

# ***the Shareline***

**AAWU - HAYWARD/CASTRO VALLEY**

**JUNE 2012**

## **WHAT'S GOING** **ON**

June 2  
Tech Trek Annual  
Potluck Picnic

June 5  
Panel discussion on  
Bullying & Sexual  
Harassment

June 8  
Bunco

June 16  
LWV-EA  
Annual Meeting

\*June 30 or July 7  
tentative dates for  
Leadership Day

July 10  
Budget Planning  
Meeting

September 17  
Book Review Group

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DETAILS***

tech  
trek

## **ANNUAL POTLUCK PICNIC**

**June 2, 2010**

**12:00 noon – 2:00 pm**

**At Sulphur Creek Nature Center,  
1801 'D' Street, Hayward**

**This potluck picnic is hosted by your Tech Trek Committee to meet the 7 girls who will be going to camp at Sonoma State University in June.**

**Judy Harrison will introduce them and their families.**

Kaetlyn Andrey, John Muir Middle School, San Leandro. Lianne Dooley, Canyon Middle School, Castro Valley. Shubham Gupta, Winton Middle School, Hayward. Iman Khan, Martin Luther King, Jr. Middle School, Hayward, Daniela Perla, KIPP Summit Academy, San Lorenzo, Alejandra Samaniego, Martin Luther King, Jr. Middle School, Hayward.

Chisom Mbakogu Martin Luther King, Jr. Middle School in Hayward, our alternate camper, has been accepted to fill a vacancy in the camp at U.C. Davis in June.

**Bring a picnic main dish, salad, snack, or dessert to share. We'll provide plates, cutlery, napkins and soft drinks.**

After lunch a naturalist from Sulphur Creek will bring out a bird or animal and tell us all about him.

Installation of officers will also take place that day.

**RSVP: Call or email Judy Harrison: 510-889-1431 or [Jharrison663@comcast.net](mailto:Jharrison663@comcast.net) with your picnic dish to share.**



**PLUS:**

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w/AARP

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Convention

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

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the Web:**

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

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

**ATTEND!**

**Free and Open to the Public**

**Panel Discussion**

**Sponsored by AAUW Castro Valley/Hayward Branch  
on**

**Bullying, Cyberbullying &  
Harassment  
Awareness and Prevention**

**Tuesday, June 5th, 2012 @ 6:00pm  
at the**

**Castro Valley Library  
3600 Norbridge Avenue, Castro Valley, CA 94546**

**It has become a matter of life and death.  
What can YOU do to stop it?**

**Why does Bullying, Cyberbullying and Harassment  
commonly go unreported in our community?**

**Is your child a victim of Bullying, Cyberbullying  
and/or Harassment?**

**How can you tell?**

**Could your child be a Bully?**

**How do you know?**

**Who should attend?**

Parents, Grandparents, Teens  
Educators and Administrators  
Concerned Community Members  
**YOU!**

**Moderated by:**

**Tony Shah, Ed. D.**

Director of Student Services, Castro Valley Unified School District

## **Panel Discussion on Bullying - continued**

### **Featuring Esteemed Panelists:**

#### **Janice Friesen, LCSW**

Castro Valley Board of Education Member, AAUW Member

#### **Jason Whiteman**

Assistant Principal, Castro Valley High School

#### **Maureen Kennedy**

Program Specialist, Special Education

#### **Cristina Rita, MA**

Community Education Coordinator,  
Crisis Support Services of Alameda County

**&**

#### **A Student Representative**

### **To Learn More:**

Contact Liz Bathgate at 510-581-0461, lbbathgate@att.net

## **Light Refreshments will be provided**

### **BUNCO**

**June 8<sup>th</sup>, Friday**

**6:30pm to 9:30 pm**

**Where: Dee Butner, 4789 Rollinghills Way, Castro Valley, Ca 94546**

**RSVP: Dee Butner by June 1 at tel# (510) 537-8541**

**We always encourage new players to join us. Past players can come as always. We need a total of 12 players.**

**Our pre-game meal will be appetizers, dessert, wine and other drinks. We will end the evening with coffee and dessert.**

**When you RSVP you will be assigned something to bring.**

**We ask that players be on time so that the evening ends at a reasonable time. Car pooling can be arranged.**

**Please bring \$5.**

**FUN--FOOD--MONEY--PRIZES**

**Easy directions: To get to Dee Butner's house coming from Castro Valley Blvd. turn north on Center St. and continue to Edwards St. and turn right.**

**Go one long block and turn left on Gliddon. Go two short blocks and turn right on Rollinghills Way. My house is on the corner. (yellow house).**

# **LWVEA Annual Meeting**

***HOW WOULD YOU MAKE CUTS IN THE STATE BUDGET?***

**Saturday, June 16, 2012**

at

**Castro Valley Library  
3600 Norbridge Avenue**

The Annual Meeting starts at 11:00 am with a business meeting at 11:15 am.

