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December 2009

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A benefit for the AAUW Fund (EF)



Holiday Party & SILENT AUCTION

DECEMBER 6 •• 2:00 - 5:00
San Lorenzo Village Community Hall
377 Paseo Grande, SLz



\$7 Pre-registered (\$8 at door) -- Free, Kids under 16 Champagne, Wine, Martinelli's, and punch will be served

Please bring an hor-d'oeuvres to share

and

an item(s) for the Auction

Don't forget (FESCO) & (ESP) -- would be grateful for any gift cards and donations

**gift baskets,
homemade baked goods and other foodstuffs,
handmade art and craft items,
merchant donated gift certificates for goods and services,
unused re-gifting items of some value

For Party questions, contact Dee Donaldson at 538-3415 or cydondee@yahoo.com;

for the Auction, contact JoEllen Rice at 581-0674 or jo3rice@aol.com;

for Carpooling, contact Liz Bathgate at 581-0461 or lbbathgate@att.net

Please send your check and the Registration Form to Dee Butner, 4789 Rollingshills Way, CV 94546

The Registration Form is on the last page of this newsletter



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California Conservatory Theatre Production of

eleemosynary

to benefit Tech Trek

Thursday, December 10, 8:00 p.m.



In case you forgot, all of the money that we make from the benefit performance of a play goes to Tech Trek, with the aim of encouraging girls who have that camp experience to consider pursuing a career in science or math. Tech Trek is very close to my heart, and I wish it were close to the hearts of all our members. If it were, we would already have sold more then 23 tickets to Eleemosynary. That's the grand total of all the tickets we have sold so far. In order to have a grant from California Conservatory Theatre in the future, we need to sell at least 50 tickets.

If you have ever been to a performance at that little theatre, you know it is easy to see and hear from every seat in the house because there are only 67 seats. The tickets are just \$20 each, a real bargain! Compare that with the cost of tickets for any play being performed in San Francisco. Since I've attended countless plays at California Conservatory Theatre over the years, I know that many of the actors and actresses in CCT productions have had professional experience, and even the amateur cast members have been admirable.

Our benefit performance—on Thursday, December 10—is for, *Eleemosynary*, a play about three generations of women. The play's title comes from the spelling bee in which the granddaughter becomes the National Spelling Bee champion. Her mother is a research scientist who fears love and life. Her grandmother overflows with love and fears nothing. If you are a granddaughter, a daughter, a mother, or a grandmother, then this play is for you! Incidentally, *Eleemosynary* won the Los Angeles Drama Critics Circle Award in 1997.

Ruth Kuftin will be happy to send you tickets as soon as she receives your check. Please make it out to **AAUW H/CV**; send it with a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Ruth at **17219 Via del Rey, San Lorenzo, CA 94580-2734**

Article by Ruth Kuftin

NORTHERN FELLOWS LUNCHEON RECAP By Liz Bathgate

It was held on October 25th at Crow Canyon Country Club. There were 138 women in attendance and 9 Fellows representing women finishing PhD's, Masters Degree's, Community Action Grants and a Career Development Grant Recipient. This shows you the total impact of the money we send to National as AAUW Funds. All of them were doing work that is relevant to our times and all spoke very well.

My excitement was that my American Fellowship was represented by a woman who received her money from my own Fellowship. I was able to sit with her and her husband at lunch and had a brief chat with her. She is the Fellow that our tri-branch group chose to speak at our luncheon on February 6th at Sunol Golf Club. This will be the second time I have been able to introduce the fellow funded by my own gift.

February 6th Luncheon Speaker: The speaker for our Tri Branch Fellowship Luncheon will be Teizeen Mahabedali. She has a Selected Professions Fellowship at Stanford University where she is working on a Masters in Civil Engineering. She spent the first 16 years of her life in Africa. Her fascination with nature inspired her to study environmental science as an undergraduate. She is now a graduate student within the civil and environmental engineering department. She is merging her background in freshwater ecology with hydrology and water resources engineering, to explore ways to balance human and water needs in the future.

