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AAUW - HAYWARD/CASTRO VALLEY

MAY 2013

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Meet the Author

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DETAILS**

YOU ARE INVITED . . .

*tech
trek*

To a potluck picnic hosted by your Tech Trek Committee to meet the girls who will be going to camp at Sonoma State University from June 23rd to June 29th.

Bring a picnic main dish, salad, snack, or dessert to share. We'll provide plates, cutlery, napkins and soft drinks. We need lots of main dishes for these hungry teenagers!

- Who:** 2013 Tech Trekkers and all of the H/CV members
- When:** May 18, 2013
- Time:** 12:00pm – 2:00pm
(with a presentation by a naturalist at 1:00)
- Where:** Sulphur Creek Nature Center
1801 D Street, Hayward
- RSVP:** Judy Harrison, 510-889-1431, cell: 510-388-1423
Email: jharrison663@comcast.net

**LEARN MORE ABOUT THE 5 YOUNG LADIES UNDER THE
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Tech Trek

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for women and
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[www.aauw-
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National
www.aauw.org

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This past Saturday Helene Carr and I attended the AAUW State meeting in Sacramento. We heard from our CA board about what is happening in our state, but more importantly we heard from Carolyn Garfein, our National AAUW President. Carolyn is a past president of CA AAUW but has been living in Georgia for a long time. She is moving back to CA this summer and will be a welcome addition to our membership.

Carolyn gave us an up to date overview of what has been happening in Washington with our AAUW. One of the newest things is the new logo that has been developed and is now in use. It states right on it that we have been empowering women since 1887. We are so successful in our programs that we have 160,000 members and supporters nationwide. That is a large number of women and men who all have the same thing in mind, "Equity for Women and Girls", and we are not afraid to stand up and be heard.

This past year AAUW launched a voter education campaign in which we took part at Chabot College. We registered 100 new voters. AAUW released the newest report: Graduating to a Pay Gap, awarded \$4.3 million in fellowships and grants to support 278 women at various stages of their professional and academic careers, and AAUW members' nationwide sent more than 100,000 letters to Capitol Hill including more than 27,700 messages calling for pay equity.

We were a busy group. I realize that many of our members do not attend any of our programs. That is OK. We know that you support our efforts to make life better in our community for women and girls. You can think of AAUW as one of your chosen charities, like donating to the Red Cross or the American Heart Association. Most of the time we do not avail ourselves of their services, but we think so highly of what they do in our nation that we give to them each year. With the time for renewing your membership upon us again, I hope you will consider how important AAUW is to our community and our nation when you send in your dues.

Our branch had the largest amount of giving to AAUW Funds in the state. That happened because I finished my stepmother's American Fellowship after her death. It needed \$84,000 to complete and I did that once I sold her home. In addition to these funds over 20 of our members gave to various funds throughout the year. Our total given to National AAUW was \$89,891.00. When we go to New Orleans in June we may find, as a branch, that we have given more money than any other branch in the country.

Liz Bathgate, President



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DRAMA READING

Wednesday, May 1st

@ 7pm

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

This will be our last read for this year.

I do hope that Fullerton Branch will continue this program in the Fall.

This month we are reading "The Real Thing" by Tom Stopperd. It examines the nature of honesty focusing on the relationship between Henry and Annie, an actress who is part of a committee to free Brodie, a Scottish soldier imprisoned for burning a memorial wreath during a protest.

We always enjoy a social time before reading and while having tea and refreshments (a berry cobbler) at intermission.

All are welcome.

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HISTORIC NILES CANYON RAILWAY EXCURSION

On May 4th our AAUW members and family are invited to meet us in Niles for a trip to Sunol on this railway that goes through Niles Canyon. Invite your children and grandchildren to join us on this wonderful rail trip.

Meeting place: Niles Station 37001 Mission Blvd at the Sullivan underpass.

Time: 11:00 am. The train leaves at 11:20 and the *seating is first come first served.*

Lunch: Those of you who wish to stay in Sunol for lunch can gather at Bosco Bones and Brew.

Return trip: We will come back to Niles on the 1:30pm, 2:30pm or 3:30pm train depending on your lunch arrangements.

Cost: \$7 for children 3-12, \$10 for seniors over 62 and \$12 for everyone else.

If you plan to join us at the restaurant in Sunol, please RSVP to Pat Buchanan at pobuchanan@att.net

BOARD MEETING

May 14th @ 6:30pm

At Liz Bathgate's home

581-0461

BUNCO

Friday, May 17th

@ 6:30pm

NOTE: THIS IS THE LAST BUNCO BEFORE SUMMER

Location: Olive Riley-Steward, 32174 Bernice Way, Hayward

Directions: From Foothill Blvd. make a slight left at Mission Blvd. Drive south on Mission Blvd. and drive about 11 minutes. Turn left at Blanche St. (Eiffel Tower Preschool.) Drive 1 minute then turn right at Trevor St. (Kindango School.) Drive less than a minute. Turn left at Bernice Way.