At this time there will also be a presentation to Eleanor Parker on reaching her 50<sup>th</sup> year of League membership.

A lunch at 12 noon, and a power point presentation on “Why You Make a Difference,” used to motivate high school students to register and vote.

The League of Women Voters Eden Area will feature an interactive program on the state budget presented by Next 10—an independent, nonpartisan organization known throughout the state for this unique program.

Those who attend the League’s Annual Meeting will each use a hand-held electronic device to balance the state budget by indicating where to cut or add to one of many services such as schools, prisons, and health care.

The Next 10 program, called the California Budget Challenge, begins at 12:30 pm and will be followed by a Q & A session at 1:30 pm.

Contact [lwvea@aol.com](mailto:lwvea@aol.com) to RSVP and/or ask questions.

It is important for you to RSVP so that the correct amount of food can be provided.



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**DINING OUT**

**May 29<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday  
@ 6pm**

Thanks to an OOPS by P.G.& E. Dining Out was cancelled on  
Monday, May 21.  
Since many people still want to go to Knudsen's Ice Creamery, I  
told the restaurant to expect 16 people but it's big enough to hold  
more.

**Knudsen's Ice Creamery**  
3323 Castro Valley Blvd, Castro Valley, CA 94546  
510-582-2775 [icecreamery.net](http://icecreamery.net)

Please call or email me to let me know you are coming. It really  
was helpful to have a list of people who had replied they'd be  
there. When I received the call that the Ice Creamery was unable  
to serve customers, I was able to call or email people and let  
them know the change of plans.

**sandyboswell@rocketmail.com**

**cell # 510 909-5466**

**BUDGET PLANNING MEETING**

**July 10<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday @ 5:00pm**

**Will meet at Helene's office, Hayward**

**We will setup the structure of the new budget.**

**All board members are invited to attend this meeting.**

## **BOOK REVIEW GROUP**

The branch Book Group held their final meeting of the year at the home of Berna Neumiller on Monday, May 21st.

Plans were made for the year ahead. The next meeting of the group will be on **Monday, September 17th**, as the active, growing group enjoys an afternoon of "Summer Summary" - sharing books each has enjoyed over the summer.

On **Monday, October 15th**, the group will discuss the first group read of the new year when they read the national bestseller *Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide* by Nicholas D. Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn.

Further details of these meetings will be in the August and September issues of *The Shareline*. All members are welcome to join the group.

## **SUMMER EXCURSIONS !**

Liz Bathgate will be making reservations at Tao House in Danville. This was the home of Eugene O'Neil and is open to the public as a National Park property.

When she gets the date set with the park service, she will let you know by email. If you do not have email, please call and let her know if you are interested and she will call you when the date is settled.

The other trip that we may set up is a walk across the Golden Gate Bridge.

If you have other places that you would like us to go, please call Liz at 581-0461.

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

First of all, I want to thank the board members for their unending support throughout the past 2 years; I have always admired, valued and appreciated the level of commitment and dedication they displayed. When one of us stumbled, there was another to pick us up and help the branch move forward. I will continue to serve the branch but in a different capacity so you will continue to see me at programs and fundraisers.

In my position on the AAUW-CA State board I have had the opportunity to visit other branches and recognize that many branches are experiencing similar challenges as our branch. That means that all of you have the opportunity to become involved, share your talents and get to know all of our members better. The Tamale Luncheon fundraiser is an example of having fun and working together to raise money for Local Scholarship and the general fund.

Please remember to attend the Bullying and Harassment panel discussion at the Castro Valley Library on Tuesday, June 5th. This is an important discussion that will enlighten you regarding this issue that has reached an almost epidemic proportion in our schools. Refer to the flyer in this Shareline or call Liz Bathgate for more information.

If you haven't already done so, remember to cast your ballot for AAUW-CA state officers. To become more familiar with the candidates, the AAUW-CA website has all candidates' bios and gives you the opportunity of getting to know their qualifications and AAUW experience.