New Members We Welcome

Add to your Directories:

Denise Snipes 537-8230 <u>denisesnipes@comcast.net</u> Yvette McIntyre 777-0696 <u>simple-is-more@sbcglobal.net</u> Cassandra Jessie-Johnson 228-8130 <u>cassandrajohnson@sbcglobal.net</u> Lori Burfield 481-2277 <u>pinkerbell@att.net</u>

Yvette McIntyre: I joined the AAUW organization during the Holiday Boutique. I was so impressed by organization on how they are advocates for women, how could I not join.

I am currently a senior at Chabot College and on my way to Cal East Bay to complete my education in Business Administration. I am the first in my family to attend college. At first I decided to attend Chabot to set an example for my daughters. In the process, I realized that I was doing it for me. My oldest daughter (23 years old) is now attending community college in Los Angeles with a major in journalism. My youngest daughter (18 years old) will be completing her Dental Assistant program at ROP within the next few months. I also have a very supportive husband, John. In my profession as an executive assistance, I am in constant communication with CEO, CFO's and other executives. Therefore, my education has proven priceless for me to be able to communicate my ideas effectively. I am an avid gardener, a kayaker, and a tree hugger, hence my love for art and nature.

Cassandra Jessie Johnson: I am currently a senior business manager in global operations with AT&T. I manage a small team of front door managers responsible for assessing all business projects to ensure resource capacity, assignment and funding. I spent 3 years at MIlls College and have since taken courses at Alameda and Laney Colleges. Most recently I was selected to participate in a leadership development program to prepare me for potential promotional opportunities, and to gain some transferable credits. I have a wonderful husband and daughter, and a small puppy. We live in Hayward and have large extended families. I enjoy reading, decorating, and charity work. I am over the young adult's ministry and hospitality department in my church.

Lori Burfield: I am a 1993 graduate from Cal State Hayward with a B.A. in Liberal Studies and a minor in Sociology. I started my college education at Chabot College and then transferred as a junior. I joined a sorority while at Cal State to meet people and have a college social life. It is through this connection that I obtained my current job. A sorority sister of mine had an opening for an admin assistant at her mother's non-profit organization which teaches children a foreign language. Nine years later I am still there but only go in 1 day per week after having our twin boys, but now I am in the finance department.

I also have my own Longaberger business which I love as it is very flexible and allows me to keep my home organized with baskets that I earn for free! I'm also active in the Twin Valley Mothers of Twins Club. My duty as being on the board as assistant treasurer is coming to an end and I look forward to being just a social member.

I like to cook, read, garden and shop. I have been married to Brand for 12 years and we have 4 1/2 twin boys, Logan and Bronson that keep me quite busy. I look forward to meeting all of you.

Linda Slater Honored at Hearts of Hayward Dinner

By Nancy Turner

Since 1977 The City of Hayward Volunteer Recognition and Awards Dinner has honored outstanding volunteers who contribute their time and energy to benefit local human services, non-profits and other programs in Hayward. This year's theme recognized the volunteers as the Hearts of Hayward. Honorees are nominated by the various volunteer boards of organizations active in Hayward. On October 22, several Hayward/Castro Valley Branch members were recognized for their volunteer contributions to multiple organizations. Linda Slater was our Branch's 2009 nominee for this prestigious recognition. After joining the branch in 2000, Linda brought her life-long passion for volunteer work and her special strengths of team building, communication, follow-through, and attention to detail. She first served as Newsletter Editor, then Finance VP, President-Elect, and two terms as President. She is a member of the AAUW CA Branch Liaison Committee, and served as Chair of the Inter Branch Council. Linda is a CSU Hayward grad who works full-time as an

Information System Analyst for Alameda County Social Services Agency. She also manages an Alameda County Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) site in Hayward for low-income families, and works part-time for H&R Block.

