

the Shareline

HAYWARD/CASTRO VALLEY

MAY 2012

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DETAILS*

JOIN US FOR A

FIESTA!

**HAYWARD/ CASTRO VALLEY AAUW
TAMALE LUNCHEON**

**TO BENEFIT LOCAL
SCHOLARSHIP & GENERAL FUND
SUNDAY, MAY 6, 2012
12-2:30 PM**

**AT THE
SAN LORENZO VILLAGE HOMES ASSOCIATION
377 PASEO GRANDE
SAN LORENZO, CA 94580**

**ADULTS \$15.00
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Advancing
equality for
women and girls
through
advocacy,
education,
research &
philanthropy

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

National

www.aauw.org

May 2nd @ 6pm at the Hayward Library

Christopher Phillips will discuss Constitution Café. He is called the “Johnny Appleseed of Philosophy” and has set out to engage Americans in discussions surrounding our most fundamental rights and freedoms.

DRAMA READING

May 2nd, Wednesday

@ 7pm

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

The play this month will be Antigone in a new translation by Nicholas Rudall. The play remains one of the greatest, most moving of all tragedies. Antigone continues to have meaning for us because of its depiction of the struggle between individual conscience and state policy and its delicate probing of the nature of human suffering. This version is only 44 pages long with 10 characters, so we will have lots of time for discussion.

This will be the last play of the year.

We will meet for a wonderful evening of reading the play and having great conversation during our refreshment break at intermission time.

BOARD MEETING

May 8th, Tuesday

@ 6:30pm

581-0461

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



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MEET 2 LOCAL AUTHORS

MAY 9th, Wednesday

@ 7pm

at the HAYWARD HISTORICAL SOCIETY
(new building on Foothill Blvd.)

Two local young men have books coming out this spring. Genie Lester is the organizer!

Alec Nevala-Lee has a three book contract from Penquin-Signet for his story, *The Icon Thief*, a novel in the Dan Brown tradition. Alec attended schools in Castro Valley, graduated from Harvard, and worked at the NY Stock Exchange until his writing took off. He has had five or six short stories published in *Analog*.

David Teves grew up in this area and also attended local schools. He is a car salesman, an historian, and one of the best writers I have ever read. In fact, I published many of his stories in *Infinity Limited*. He has two novels on Kindle and many short stories. His novel, *Secret of the Sky*, a scifi thriller, is in print. His first novel, *A Matter of Time*, is coming out soon (as soon as I finish proofing it.) This novel defies description— romance, scifi, time travel, romance, historical fiction, thriller, mystery, romance—it's all there.

These two young men have taken very different paths to their success in writing. Both have remarkable talents as storytellers. (Marty Kennelly agrees with me about David. She hasn't read Alec yet.) I think an evening with these two men would be interesting, lively, and fun.

BOOK REVIEW GROUP

May 21st, Monday

2pm – 4 pm

The final Book Review Group meeting of the year will be held at the home of Berna Neumiller, 21407 Tanglewood Drive, Castro Valley. Mary Krieg will review the recently published novel, *The Story of Beautiful Girl* by Rachel Simon. Refreshments will be served. If you have questions or need directions, please call Berna at 538-6650.

At this last meeting of the year, we will be signing up hostesses and reviews/group reads for the new year which will begin at our first meeting on Monday, September 17th. The group has decided to have the first meeting a sharing of a book each has read during the summer. The October meeting will be the first group read of the year. Please bring your suggestions for that book to the May meeting so we can make our selection.

DINING OUT

MAY 21, 2012

@ 6:30 pm

Since our branch is planning a Cinco de Mayo Tamale Dinner fundraiser which we all should support, we will postpone going to Los Dos Hermanos. Instead, let's go traditional all-American as we head towards Memorial Day and the welcoming of summer. Come for dinner, or just come for dessert and a pleasant time with friends.

Knudsen's Ice Creamery

3323 Castro Valley Blvd, Castro Valley, CA 94546

510-582-2775

icecreamery.net

Twenty-one diners drove to Jack London Square in Oakland to have a marvelous evening at IL Pescatore Ristorante. The meals, service and ambiance were very much appreciated by our AAUW group and we were thanked for our patronage.

sandyboswell@rocketmail.com

cell # 510 909-5466

SAVE THE DATE

JUNE 2, 2012! 12:00 to 2:00pm

We will introduce the girls at our annual potluck picnic at Sulphur Creek, Hayward.

