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

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

"Bridging the Past, Present, and Future: AAUW California celebrates 90 years" is the theme of the 2011 California convention. The Hayward/Castro Valley branch is celebrating its 70th birthday this year and can look not only at the past but also to the future for the branch's accomplishments. Our members have learned about and sponsored Education, Legal Advocacy, Tech Trek, Local Scholarship and programs that benefit not only women and girls, but also the general population. As we continue in our quest to further education, financial security and community involvement, we hope to develop local programming that brings new ideas to our members.

Along these lines, we want to hear from you. We are developing a general survey that will be sent out to all members that will give us your feedback. What issues are you interested in? What are you passionate about? Has your voice been heard? This will be your opportunity to let us, the AAUW Hayward Castro Valley board, hear your thoughts and ideas.

This survey will list some Programs in a Box and other local issues that the AAUW-H/CV board thinks are of local and state interest. We also ask that you contribute your ideas that may include field trips you think our group would enjoy. Please look upon this as an opportunity to share your thoughts regarding not only enlightenment but also entertainment. After we have the results of the survey, there will be a general meeting where discussions will take place. This is your branch so let us hear from you.

To celebrate AAUW Hayward/Castro Valley's 70th birthday, we will have a party. It will be a birthday celebration that will highlight our wonderful members and their accomplishments. There will a birthday cake, games and prizes. Plans for this party are in progress, so stay tuned.

The future is now so let us look at the past with pride and to the future with hope that we will accomplish our goals.

Helene Carr

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STATE CONVENTION

April 8th, 9th and 10th

LAST DAY TO REGISTER IS **MARCH 15**TH.

Registration and Program Information can be found on the AAUW-CA website: http://www.aauw-ca.org under Convention 2011.

Convention Hotel Registration at the Marriott Irvine is open and is on a first come, first served basis. We anticipate selling out our room block so please don't delay in making reservations. You may call (888) 236-2427 or (949) 553-0100 to make reservations—ask for the AAUW-CA convention rate.

Please contact me at:

http://us.mc1803.mail.yahoo.com/mc/compose?to=caralex@verizon.net or (909) 964-3187 with any questions or issues relating to the Convention, including registration or hotel arrangements.

Come celebrate 90 years of AAUW-CA. This is a convention not to be missed.

Thank you!

Carlynne McDonnell

AAUW-CA Director, Leadership Development/Convention Chair

AAUW DINING OUT

February 28th, Monday @ 6pm

Aroma - Cuisine of India

3418 Castro Village Drive

Castro Valley, CA 94546

(510) 888-9555

Reservations are not necessary. This has been an enjoyable gathering to meet and socialize with AAUW friends, spouses or prospective members, and try various restaurants in the Hayward - Castro Valley area. Please join us.

To RSVP or for more information, please call Sandy Boswell 293-9575.

<u>March Dining Out is on the 21st</u>. Recommendations for a reasonably priced local restaurant would be appreciated. Contact sandyboswell@rocketmail.com

BOARD MEETING

March 8th, Tuesday

@ 6:30pm

581-0461

Will meet at Liz Bathgate's home, 22112 Queen St., Castro Valley

WOMEN IN HISTORY

Wednesday mornings March

We are preparing for this years program. So far, the following schools have signed up for the presentation: Proctor and Stanton in CV, Colonial Acres and Lorenzo Manor in San Lorenzo.

Our members portray Sally Ride (Liz Bathgate), Alice Paul (Janice Friesen), Annie Smith Peck (Sherry Mattson), Julia Morgan (Berna Neumiller), Juliette Gordon Low (Joan Reynolds). Abigail Scott Dunaway (Joellen Rice), Dolores Huerta (Rosalie Rienzo), Wilma Mankiller (Nancy Schluntz), Lotta Crabtree (Caryll Goodale), and Eliza Jane Hall Glass (Pat Macsata).

If any other members would like to participate contact Janice Friesen at ifriesen@pacbell.net. We can always use more presenters.

It is a lot of fun and will be on Wed mornings in March for Women's History Month.

DRAMA READING

March 9th, Wednesday

@ 7pm

22112 Queen St., Castro Valley

581-0461

We will gather at Liz Bathgate's home to read the play "Exits and Entrances" by Athol Fugard. It is a one-act vignette about a distinguished actor and a young playwright. The play takes place in South Africa and deals with the life of the two men who have worked together on plays in the past. There are only two parts, so we will be switching off the reading frequently. Since the play is so short, we will have plenty of time to socialize and enjoy dessert.

SOUPER SUPPER

March 11th, Friday

Benefit for Tech Trek Scholarships

6pm to 9pm

CASTRO VALLEY FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

188550 Redwood Road

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(If needed)

BUNCO

March 18th, Friday

6:30pm - 9:30pm

Olive Riley-Steward's home

32174 Bernice Way, Hayward

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.

We usually meet every other month at a member's home.

Please call Dee Butner at 537-8541 or e-mail @ <u>kinder55@aol.com</u> to make a reservation <u>by March 11th</u> and get directions if necessary. We need 12 people.

