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

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Hayward/ Castro Valley Branch
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Tri-Branch AAUW Luncheon

Saturday, February 5, 2011

Registration & No-Host Cocktails:
11:30am-12 noon

Luncheon & Speaker
12 noon – 2:30 pm

Sunol Valley Country Club
6900 Mission Road, Sunol, CA 94586

Featured Speaker: Wendy Walker
Student at UC Berkeley's MBA program
majoring in Sustainable Business and Finance

\$ 32.00 (non-tax deductible)

For information and carpooling call Liz Bathgate 581-0461

TRI BRANCH LUNCHEON RESERVATION FORM

WHEN: Saturday, February 5, 2011,
11:30am –2:00pm

WHERE: Sunol Valley Golf Club – Pavilion Room

COST: \$32.00 per person

Make checks payable to H/CV AAUW

Send to Peggy Robinson 24527 Marie Dr. Hayward, CA 94542
Memo Line: Tri-Branch

**Circle (1) choice: Chicken Piccata, Baked Salmon
or Vegetarian Tortellini**

Name: _____ Branch: _____

Guest(s): _____ Amount: _____

Deadline is Monday, January 24, 2011



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year! As we begin the year, we renew our dedication to the issues that are important to women and children. After discussions with your board, we have decided to hold workshops focusing on the Financial Literacy and \$tart \$mart Programs that have been developed by AAUW. We are now in the planning stages so we will keep you posted with dates and venues, as we get further along in the planning process.

Our state website states that AAUW California is a leading education, research and advocacy organization that leads the way in paving a path for girls and women to achieve economic security or Financial Fitness. Along those lines, our branch programs will focus on Pay Equity and Financial Fitness for Life, which will in turn give women economic security and the ability to achieve pay equity.

The \$tart \$mart Program will ensure that recent college graduates begin their careers in the best possible financial position – a program that is aimed at college junior and senior students. Should any of you be interested in participating in organizing these workshops, please contact me.

One of our members, who was passionate about education and particularly this program was Bonnie Smith who just recently lost her battle with cancer. So, it is with appreciation of her unflagging optimism and courage that this program will go forward. Bonnie worked tirelessly for the Educational Foundation and in producing the Shareline. Her generosity will be shared with AAUW National as it is named prominently as a beneficiary of her estate.

As Bonnie was dedicated to AAUW so were the women of the branch dedicated to her as her health declined. We will move forward this year and continue to focus on the education of women and girls and to our commitment to each other.

This year, AAUW California will celebrate its 90th birthday so let us make it one to remember.

Helene Carr

President

In Memoriam

Bonnie Smith

April 18, 1943 – December 16, 2010



Bonnie lost her 5-month battle against lung cancer on December 16. She will be remembered by the Friends of the Hayward Library as the queen of book sorters and book sale organizers. You could find Bonnie just about every day in the Friends' office sorting books, gleefully cheering the "real finds" or gleefully tossing "garbage." She was the sorting mentor to a cadre of devoted Friends who spend hours selecting books and setting up the carts for Saturday sales. Bonnie was the co-chair of the Bigger Than Usual Book Sales for many years. Thanks to her good eye for what would sell these sales were extremely profitable. She was a long-time Friends member and served on the board as secretary and newsletter editor. She will be remembered for her tireless efforts to make the sales worthwhile and for trying to make order out of the chaos of the donations. In addition to her work with the Friends, Bonnie was active in the American Association of University Women as chair of the branch's Educational Fund and editor of the newsletter. She was a big supporter of Tech Trek and the joint programs AAUW has with the Friends of the Library.

DRAMA READING**February 2nd, Wednesday****@ 7pm**

22112 Queen St., Castro Valley

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We will gather at Liz Bathgate's home to read the play "Painting Churches" by Tina Howe. It is a play about an aged set of parents, Gardener and Fanny Church who are preparing to move out of their Beacon Hill house to their summer cottage on Cape Cod. They have asked their daughter, who is an accomplished portrait painter, to help them pack. The New York Times says that it is a radiant, loving and zestfully humorous play. Everyone is welcome to come and join us as we read, converse and enjoy some goodies with tea.

BOARD MEETING**February 8th, Tuesday****@ 6:30pm**

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Will meet at Liz Bathgate's home, 22112 Queen St., Castro Valley**BOOK REVIEW GROUP****February 21st, Monday****2pm – 4 pm**

19253 Parkview Rd, Castro Valley

The next meeting will be at the home of Helene Victor. We will discuss our first group read of the year, George R. Stewart's 1949 science fiction classic *The Earth Abides*. Berna Neumiller will be the facilitator.

All branch members are welcome to join us for an afternoon of sharing ideas from a thought-provoking novel set right here in the Bay Area.

Refreshments will be served.

If you have questions or need directions, please call Helene at 886-1640.

