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Come Celebrate at the

Holiday Party

Sunday, December 8, 2013

3:30 - 6:00 PM

San Lorenzo Homeowners Assn.

377 Paseo Grande San Lorenzo, CA



Annual silent auction supporting AAUW funds!



Door Prizes for sparkliest attire and best holiday sweater!



Enjoy the musical styling of the Hit & Miss Duo!

Enjoy good eats, libation and the company of friends
Support the Family Emergency Shelter Coalition (FESCO)
with cash, check or gift cards (to be delivered)

Reservation Coupon

A) # of Adults Attending: _____ @ \$10.00 suggested donation.
Make check to AAUW H/ CV.

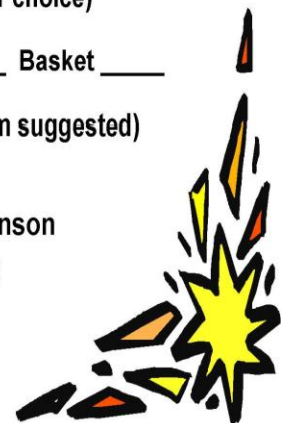
B) Hors d'oeuvres : Sweet ____ or Savory ____ (your choice)

C) Silent auction: New Item ____ Homemade Item ____ Basket ____

D) Individual contribution. \$ _____ (\$5 minimum suggested)
Make check to AAUW Funds.

Send Checks & Coupon to: Peggy Robinson
24527 Marie Dr. Hayward, CA 94542

See You There!



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



This past month I was able to spend a Saturday with a group of League of Women Voters to hear about the best way to go about raising funds for non-profits. The words that stood out the most from the lecture were the demographics of the different generations. As we all know the Baby Boomers born from 1946 – 1964 are a very large group. They are followed by the Gen X group from 1964 – 1981. There were far fewer babies born in that generation and the consequences for non-profit organizations is that there will not be enough money to keep all of them in business.

AAUW is near and dear to me and the thought that it could disappear is beyond my belief. For that reason, I am working with our National AAUW as Northern California's Legacy Circle chair. In that capacity, I am encouraging members to include AAUW in their trusts. In addition, I encourage those of us who are 70 ½ to consider gifting to AAUW some or all of your Required Minimum Distribution. By doing this, you will save yourself having to pay taxes on this distribution. Making a rollover gift from your retirement account is easy. A simple letter is all you need to instruct your IRA administrator to transfer your gift.

These past three years we have been funding our Tech Trek girls mainly from donations from the Bonnie Smith Trust. When she died of cancer, she left her home and main assets to National AAUW, but the money in her bank account has been used to fund Tech Trek and Scholarships. That money will run out this year and if we want to continue sending so many deserving 7th grade girls to science camp we will have to make up that difference. Tech Trek through SPF is a 501c3 entity and as such can receive funds that are tax deductible. If you decide to write a check from these funds, you need to make the check out to SPF and in the memo line put Tech Trek. Send these checks to Judy Harrison at 25319 Morse Court, Hayward, CA 94542.

This spring, in order to raise more funds for Tech Trek, we are planning a family Music/Magic Show. One of our members, Daphne Butler sings with this group and helps in the magic show. There are four professional magicians who will perform at the San Lorenzo Homeowners Building on Sunday March 23rd at 2pm. This will be in the afternoon and open to the public. We need whole families to attend as it will be geared for youngsters as well as us. We will be needing members who have a bit of time to do publicity, securing raffle prizes, selling raffle tickets, helping set up and take down and perhaps baking some goodies for the audience to enjoy. This is still in the planning stages, so all suggestions will be welcomed.

I hope that all of you are planning on coming to the Holiday Party on the 8th where we can begin celebrating the holiday season with friends and new acquaintances.

Liz

Questioning Our Culture...

In today's culture, you can hear sexual assault jokes on major network TV shows like Two and a Half Men and Family Guy. Contemporary music, music videos, movies, video games and television shows often degrade women and girls. One in four college- aged women are victims of sexual assault or attempted sexual assault, and the majority of these attacks on college campuses happen to women during their first four semesters on campus.

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) of Contra Costa County invites the public to watch a one hour film, *Sexual Assault, Naming the Unnamed Conspirator* on Sunday, January 26, 2014 at 1:30pm at the Lafayette Library and Learning Center, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd. in Lafayette.