Our local Inter Branch Council is now planning a Leadership Day with the tentative dates of either June 30th or July 7th at the Eden Hospital Conference Center. Dates and details will be sent to you when the date is set and the agenda finalized. It will be an opportunity to meet members from other branches, attend workshops and learn more about the AAUW Mission.

Again, thank you for your support and we will continue in our work to fulfill our mission to support women and girls in their effort to achieve equality in their professional, educational, and personal lives.

Helene

## **New LAF Information**

### **Go to the Movies on June 22**

Sexual assault in the military is the subject of the powerful documentary *The Invisible War*, which premiered at the [Sundance Film Festival](#) in January and earned the Audience Award. The documentary [features](#) several plaintiffs from the LAF-supported lawsuits [Cioca v. Rumsfeld](#) and [Klay v. Panetta](#). AAUW hosted a community screening of the film in April, which was followed by a discussion with [the film producer and one of the women in the film](#).

The film will be released on June 22, 2012, in Boston, Los Angeles, New York City, San Francisco, and Washington, D.C. If you are in those areas, you will not want to miss this important film. Please bring your friends; a successful opening means the film will be released in other cities.

### **Host a Community Screening as Part of Your Branch Programming Next Year**

AAUW staff members are working with the film producers of *The Invisible War* to create a Program in a Box (PIAB) about how AAUW members can host special community film screenings. The PIAB will include a discussion guide and information about the LAF cases you can share at the screenings.

### **Butler University to Ensure Equal Opportunities in Sports, Athletic Scholarships**

Butler University will have to [demonstrate](#) by September 1 that it is providing equal athletic participation opportunities to women and equal opportunities to male and female athletes for athletic scholarships or submit detailed plans on how the university will make this happen, according to an agreement with the U.S. Education Department's Office for Civil Rights (OCR). The agreement between Butler and OCR follows a Title IX compliance review initiated by the university. During the 2010-11 school year, women made up 59.6 percent of Butler's undergraduate students but only 36.5 percent of its athletes. However, women received 53.4 percent of the athletic scholarships during the 2010-11 school year.



AAUW strongly [supports](#) Title IX and believes that expansion of athletic opportunities for girls and women must continue at both the high school and college levels because it is important not only for the participants themselves but for the benefit of the greater community as well.

## **Settlement Reached in Fair Housing Act Sexual Harassment Case in New York City**

A settlement has been [reached](#) in a federal lawsuit against the owner of multiple apartment buildings in New York City. The government's lawsuit alleged that the defendants violated the Fair Housing Act by discriminating on the basis of sex and subjecting numerous female tenants to severe, unwelcome, and pervasive sexual harassment. Under the consent decree, the defendants will pay more than \$2 million to the tenants who were victims of the harassment, in addition to \$55,000 in civil penalties, the maximum penalty available under the Fair Housing Act.

The defendants harassed female tenants by attempting to enter their apartments while inebriated and demanding sex, engaging in verbal sexual advances, fondling and groping, and demanding sexual favors in exchange for tangible housing benefits such as rent reductions. The property manager knew of his employees' conduct and failed to take any steps to halt the harassment despite receiving numerous complaints. The settlement represents the largest recovery ever in a sexual harassment suit brought by the United States under the Fair Housing Act.

AAUW [opposes](#) all forms of discrimination and supports constitutional protection for the civil rights of all individuals. We advocate for freedom from violence and harassment, or fear of violence and harassment in homes, schools, workplaces, and communities. AAUW [believes](#) that communities must come together to shine a light on the issue of sexual harassment and promote respectful and appropriate behaviors.

## **AAUW TO PARTNER WITH AARP:**

Foodbanks are running low on donations. AAUW is partnering with AARP on a program where we as individual members can take food to a local pantry and get a receipt. This receipt when given to AARP will result in a donation of money to our branch. This needs to be advertised to the whole branch and developed as a project.

## **CHABOT SCHOLARSHIPS**

Our Branch has awarded scholarships to two women who are going to complete their education in a four year institution.

Teresa Troung has been accepted to Cal State East Bay. Teresa is a mother of two toddlers and after being out of school for a while decided to return to academia to better her life as well that of her children.

Teresa plans to get a degree in Recreation Therapy. Afterwards, she wants to work with the elderly because she feels they are not receiving the attention they deserve.

Aylen Campi, who is the President of the Associated Students of Chabot College, has been accepted to Capella University and will be working toward a degree in the Institutional Technology Program.

