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DATES TO REMEMBER

April 1 –Drama Reading: “The Importance of Being Ernest”
April 3 - Health Care Forum 12:00 – 2:00pm
April 3 – Bunco party 6:30 – 9:30pm
April 16 – Author Discussion: Hayward Library 7:30-9:30pm
April 18 - Membership meeting: Bylaw changes
April 20 – Book Review Group 2:00 – 4:00pm
May 2 – Membership meeting 1:30 – 4:00pm
June 13 – Installation Luncheon
June 18 – “Murder at the Howard Johnson’s”

**League of Women Voters, Eden Area & AAUW,
Local Chapter**

HEALTH CARE FORUM

**“The State of Health Care in Alameda
County”**

FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 2009 + NOON TO 2 P.M.

Keynote Speaker

**David Kears, Director of Alameda
County Health Care Services**

Improving the Health Care System is a priority at the national, state and local level. Mr. Kears will give us a comparison of health care policies at each level as well as the state of health care in Alameda County.

PLACE: San Lorenzo Village Association Hall. 377 Paseo Grande, San Lorenzo

COST: \$10 (in advance) which includes lunch. There will be no cost for those who come just for the program, without lunch

QUESTIONS? Call Suzanne at 510.538.9678 or email suzbarba@comcast.net.

President’s Message – Linda Slater

HAPPY SPRING!

The seasons and the time has sprung forward and our National, State, and Branch are springing forward as well towards a new era for AAUW. Changes are being proposed at the National Level that will change the vision of AAUW in the 21st century. Below are the Highlights of Proposed AAUW Bylaws compiled by *Sandy Kirkpatrick, CA Online Branch*

AAUW-CA Parliamentarian & AAUW Bylaws Committee Member:

AAUW’s strategic planning process began in 2005, with a restructuring approved unanimously at the 2007 AAUW Convention. To complete this restructuring, newly revised bylaws will be presented for approval at the 2009 AAUW Convention at St. Louis.

These bylaws:

- streamline the current bylaws and move administrative details to policies and procedures;
- provide more flexibility on all levels (branch, state, and national); and
- provide more avenues for all members to participate in the organization, in particular giving every member a vote on national business.

What will NOT change:

- mission-based activities and programming, including the work of the Educational Foundation, Legal Advocacy Fund, and Leadership Training Institute;
- public policy advocacy through the newly named “AAUW Action Fund;” and
- the unique mission and grassroots strength of AAUW.

Summary of Major Changes:

1. **ONE MEMBER-ONE VOTE.** Instead of using a delegate system, every member will have a vote. Members who cannot attend meetings and vote in person will be able to vote by all methods approved by the corporate code of the District of Columbia and the Board (i.e., mail, phone, FAX or electronically).
2. **ONE BOARD.** AAUW and EF boards are merged into one board with authority over all aspects of AAUW activity, including:
 - delivery of the mission through programs and policies;
 - setting membership dues (part of financial administration oversight);
 - appointment of the directors of the AAUW Action Fund, for voter education and related political activities; and
 - appointment and oversight of AAUW committees and task forces, including determining the process for the awarding of fellowships and grants.
3. **MEMBERSHIP OPEN.** Membership is open to any individual supportive of the mission, without regard to college degree status, and to partner members. Partner membership broadens the current college/university membership category to include the possibility of other institutions or organizations that meet the criteria. Open individual membership provides an equal opportunity for all to join, in recognition that one does not need to have educational credentials to work for women’s education.

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4. **STRUCTURAL FLEXIBILITY.** Branches and states will not be required to make any changes if their current structure works well for them. However, the new bylaws mandate only an administrative and financial contact person from each branch/state, allowing the branches and states to create the structure and leadership positions that make the best use of their resources to fulfill AAUW mission.