AAUW was well represented with members at tables besides the one for our branch. Members were present also with the Emergency Shelter Program, California Retired Teachers Association, Scholarships Inc., FESCO, Hayward Arts Council, and Friends of the Library. Additionally, branch members Ursula Batz, Marilyn Baker-Madsen, Evelyn Cormier, Doris Rodriguez, Nancy Schluntz and Marlene Teel-Heim are members of the event Steering Committee that meets year-round. Other Branch members who were honored at the dinner; please congratulate them when you next see them: Doris Rodriguez awarded with the City of Hayward's 2009 Lifetime Award; Rita Hammer honoree nominated by the California Retired Teachers Association; Judy Harrison honoree nominated by the Friends of the Hayward Public Library.

We're on the Web



www.aauw.org

www.aauw-ca.org state

www.aauw-hcv.org branch

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AAUW-CA: Bylaws Amendment Changes How We Elect Officers

By Harriet Tower, AAUW CA Communications Director

At their October meeting, the AAUW CA Board of Directors voted to accept amended bylaws proposed by Jo Harberson, Bylaws Director, and her committee. One of the important changes in these bylaws is the election of state officers by the members of AAUW CA.

Under the previous bylaws, the sixteen directors were elected by the members (eight each year), and the officers were elected by those directors among themselves. The amended bylaws call for the four officers (President, Vice President, Secretary, and Chief Financial Officer) to be elected directly by the members. The amended bylaws can be found on the website in the Forms & Documents section, Under Governance. Or by clicking HERE.

At our state convention and annual meeting, April 30-May 2, 2010 in San Ramon, members present will elect the President, Vice-President, Secretary and CFO as well as General Directors. The President and Secretary will be elected to a two-year term. The Vice-President and CFO will be elected to a one-year term **this election only** in order to establish a rotation in which only two of the officers will be elected each year and all officers will be elected to two- year terms.

The deadline for submitting nominations for officer or director is December 1, 2009. The *Call for Candidates* and the *Vita* forms are available on the website in the **Forms & Documents** section, under **State Leadership**. Or by clicking <u>HERE</u>. Please identify the leaders in your branch and encourage them to run.

A letter with further details has been mailed to every branch president in California. A postcard stating the change will be mailed to every member in California in early November.

AAUW FUNDS By Dee Donaldson

The Educational Foundation, the Legal advocacy Fund and the Eleanore Roosevelt Fund are now housed under the name of "AAUW Funds". The upcoming Holiday Party has as it's roll to raise money for Fellowships given to women. Gifts to our various scholarships are all tax deductible under the 501 (c) 3 federal tax code. The AAUW was founded in 1881 and is part of an international organization for advancing the role of women and girls through advocacy education and research.

In the U.S. there are 1300 branches plus 550 college/university institution partners...

The Hayward/Castro Valley branch was founded in 1941 and now has 125 members. All our activities and programs have this Mission: to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education and research.

Membership is open to any woman or man with an Associate or Baccalaureate Degree; a Student Affiliate membership is open to students who are pursuing these degrees.

One of our many programs is Tech Trek which is formed to send 7th grade girls to a Math/Science camp at Sonoma State during the summer before 8th grade. The girls are recommended by their math and science teachers. They stay there 6 days and nights and are instructed by female teachers and women working in those fields. They love it! They learn a lot by doing all sorts of math and science experiments. A number of girls have gone on to university to study these subjects and who find employment in these fields.

Our Women in History program brings branch members into the schools to play roles of famous women who have changed the way women are perceived because of their rolls of leaders in various fields. They dress as the women would have dressed in their day and speak about the various wonderful things that woman had done in past days to children in our local schools.

These are things that inspire our girls to have meaningful futures and they inspire our members to promote them.

TRI-BRANCH EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES LUNCHEON** SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2009

11:30 AM TO 2:30 PM

SUNOL VALLEY GOLF CLUB 6900 Mission Road, Sunol

\$30.00 PER PERSON (non-tax deductible)

Chicken Piccata, Garlic Grilled Salmon, or Tortellini Primavera (vegetarian)

Featured Speaker SELECTED PROFESSIONS FELLOW



TEIZEEN MOHAMEDALI STANFORD UNIVERSITY – CIVIL ENGINEERING "Ecosystem Water Needs"

Send check & reservation to Anne Les, 1718 Almond Ave, Livermore 94550-5036

For information contact Dee Donaldson, 510-538-3415 or cydondee@yahoo.com

**We would like to try out a new approach instead of another silent auction: There will be an opportunity for "matched giving" at the luncheon. Anonymous members, from each branch, will be matching individual donations made at the luncheon. Donation envelopes will be available for your use. Only cash and checks accepted.

