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MARCH 2011

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AAUW –

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

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

As we celebrate Women's History Month, it brings to mind the women who have made such valuable contributions.

Frequently we read about women in the news such as Shannon Lucid who was the first American woman to serve on the Russian Space Station Mir. The women who have won elections to state and local government offices through hard fought contests. Or we can look closer to home to those women who we encounter on a regular basis. Women of our branch who give tirelessly to AAUW and to local community organizations to make the East Bay a better place in which to live. Women on the Tech Trek committee who go from school to school to recruit girls to attend Tech Trek camp - and are not always met with open arms. A husband who usually gives his annual handyman earnings to Tech Trek but this year he contributed to our Scholarship Fund. The women who searched intensively to find a contact at Chabot College so we could award (2) scholarships this year. And the list goes on and on.

It is an honor for me to be associated with these women who make such a difference in our own community. When we attend local volunteer awards events, it is usually the women who receive the majority of awards. And our AAUW women lead the way.

Helene Carr
President

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MEET THE AUTHOR

Farm City: The Education of an Urban Farmer by Bay Area author Novella Carpenter is the featured book for the *Meet the Author* program on Saturday, March 26, at 2 p.m. at the Hayward Main Library, 835 C Street. Oakland resident Novella Carpenter turned an intercity vacant lot into a community garden and attracted national attention. Her book details how she accomplished this project and how it has and is inspiring other communities to promote similar gardens.

As a co-sponsor of the program along with the Hayward Library, AAUW-Hayward/Castro Valley branch, is contributing in a couple of ways. At the March board meeting, they voted to give \$300 to help print the 4000 color brochures that will be distributed throughout the city for the Book-to-Action program. We were also asked to provide cookies, brownies, or other treats, for this event.

Hayward librarian Sally Thomas has obtained a Book-to-Action grant to bring the subject of community gardens to a wide Bay Area audience. The grant allows her to work with schools and students in Hayward, promoting programs to raise fruit and vegetables for local consumption. Ochoa Middle School is proud to be the focus of the Book-to-Action program, where students and parents are learning about Project EAT, an extensive school garden program that also helps encourage good nutrition.

Please encourage your friends to join us on March 26th as we learn more about *Farm City*, as well as the schools garden projects.

ANOTHER MEET THE AUTHOR(S)

There will be a program on April 23rd. There will be two authors, Daniel Alarcon and Stephen D. Gutierrez. It will be at the Hayward main library again, from 2-4 p.m.

Daniel Alarcon, native of Peru, lives in Oakland and is the author of *Lost City Radio*, and many short stories and articles.

Stephen Gutierrez is a professor of creative writing at Cal State East Bay. His recent collection of short stories, *Life from Fresno y Los*, won a 2010 American Book Award from the Before Columbus Foundation.

Refreshments provided by AAUW.

BOARD DECISION ON YAHOO GROUPS USE

At the last meeting, the board decided that interest groups could use Yahoo Groups to advertise their event **ONLY ONCE PER EVENT/DATE**. After that each group is asked to make up an email list of members who have attended their function and email only these people. We are trying to hold down the number of announcements that go to all members so that they will read the messages and not delete them as spam.

DRAMA READING

April 6th, Wednesday

@ 7pm

22112 Queen St., Castro Valley

581-0461

We will gather at Liz Bathgate's home to read the play "Hay Fever" by Noel Coward.

This is open to all members who love reading plays, especially by Mr. Coward. It is not a long play so there will be plenty of time for socializing. Refreshments will also be served.

We're on the Web:

www.aauw-hcv.org

Branch

www.aauw-ca.org

State

www.aauw.org

National

STATE CONVENTION

April 8th, 9th and 10th

Irvine, CA

Come celebrate 90 years of AAUW-CA

BOARD MEETING

April 12th, Tuesday

@ 6:30pm

581-0461

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

BOOK REVIEW GROUP

**April 18th, Monday
2pm – 4 pm**

Baywood Court
21966 Dolores, Castro Valley

The Book Review Group will meet at Baywood Court. Hostesses will be Carol Lauritzen and Florence Soldahl. Each member will give a brief 3-5 minute review of a book she has read and enjoyed. This will give us an opportunity to hear what others are reading and to get some suggestions for future reading pleasure. Please come prepared to share. Refreshments will be served.

Looking forward to seeing all branch members who love books and enjoy good friends and lively conversation.

The **last meeting of the year** will be on Monday afternoon, May 16th at the Castro Valley home of Berna Neumiller. This will be our second group read of the year - the title, to be selected at the March meeting, will be announced later.

AAUW DINING OUT

**April 18th, Monday
@ 6pm**

Buon Appetito - Italian

917 A Street
Hayward, CA
(510) 247-0120

Reservations are not necessary. Though we've been here before, Buon Appetito has recently done some extensive remodeling. Everyone agreed it was time to revisit this favorite Italian Restaurant.

To RSVP or for more information, please contact Sandy Boswell 510 909-5466 or sandyboswell@rocketmail.com.

Dining Out on March 21st was at the Silver Spoon Restaurant in Castro Valley. Fifteen of us gathered around a large round table to enjoy an amazing feast. The attentive wait staff served plate upon plate onto a glass Lazy Susan in the center of the table from which we shared beef, chicken, shrimp, fish and rice dishes. When we were done, we'd joined the clean plate club and become fans of Silver Spoon. The owner and head chef, Simon, treated us like VIPs. A few new attendees added to the lively mix. Even after the fortune cookies were served, the diners lingered and conversations continued. Before we knew it, Simon was back with another plate of fortune cookies!

SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

After a few aborted attempts to get the scholarship process underway, Sandy Boswell and Evelyn Gertler went to Chabot College and met with Heidi Finberg, assistant director of the Chabot College Foundation. She was pleased to hear of our intention to present (1) \$1000 scholarship to a woman graduating from Chabot and going on to a four-year institution. Happily, due to the generosity of Bob Bathgate, now we will be able to offer (2) such awards.

We sent her the criteria upon which the awards would be made. Subsequent to the receipt of this information, members of the Foundation were to do the initial screening. Names of those chosen will be sent to us, and our committee, consisting of Sandy Boswell, Dani Stonelake, Linda Creno and Evelyn Gertler will set a time for interviews and determine the final choices.

The Chabot Foundation's portion was to have been completed by March 11th, so we should be getting their choices any day now. As soon as we receive their information, we can begin our reviews.

BARBARA TAYLOR REIMER RESEARCH AND PROJECTS GRANT

Our branch started this grant for a member who had shown all of us what AAUW was truly about.

Barbara joined our branch in 1959 when she was teaching school and raising two children. She died in April 2003 after a long battle with Alzheimer's. During her many years of active participation in our branch, she served on our board in many capacities as well as being President in 1969. She also served at the state level working on the board as a facilitator. She was the driving force behind our 50th Anniversary Party for our branch that took place in 1991. Barbara was chosen as our 'Named Grant Honoree' in 1972.

After her death our board decided to start an R & P grant in her name. We began raising money and each year all of our EF funds went to this grant. Her husband, Van also contributed each year and in fact he finished the grant for her just last month. The total amount of money raised was \$35,000. AAUW branches can apply for funding from her R & P for special projects in their towns. The National AAUW looks over these grant applications each year and awards them according to merit. Her name is now forever linked to her favorite group, AAUW !

MAJOR GIFT TO OUR BRANCH

Judy Harrison is the executor of Bonnie Smith's estate. Bonnie left her home and her stock assets to AAUW Funds and the interior of her home to Judy. Judy has decided that any money raised by the sale of Bonnie's antiques and household items will be used for Tech Trek and/or our local Scholarships. This is a very generous gift to our branch by Judy and we all know that Bonnie would be very proud of her friend's generosity.

ONE MEMBER, ONE VOTE

As stated in last month'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.

So, in late April you will receive a ballot and a voter information guide in the mail. 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 2011 (it has a woman with a green shirt on the cover). The voting information is in the back of the magazine.

LAF NEWS

Dukes vs. Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.

Legal Advocacy Fund Case Adopted Jan. 2011

In 2001, female employees at Wal-Mart filed a class action sex discrimination lawsuit against Wal-Mart Stores in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California. The lawsuit alleges that female employees of Wal-Mart are denied advancement and training opportunities, paid less than men for the same or comparable work, steered to lower wage departments, subjected to a sexually hostile work environment and retaliated against when they attempt to address sex discrimination.

On December 6, the U. S. Supreme Court agreed to decide whether 15 million female employees of Wal-Mart can pursue job discrimination claims in one suit or whether they'll have to split up and file against individual stores. The case – the largest employment class-action suit in the nation's history – will be argued before the Supreme Court on March 29, 2011.

In addition to providing financial support, AAUW signed an Amicus Brief, and will be attending the hearing on March 29, 2011.

To read the AAUW Press Release (03/02/2011) go to:

[AAUW Signs Amicus Brief in Support of the Plaintiffs in Gender Discrimination Suit against Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.](#)

MEMBER NEWS

Celebrations of major milestones are coming in April for two of our members:

Mathilde Schmidt will be off to New York City to join her family to celebrate her 90th birthday on April 21st! Mathilde's many friends wish a wonderful trip and a delightful birthday to one of our most active members!

Honorary Life Member and branch past President Margaret Smith will celebrate her 96th birthday on April 23rd. Our warmest congratulations to a special lady!

MEMBER NEWS Updates

Glenna Zolling's knee surgery went well and she's happy to be back in her lovely home once more. She welcomes telephone calls and plans to get back to her activities very soon.

Berna Neumiller is back in active form once more after a battle with pneumonia. Her biggest frustration was missing out on her many activities, especially her walking group and times with friends.

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 needs to be reassured that 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.

SOUPER SUPPER 'THANK YOU'

From The Tech Trek Team:
Judy Harrison, Ruth Kuffin, Robin Peterson, Dee Butner and Sandy Boswell

We would like to thank everyone who has supported TechTrek this year. Your generous donations will provide (4) \$800 scholarships to our 7th grade girls in the four local school districts of Hayward, Castro Valley, San Lorenzo and San Leandro.

We would also like to mention that our Souper Supper event was well attended. We had 44 people come to it and made \$530. We would also like to thank Dani Stonelake for her donation of a nice wine basket, which added to our funds.

Thanks you all for the delicious soup, salads and desserts. Everyone brought his or her appetites because not much food was leftover.

Thank you for your enthusiasm.

NEW MEMBERS Sign-up

RECRUITING NEW MEMBERS CANNOT BE A ONE-PERSON JOB !

We should always be looking for women who think and share the same passion for equity 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.

The new membership year for our branch begins in June 2011. Starting March 15th, 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.

Also, any young women who have just graduated from college within the past two years are eligible for a free membership to national and only need to pay \$31.00 for dues to our branch and the state.

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.

BUNCO

May 13th, Friday

6:30pm – 9:30pm

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

510.881.4460

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.

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

Please call Dee Butner at 537-8541 or e-mail @ kinder55@aol.com to make a reservation by May 6th and get directions if necessary. We need 12 people.

