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DATES TO REMEMBER

February 3 – Educational Foundation Luncheon , 11:30am
February 5 – Drama Reading: “Sorrows and Rejoicings”, by Athol Fugard, 1:30pm
February 6 – Drama Reading: “Sorrows and Rejoicings”, by Athol Fugard, 7:00pm
February 17 – “Mousetrap” 2:00pm
February 18 – Book Review Group 2:00pm “China Road” by Rob Gifford
February 19 – Dining Fundraiser: Tony Roma’s 11:00am-!0:00pm
March 19 – Dining fundraiser: Pasta Pomodoro time TBA

“MOUSETRAP”

Mark your calendar for Sunday afternoon, February 17th, at 2 p.m. The branch has made arrangements to see the all-time favorite Agatha Christie murder mystery The Mousetrap at Chanticleer Theatre, 3683 Quail Avenue, in Castro Valley. Tickets are \$20 for general admission and the proceeds from the performance will go to Tech Trek.

This is a play the whole family will enjoy. Encourage friends and neighbors to join us as well. To make reservations call Peggy Robinson at 728.0450, or Barbara Jones at 538.0516 or bb_jones@pacbell.net.

Make your plans now for a special Sunday afternoon of fine theatre.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

From Linda Slater

It's **February**, and time to get out to **VOTE**. Our AAUW partner, The League of Women Voters, sponsors a comprehensive website: <http://www.vote411.org>, election information you need, where you can find out all about the State ballot measures; Candidates; voting guides; and voter assistance from how the machines work to absentee ballots. I know I'm preaching to the choir here, but be sure to encourage everyone

in your acquaintance to get out to vote this month!

February is also the time for love, and I know you all love **TECH TREK!** The committee, led by **Judy Harrison**, and includes **Joellen Rice and Ruth Kuffin**, is getting ready to choose the five (5) fortunate girls for this year's camp at **Mills College in June 2008**. Our "dine out" fundraisers and Spanish Ranch flea market have really helped to bring in needed dollars to support the \$750 per girl cost of this great program. Coming up in the next few months will be the **Souper Supper** and **Ice Cream Social**. (Dates, time and place to be announced.) If you are so inclined, individual donations can be made out to Tech Trek SPF and sent to Audrey Wede, Finance VP. Her contact information is in the 2007-08 Directory.

Another take on love features **Mandy Benson, President of the California National Organization for Women (NOW)** who was a guest speaker at AAUW's Interbranch Council (IBC) in January. Mandy presented information on NOW's "I Heart Consensual Sex" campaign. Most people don't want to talk about rape, so this slogan is intended to open up a dialog about just exactly what is "consent". NOW targets college and university students to encourage them to honor and respect themselves and the opposite sex. AAUW President, Gloria Taylor, invited Mandy to the IBC as part of her campaign to bring like minded organizations together to collaborate on issues. Even though NOW and AAUW do not share all of the same agenda issues, NOW was a co-sponsor, with AAUW, on the Women's March for Pay Equity last September. When it comes to pay equity, our organizations find common ground.

On a personal note, **I want to thank everyone for their support** following the passing of my husband, Lynn, on January 1, 2008. Not only has everyone rallied around, they have picked up in my stead and carried on. I really love the strong, supportive and helpful women in this Branch. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

I hope to be able to see you personally in the next few months at some of the upcoming events. **Happy Valentines Day!**

Linda Slater
President

NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AT OUR NATIONAL AAUW

AAUW is pleased to welcome **Linda D. Hallman** as its new executive director. She joins AAUW with a long history of executive-level association and foundation experience in the Washington, D. C. area. Many changes are on the horizon and her background and her master's degree in organizational management is a welcome addition to the leadership team in Washington.

MEMBER NEWS

The new year has begun sadly for several branch members.

President **Linda Slater's** husband, **Lynn**, passed away on January 1st. He is survived by Linda, their two adult children, one grandchild, and his parents.

Vera Dickie's husband Clarence passed away early in the new year. A memorial service was held at Baywood Court where they have lived for many years.

Our sympathy goes out to these special friends and their families at this difficult time.

Friends have shared the news that **Adelaide Jenike** is seriously ill. Pat Sutter's husband, Robert, is also seriously ill. Cards and notes would be appreciated. Our thoughts and concerns go out to these families.

Good news is that **Bob Bathgate**, husband of our recording secretary **Liz**, is being honored by the HARD board of directors as distinguished volunteer of the year. So many of us have benefited from Bob's work in our homes and his donation of his fees to scholarships and Tech Trek, we are pleased to see him receive such an honor. **Bob recently donated \$1400 to Tech Trek**, money he earned from his many projects for friends. **Our warmest congratulations to Bob!**

VALENTINE TREATS

We still have several **See's gift certificates** available for purchase. The price is \$14.50 and the branch makes \$3.75 from each sale, the proceeds going to Tech Trek and scholarships. The certificates make good Valentine's Day gifts for your favorite person(s) - the recipient can select a pound of favorite See's candy at any See's store and the certificates do not have any expiration date.

Call Peggy Robinson at 728.0450 to order your certificates.

DINING FUNDRAISER

Benefitting

The American Association
of University Women

Where

Tony Roma's
Ribs, Seafood, Steaks
32135 Union Landing Blvd
Union City

When

Feb 19, 2008
11:00am -
10:00pm

If you have questions, contact Barbara Jones at 538.0516 or bb_jones@pacbell.net.

The March fundraiser is at **Pasta Pomodoro** in San Ramon on March 19. Watch for further details in the next *Shareline*.

DRAMA READING

The play this month is: "**Sorrows and Rejoicings**", a play by **Athol Fugard**. It is a story set in South Africa after a funeral where two women meet who both loved the deceased. The author was born in South Africa to an Irish father and an Afrkaner woman. There are four in the cast..

AFTERNOON

The afternoon group will be on Tuesday Feb. 5th, at the Green Shutter Art Gallery at 1:30pm. For information, as to the location, contact Peggy Robinson.

EVENING

The evening group will meet at Liz Bathgate's home at 7:00pm on Wednesday the 6th. All are welcome to join either group.

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We're on the Web!

See us at:

www.aauw.org

(national site)

<http://aauw-hcv.org>

(local site)



WOMEN IN HISTORY GROUP

This year the Women in History will be performing on Wednesday mornings at the following elementary schools in Castro Valley: Chabot, Palomares, Vannoy, CVE, Independent, Stanton, and Jensen. For the first time, a performance will be at a middle school: Creekside Middle School 6th grade. Each school will have 3 women, from different time periods and activities performing a monologue in costume.

Book Review Group

The February meeting of the Book Review Group will be on Monday afternoon, February 18, from 2-4, at the home of Irene Zook at 18858 California St., Castro Valley. Dani Stonelake will be reviewing NPR correspondent Rob Gifford's China Road and will share her recent travels in China with us. Refreshments will be served.

The Book Review Group is open to all members of the branch who enjoy good books and good discussions with special friends. Come join us! If you have questions or need directions to Irene's home, call her at 538.2511

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