TRI-BRANCH EF LUNCHEON RESERVATION FORM					
WHEN: Saturday, February 6, 2008, 11:30 – 2:30 WHERE: Sunol Valley Golf Club – Pavilion Room COST: \$30.00 per person Make checks payable to <u>AAUW H/CV</u> (non-tax deductible) Send to <u>Anne Les, 1718 Almond Ave, Livermore 94550-5036</u>					
ENTRÉE CHOICE (Check d	esired entrée(s)):				
☐ Chicken Piccata	☐ Garlic Grilled Salmon	☐ Tortellini Primavera			
NAME:		BRANCH			
GUEST(S):					
TOTAL AMOUNT: \$					

Holiday Boutique Recap

Bv Linda Slater

On Sunday, November 8th, our AAUW Branch hosted its 1st Annual Holiday Boutique in San Lorenzo. This was not just another craft fair. Oh no, it was a fundraiser for our Local Scholarship program, that provides one scholarship a year to a deserving graduate of Chabot College who needs financial assistance to transfer to a 4-year university to complete her

The Holiday Boutique was my brainchild, so I became chairperson of the event. In August my fabulous commitee stepped up to help. My heartfelt thanks to Debby Westcott, Nancy Turner, Helene Carr, Sandy Boswell, and later Robin Peterson, who operated the goodies booth that brought in \$365! Wow! Together we brought the idea to fruition, with planning, preparation and plenty of help from members the day of the boutique. Thanks to Ursula Batz, Dee Butner, Dee Donaldson, Ruth Kuftin, Estelle Rademan, John Hendry (Nancy's husband), Larry Boswell (Sandy's husband), Bonnie Smith, Ruth Leth, Mary Graw and Liz Bathgate for all of their assistance. Without all of you this would not have worked! A total of 18 vendors, selling jewelry, purses, scarves, shawls, beauty products, baskets, ceramics, stained glass, pressed flower pictures, honey, girls hair ornaments, baby products and I'm so excited! These events do require a lot of teamwork cookware set up their tables in the San Lorenzo Community Halll prepared to sell their wares. They came mostly from the East Bay, but one from as far as Antioch.

internet searches, flea markets/street fairs and advertise-

We think we ended up with a good mix of sellers (though some comments said there was too much jewelry, something to think about for next year).

To participate each vendor paid a \$20 table fee. This just about covered all our costs for venue, advertisement, and decorations. On top of that each vendor generously gave 10% of their sales for the day, and a gift for the donation drawing which alone raised \$163. All in all our profit was \$793. Not bad for our first year.

In retrospect it was definitely worth it, for a couple of reasons: (1) it gave our Branch local exposure. I find that most people don't know who or what AAUW is or does. This event helped; (2) the community supports our Local Scholarship program. 172 attendees (including vendors and members) bought gifts, participated in drawings, and ate goodies. More than just our the members to support our programs; and (3) we gained new members for our branch. Liz Bathgate enlisted four (4) new members out of this one event.

and planning, but the results justify the means. I hope you got a chance to stop by. I look forward to getting you all involved next year.

Vendors at Our Holiday Boutique

By Ursula Batz

When I saw the beautiful items displayed at the Holiday Boutique, I knew I had to write about some of the vendors and the beautiful items they had for sale. Although I did not get information about all of them, I want to give our branch members a taste of what was

Debby, Nancy and I found them through word of mouth,

Gene Krueger is a potter who has been making pottery for only a few years. Although he is a senior, he was not aware of this side of himself until he started going to classes at the San Leandro Senior Center to learn about pottery making. He now has his own kiln and potter's wheel, but continues to learn new techniques at the Senior Center. The technique he is now working to perfect is called glazing with crystals. He displayed many pots and bowls that he had made, including some with the crystal glazing technique.

