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HAYWARD/CASTRO VALLEY

OCTOBER 2011

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WOMEN IN HISTORY

AAUW-Hayward/Castro Valley has been involved for the past 15 years doing performances about **WOMEN IN HISTORY**. However, we are limited to our local area of Castro Valley, Hayward, San Lorenzo and San Leandro elementary schools.

It's now time to begin scheduling this school year's performers. If any of you would like to show off your acting skills, please sign-up. We would like to have more than enough performers (in case someone can't make all the dates), so that the performances are complete with all the characters accounted for. So, if you have some free time and some adventure within you, join the **WOMEN IN HISTORY**.

The **WOMEN** that are being presented are Sally Ride, Alice Paul, Dolly Madison, Annie Smith Peck, Julia Morgan, Juliette Gordon Low, Abigail Scott Duniway, Dolores Huerta, Wilma Mankiller, Lotta Crabtree and Eliza Jane Hall Glass. Liz Bathgate has 'scripts' for other Women from History so little or no historical research is needed.

We are able to offer the following performance dates: Wednesdays in March 2012, which include 3/7, 3/14, 3/21, and 3/28. Because of shared rooms for programs at individual schools, we can also offer a Thursday or Friday performance, by special request. We can do a single performance for grades 4th thru 6th in a multi-purpose room, or we can do 2 or 3 individual classrooms, with our performers moving from room to room.



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

We're on the

Web:

Branch

www.aauw-hcv.org

State

www.aauw-ca.org

National

www.aauw.org

If you are interested in having us at your school this year, please respond by email with your 1st and 2nd choices for date and time of performance (allow 45 minutes). Our monologues support the state standards in language arts and social studies.

Email jfriesen@pacbell.net with questions or call Janice at 510 537-4905.

VOLUNTEER AWARDS DINNER

OCTOBER 4TH, 6pm – 9pm

- Evelyn Cormier and Barbara Jones will be honored at the City of Hayward Annual Volunteer Recognition & Awards Dinner in the White Tent at **St. Rose Hospital, 27200 Calaroga Avenue, Hayward, CA.**
- Evelyn is the 2011 Lifetime Award recipient and Barbara Jones is our branch's 2011 "Heart of Hayward". Please join us in congratulating both women.
- Cost of the dinner is \$35.00.
- If you are interested in attending the event and would like more information please contact Linda Slater at slaterl@sbcglobal.net or call 510-435-6150.

DRAMA READING

October 5th, Wednesday

@ 7pm

Our wonderful group of thespians will once again meet at Liz Bathgate's home, 22112 Queen St., Castro Valley.

This month we will read "Steel Magnolias" by Robert Harling. This is a first play that met with immediate critical and popular acceptance in its premier production in 1988. It is alternately hilarious and touching. I have seen this performed and it really will be a great play to read with our group.

Everyone is welcome to come enjoy conversation, play reading and of course refreshments.



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BOARD MEETING

October 11th, Tuesday

@ 6:30pm

581-0461

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



DAY AT THE OAKLAND ZOO

October 12th, Wednesday

9777 Golf Links Road, Oakland (98th Ave. exit) 510-632-9525

SEE WHAT'S NEW AT THE OAKLAND ZOO!!

Ruth Leth has arranged this outing since she is a docent at the zoo and has been a volunteer there for over 20 years. She has set it up so that we can have three electric carts that will each hold 5 people and a docent.

These tours will last one hour and then we have more time to explore all the exhibits that interest us. As you may remember from previous visits it is a hilly place, so wear comfortable walking shoes, bring a sweater for cold weather, and perhaps a hat.

Call Peggy Robinson at 510-728-0450 to make a reservation. This is important since only 15 people can go on the electric cart-docent led part of the trip.

To carpool: Meet at Liz Bathgate's home at 9:45am.

At the Zoo: Meet on the patio behind the Education Building at the lower entrance at 10:30 for our tour.

Parking cost: \$7.00 / car

Zoo entrance cost: \$8.00

Food: Bring a lunch or eat at the Safari Café, which has hot dogs, drinks etc.

BOOK REVIEW GROUP

October 17th, Monday

2pm – 4 pm

The next meeting of the branch Book Group will be at the home of Barbara Jones, 3595 Oakes Drive, Hayward.

