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HAYWARD/CASTRO VALLEY

SEPTEMBER 2011

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

WASHINGTON D.C. NATIONAL CONVENTION: JUNE 2011

Helene Carr and Liz Bathgate represented our branch and were thrilled by their experiences!

Our plane landed at Dulles International Airport at 6:30am. At 10:00am we attended a luncheon at AAUW headquarters and were led on a tour of the building that houses an interesting and intriguing collection of AAUW history and memorabilia. So began our whirlwind days at the 2011 AAUW National Convention.

We had the opportunity to attend panel discussions and presentations such as:

Wal-Mart vs. Dunes: Plaintiff Edith Arana shared her fight to bring equity to Wal-Mart's female workers as a member of the largest class-action suit in history. The fight continues, as you are aware of the Supreme Court's decision on this case.

Why so Few: Bright, articulate young (yes) young women discussing innovative ways to implement AAUW's research findings to build the pipeline of girls entering the STEM disciplines.

Safe Schools: Nationally known experts discussed the rampant bullying and sexual harassment in middle schools today and what teens, parents, and communities can do to stop it.

Women in Power in the Obama Administration: We heard how the White House women are changing the world for women and girls.

We heard author Gloria Feldt talk to us about how we can take AAUW home and develop an action plan to define our goals and how to achieve them.

We participated in Lobby Day and marched to Capitol Hill, visited the offices of Barbara Lee, Pete Stark, Diane Feinstein and Barbara Boxer. We were graciously met with staff representatives who answered questions as we focused on issues of violence against women on campus and social security.



PLUS:

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www.aauw-hcv.org

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www.aauw-ca.org

National

www.aauw.org

Washington DC staff (both AAUW and local citizenry) were most helpful in directing us when we got lost and escorting us to the nearest elevator or stairwell.

We sat in workshops and exchanged ideas with women throughout the country, making notes on how to make our branches more effective and visible in the community. We shopped the workplace meeting vendors selling books, spices, jewelry, and various goods.

I attended a tour of the National Portrait Gallery that highlighted noted women and also saw the recently hung portrait of Hillary Clinton – marvelous in its execution and simplicity.

The common thread running throughout the entire convention was how very important AAUW is to women, children and the entire community of man, as we continue to live our mission of Advancing Equity for Women and Girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.

See you in New Orleans June 9 – 12, 2013

**Helene Carr
President**



BUNCO

**September 9th, Friday
6:30pm – 9:30pm**

Dee Donaldson's home, 19286 Parkview Road, Castro Valley

510-538-3415

Bunco is a simple dice game and it is a great way to meet some interesting members. 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 this before our game starts which is at 7pm.

Easy Directions: Coming from Castro Valley Blvd. turn north on Center St. and continue to Edwards and turn right. Go one long block and turn left on Gliddon. Go 2 short blocks and turn right on Rollinghills Way. Go to the end of Rollinghills and this is Parkview. You will see Dee's pretty blue house straight ahead.

RSVP: Dee Butner by September 6th---phone # 537-8541





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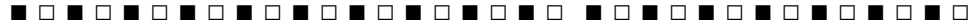
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BOARD MEETING

September 13th, Tuesday

@ 6:30pm

581-0461

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



MEMBERSHIP POT LUCK PICNIC

SEPTEMBER 17TH, Saturday @ 12 NOON

SULPHUR CREEK NATURE CENTER

1801 D Street, Hayward

This year we will once again have a potluck lunch at the nature center.

All of you are such great cooks that we look forward to sharing your delicacies. We ask you to bring your favorite salads or desserts as well as a friend who might be interested in learning more about our branch.

This year we will be honoring all our new members from last year, outlining all our programs for the coming year, and of course having a naturalist present us with a bird to see up close.

Any new members that join at this event will get a discounted rate on their National Dues so that they need only pay \$55 instead of the usual \$80.

If you are in-charge of an interest group, please come with the information about your group and plan to sign up attendees at that time.

If you have any questions, please contact Liz Bathgate @ 581-0461.



