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**HAYWARD/CASTRO VALLEY**

**FEBRUARY 2012**

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## **TRI-BRANCH AAUW LUNCHEON**

**February 4th, Saturday**

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

Luncheon & Speaker:  
**12 noon –2:30 pm**

Speaker: Carrie Ellett, getting a MA at USF in  
International and Multicultural Education,  
2011-2012 AAUW Career Development  
Grant Recipient

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

**COST: \$32.00 per person**

RSVP By: January 27

- The food choices are Chicken Picatta, Baked Salmon or Vegetarian Tortellini.

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

**We're on the**

**Web:**

**Branch**  
[www.aauw-hcv.org](http://www.aauw-hcv.org)

**State**  
[www.aauw-ca.org](http://www.aauw-ca.org)

**National**  
[www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org)

**DRAMA READING      February 1<sup>st</sup>, Wednesday**  
**@ 7pm**

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

We will read the play "Doubt" by John Shanley.

This has been done as a movie starring Meryl Streep.

The play takes place in a Bronx Catholic school in 1964. A popular priest's ambiguous relationship with a troubled 12 year old black student is questioned by the school's principal.

I have seen it done by CCT and it is really powerful.

**Come join us for fun and refreshments.**

**BUNCO**

**February 10<sup>th</sup>, Friday**

**6:30pm – 9:30pm**

510-886-1640

**Bunco Hostess is Helene Victor, 19253 Parkview Road, Castro Valley.**

**Easy directions:** To get to Helene's house coming from Castro Valley Blvd. turn north on Center St. and continue to Edward and turn right. Go one long block and turn left on Gliddon. Go two short blocks and turn right on Rollinhills Way. At the end of Rollinhills Way turn left and go ONE HALF block. Helene's two story house is on the left.

We encourage new members to come. It is a very simple dice game. We need 12 players. You only need \$5 to play.

Bunco is played in rounds. Players take turns rolling the dice and accumulating as many points as possible in one round. The game is played at tables of 4 in competing teams of 2. At the end of each round players change seats and partners.

Our pre-game meal is appetizers, wine and soft drinks. When you reply I will assign you something to bring. Please be on time as the game starts at 7pm. It is a very relaxing evening of laughter and good will with some delightful ladies.

Do try coming once and I'm sure you will want to join us again.

RSVP by January 31<sup>st</sup>: Dee Butner 537-8541 or [kinder55@aol.com](mailto:kinder55@aol.com)



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**Seena Clark is a dual member of AAUW. She is part of this group.**

**The Piedmont Piano Company Concert Series**  
**Presents**

# GIRLFRIENDZ

~ Winter Concert ~

Friday, February 10th, 8 PM

Piedmont Piano Company

(new location in Oakland)

1728 San Pablo Ave (at 18th Street)

510-547-8188

[www.piedmontpiano.com](http://www.piedmontpiano.com)

A Spirited Ensemble of 8 Women in Song  
directed and accompanied by

*Ellen Robinson*

[www.ellenrobinson.com/choral\\_girlfriendz.htm](http://www.ellenrobinson.com/choral_girlfriendz.htm)

**Tickets \$15**

**Please call (510) 547-8188 to reserve them with your credit card**

**BOARD MEETING**

**February 14<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday**

**@ 6:30pm**

581-0461

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

## **BOOK REVIEW GROUP**

**February 20<sup>th</sup>, Monday**

**2pm – 4 pm**

The meeting will be at the home of Dee Butner, 4789 Rollinghills Way, Castro Valley.

This is our second group read of the year. We've all read and will be discussing Garth Stein's 2009 New York Times bestseller *The Art of Racing in the Rain*.

Eva Kastel will facilitate the discussion.

Refreshments will be served.

If you have any questions about the group, this meeting, or need directions, call Dee at 537-8541.

Come join us, bring your friends, and enjoy good friends and a discussion of a very delightful novel.

## **AAUW DINING OUT**

**February 21<sup>st</sup>, Tuesday**

**@ 6:00 pm**

**BUON APPETITO RESTAURANT  
917 A STREET  
DOWNTOWN HAYWARD**

Because Monday, February 20 is the Presidents Day holiday, we will again meet on Tuesday this February and then resume Monday gatherings in March.