## **NEW MEMBERS**

We have a number of new members this past month that have joined our branch.

Justine Ball who lives at 21303 Forest Ave., Apt #12 in Castro Valley 94546. Her email is [singing.just@yahoo.com](mailto:singing.just@yahoo.com). She is a friend of Mary Krieg and decided to join at Mary's urging. She was able to attend the Fiesta and met a number of our members there.

Also at the Fiesta was a returning member and one new one. Barbara Halliday rejoined our branch. Her address is 25164 Lindenwood Way, Hayward 94545-2628. Barbara's email is [hallidahl@sbcglobal.net](mailto:hallidahl@sbcglobal.net). She has served on the Hayward City Council for a number of years and is up for reelection this year.

Gail Lundholm decided to take the plunge into a new group and joined. She, as most of you may know, is the brains and brawn behind the Art Gallery next to the Hayward Cinema. Her address is P.O. Box 55881, Hayward 94545-0881. Gail's email is [gala05@peoplepc.com](mailto:gala05@peoplepc.com).

Another new member, Jane Wolford, teaches Women's History at Chabot College. She came to the Lilly Ledbetter event at Chabot and had her students come to hear this historic woman speak. She lives at 16995 Grovenor Drive in Castro Valley 94546. Her email is [jwolford@chabotcollege.edu](mailto:jwolford@chabotcollege.edu).

Our newest member is Eva Kaste who is very instrumental in providing wonderful book reviews for our Book Group. Eva lives at 29166 Dolores St #246 in Castro Valley 94546. Her email is [kasteleva@yahoo.com](mailto:kasteleva@yahoo.com).

## **REPORTS FROM THE STATE CONVENTION in April**

### **PUBLIC POLICY:**

Helene and Liz attended a full afternoon event the day before the convention at which a gentleman from National AAUW explained the It's your vote, I will be heard program. This will be used to go after millennial's to get them registered to vote.

### **CONVENTION:**

Judy had the chance to go to the Friday convention events. She said that she learned in the first brunch event what was standing in her way and preventing her from being as successful as she could be. She found the atmosphere to be collegial and was very surprised that Helene knew so many people. She attended the Bullying workshop and learned a great deal. She told us how she handled bullying at Tech Trek Camp. By attending the convention she was able to see it from both sides as she has run a convention in the past where 1200 people attended and this time she saw it as a participant.

### **MEMBER NEWS**

Liz Bathgate's stepmother, Mildred Hart, passed away suddenly this weekend. She was 104 years old. Mildred became a member in April 2011 after being featured in the Legacy Circle and was the oldest member of our Branch. Mildred gave AAUW \$300,000 annuity a number of years ago and it will be put into an American Fellowship in her name and she will be recognized each year as that fellowship is given to a college student completing her graduate degree.

Congratulations to Dani and Harry Stonelake on the arrival of their first grandchild, a boy, Chauncey August Stonelake, on May 7th in Talent, Oregon. Dani and Harry spent a special week in Southern Oregon getting acquainted with the young man and his delighted parents.

Sara Kaplan sent the following news:

**Two Green Thumbs Up!** Ruth Kuftin and Sara Kaplan have successfully completed Master Gardeners' Training, and are now official Alameda County Master Gardeners! They took, and passed an intensive, four month course, given by Alameda County and UC Extension, and are now qualified to give gardening advice!

Mary Krieg will be going into the hospital for knee replacement surgery on June 18th. Her many friends in AAUW wish her a speedy recovery and return to her many activities.

## **MEMBER NEWS - continued**

Mathilde Schmidt emailed that she has been ill with shingles in recent weeks and her husband had an accident and broke his leg. Both have been tied down at home as they recover with the help of a wonderful lady named Toni who has been caring for them.

However, the Schmidts have good news to share: their mountain guide son Marty made the summit of Mt. Everest with two clients on May 21st and was on his way down to Camp 4 to meet two more clients to take to the summit on May 24th. Their many friends await news of the Schmidts' complete recovery and the successful second ascent and return to lower elevations by son Marty.

**A Celebration of Irving Batz Life will take place on Saturday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> at Temple Beth Shalom from 2pm – 5pm. The address is 642 Dolores, San Leandro.**

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.