Ruth Kuffin will review the recent best selling novel *Major Pettigrew's Last Stand* by Helen Simonson.

At the September meeting, the group voted on two of numerous suggestions for the coming group reads. For the November 21st group read, E.L. Doctorow's 2006 novel on the Civil War, *The March*, was selected. Ruth Rymer will be the facilitator. Mark this on your calendar, get the book and enjoy a wonderful read.

For February 20, the group voted to read Garth Stein's novel *The Art of Racing in the Rain*. Eva Kastel will facilitate the discussion.

Please join us and bring your friends for another special afternoon of books and conversation. Refreshments will be served.

AAUW DINING OUT

October 17th, Monday

@ 6:00 pm

Thirteen of us enjoyed Pho Phuong Nam Vietnamese Restaurant so much that we decided to continue our culinary exploration of B St. by going to

Shark Shack

871 B Street

(510) 881-9969

It's very convenient to park in the parking garage across from Hayward City Hall and then walk out to B St. and turn right. The Shark Shack will be about three doors down.

The reasonably priced menu includes seafood tacos and salads as well as regular enchiladas and burritos. The monster-sized "wet burrito" is my husband's favorite! Bring friends, potential members, significant others, kids and grandkids. This restaurant is *muy casual*.

For more information, or to let me know you are coming, please email me: sandyboswell@rocketmail.com or call my cell (510) 909-5466.

WHAT IS THE FEDERAL ROLE IN K-12 EDUCATION?

October 21st, Friday

San Lorenzo Village Homes Association, 377 Paseo Grande, San Lorenzo

Registration for the forum begins at 11:30 a.m. with lunch at noon. The panelists are scheduled to speak at 12:30pm and the Q & A portion is at 1:15 pm.

This forum is co-sponsored by the League of Women Voters Eden Area (LWVEA) and the American Association of University Women/Castro Valley-Hayward Branch

Three expert panelists will discuss what the Federal Role in Education was and is now, Common Core Standards and Testing, and Equity and Financial Issues.

The speakers are: Jo Loss, Castro Valley School District Board Member and former State PTA president; Dr. Dennis Byas, Superintendent of the San Lorenzo School District, and Fernando Yanez, principal of Longwood Elementary, Hayward School District, who was recently commended for his school's significant test score improvement.

The cost of lunch is \$10 if paid **by October 18** or \$15 at the door.

Checks for lunch should be made out to LWVEA and mailed to LWVEA Treasurer, P. O. Box 2234, Castro Valley, 94546.

There is no charge for people who would like to attend after 12:30 for the program only.

Everyone is asked to RSVP to Suzanne at 538-9678 or by email to suzbarba@comcast.net. Information also at League website: LWVEA.org.

MEDICARE: POLITICS & POLICIES

“DOES MEDICARE HAVE A FUTURE?”

October 22nd, Saturday

10:00 – 11:30 am

Baywood Court, 21966 Dolores, Castro Valley

Presented by Elaine Wong Eakin from California Health Advocates

- Will deficit reduction change Medicare?
- What tax finances Medicare?

This program will be given in the evening on the 25th so you have a choice of times to attend it.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

October 23rd, Sunday

12 noon

**Crow Canyon Country Club, 711 Silver Lake Drive, Danville
925-735-5700**

This luncheon is a chance to hear from Bay Area women who have been awarded Fellowships at our local Universities to complete their theses. The recipients will be given the chance to talk about themselves and their studies. From this group of speakers, our branch, along with Fremont and Pleasanton will pick a speaker for our own luncheon in February. Many of us really enjoy hearing these extraordinary women speak about their research and where it is taking them in their careers.

To attend the luncheon: Send your check for \$35.00, made out to AAUW to AAUW, P.O. Box 160067, Sacramento 95816.

Your choices for the meal are Prawn Salad, Chicken Salad or Fruit Salad. **Please include your food choice in your reservation.**

We will be carpooling from Liz Bathgate's home at 11am.

MEET THE AUTHOR

Book-to-Action

October 24th, Monday

@ 6 PM

Hayward Main Library, 835 C Street

Acclaimed Bay Area author Vendela Vida will discuss her most recent novel, *The Lovers*.

The Lovers tells the story of a recently widowed mother of two grown children who returns to Datça, Turkey, to relive memories of a happier time. Instead she finds solace from her troubled past in a friendship with Ahmet, a local boy.