The group decided to return to Buon Appetito, which has expanded its restaurant space since we last dined there together.

February 21 is also Mardi Gras so we should all be in a festive mood!

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

### **New Information**

#### **Case Update**

On November 19, oral arguments were held for the LAF-supported case [Cioca v. Rumsfeld](#). The plaintiffs are 28 current or former members of the military who allege that they were raped by coworkers and that the defense secretary's failure to act on the issue of sexual assault in the military amounts to a violation of their constitutional rights. On December 13, a U.S. district court judge [granted](#) the Department of Defense's motion to dismiss the case, which argued that the Supreme Court has found that members of the armed forces cannot sue the military for injuries incurred while serving, including sexual assaults.

In the next month, Susan Burke, the lawyer for the plaintiffs, [will file an appeal](#) and ask the appellate court to overturn the dismissal. Since filing the original lawsuit in early 2011, Burke has heard from 400 other survivors, many of whom could be part of future suits. Burke will meet with the LAF Committee in early January to discuss the case and its importance.

#### **Four LAF Campus Outreach Events**

This fall, four AAUW branches received LAF grants to tackle sex discrimination in their communities by holding [LAF Campus Outreach](#) programs. The programs were collaborations with local campuses and focused on issues such as the gender pay gap and Title IX and athletics.

The four branches and campuses were:

1. AAUW Huntsville (AL) Branch and the University of Alabama, Huntsville
2. AAUW Wilmington (NC) Branch and the University of North Carolina, Wilmington
3. AAUW Kerrville (TX) Branch and Schreiner University
4. AAUW Arlington (VA) Branch and Marymount University

## **VOTER EDUCATION & 'GET OUT THE VOTE' TRAINING**

### **Getting out the vote in 2012:**

AAUW believes that women will play a crucial role in the 2012 election, both as candidates and as voters. We are proud to launch a serious investment in getting out the women's vote for the 2012 election with our new [It's My Vote: I Will Be Heard](#) campaign. The Millennial generation on the whole has grown up accepting diversity and equity. There are candidates who are campaigning on the promise of denying people these equal rights under the law.

In California we face issues that affect women most; from equal pay to equal opportunity, college affordability, privacy of reproductive health, family planning decisions, and Social Security.

We will work to educate women across the country about the rights and privileges that are at stake in the upcoming election; we will increase the volume and direction of women's voices and commit ourselves to getting women to the polls in record numbers.

*Training by the National to help branch and community members to reach out to these women, will be held on Thursday, April 12, 2012 from Noon to 5 p.m. at the Santa Clara Marriott. Please plan to come and invite others to be there for this important training. Be a part of this important campaign. More information will be forthcoming.*

Any branch member interested in attending this training, please call or email Ursula Batz @ 510.538.9370 or [ursrpt@earthlink.net](mailto:ursrpt@earthlink.net). I plan to attend and have room for three others in my car. We can arrange car pools for more as needed.

## **MEMBERSHIP Recruiting**

We have a number of programs coming up and anyone who joins at one of them will only have to pay \$43.25 to join our branch until the end of June. If you have any friends who are interested, please call me with their names so I can get in touch with them.



*Tech Trek, 2012, Is Good to Go*

Thanks to the hard work of all of you, with some help from Bonnie Smith, we will be sending five girls to camp at Sonoma State. We will continue with our fundraising, though, to start to build up funds for 2013. We are looking at the Souper Supper to have last year's girls come and share their experiences and for you to see the super PR video for the program. Ruth Kuffin is applying for a fundraising performance at the California Conservatory Theater in June—stay tuned for more information as plans finalize.

Sonoma State's camp will be from June 17 to June 23. This year's camp will feature two field trips, which have been paid for by Bonnie Smith's estate. We requested the kayaking and hiking day at Point Reyes and the day at Safari West. The girls loved the field trips in previous years and were crushed that there were none in 2011, so I know that Bonnie is looking down on the camp organizers with a big smile. Our Hayward/Castro Valley Branch should be very proud of the critical role we are playing in this important endeavor.

## **NEW MEMBERS**

*Patra Nesseth-Steffes* is an ex-student of Liz Bathgate's from Tennyson High School. She has been very active in the Hayward community volunteering with the Sun Gallery and Hayward Arts Council. Her phone number is 538-7914 and her email is [patrarae@gmail.com](mailto:patrarae@gmail.com). She followed her old teacher into the field of Physical Education and studied at San Jose State where her double major was in Art Science. She taught many years in the Hayward schools.

