

## **MAJOR DONORS FROM OUR BRANCH**



Our branch has three major donors who have given large sums of money in the past two years. They are Liz Bathgate, Ursula Batz and Helen Holt. These funds went to the Breaking Thru Barriers Campaign whose goal was to raise \$1,000,000 over a two-year period. In June at the National AAUW Convention this total will be announced.

## **ONE MEMBER, ONE VOTE**

In the next few weeks you will receive a ballot and voter information guide from our National AAUW asking you to vote on a number of issues as well as a new board of directors.

We are fortunate to have two women from the Oakland-Piedmont Branch running for the board: **Julia Brown** and **Kathleen Cha** are running and we encourage you to vote for both of them. They are highly intelligent women who are truly dedicated to AAUW and the betterment of women and girls. **Julia** has been at the state level on committees and more recently has served on the Leadership Corps for National. She is an attorney and has been on many different boards over her career. **Kathleen** has completed her first term on the National board and has served as our State President.

As stated in February's newsletter, delegates at the 2009 AAUW National Convention approved changes to the AAUW Bylaws that enabled *ALL* AAUW members (whether or not they attend the convention) to elect candidates for the AAUW Board of Directors and vote on other items of business such as bylaws amendments, resolutions, and the Public Policy Program.

The ballot will display your member number and a separate personal identification (PIN) for voting.

**To vote online**, simply go to <http://www.aauw.org/> and follow the voting instructions on the home page. You will be prompted for your member number and your voter PIN. Online voting will be open from May 1 through June 17th.

**To vote by mail-in paper ballot**, please refer to the voter information guide; mark your ballot and return it in the envelope provided. Remember to add proper postage and make sure your ballot is postmarked by May 31, 2011.

All the pertinent information concerning the candidates and bylaws amendments is in the OUTLOOK Magazine dated Winter 2010 (it has a woman with a green shirt on the cover) at the back of this issue.

## **MEMBER NEWS**

The branch is saddened to receive news from Marty Kennelly that her husband Andy passed away on Thursday evening, April 14, after a long illness. Andy, a graduate of the State University of Iowa, where he received his B.A., M.A. and PhD, had a long and distinguished career as an educator. He was a professor of geography and environmental studies. He was Vice President, Administration, at California State University, Hayward, for many years, until his retirement in 1983. Andy was a delightful, kind man who often enjoyed branch programs and was a good friend to many of us.

The many friends of Andy and Marty extend their sincere condolences to Marty and her family and share their tremendous loss. Andy was a very special man; he will be greatly missed.

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.

## **LAF NEWS**

Here is new information on the work of the Legal Advocacy Fund. Click on the links to learn more.

### **April 2011**

#### **Obama Administration Takes Action for Sexual Assault Awareness Month and You Can, Too**

Last week the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights issued [guidelines](#) on sexual violence in schools. The guidelines make clear a school's obligation to prevent and respond to sexual violence under Title IX's provisions on sexual harassment. The department also recently announced that it is investigating a sexual harassment complaint by students at Yale University. AAUW's Lisa Maatz was interviewed by [Good Morning America](#) about the case.

#### **International Anti-Street Harassment Day a Success**

LAF Program Manager Holly Kearn organized the first [International Anti-Street Harassment Day](#), and on March 20, people all over the world challenged street harassment in their communities. In Washington, D.C., AAUW co-sponsored a [community safety audit](#). Learn more on the [Stop Street Harassment blog](#) and in [an article published today on The WIP](#) by Holly.

Please consider making a [tax-deductible donation to LAF](#) to help balance the scales of justice for women.

## **NEW MEMBERS**

We have four new members who have joined us in the past month.

**Mildred Hart** is Liz Bathgate's 103-year-old stepmother who was featured in the Legacy Circle flier and as a result of that has decided to become a branch member. She gave AAUW \$300,000 a number of years ago as an annuity. She has been receiving 11% on that money and will continue to do so until she dies. The remainder of the money in her annuity will be put into an American Fellowship in her name and she will be recognized each year as that fellowship is given to a college student completing her graduate degree.

**Roberta Cooper**, who recently retired from her career as a teacher and politician, is ready for volunteerism. Having served as Mayor of Hayward for a number of years, she comes to us with a wealth of leadership knowledge. Her new volunteerism includes the Hayward Arts Council, gardening at Sulphur Creek, the Eden Garden Club and the San Leandro Garden Club. Her contact information is [bertie\\_cooper@yahoo.com](mailto:bertie_cooper@yahoo.com), phone: 782-2699 and her address: 28093 Petrina Ct. Hayward, 94545.