Call or email Judy Harrison: 510-889-1431;
Jharrison663@comcast.net with your picnic dish to share.

On June 5th our branch will sponsor a panel discussion on **Bullying and Sexual Harassment** at the Castro Valley Library from 6-8pm.

A possible future program might include women in our area who have achieved prominence in their fields such as the Hayward Police Chief or the President of Chabot College.

BUNCO

Friday June 8, 2012 from 6:30 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).

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This is an election year – local, nationally and yes, for AAUW-California. And it seems as if the issues that face us today are more complicated than ever in the past. At the California convention in San Jose many of those issues facing us- the pay gap; public policy; gender inequality and bullying were highlighted in workshops and discussed on panels. This is why voting is a must this year and every election year.

Bullying and cyber bullying were discussed in depth both at a presentation by the Napa branch and also by Dr. Catherine Hill from AAUW National. Dr. Hill who is the director of research for AAUW National found that 48% of students in grades 7 – 12 experienced some forms of sexual harassment in person or on social media during the 2010-2011 school year.

To learn more about this, Liz Bathgate and her committee are organizing a Bullying workshop at the Castro Valley library and will go further into depth on this subject.

Discussions also took place regarding the wage gap and how the disparity increases the longer women remain in the work force. Women with college degrees make 76% of what men with the same education earn. Over their lifetime women with high school, college, and post graduate degrees with earn between \$700,000 and \$2,000,000 less.

AAUW National sponsored a workshop and introduced ideas that we can use to register young women to vote. This demographic is also one that we are eager to enlist in our commitment to the mission of AAUW. We will soon be receiving more information from AAUW National that will provide guidelines to reach these new voters.

I also learned how AAUW California will work in collaboration with AARP in a program to collect food for food banks and this AARP program will reward branches with cash contributions. Our branch will be involved in this program to collect food for the hungry. Look for more information in future issues of the Shareline. Convention not only gives us the opportunity to reconnect with members but to come away with new ideas that will further the mission of AAUW and the branch. We hear about innovative ideas for scholarships, new programs and fundraisers. All of you are welcome to attend our board meetings on the second Tuesday of the month so that we can explore together these ideas and discuss how we can put these ideas into practice.

I want to thank Nancy Turner and Linda Slater for updating the branch's bylaws. It is important that this take place and equally important that you vote to accept these bylaws. This is a necessary revision as our bylaws now conform with the guidelines specified by AAUW National.

You will soon be receiving your invitation to vote for AAUW California state officers so if you have any questions or need more information, please contact me. You may read the bios of those candidates on the AAUW-CA website.

Helene



Tech Trek Students Selected

Thanks to Bonnie Smith's estate our branch will be able to send six girls to Tech Trek Camp at Sonoma State this June. After a rigorous selection process the girls who won the scholarships are:

Kaetlyn Andrey, John Muir Middle School, San Leandro. Kaetlyn loves band and wants to become a medical research scientist.

Lianne Dooley, Canyon Middle School, Castro Valley. Lianne is in the choir and hopes to become an architect.

Shubham Gupta, Winton Middle School, Hayward. Shubham loves math, science and history dreams of becoming a pediatrician.

Iman Khan, Martin Luther King, Jr. Middle School, Hayward. Iman is in the choir, and the art and chess clubs and wants to become a medical research scientist.

Daniela Perla, KIPP Summit Academy, San Lorenzo. Daniela is a singer and a member of the advanced orchestra and dreams of becoming a neurologist.

Alejandra Samaniego, Martin Luther King, Jr. Middle School, Hayward. Alejandra likes sports and animals and wants to become a veterinarian.

MEMBER NEWS

We are saddened by the passing of Irving Batz. Ursula and family have been together during the past week for family remembrances. They are planning a celebration of Irv's life in June. Our sympathy goes to Ursula and their children and grandchildren on the loss of a special man. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

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.

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. At the Tamale Luncheon on May 6th I will bring my laptop computer for those of you with snail mail only. If you bring your voting card information, I will be able to enter your votes using my computer and will save you the postage and the state office the trouble of having to count these votes by hand. 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

We have one new member this month. Sara Lamnin, who is Program Director for Hayward Community Action Network. This is a non profit which brings together the likely to be homeless and the truly homeless with agencies and services which can help to solve their homeless issues. Her address is 2413 Sebastopol Lane #1 in Hayward, 94542. Her phone number is 432-7703. Sara is running for the Hayward School Board in the November election.

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:

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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.

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