BOOK REVIEW GROUP

**September 19th, Monday
2pm – 4 pm**

The first meeting of the Branch Book Review Group for this new year will be at the home of Dani Stonelake, 19281 Edwin Markham Drive in Castro Valley.

The group will discuss plans for the year ahead and will select a book for the group read for the November meeting.

Each member is asked to present a 3-5 minute review of a book she enjoyed over the summer. Refreshments will be served.

All branch members are welcome to join us for a delightful afternoon of good friends, delicious food, vital conversation, and special books.

AAUW DINING OUT

**September 19th, Monday
@ 6:00 pm**

Pho Phuong Nam Vietnamese Restaurant

855 B St.

(between Watkins St. and Mission Blvd.)

Park in the parking structure across from the Hayward City Hall

There is a small separate dining area that I've requested for our group. Please call or email me so I can give them a good estimate of how many people are coming. Liz Bathgate and I had samples of their food at a fundraiser at the city hall a few months ago and thought the food was good. The women who own the restaurant are also very pleasant.

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

We had perfect weather for alfresco Dining Out at Tito's Mexican Restaurant in San Leandro in August. A number of us commented that we hadn't been to Tito's in a while and were pleased with the good food, thirst quenching Margaritas and excellent service.

The San Leandro Library Presents
"The 100th Anniversary of Women's Right to Vote"

September 24th, Saturday

1pm – 4pm

The San Leandro Library proudly presents the 100th Anniversary observance of the Women's Right to Vote in California. The event will take place in **the Lecture Hall, 300 Estudillo Ave, San Leandro, CA**. The event is **FREE** to the public.

Women in California were granted the right to vote on October 10, 1911. This program includes a living history portrayal by the *San Leandro Players*, on both sides of the Suffrage issues; a sing along of Suffrage Marching songs; and a screening of the highly acclaimed documentary "One Woman, One Vote" that chronicles the history of the movement.

A meet and greet reception will follow the program. Come as you are or dressed in Suffrage costume.

The H/CV Branch will have a table at the event to display AAUW literature and membership information. If you are available to assist at the table, or provide homemade goodies for the reception, please contact Helene Carr at hcarr@zaballos.net.

Hope to see many of you there.

Join the Suffrage Parade in Oakland

October 2nd, Sunday

Lakeside Park

Meet at the Bandstand at 11 AM

**Celebrating the Centennial Victory:
Winning the Right to Vote! 1911 -2011**

**Co-Sponsored by the Oakland Suffrage Parade Committee
the Mayor and the Women of Oakland City Council**

Organizations participating: AAUW, LWV, NWHP, ACLU, Coalition of Labor Union Women, Oakland Heritage Alliance, Girl Scouts of America and others

For more information: 510.834.7640 or www.waterfrontaction.org/parade

VOLUNTEER AWARDS DINNER

OCTOBER 4TH, 5pm – 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**

22112 Queen St., Castro Valley
581-0461

Our wonderful group of thespians will once again meet at Liz Bathgate's home.

I do not know what the play will be as yet, but in the October Shareline I will have all that information.

For our new members, we meet once a month on the first Wednesday at 7pm to read a play. Everyone is assigned a part and we read the play with no rehearsal.

There is always time for dessert, tea and conversation during intermission!

Everyone is welcome to join us in our evening of fun.

DAY AT THE OAKLAND ZOO

9777 Golf Links Road, Oakland (98th Ave. exit)

October 12th, Wednesday

510-632-9525

Our next outing will be to the Oakland Zoo. Ruth Leth, a member of our branch has been volunteering at the zoo for decades. We will go there on October 12th so hold onto that date. There will be more information in the next Shareline. Members pay for their own admission.

FUTURE BRANCH OUTINGS PLANNED – Dates TBA

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.