**RSVP: Dee Butner (510) 537-8541 or Dee Donaldson (510) 538-3415 by
May 10th**

We enjoy having new players come. It is a very simple game to learn. We need a total of 12 players. We have a pre-game meal of appetizers, desserts and wine or regular drinks. When you RSVP we will ask what you can bring.

We like the players to be on time so that the evening will end at a reasonable hour. Please bring \$5 in \$1 increments. This is a great way to meet new people.

FUN- FOOD-MONEY PRIZES

Thanks for your support and enthusiasm for Bunco this year. We will meet again in the Fall.

DINING OUT – see May 24th

I will not be organizing Dining Out in May.

Genie Lester said she would organize a Friday Dining Out in conjunction with a Chanticleers play - dinner and a show!

I am not sure what will happen for June. I have nothing planned at this time.

Sandy Boswell

LIVE THEATER AND DINING OUT

FRIDAY MAY 24th

Our *Dining Out group* is combining with our *Going to the Theater group* for an evening of fun.

You may join us for either or both events.

Dinner will be at Don José at **6:00pm** in Castro Village. This should give us plenty of time to get to the theater by 7:45pm. The restaurant has agreed to do separate checks for us.

The play we will see is *The Unexpected Guest*, an Agatha Christie puzzler that will challenge your whodunit skills. Suzan Lorraine, Chanticleers Theatre's Artistic Director, is directing the play, and Conrad Cady, our well-known local star, is in the cast.

If we have ten or more participants for the theater part of the evening, ticket cost is only \$13! To get this discount, we need to pay with one check.

Please make your check payable to me by May 20, or sooner for the theatre portion.

Please confirm your dinner reservation with me by May 22.

I look forward to seeing you there.

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BOOK REVIEW

Monday, May 20th
2pm – 4pm

This is the final Book Group meeting of the AAUW year at the Hayward home of Olive Riley-Steward, 32174 Bernice Way.

The group will read, Ann Patchett's 2011 best-selling novel, *State of Wonder*. A provocative, ambitious and thrilling novel set deep in the Brazilian Amazon jungle, the reader is swept into a research scientist's search for the reason for a colleague's death and for the disappearance of her former mentor, a renowned biologist who has been seeking a valuable new drug. The novel promises a challenging and rewarding discussion. Ruth Rymer will facilitate the discussion.

Refreshments will be served. If you have questions or need directions, call Olive at 471-3332.

As this is the last meeting of the year, we will have a sign-up for next year's programs and hostesses. Please bring your recommendations for the group reads or sign up to review a favorite book.

The first meeting of the new year will be on September 16th.

All branch members are invited to join us for an afternoon of books, tasty refreshments, good friends, and an invigorating discussion.

TECH TREK - 2013 Tech Trek Campers Selected

Joselyn Franco, Bret Harte Middle School, Hayward. Joselyn is a first time camper and wants to be a pediatrician when she grows up.

Yasamin Obaidy, Martin Luther King, Jr. Middle School, Hayward. Yasamin is a teacher's assistant and wants to be either a doctor or a scientist in ten years.

Jenna Pierre, John Muir Middle School, San Leandro. Jenna is a softball player and cheerleader and wants to go into criminal justice or forensics.

Monticia Scott, Creekside Middle School. Monticia is the 3rd best high jumper in the U.S. for her age and sings in the school choir. She wants to be a veterinarian.

Kimberly Deodanes-Vaca, Edendale Middle School. Kimberly is involved with Tech Path and the Science Alliance at her school and wants to be a pediatrician.

HAYWARD CASTRO VALLEY AAUW BOARD MEMBERS

For the year 2013-2014, we have the following members who have volunteered to take some responsibility for the running of the branch.

President: Liz Bathgate

Finance: Helene Carr

Secretary: Erica Campisi

Program Chairs: Sandy Boswell and Helene Victor,

Scholarships: Linda Slater and Evelyn Gertler

Tech Trek: Judy Harrison

Corresponding Secretary: Barbara Jones

Parliamentarian/Public Policy: Ursula Batz

Membership Chair: Liz Bathgate

Board Members: Pat Buchanan, Dee Donaldson, Pat Sutter

The board will be meeting on the first Monday of each month at 7pm starting in August.

In order to run a branch of over 140 members, we need input from all of you as to what programs you would like to have included. If you are interested in starting another interest group, just let me know. Many branches have walking groups, luncheon groups, bridge groups and excursion groups. We have done a few excursions this year, but need input on where you might like to go in the future.