In addition to her work as a critically acclaimed novelist (*And Now You Can Go* and *Let the Northern Lights Erase Your Name* were selected as Notable Books of the Year by *The New York Times*), Vida is the author of the non-fiction book *Girls on the Verge*. A winner of the Kate Chapin Award, Vida is also a founding co-editor of *The Believer* magazine and the editor of *The Believer Book of Writers Talking to Writers*. She co-wrote with Dave Eggers the screenplay for the 2009 film *Away We Go*, which was directed by Sam Mendes.

Once again the branch will co-sponsor the event and we were 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. This will be a special program so please join us for a great evening.

This event is supported in part by the U.S. Institute of Museum & Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services & Technology Act administered in California by the State Librarian.

MEDICARE: POLITICS & POLICIES

“DOES MEDICARE HAVE A FUTURE?”

October 25th, Tuesday

6:30 to 8pm

Castro Valley Library, 3600 Norbridge Avenue

Presented by Elaine Wong Eakin from California Health Advocates

- Will deficit reduction change Medicare?
- What tax finances Medicare?
- How does the new Affordable Health Care Act affect Medicare?

Medicare has been getting a lot of attention lately. There have been several proposals to reform Medicare as politicians grapple with the deficit. Is reforming Medicare code for cutting benefits [a proposal that is on the table?](#)

To better understand these proposals, we need to understand how Medicare is financed and the politics and policies behind this program. During the presentation “Does Medicare Have a Future?” we’ll look at how this program is financed, how the new health care law is changing Medicare, and what the different proposals mean. Most importantly, we’ll discuss how you can play a role in where we go from here.

FINANCIAL LITERACY PANEL

November 1st, Tuesday

Castro Valley Library, 3600 Norbridge Avenue

Kathy Colemere is the contact person for the panel.

More info will be in the November Shareline



BUNCO

November 4th, Friday

6:30pm – 9:30pm

Bunco will meet at Liz Bathgate’s home, 22112 Queen St., Castro Valley, 581-0461. Her street is midway between Center Street and Redwood Road on the south side of Grove Way, first house on the left with a large flower garden in front.

We encourage new members to come and enjoy a fun-filled evening. You only need \$5 to play. Each person brings an appetizer or dessert, and we enjoy them before our game starts which is at 7pm.

RSVP: Dee Butner by November 1st~phone # 537-8541 Kinder55@aol.com



ANNUAL LAF EVENT

**November 12th, Saturday
7 to 9pm**

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HOLIDAY PARTY / AUCTION

**December 4th, Sunday
1 to 5pm**

This will be at the San Lorenzo Homeowners Assn. Hall, San Lorenzo.

Now we need people to take on the jobs of setting up the auction and the hall.

Any volunteers?

Contact Liz Bathgate by phone 581-0461 or email lbathgate@att.net

LAF NEWS

AAUW Signs Two New Amicus Briefs

In March 2009, Quinnipiac University announced plans to cut three sports teams and to compensate for the lost opportunities by counting competitive cheerleading as a varsity sport. Members of the volleyball team and their coach filed a lawsuit, [Biediger v. Quinnipiac University](#), and in 2010, [the district court ruled](#) that competitive cheerleading is not a sport under Title IX and that the university failed to provide equal athletic opportunities to its female students under the law. Quinnipiac appealed the decision, and the case is before the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. AAUW signed a brief written by the [National Women's Law Center](#) to support the athletes in the case.

AAUW also filed an amicus brief in support of two female middle school students who were banned from wearing bracelets promoting breast cancer awareness in school. The plaintiffs in [B.H. and K.M. v. Easton Area School District](#), represented by the ACLU Foundation of Pennsylvania, filed a lawsuit in November 2010, claiming violation of their First Amendment rights. In April 2011, the district court judge entered a preliminary court order prohibiting the school district from enforcing a ban

on the bracelets. The school district appealed to the 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. In August, AAUW signed onto a brief written by the Women's Law Center.

PUBLIC POLICY: Ursula is sending updates about issues brought before our legislators. The Two Minute Advocate is now sent to the board. Anyone who is interested in receiving this information can sign up with National and receive this information about issues in Washington. The state also has an advocate flier that can be received via email about issues at the state level that need our action. Our legislators do listen to the email, phone calls and snail mail we send when they are about to vote on an issue.