PLEASE NOTE: WE WILL NOT BE ADVERTISING ON YAHOO-GROUPS ANYMORE.

BOOK REVIEW GROUP

March 21st, Monday

2pm - 4 pm

3595 Oakes Drive, Hayward

The next meeting will be at the home of Barbara Jones. Pat Buchanan will discuss the recently published Autobiography of Mark Twain. Pat indicates she will share several of the delightful antidotes for which Twain is famous.

All members are invited to join a special afternoon of books and friendship. Refreshments will also be served. If you need directions or have questions, call Barbara at 538.0516.

Members are asked to bring suggestions for the group read on May 16th. If you have a favorite, you think the group will enjoy, come prepared to discuss it briefly. We will vote on the May selection at this meeting.

Looking forward to seeing you at Barbara's on March 21st!

Looking ahead, on Monday, April 18th the group will discuss books the members are currently reading. Each member is asked to prepare a brief (2-5 minutes) review of a book they have enjoyed. This will be a wonderful opportunity for each member to hear about books others have enjoyed and find suggestions for her own future reading.

Please join us at all these events.

SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

Each Year Bob Bathgate gives his earnings from his work as a handyman to our branch. This year his contribution will help fund a second scholarship that AAUW-H/CV will give at Chabot College.

ONE MEMBER, ONE VOTE

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.

LAF NEWS

LAF Supports Plaintiffs in Wal-Mart Lawsuit

In January, the AAUW Board of Directors approved LAF case support for our first case outside of academia. AAUW will sign at least one amicus brief in support of the plaintiffs in the <u>Dukes v. Wal-Mart Stores Inc.</u> lawsuit. AAUW also will invite local AAUW members and staff to show support for the plaintiffs during the oral argument at the U.S. Supreme Court on March 29, 2011. The court will review lower court decisions that allowed female Wal-Mart employees to pursue employment discrimination claims as a class. If approved, the case will become the largest civil rights class action in U.S. history; including as many as 1.5 million women who will seek billions of dollars in back pay. Read the AAUW press release announcing the new LAF case.

AAUW Receives Cy Pres Award

You already know that AAUW does great work to fight gender discrimination, but it is always nice when others acknowledge it, too. AAUW was recently honored to receive a cy pres award of \$23,500 as part of the judgment in the largest gender discrimination case to ever go to trial. A cy pres award is a mechanism for distributing funds to charitable organizations that promote the interests of the class and that typically conduct activities to discourage the behavior penalized in the case.

The class action lawsuit against Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation included approximately 5,600 women sales force employees who claimed gender discrimination based on pay, promotion, and pregnancy. A jury found Novartis liable for gender discrimination in May 2010, and the subsequent settlement to allocate award funds to the plaintiffs, was filed in federal court in New York in July 2010. Judge Colleen McMahon of the U.S. District Court for Eastern New York approved the final settlement agreement in November. It is an honor for AAUW's work to fight gender discrimination and to be recognized by this award. We will use it to support our mission to advance equity for women and girls. Read the AAUW press release.

MEMBER NEWS

Glenna Zolling will have knee surgery at Kaiser Oakland on February 23rd. We wish her a smooth, speedy recovery so she can return to her many activities.

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 us let our friends know we care.

MEMBER HONORED

Helen Holt, who has been a member of AAUW for over 50 years and now lives in Stockton, won an award as a San Joaquin County Woman of Achievement by the San Joaquin County Commission on the Status of Women. She has been very active in CALSTRS supporting retired teachers in their quest for retirement pay. She is a major donor of AAUW, and was honored for her generosity at the last AAUW/CA Convention. She spends hours on volunteerism in her community and politically is always striving for equity for women. She is a tireless advocate for causes she deems worthy of her time and finds herself in Sacramento lobbying for her causes. She is a model for us all to follow!!

MEMBERSHIP FOR NEW MEMBERS

The new membership year for our branch begins in June. Starting March 15th, your friends can join AAUW for an entire year <u>plus</u> 3 months for \$80.00. This opportunity gives them a chance to get to know our branch and take part in our spring 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.

If you know any young women who have just graduated from college within the past <u>two</u> years, they are eligible for a <u>free</u> membership to national and only need to pay \$31.00 for dues to our branch and the state.

SOUPER SUPPER

A Benefit for Tech Trek Scholarships

FRIDAY, MARCH 11, 2011

6pm to 9pm

CASTRO VALLEY FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

18550 REDWOOD ROAD

(Redwood and Seven Hills Rd.)

OUR GUEST SPEAKER, JUDY HARRISON WILL BE PRESENTING PHOTOS AND COMMENTS ON HER RECENT TRIP TO CUBA.

COST: \$10 FOR MEAL WHICH INCLUDES SOUP, SALAD, BREAD, DESSERT, BEVERAGE, AND INTERESTING SPEAKER

\$5 FOR THOSE WHO ARE COOKING

WE WILL GLADLY ACCEPT ADDITIONAL DONATIONS OF FOOD, PAPER GOODS, OR MONEY.

BRING THE ENTIRE FAMILY!

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