

The Shareline

DATES TO REMEMBER

September 15- Annual membership luncheon, 11:30amC– 2:30pm
October 3 - Drama Reading begins
October 4 - “Pete ‘n’ Keely.” Musical/Comedy at CCT



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AAUW HAYWARD/CASTRO VALLEY **ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON**

We are going to start our new year with a potluck luncheon on **September 15, 2007, at the Eden Church of Christ**, corner of Birch and Grove Way in Hayward.

Our get-together will be from **11:30 to 2:30 pm**. More information will be mailed out during the week of August 27th.

September 15 - mark your calendar for this special event -- come and sit with your friends -- meet new members and hear the activities planned by our committees.

Please call if you have any questions. (510) 278-5836.

Erica Campisi
Membership VP

President's Message – Linda Slater

Welcome to AAUW - Program Year 2007-2008

On Saturday, July 28th, a group of 15 Branch members gathered to discuss strategic planning and budget development. The group made much progress towards setting up two goals for our branch and broad budget goals for fundraisers, and enjoyed a fabulous pot luck luncheon.

During the month of August (dates to be announced) we will continue the planning by holding two meetings:

1. Fundraiser ideas for Tech Trek, Local Scholarship, Educational Foundation, Legal Advocacy Fund, and our general fund, AND
2. Program ideas for member and community education and advocacy.

I encourage all Branch members to participate in one or both of these important meetings. You can participate by attending or by submitting ideas for fundraisers or programs to me via email at slaterl@sbcglobal.net, or by phone at **(510) 259-3802**. All ideas will be considered.

Once these meetings have been held and decisions agreed upon for the year, the Board will approve, and submit for a vote to the entire membership at our Annual Membership Event on Saturday, September 15th at the Eden Church of Christ in Hayward. A membership event flyer will be coming to you by mail in August.

The team's recommended strategic plan for 2007-08 is:

1. Expand our visibility in the community with the intent to increase membership overall, and specifically in terms of age and ethnicity; AND
2. Promote opportunities for women and girls to improve their education, financial security, and equity in the workplace and the community.

These are worthy, but lofty goals. The Branch will require the participation of all members to see them come to fruition. It requires vision, work, and the willingness to say YES when asked to come to a meeting, sit on a committee, or make a phone call. When I joined AAUW in 2000, I first took on the task of Shareline Editor, which I held for three years, then I become the Finance VP for three years, and now I'm President. I joined because I believe that women and girls STILL, unbelievably in 2007, experience discrimination in pay; challenges in education; and struggles with financial security; and with viable role models.

I hope to make our Branch programs and fundraisers successful because:

Eighth grade Tech Trekkers should know that it's fun to work in a science or math field;

Women finishing PhD research in important subject areas should know it is valuable; Discrimination on the job hurts everyone, especially women; AND

Our community benefits when women pursue education and improve their financial security.

I know I'm on a band wagon here, preaching to the choir, but please, make the time to participate in planning meetings; come out to Branch events; invite a friend; sit on a committee; or send in a good idea for a fundraiser or event.

Thanks for your time and committment to women and girls in our community. I look forward to serving as your President this year. Here's to a great year!

Linda Slater, President

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AAUW ANNUITY

Are you aware that **AAUW has an Annuity Program** where you can get more interest than in a normal fund type of investment. Once you establish this annuity, you will be paid the same amount no matter what the stock market does. The older you are when you establish your annuity, the higher your payment rate. You can leave a legacy by establishing an annuity supporting the AAUW Educational Foundation, Legal Advocacy Fund, or Association Leadership and Training Institute. I did this a number of years ago and receive four equal payments each year. The payment rates now are as follows: Age 65=6.0%, 70=6.5%, 75=7.1%, 80=8.0%, 90+=11.3%. My step mother took \$300,000 out of Franklin Fund which was paying her 4%. She is 99 and receives the maximum every four months. This is really necessary as she has caregivers and needs cash flow. When she dies, the remainder of her Annuity will become an American Fellowship in her name. If you want more information, call AAUW at 202-728-7627. Liz Bathgate

NEW WEB SITE:

Mathilde Schmidt has a new **WEB SITE:**
www.mschmidtbooks.com

**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)



DRAMA READING:

Every month starting in October we get together at Liz Bathgate's home to read a play. These come to us each month thru a network of AAUW branches. The date is always the first Wednesday evening of the month at 7:00pm. It is a fun evening and we never know what the play will be like until we get thru. Refreshments are served at the end of the first act and we all enjoy sitting and talking about whatever is new in our lives. If you like to read plays, you would enjoy our group. Call me for directions at 581-0461.

MEMBER NEWS

The summer has been a sad one for our branch as we lost three outstanding friends.

Marilouise Albert was 85 when she passed away on June 18th. She had been a member of the branch since 1959. A memorial service was held on June 28th at Eden United Church of Christ in Hayward.

Mary Mayer, 93, passed away on July 11th at her Baywood Court home after many years of fighting heart disease. Mary joined AAUW in 1938 and was an active member throughout those almost 70 years. Mary's last office was that of Parliamentarian, a post she left in 1999. She was chairperson of the book review group this past year.

Pat Bothwell was only 57 when she passed away on July 9th, after suffering for five years from Progressive Supranuclear Palsy (PSP). Pat was an active part of the branch for several years before illness forced her to give up her membership. A memorial service was held on July 21st at Calvary Lutheran Church in San Lorenzo.

These three vital, beautiful women were survived by large, loving families and many wonderful friends. Our sympathy goes out to their families; may they know we all share each tremendous loss.

Please call corresponding secretary Barbara Jones if you have news about a branch member who would appreciate a card of encouragement, of congratulations, or get well. Let's let our friends know we care. Barbara's phone number is 538.0516; e-mail address is: bb_jones@pacbell.net Thanks.

All three of these women were wonderful friends of AAUW. If you would like to remember them thru our branch, you can donate to the Tech Trek Fund, the Scholarship Fund or the Educational Foundation. Please send your donation to Audrey Wede at 6094 Slopeview Ct. Castro Valley 94552. Please indicate on your check the fund you wish to recognize.

MUSICAL COMEDY FUN

Do you want an evening of fun? Join your AAUW friends for “**Pete n’ Keely**”, a musical. California Conservatory Theatre is giving us a benefit performance on **Thursday, October 4th, at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are only \$20 each.** When you buy them, there’ll be a triple benefit: this performance, your own enjoyment, and Tech Trek. As in the past, all the money received will enable us to send local girls to Tech Trek this next summer. Tickets will be available at the Membership Event on September 15. More information will be forthcoming in the September Shareline. Carpools can be set up, so call Ruth Kuffin at 276-0601 if you are in need of a ride.

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