MEMBERSHIP/Recruiting

We have had 11 members decide not to rejoin the branch for a number of reasons. We have added 5 new members, but need many more to maintain our branch at a level of about 145 members.

We are in need of our members recommending friends who might like to join. If you bring them to a program meeting and they join, they get \$24.50 off of the \$80 dues. They will only have to pay \$55.50.

If you know of a recent college graduate, they are eligible for a free National membership.

We will be distributing our information in the area schools hoping to find some teachers who may be interested.

Please call Liz Bathgate if you have any suggestions.

MEMBER NEWS

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's let our friends know we care.

Bonnie Smith's Estate Keeps on Giving

Many thanks to Judy Harrison, who inherited Bonnie's furnishings. When the items are sold the money goes into the Tech Trek and Scholarship Funds.

WEBSITE PICTURES

Jackie Wilferd has enabled us to be able to post pictures on our website. Linda Slater has posted some. If you have any you wish to post, get in touch with Linda as she has the skill to do this task. Email at slaterl@sbcglobal.net.

DIRECTORY CHANGES

Ruth Levenson's address is incorrect. It should be 4284 David St. Her email is also missing a letter. It should read ruthelvenson@comcast.net
June Cook's phone number has changed and should be corrected to read 861-1189

The directories are printed and I have been distributing them to the interest groups. Mailing them is a very costly business, so if you really would like an updated copy, call me and I will see to it that you get one by hand or by mail.

FUTURE PROGRAMS & EVENTS

FUTURE PROGRAM

A program is being planned for December that will be about *Bullying/Harassment*.

The program will be chaired by Helene Carr and Linda Slater. They are planning to get a committee together and meet for lunch in the near future.

If anyone is interested in being on the committee, contact Linda at slaterl@sbcglobal.net.

FUTURE FUNDRAISERS

Pat Sutter recently attended a luncheon where local authors spoke at a Marriott Hotel luncheon. The charge was \$75 and it was well attended.

We all need to watch for new types of fundraisers that can be done in the future.

OUR 70TH YEAR & HOLIDAY PARTY

This is our 70th year of existence. It was discussed that we might have a celebration of that event at our Holiday Party, which is always well attended.

- ▶ If you have some pictures from the recent past, please let us know. We can put them together and make centerpieces for the party.

RECAPS OF PAST BRANCH EVENTS

MEMBERSHIP PICNIC

On September 17th, we had a wonderfully warm day for our kick off picnic at Sulphur Creek Nature Center. There were 20 of us who attended including new members, Suzanne LaBare, Ruth Levenson, Elaine Wong Eakin and Pat Hodges. Suzanne is the queen of cookie makers and brought two different cookies that were incredible. Elaine talked to us about her upcoming program entitled "Does Medicare have a Future". We also had one perspective member come and meet the group.

Miranda Britton, a naturalist at Sulphur Creek brought out a Peregrine Falcon (named Elvis). She has been working with this bird all summer to fist train him so he can be used in programs like ours. She told us all about the Peregrine Falcon's flying abilities, diet, nesting areas on bridges and buildings and much more. Miranda is the daughter of Rose Britton a member of our branch who is head of animal care at Sulphur Creek. Miranda has been brought up at the nature center and is now a freshman at Chabot.

Helene Carr talked about our upcoming programs and events that we will be co-sponsoring with the library as well as the League of Women Voters.

OUR LOCAL SUMMER OUTINGS

On July 9th was a tour of the Glass House conducted by Pat Macsata, a new member of our branch and a docent at the house. The Glass family was a pioneering family in the San Ramon Valley and we were able to hear about their crossing the country in a wagon train in the 1850's. After the wonderful tour we had lunch at a great restaurant.

On August 13th we took a walking tour of Danville and were able to see the historic buildings and hear the history of the city. The docent who led the tour had pictures of the town as it had been in the 1850's on thru the early 20th century. We all enjoyed lunch at The Rising Loafer after the walk.

FUTURE BRANCH OUTINGS

A trip to Danville will take us to the Eugene O'Neill home called *Tao House* which is now a part of the National Park Service. It will be a guided tour by a park service employee.

We still have the walk across the Golden Gate Bridge on the back burner. We didn't do it this summer because they were working on the walkway on the bay side of the bridge.