MEMBER NEWS

The past weeks have been a difficult time for the branch as we lost three special people, two members, and the very supportive husband of a member. In last month's Shareline, we mourned the loss of Honorary Life member Irene Zook who passed away on November 13 at the age of 90. Many of us attended the memorial for Irene on December 2nd.

On December 11th, Ken Lester, husband of Honorary Life member and past president, Genie Lester, passed away after a long illness. Ken was long supportive of our branch and activities. Our condolences go out to Genie and their sons. We share their tremendous loss.

On December 16th, our friend Bonnie Smith lost her courageous battle with lung cancer after a short, difficult four months. Bonnie was our hard-working EF chairperson as well as our outstanding Shareline editor the past two years. As Helene mentioned in her President's Message, Bonnie was a passionate supporter of AAUW and our educational programs. Her death was felt by all who became close to her as her health declined. Liz Bathgate noted, "She had an ability to get things done so well!" We will all miss her very much.

If you have news about a member who needs to be congratulated on a special occasion or accomplishment, or 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.

AAUW NATIONAL'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS THIS PAST YEAR!

Please take some time to read over these points. This will give you a much broader idea what is going on in Washington D.C. with our National organization.

- 1. Made enormous strides toward strengthening and updating the Equal Pay Act by advocating for the Paycheck Fairness Act. After it was defeated by a procedural vote, it will mean that we will continue the fight for strong pay equity legislation in the next Congress.**
- 2. Published Why So Few? Women in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics, a comprehensive report on the continued under representation of women in these fields. If you would like to read a copy of this, I have more of them here at my home, Liz.**
- 3. Awarded \$3.2 million in Fellowships, Grants, and Awards to support 215 scholars, research projects and programs promoting education and equity for women and girls.**
- 4. Lobbied to have the "Don't Ask Don't Tell" policy repealed. This was passed in December.**
- 5. Encouraged an amendment to the health care bill that will prevent health insurance providers from discriminating against women. This was successful.**
- 6. Received a five star rating as a Top-Rated Women's Empowerment Nonprofit.**
- 7. Published the Congressional voting Record for the 111th Congress providing information on the positions of each senator and representative on the issues important to the AAUW Action fund.**
- 8. Informed AAUW members of the candidates' positions to help our members make informed decisions when voting.**
- 9. The AAUW Leadership Corps worked with state presidents, branch boards, national members, and staff to strengthen AAUW at every level.**
- 10. Worked with our e-advocates to dramatically grow our voice on Capitol Hill. This group sent over 74,000 messages to legislators and the administration this year, influencing them on a host of issues from pay equity and women's health to hate crimes and Title IX.**
- 11. Prevented several attempts to weaken public education by diverting public funds to private or religious schools through voucher funding schemes.**
- 12. Increased support for anti-bullying legislation that would ensure all schools have effective policies in place to prevent and respond to bullying and harassment.**
- 13. Disbursed over \$90,000 to five plaintiffs to help with their legal costs in precedent-setting sex discrimination lawsuits, on campus and in the broader workplace.**

SOUPER SUPPER

A benefit for Tech Trek Scholarships

Friday, March 11, 2011

6pm to 9pm

Castro Valley First Baptist Church

(Redwood Rd and Seven Hills Rd)

Our Guest Speaker, Judy Harrison, will be presenting photos and comments from her recent trip to Cuba

COST: \$10.00 per meal, which includes soup, salad, bread, dessert and beverage.

(\$5.00 for those who are cooking)

We will gladly accept additional donations of food and paper goods, as well as money.

BRING THE ENTIRE FAMILY!

SOUPER SUPPER RESERVATION FORM

Make checks out to: **AAUW H-CV**

Send to Souper Supper c/o Dee Butner, 4789 Rollinghills Way,

Castro Valley, CA 94546

If any questions, contact: Sandy Boswell, 293-9575 or

E-mail: sandyboswell@rocketmail.com

NAMES: _____ GUESTS: _____

AMOUNT SENT: \$ _____ CONTACT PHONE#: _____

I WILL BRING: SOUP SALAD DESSERT

It would be fun to create a Caribbean atmosphere by preparing something 'tropical', but be assured we will enjoy all of your family favorites too.

It will be a wonderful evening of Friendship and goodwill for a very good cause.

BUNCO

March 18th, Friday

6:30pm – 9:30p

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. The next meeting will be at Olive Riley-Steward's home. Please call Dee Butner at 537-8541 or e-mail @ kinder55@aol.com to make a reservation and get directions. We need 12 people.

STATE CONVENTION 2011

April 8th, 9th and 10th



Happy Holidays AAUW-CA members! Registration for the AAUW-CA 2011 Convention is officially open.

The following information **MUST** be forwarded to your members as soon as possible so that they may take advantage of early convention registration savings, which ends February 20, 2011.

Registration and Program Information can be found at 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 making reservations. You may call (888) 236- 2427 or (949) 553-0100 to make reservations. Please 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 Convention, including registration or hotel arrangements.

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

Thank you!
Carlyne McDonnell
AAUW CA Director, Leadership Development/Convention Chair