THE PARADOX OF PROFESSIONALISM

Lecture by Dr. Roz D. Lasker, MD

October 17th, Monday 2 to 4 PM

Franciscan Clubhouse

700 Hoffman Dr., Daly City, CA 94014

The **North Peninsula AAUW branch** will host an important talk by Roz D. Lasker, MD. Dr. Lasker is an independent consultant. She was Director of the Division of Public Health and the Center for the Advancement of Collaborative Strategies in Health at the New York Academy of Medicine, as well as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Health (Policy Development) in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Her lecture titled "The Paradox of Professionalism," is about the growing distance between the ever better-equipped humanitarian "expert" and those whom the expert seeks to assist.

She has just returned from a conference in London on this subject. Dr. Lasker is known internationally for her work on public participation in community planning, problem solving, and policy development.

If you have any questions, please contact me at this email or call 650-755-2516.

You can also check the AAUW-NP website for the October meeting:
<http://www.aauw-np.org/calendar.html>.

DOES MEDICARE HAVE A FUTURE?

October 22nd, Saturday

10:00 am

@ Baywood Court, 21966 Dolores, Castro Valley

Speaker: Elaine Wong Eakin

FUNDS LUNCHEON

October 23rd, Sunday

It will be held at the Crow Canyon Country Club. Each member pays for their own meal.

DETAILS IN THE OCTOBER SHARELINE

MEET THE AUTHOR

Book-to-Action

October 24th, Monday

@ 6 PM

Hayward Main Library
835 C Street

Mark your calendars for the next Meet the Author program.

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.

The novelist Carolyn See, in her *Washington Post* review of *The Lovers* wrote, "Somber, seductive, reflective, unsettling. All our lives are journeys . . . and hopefully, we shed some of our ignorance along the way. Vida writes so beautifully about this process."

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 to look forward to during the summer.

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.

DOES MEDICARE HAVE A FUTURE?

October 25th, Tuesday

6:30 pm

@ Castro Valley Library, 3600 Norbridge Ave., Castro Valley

Speaker: Elaine Wong Eakin

MEMBER DUES

This has been a busy summer of contacting members about their dues. I did not send out an invoice this year and many of you did not read about the dues in our Shareline. The dues are the same as last year with \$49 going to our National Organization. \$46 of this amount can be used as a tax write-off. Our local dues are \$15 and state dues are \$16.

Many of you ask how these monies are used. At the National level, they maintain a large staff which does research, advocates for women's issues, publishes research books on such things as "Why So Few" women in STEM fields, doles out Fellowship and Research and Projects Grant monies, trains a lobby corp to go to capital hill to talk with Senators and Representatives about issues for women, works to increase their endowment funds, and maintains a grass roots support network of 100,000 of us out here in the 50 states.

NEW (& RETURNING) MEMBERS

This summer our branch added four new members:

Elaine Wong Eakin is a dual member with Fremont Branch. She is an attorney and works as a Medicare educator and policy advocate for a non-profit whose website is <http://www.calhealthadvocates.org/>. She lives in Castro Valley and will be the speaker at our October 22nd and 25th meetings entitled "Does Medicare have a Future?"

Cris Frick joined our branch this month. She has a Masters of Science from Cal State-Hayward and works as a therapist. Her favorite things are music, gardening and cats.

Suzanne LaBare who volunteers time at Sulphur Creek is a retired elementary teacher and principal, and enjoys reading mysteries, gardening and baking cookies.

Ruth Levenson returns to our branch after a number of years on hiatus. She is a retired English and Humanities teacher from Castro Valley and Canyon High Schools. She remains active in the community with swimming, art classes, book groups, Eden Garden Club, travel groups and CRTA. Her grandchildren live close so she can spend lots of time with her family.

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.

LAF NEWS

U.S. District Court Says UC Davis Violated Title IX

In early August, a U.S. District Court delivered a mixed decision in the AAUW-supported case *Mansourian v. Regents of the University of California*. The court found that the University of California, Davis, failed to comply with Title IX during the time that plaintiffs were students and ineffectively accommodated female student athletes by not expanding the athletic program. The judge also ruled, however, that the defendants' actions relating to the wrestling team were merit less, saying that "plaintiffs have not prevailed on any other theories of Title IX liability. Moreover, plaintiffs have not prevailed on their claims for Equal Protection Clause violations against any of the individual defendants."