If you are interested in serving on the board, we would welcome you. It is not a big commitment of time, but your energy and ideas are needed!

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

AAUW Board Votes to Support Ongoing Cases

On the recommendation of the LAF Committee, the AAUW Board of Directors voted to contribute funds to seven ongoing LAF cases:

- [*Cioca v. Rumsfeld, Klay v. Panetta, and Hoffman v. Panetta*](#) — \$15,000
- [*LeBlanc v. Trustees of Indiana University*](#) — \$6,500
- [*Jaureguito v. Feather River Community College*](#) — \$5,000
- [*Thein v. Feather River Community College*](#) — \$5,000
- [*Wartluft v. Feather River Community College*](#) — \$5,000

Senate Hearing on Military Sexual Assault

On March 13, for the first time in a decade, the Senate Armed Services Subcommittee on Personnel [held a hearing](#) on military sexual assault. Sen. Kristen Gillibrand (D-NY) announced the hearing shortly after being appointed chair of the subcommittee. AAUW submitted a statement and attended. Regulatory Affairs Manager Beth Scott's blog post about it will be online next week.

AAUW Discusses Sexual Harassment in Schools during the U.N. Commission on the Status of Women

During the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women in New York City, AAUW held an event on sexual harassment in schools during the parallel events for nonprofit organizations. More than 80 people from around the world, including many students, attended. AAUW Executive Director Linda Hallman opened the session, which was moderated by AAUW board member Kathleen Cha. LAF program manager Holly Kearl presented the key findings of the 2011 AAUW report, [*Crossing the Line: Sexual Harassment at School*](#). The stars of the panel were a high school teacher and three students who shared their views and recommendations. Read the [blog post](#) about the panel written by AAUW Director of Fellowships, Grants, and International Programs Gloria Blackwell.

NEW MEMBERS

This month we added a couple of new members to our organization. Jacqueline Smith, who teaches French at Foothill High School joined after Connie Rusk invited her to the Souper Supper. Michelle Brooks who is a friend of Mary Graw joined after coming to Bunco a few times and finding us a very congenial group. Jason Whiteman, the vice principal at Castro Valley High School joined after having been on our Bullying Panel last year. His mother was very active in AAUW and he wanted to honor her by becoming a member.

In the near future we will have two more male members. Tony Shah, who is the Director of Student Services for the Castro Valley School District, and was the driving force behind the Bullying program. He will continue his collaboration on other programs with our group by becoming a member.

At a recent event for elected officials that we co-sponsored with the League, I talked to Eric Swalwell our new congressman and asked him to join. We need all of you talking to your friends about the wonderful things that AAUW does locally as well as nationally.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME!! We are members of a national program that allows us to pay our dues online. We can write off \$46 of the national dues as a deductible donation. It saves me a great deal of time if you pay online. Here are the instructions on how to do it.

1. Go to the national AAUW website, AAUW.org
2. Click empowering women
3. Click login and set up a password if you have not already done so. You will need your member number, which is on the back of your latest Outlook Magazine. If you don't know what it is, call me as I have all of them at hand. 581-0461
4. Click membership and go to the bottom of the page and click member tools.
5. Click members services data base which is near the bottom on the left side of the page.
6. Click enter members services database
7. Click renew my membership
8. Follow directions to enter your credit card information. Your renewal will show up on the roster immediately.

If you would like to pay by check, send a check for \$80.00 made out to AAUW to 22112 Queen Street, Castro Valley 94546.

Thanks for your efforts in getting this done. Liz

NEW WEBSITE

We have collaborated with our national AAUW on setting up a more user friendly website for our branch. Please take some time to go to this site and look it over.

We are open to comments about what you would like to have in this site. The new site is hcv-ca.aauw.net. We would like to add pictures to the site, so if you have taken any at AAUW events, please let Linda Slater know so she can get them put up on the website. Linda Slater and Jackie Wilferd are working with Megan at national to get this done properly.

AAUW CALIFORNIA STATE VOTING

Each one of us has a say in who we want elected at State and National for our officers. On the back of the Outlook Magazine you will find your member number and a code number you will need to access the national voting site. The people running for office are all listed in the magazine so you can make your choice. I know two of them personally and would recommend Julia Brown and Kathryn Braeman. The others need your time to read their qualifications so that you can make an educated choice of our leaders.

Voting for state started on April 21st. You should have received an email from the state AAUW on April 21st. It contains all the information you need to vote for our state officers and a change in by laws reducing the board by two members. They are also asking to raise the dues to \$20 from \$16 as it is so difficult to meet their budget because of the cost of travel for the board members as well as the general rise in the cost of doing business. This is one reason that the state has adopted the convention every other year with a one day meeting on the uneven years.

Our own Helene Carr is running for the board again. She is a great asset to our state organization.