Yvette McIntyre, of Simplicity, is a returning student at Chabot College, while her daughter attends Los Angeles City College. Yvette makes framed pictures of pressed flowers and leaves. She also makes sets of coasters using pressed flowers in glass. Yvette is one of the women who joined out branch at the Holiday Boutique. We look forward to seeing her at our meetings. Florence Cisneros, of Craft Creations, knits and crochets

baby jackets, booties and blankets and clothes for Barbie dolls. She also makes scarves, and fleece pillows and blankets for children, and tiny booties for favors at baby showers.

Radonna Scott, one of our new members from the Membership Picnic, showed her Just Jazzy fashion accessories. She had many items that one can add to any outfits to make them sparkle. I especially liked her soft colorful scarves.

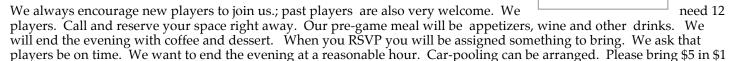
Claire Cade brought cottage industry shawls, scarves, wraps and bags made by women in India, the Himalayas and Bali. She travels regularly to Asia and these women look forward to show her what they have made since she was last there. They use the old looms for making traditional patterns, sometimes using modern threads, and sometimes using silk. The blanket wraps and shawls of acrylic fiber with traditional patterns were warm and soft, and yet are machine washable. I was especially interested in this vendor's items, because she is helping to support women who are improving their own lives with these cottage industries. Alameda County Bee Keepers had a display and sample tastes of their honey. They had a glass display showing the bees in a hive making the wax comb and showing some of the honey. I learned that they are regular vendors at the Hayward Farmer's Market, and have been written up in the Tri City Newspaper. We had many more vendors who had everything from health products, to jewelry, to purses and bags, and Tupper ware. I know you all will want to attend our Holiday Boutique next year to do some of your shopping from these interesting vendors.

January Bunco Game FUN-FOOD-MONEY PRIZES

When: Friday, January 22. 2010, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m

Where: Mary Graw's House: 4859 Beacon Hill Dr, Castro Valley

RSVP: Dee Donaldson by January 15 @ 538-3415



Easy directions: Go North on Center St. from Castro Valley Blvd. to Heyer St. and turn right. Go down hill on Heyer St. to Cull Canyon Rd. and turn right. Proceed to Crow Canyon Rd. and turn right. Drive to Beacon Hill Drive and turn left. Beacon Hill is on the left side of road.

See you there!



The San Francisco AAUW branch will offer scholarships of \$2,000 each to help upper division and graduate school women complete their final year of study in an accredited college or university for the school year 2010-2011. Candidates must live or be attending a university or college within a 100-mile distance of San Francisco and be on track to complete their course of study by June 2011. There is no restriction on the use of the funds. Completed applications are due by March 1, 2010. If you are interested, or have friends or relatives who may benefit from the scholarship, please check the Silver Jubilee Fund information on the AAUW San Francisco website at www.aauwsf.org.

increments. This is a great game for meeting new people.

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.

ADOPT-A-CAMPER!

Help sponsor a girl to next year's AAUW Tech Trek Math and Science Camp at Sonoma State by paying for all or part of her experience at Camp:

\$750 will pay for her entire week
350 will pay for half of her stay
100 will pay for one day of her stay
50 will pay for ½ day at camp

\$25 will pay for a trip to Chabot Science and Space Center
20 will pay for her supplies for science and math classes
15 will pay for her meals for one day
10 will pay for her snacks for one week

We know that you want to make sure our girls have an opportunity to attend camp by adopting one with a donation of any amount. We plan to send four girls to Tech Trek camp in June 2010 for six days of a wonderfully unique educational experience.

Please send your donation to Peggy Robinson, 24527 Marie Court, Hayward, CA 94542. Checks should be made out to **AAUW CA-SPF**. Be sure to write **Tech Trek** on the check's memo line. All donations are tax deductible.

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