**Patricia Lindsey** who Liz Bathgate first met at Sulphur Creek Nature Center is the consummate volunteer and seamstress. Her address is 18456 Vernon Ct, Castro Valley 94546. Her phone number is 727-1353.

**Jennifer Koney** works for the Hayward Area Recreation and Parks District and is the supervisor in charge of the Shoreline and Sulphur Creek Nature Center. She is an artist who hopes to find time to return to her art and her passion for mentoring others. Her address is 3276 Naomi Drive, Hayward, CA 94541 and cell 846-1325.

**Congressman Pete Stark** has rejoined our branch. He first joined us in 1988 and has been a staunch supporter of women's rights throughout his career in Congress. He always fights for his beliefs no matter what the consequences may be.

## **NEW MEMBERS Sign-up**

### *RECRUITING NEW MEMBERS CANNOT BE A ONE-PERSON JOB!*

The new membership year for our branch begins in June 2011.

We should always be looking for women who think and share the same passion for equality for women and girls as AAUW does. All of us need to be asking our friends if they would like to join our branch. Tell them about our mission and the interest groups that we have. Any new members you are able to recruit will bring you recognition in our branch.

Starting March 15<sup>th</sup>, your friends can join AAUW for 14 months for \$80.00. This opportunity gives them a chance to get to know our branch and take part in our spring events.

In celebration of AAUW's founding in 1881, making this **our 130th year**, graduate students are eligible to receive a special National membership rate of \$18.81 (a savings of \$30.19). State and branch dues remain at \$31.00.

Do you know a graduate student who could benefit from this discount?

**'Give a Grad a Gift'** allows current AAUW members to give a free membership to National to a recent grad within two years of graduation (a \$49.00 value) and then they only need to pay \$31.00 for dues to our branch and the state. Give a gift that makes an impact in their lives.

The **'Shape the Future'** membership campaign continues. At branch programs and events that are open to the public, new members can join for 50% of the current National dues (a \$24.50 value), and branches can earn free National memberships. Invite your potential member friends to our programs and events.

If you know someone who would like more information about our branch, please contact Liz Bathgate 581-0461. She will be happy to talk to them and send information about what AAUW is all about.

## **CURRENT TOTAL MEMBERSHIP** = 144 members

This is the month that renewal is starting.

Last year we implemented the AAUW National site as a way of paying your dues using your credit card. Very few of you tried using this method, but it really is not that daunting.

WEBSITE DUES PAYING INSTRUCTIONS: If you wish to try the AAUW National site dues paying option by credit card, here is what you need to do:

First, login to the AAUW.org website with your ID#. (If you don't know your number call Liz at 581-0461) Once logged in, you will be redirected to the Member Center. Select "Member Services Database (MSD)" from the options running down the left side. **Ignore** the box that is asking you for your password, and instead go two lines up and click on the words "register here" in blue text. On this page you need to fill in the information - be sure to enter the information that AAUW has in your record or it won't allow you to continue. Once you've successfully filled that page in you will be sent an email with a link in it. Follow the link and that is where you can select your password and security question.

Once you are in the MSD, you will see "Membership Payment Program" as one of the last options running along the left-hand side of the screen. You should choose "Personal Membership MPP" and from that page you will be prompted to enter your payment information. Hit submit and then you will be prompted to verify that you want your dues charged.

If you would rather **pay by check**, just make it out to AAUW H/CV for \$80.00 (regular membership) then send it to Liz Bathgate 22112 Queen Street, Castro Valley, CA 94546.

If you are a **Life Member**, you need only pay \$31.00, which covers the state and local dues.

If you are an **Honorary Life Member with 50 years** of AAUW, you need only pay the local dues of \$15.00.

**Student affiliates** pay \$41, which covers all three categories of dues.

If you wish to **donate to our angel fund** which helps pay members dues that are not as fortunate with their finances, you may do so when you send your check. Please indicate on your check that you are paying a certain amount to the angel fund.

If you wish to **donate to the Legal Advocacy Fund or any other AAUW Fund**, you may include a separate check that specifies into which fund you wish to have your donation included.