AAUW applauds the long-awaited partial victory but is also extremely disappointed that the judge did not hold the university officials responsible for the violations and awaits further developments in the case. AAUW provided nearly \$100,000 to the plaintiffs over the last six years. We are proud that many Sacramento-area AAUW members attended the district court trial in June to support the plaintiffs.

Lulu Sun v. University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth

Case Adopted 12/10

Case Update 6/11

In an unprecedented move, in early June 2011, the Hearing Officer ordered the promotion of Dr. Sun to full Professor and awarded her all of her lost wages, which amounts to \$154,503.03, as well as \$200,000 in emotional distress damages. The University will also be charged a civil penalty of \$10,000, and University administrators will be required to attend a training session on employment discrimination law. It is expected the University will appeal the decision.

Case Background

Lulu Sun, an English professor, has alleged sex and race discrimination in the promotion process at UMass Dartmouth. Sun filed charges with Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination (MCAD), which found probable cause for a case claiming discrimination based on gender, race, and national origin, and retaliation. Not only will Sun seek a promotion and damages for this injustice, but also an order from the MCAD that the University administration must undertake training in diversity and anti-discrimination as well as actively recruit and promote women faculty, especially women of color.

The public hearing was held in December 2010 and January 2011. AAUW is offering financial support to the case.

LAF Annual Fundraiser will be held November 12th.

Anyone wishing to help is welcome to attend a **planning meeting** at Ursula's home on **Monday, September 12th at 7 pm.**

Please call or email Ursula if you can attend this planning meeting. Phone 538-9370 or ursrpt@earthlink.net

TECH TREKKERS FUN WEEK at Sonoma State

By Judy Harrison, Tech Trek Chairman

Our four campers, Ashanti Curry, Sally Liang, Yvette Rodriguez, and Vicky Tran, had a busy week at Sonoma State. Highlights included extracting their own DNA, meeting with professional women in the fields of science and math, learning about Pacific Rim geology and earthquakes, volcanoes and tidal waves, observing Saturn and other planets at the school's observatory, and much more. They made lots of new friends and discovered skills they didn't know they had. They all participated in talent night and were terrific performers.

Due to budget cuts the field trips were cancelled much to the disappointment of the girls and Dorm Mothers. There will probably be more changes next year, too. They might reflect the higher tuition charged at all of the participating universities and colleges. AAUW has underwritten the increases over the past 2 years but we will be expected to pay more for our girls in the future.

Robin Peterson and I had a fantastic experience as Dorm Moms. Our dorm groups of 10 girls each were lively ones. I am always awed at how smart and adaptable these girls are. Our housing was amazing. We had 2-story dorm suites that housed 6 people on each level in 1- and 2-bed rooms with their own bathrooms. Each suite had a living room and full kitchen and was sort of air-conditioned. The Dorm Moms had a single room on the ground floor with an adult (one of the teachers) assigned to help on the second floor. It was quite luxurious for college living.

We are looking forward to next year's camp and want to send at least 4 girls. Your donations to and your support of Tech Trek are greatly appreciated. Please stay tuned for fundraisers throughout the fall. In the meantime you can help sponsor a camper a camper at any of the levels listed below:

- \$750 will pay for her entire week
- \$350 will pay for half of her stay
- \$100 will pay for one day of her stay
- \$ 50 will pay for ½ day at camp
- \$ 25 will pay for a one field trip
- \$ 20 will pay for her supplies for science and math classes
- \$ 15 will pay for her meals for one day
- \$ 10 will pay for her snacks for one week



Please send your donation to Linda Slater 26 Via Verde, San Lorenzo, CA 94580. Checks should be made out to **AAUW CA-SPF**. Be sure to write **Tech Trek** on the check's memo line. All donations are tax deductible.

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Yes, I would love to ADOPT-A-CAMPER! I am enclosing:

\$ _____ Will pay for: _____

Signed: _____

Address: _____