## **OFFICERS FOR NEXT YEAR:**

**Liz Bathgate has offered to be our Administrative Contact, Pat Sutter will be the Treasurer and Helene Carr has offered to use her name as Secretary while we look for a successor to Liz.**

**Installation of these officers will take place at the Tech Trek potluck picnic on June 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

## **VOTING FOR AAUW STATE OFFICERS:**

**Beginning May 1st we will all receive information on all the candidates for state office. Our branch has endorsed Alicia Hetman for President and it is vital that all of you vote. If you have a computer, your ballot will arrive on your email. If you get snail mail, yours will arrive by that means.**

**This is the first time that each of us has had a chance to vote and it is very important that we all exercise this right.**

**Liz**

## **MEMBERS OF OUR BRANCH RUNNING FOR OFFICE:**

We have two members of our branch who are contending for the new Assembly seat created by the redistricting. Bill Quirk who is now on the Hayward City Council and Jennifer Ong who has been involved with a myriad of volunteer organizations are vying for the same seat in June.

A new member of the branch Aisha Knowles will be running for the Alameda County School Board in the unincorporated areas. She is presently working for the Alameda County Fire Department as their information officer.

Another new member Sara Lamnin is running for the Hayward Unified School District Board. Sara will not be on the ballot until November.

## **MEMBERSHIP DUES / RECRUITING**

This is the time of year when we begin renewing our memberships. The cost is the same as it has been over the past few years, \$80. This amount is divided three ways. \$49 goes to National, \$15 to our branch, and \$16 to the state. \$46 of the National dues is tax deductible as they are a 501 c3.

There are two ways you may pay your dues. The first one is the old fashioned way by sending me a check for \$80 made out to AAUW/HCV using the form below. If you are a life member you need only pay \$31 and if you have been a member for 50 years you need only pay the local dues of \$15. Student affiliates pay \$41. The second way requires you to go onto the AAUW.org website and follow the instructions below. Using this method you can use your credit card and get those airline miles.

**WEBSITE DUES PAYING INSTRUCTIONS:** If you did this last year you can skip the preliminary part and sign in using your number and password.

**FIRST:** Log in to the AAUW.org website with your ID#. (If you don't know your number call Liz at 581-0461) Once logged in, you will be redirected to the Member Center. Select "Member Services Database" (MSD) from the options running down the left side of the page. Ignore the box that is asking you for your password, and instead go two lines up and click on the words "register here" in blue text. On this page you need to fill in the information - be sure to enter the information that AAUW has in your record or it won't allow you to continue. Once you've successfully filled that page in, you will be sent an email with a link in it. Follow the link and that is where you can select your password and security question.

Once you are in the MSD, you will see "Membership Payment Program" as one of the last options running along the left-hand side of the screen. You should choose "Personal Membership MPP" and from that page you will be prompted to enter your payment information. Hit submit and then you will be prompted to verify that you want your dues charged.

THE FORM BELOW IS VITAL TO KEEP OUR INFORMATION ACCURATE. IF YOU PAY BY CHECK, INCLUDE THIS FORM BELOW WITH YOUR CHECK. IF YOU USE THE MPP PROGRAM PLEASE SEND ME THIS INFORMATION BY SNAIL MAIL.

**MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION FOR DIRECTORY:**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
STREET ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP  
CODE \_\_\_\_\_  
HOME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ CELL \_\_\_\_\_  
PHONE \_\_\_\_\_  
EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

**QUESTIONNAIRE:**

I would like to work on the following committee(s) TECH TREK \_\_\_\_\_  
EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION \_\_\_\_\_

LAF \_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE TREE \_\_\_\_\_ NEW MEMBER

FUNCTIONS \_\_\_\_\_ PUBLIC POLICY \_\_\_\_\_

WOMEN'S HISTORY PROJECT \_\_\_\_\_ SPECIAL EVENTS \_\_\_\_\_ GENERAL  
MEETINGS \_\_\_\_\_

I WOULD LIKE TO DONATE MONEY TO: THE ANGEL FUND \_\_\_\_\_ LAF \_\_\_\_\_

EF \_\_\_\_\_ TECH TREK \_\_\_\_\_ PLEASE FILL OUT

A SEPARATE CHECK FOR YOUR DONATION AND INCLUDE IT WITH THIS MAILING.

Due to the cost of printing and mailing directories, I distributed them at meetings only this past year. This policy will remain the same, so if you do not come to any meetings, you can pick up a directory at my home by calling and letting me know when you will be able to come by the house.

**NOTE:** If you are a new member of the branch since March 15th, your dues are paid thru June of 2013.