*Joan Bradford*, who met Ruth Rymer in law school many years ago, has joined our branch. She is an avid reader and attended the Monday Book Review at Barbara Jones home. Joan's phone number is 582-1194 and her email is [bradj Joan@comcast.net](mailto:bradj Joan@comcast.net).

## **NEW MEMBERS-continued**

**Aisha Knowles** works as the PR person for the Alameda County Fire Dept., so any publicity we see about them will come from her desk. She has recently joined the League of Women Voters and AAUW because her career finds her in a predominantly male oriented environment and she was looking for the opportunity to interact with strong/intelligent women. Her phone number is 278-7690 and her email is [aisha\\_knowles@yahoo.com](mailto:aisha_knowles@yahoo.com).

## **MEMBER NEWS**

**CAROL LAURITZEN** returned to her Baywood Court apartment three weeks after her mild heart attack in mid November. She continues physical therapy and is regaining her strength. Carol looks forward to getting back to all her favorite activities soon. She was very missed at the November Book Review Group meeting.

**BOB BATHGATE** is regaining his mobility following knee surgery in early December. Liz has been helping him with his exercises.

Here's to a healthy, active 2012 to both Carol and Bob.

**JUDY HARRISON** has donated \$10,000 from Bonnie Smith's estate to the Tech Trek camp at Sonoma State to sponsor two field trips for the girls.

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](mailto:bb_jones@pacbell.net). Let's let our friends know we care.



## **MEMBERSHIP W/CAL STATE-East Bay**

**GREAT NEWS!!**

**Cal State East Bay has become a university partner with AAUW National. For the sum of \$130 they joined our network. This makes all of their students eligible to become members of AAUW at no cost to them. All they have to do is register online. Thru this membership they have access to white papers and legislative issues background and opinion papers online in the public policy section of the AAUW website. They will also receive a 15% discount on exam preps through The Princeton Review.**

**More important is that they can also become members of our branch and the state AAUW. This means that we may be able to offer a couple of programs on campus, which are of interest to the students. One is called the \$tart \$mart workshop where students will be trained to negotiate a salary and benefits package as they go out seeking employment in their field. Some of us in the branch have been trained to lead this workshop.**

**The other workshop is called Elect Her: Campus Women Win, which encourages female college students to run for office on campus. This same topic is the centerpiece of a college event held each year in Maryland. Women college students from all over the country go to a weekend workshop called NCCWSL. This conference which focuses on leadership and career development began many years ago and was taken over by AAUW in 2007.**

**This year the event will take place May 31st - June 2 at the University of Maryland, College Park. It would be wonderful if Cal State can send one of their students to this conference.**

**Our branch would like to start a student affiliate organization on campus and we need a member who would be willing to chair this venture. If you are interested, please call Liz Bathgate @ 581-0461.**

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**TRI-BRANCH AAUW FUNDS LUNCHEON**

**Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

**SUNOL VALLEY COUNTRY CLUB**

**Pavillion Room**

6900 Mission Road, Sunol, CA 94586

**COST: \$32.00 per person**

**RSVP by January 27<sup>th</sup>**

Registration & No-Host Cocktails:

**11:30 am – 12 noon**

Luncheon & Speaker:

**12 noon – 2:30 pm**

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Tri-Branch AAUW Funds Luncheon

**WHEN: Saturday, February 4, 2012**

**WHERE: Sunol Valley Country Club**

**COST: \$32.00 per person**

**Make checks payable to: AAUW LPD**

**Memo Line: Tri-Branch Luncheon**

**\* \* RESERVATION NEEDS TO BE RECEIVED BY JANUARY 27<sup>TH</sup> \* \***

**Mail to: Gwen Locke, 982 Sycamore Creek Way, Pleasanton, CA 94566**

**CIRCLE ENTRÉE CHOICE: Chicken Piccata - Baked Salmon - Veg. Tortellini**

**NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ BRANCH: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Guest(s): \_\_\_\_\_**

**Total Amount: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Support AAUW Funds - - Bring CASH/CHECKBOOK for chance to win a raffle item from one of the three branches**