5. The full bylaws, with rationale for each article is published on the AAUW website, along with a detailed list of frequently asked questions, visit:

<http://aauw.org/About/bylaws/index.cfm?cs_LoginTime=225332>http://aauw.org/About/bylaws/index.cfm?cs_LoginTime=225332

(Membership number is required to login to this webpage)

For more information about the structural changes to AAUW, read the AAUW Briefing #18:

<http://www.aauw.org/member_center/briefings/briefingRestructure_021009.cfm>http://www.aauw.org/member_center/briefings/briefingRestructure_021009.cfm

Our Branch will hold a full Membership Meeting on May 2, 2009 from 1:30 PM - 4 PM at the Eden Medical Center in Castro Valley to discuss the proposed National bylaws and get Branch ratification of voting for the 4 branch members who will be attending and voting on these bylaw changes at the National AAUW Convention in St. Louis in June. See the flyer on the Membership Meeting included in this Shareline.

I have invited Sandy Kirkpatrick and Jo Harberson to attend to give the State perspective on the proposed bylaws. I hope all of you can attend. In addition to the bylaws discussion the Branch will be electing their 2009/10 Branch Board. Please come and participate in this important meeting.

Linda Slater
Branch President

**American
Association of
University Women**

Hayward/Castro
Valley Branch

We're on the Web!

See us at:

www.aauw.org

(national site)

<http://aauw-hcv.org>

(local site)



BOOK REVIEW GROUP

The longtime fiction best selling novel *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society* by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows will be discussed at the **April 20th meeting of the Book Review Group**. The meeting will be from 2-4 p.m. at the home of Margaret Smith, 5934 Highwood Rd., Castro Valley. Berna Neumiller will lead what should be a lively, enthusiastic discussion of a novel which has captured the imagination of millions of book lovers worldwide. All branch members are welcome to come join the special afternoon. Refreshments will be served.

Please call Margaret if you have questions or need directions at 581.7035.

DRAMA READING GROUP

The play reading group will meet at **7pm at Liz Bathgate's home on April 1st**. We will be reading a play all of us have heard of: **Oscar Wilde's "The Importance of Being Ernest"**. We welcome new readers and offer a chance for socializing as well as enjoying time for tea and cookies during a break in the middle of the play. If you need directions, call Liz.

Member News

If you have news about a member who should be congratulated on a special occasion or accomplishment, who needs encouragement during illness or a difficult time, or reminded that we are here for her/him, please contact **your corresponding secretary at 538.0516** or by email at **bb_jones@pacbell.net** Let's show our friends we care.

It's time for our second **BUNCO party**. Congratulations to our winners:
Mathilde Schmidt, Olive Riley-Steward and Liz Bathgate.

This time we will be asking our waiting list people if they can play. New people are always welcome too. We will call on our original players as needed. **We only need a total of 12 players.**

Our pre-game meal will be appetizers, wine and other drinks. We will end the evening with coffee and dessert. When you RSVP, **Dee Butner** will assign you to something to bring.

We ask that players be on time. We want to end evening at a reasonable hour. Car pooling can be arranged.

Please bring \$5, preferably exact change, to enter game. Come anyway even if you have never played before. We will teach you.

This is a great game for meeting new people.

FUN—FOOD—MONEY PRIZES

WHEN: FRIDAY, APRIL 3 @ 6:30 pm to 9:30 p.m.

**WHERE: DEE BUTNER'S HOUSE (ACROSS FROM DEE DONALDSON)
4789 ROLLINGHILLS WAY
CASTRO VALLEY**

RSVP: DEE BUTNER @ 537-8541, OR DEE DONALDSON @538-3415 BY MARCH 28.

Easy directions:

Forget the internet or GPS devices, as they confuse. Go north on Center St. from Castro Valley Blvd. Turn R on Edwards Lane one block, L on Gliddon St. 2 blocks, then R on Rollinghills Wy, last house on the Right.