In this film, Anne Munch, JD, examines how societal attitudes influence cases of sexual assault. There will also be a panel of experts dealing with sexual assault for a discussion after the film. This free program is open to the public and is guaranteed to give you new insight concerning this very serious topic, as well as actions you can take to start to change cultural attitudes. If you have questions, contact Diane at dbellrettger@gmail.com.

Member News...

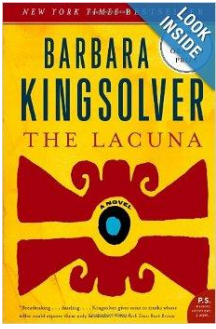
Two of our most active members find themselves confined to home as they work at recovering from problems.

Olive Riley-Steward had hip replacement surgery recently. She is now at home as she heals and undergoes physical therapy to regain her mobility. She would very much like to hear from friends, but call her before you venture over to her house for a visit.

Ruth Kuffin had a very bad fall and suffered a concussion when she hit her head on concrete. She is at home under doctor's orders to take it easy, not drive, and allow herself time to heal. Luckily she is able to read and is catching up on books she has been wanting to enjoy. She also is spending time at her computer and would enjoy hearing from friends.

We all wish both ladies a smooth, complete recovery and a quick return to their busy lives. They have been missed at recent branch activities.

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.



Happy Reading...

The January meeting of the Book Group will be on Monday afternoon, January 20, from 2-4 at the home of Dee Donaldson, 19286 Parkview Road, Castro Valley. This is our second group read of the year: Barbara Kingsolver's 2009 prize-winning, bestselling novel, *The Lacuna*. Carol Jarvis will facilitate the discussion.

All branch members are welcome to join a special afternoon of good books and special friends. Refreshments will be served. If you have questions or need directions, call Dee at 538-3415.

Let's Play BUNCO!!!

B U N C O is on January 24th at the home of Mary Graw at 4859 Beacon Hill Dr. just off Crow Canyon Rd. in Castro Valley. Please call: Dee Donaldson at 538-3415 to list your name and we'll decide whether you'll bring appetizer or dessert.

Remember to bring your five \$1.00 bills for prizes when you come at 6:30. We'll have fun!!!

DRAMA READING for December & January

We will meet on Wednesday the 4th of December at 7pm to read the "Waiting Room". It is a story about people in the waiting room of the doctors' office and/or the hospital and all the intrigue that goes along with being in that situation. We will meet at Liz Bathgate's home to enjoy refreshments and talk of the season and read this funny play. All are welcome!!

January 8th will find us reading "Exits and Entrances" which is a two person play. We will be sure and pass the parts around so everyone gets a chance to read.

Visit the Baltic States in January

Judy Harrison will present an Armchair Traveler slide show on her recent visit to Ukraine, Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia and Russia on January 30, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at Baywood Court, 21966 Dolores, Castro Valley. Highlights are the beautiful old towns in Kiev, Vilnius, Riga, Tallinn and all of St. Petersburg. Come enjoy a relaxing, hassle-free trip in the comfort of Baywood's lovely lounge—no passports needed! No security checks required!



AAUW FUNDS TRI-BRANCH Fellowship Luncheon

Saturday, February 1, 2014
11:30 A.M. -2:30 P.M.
Sunol Valley Golf Club
6900 Mission Road
Sunol, CA 94586
\$32

The Fremont, Hayward-Castro Valley, & Livermore-Pleasanton-Dublin Branches sponsor this annual event, and it's always a highlight of the year.



Mamie Chow—Speaker
Recipient of the Career Development Fellowship Grant
From our National AAUW
Academy of Chinese Culture and Health Science-Traditional Chinese Medicine

RSVP by mailing a check for \$32 payable to AAUW Hayward-Castro Valley Branch and the form below to: Peggy Robinson 24527 Marie Drive, Hayward, CA 94542 by or before Saturday, January 18, 2014.

Each Branch will be raffling off one or more baskets. Bring cash or your checkbook. All proceeds go to AAUW FUNDS and will be divided equally among the three branches.

Name _____
Branch _____
Address _____
Additional Person (s) _____
E-mail address _____
Please indicate entrée choice: __Baked Salmon __ Chicken Picatta __ Tortellini Primavera