SEE YOU THERE

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Another year has gone by and again we are asking members to renew their membership in AAUW. This year you have an opportunity to renew your membership by either mailing your check to me, ***Erica Campisi***, at **841 Hampton Road, Hayward 94541**, or using the electronic method after May 1st. After that date you can send your money electronically to Washington (the full \$80) and they will process your dues check. State offices and branches will be reimbursed monthly. This new way of payment is optional. National has worked on this for quite some time and they hope that this new way of membership dues payment will eliminate some of the paperwork and increase efficiency.

Another news item that came from National is that effective April 1, 2009, of the \$49 AAUW National individual member dues - \$46 is tax deductible, (payable to "AAUW", 501© 3) charitable organization. Three dollars goes to support AAUW's Lobby Corps and election-related activities and are not tax deductible. You still need to pay the full \$49.00 to AAUW-National – Students Affiliate dues will continue to be \$17, \$16 of which will be tax deductible for the same reason. Member-at-Large will remain at \$49.00.

AAUW is giving you a choice of either using the self-addressed stamped envelope that was mailed to you for your membership dues renewal, or wait until May 1st to use the new method of sending your check electronically to AAUW National. As soon as more information becomes available I will update you via the newsletter

Also, if you are unable to pay the full membership amount, \$80.00, please remember that we have an Angel fund – which can be used to make up any shortage.

Please call if you have any questions. You can reach me at 510-278-5836.

Erica Campisi

Membership Chair

INSTALLATION LUNCHEON IS ON JUNE 13TH – at Dinos Restaurant in Castro Valley.
See announcement on page 8.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Saturday, May 2, 2009

1:30 – 4 PM

Eden Medical Center
20103 Lake Chabot Rd.
Castro Valley, CA

Conference Center
Rooms A & B

AGENDA

1. Election of 2009/10 Branch Board

2. Discussion and Ratification of National AAUW proposed bylaws

Guest speakers: Sandy Kirkpatrick & Jo Harberson

Light refreshments will be served. Please RSVP to Linda Slater by email at slaterl@sbcglobal.net or by phone at (510) 481-5304. Riding sharing can be arranged as needed.

INSTALLATION LUNCHEON
AAUW HAYWARD-CASTRO VALLEY

JUNE 13, 2009

11:30 TO 2 PM.

DINO'S RESTAURANT

3600 CASTRO VALLEY BLVD.
 CASTRO VALLEY 94546

MENU

VEGETARIAN – PASTA PRIMAVERA	\$18.50
VEAL PARMIGIANA WITH PASTA	\$20.00
FILET OF TILAPIA FISH	\$21.00

TOTAL \$ _____

INCLUDES TOSSED GREEN SALAD WITH ITALIAN DRESSING/
 VEGETABLES/ ROLLS/COFFEE AND TEA

PLEASE CIRCLE YOUR CHOICE AND SEND YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO AAUW
 HAYWARD/CASTRO VALLEY TO ERICA CAMPISI, 841 HAMPTON ROAD, HAYWARD 94541

YOUR NAME: _____

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS JUNE 6TH

Murder at the Howard Johnson's

Get your calendar out now and mark **Thursday, June 18th, at 8 p.m.** for an evening of hilarious comedy at the California Conservatory Theatre in San Leandro. Proceeds from the event go to our local scholarship fund.

The comedy, **Murder at the Howard Johnson's** by Ron Clark and Sam Bobrick, has had popular runs at countless community theatres around the country. The story involves a husband, his wife and their dentist who are involved in a dramatic love triangle. The wife and dentist are madly in love and plot to murder the husband because "he loves her too much to divorce her." Reviews of the play are delightful; sight gags and creative attempts by the couple to accomplish the murder make for an evening of laughter and fun.

Plan to join us for what promises to be a delightful evening. Tickets are \$20 and can be bought from **Peggy Robinson. For information and tickets call Peggy at 728.0450.**

Susan Mahaney
1633 Via Amigos
San Lorenzo, CA
94580