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A Message from the President

Welcome to program year 2017-18. Several Branch members met July 15th, at the Little Brown Church in San Leandro, for our annual planning meeting. Though a small group, we had a good discussion about AAUW National priorities to address student loan debt for women; strengthen and protect Title IX; and promote AAUW Mission-based programming. We are offering the following ideas for programs this year:

1. Meet our local officials through a series of breakfast/lunch/dinner meetings around the Eden Area,
2. Meet our legislators and/or AAUW national leaders to learn more about National policies and priorities,
4. Participate in Equal Pay Day on April 10th with the other Alameda County branches,
5. Promote local authors and adventurers by hosting opportunities to hear about their books, and
6. Work with other local non-profits and our college partners at Chabot and Cal State Eastbay to highlight ongoing issues and solutions for women and girls.

I'm excited about these ideas, especially because our branch has a lot of opportunities by reaching out to our college and community partners. Chabot College and Cal State Eastbay, both AAUW college partners, are willing to work with us to bring better awareness to their students.

The Branch will also be out in the community more this year to expand on the exposure and accolades received from our 75th anniversary events. We're at the Hayward Downtown Street parties; with the Friends of the Hayward Library on their New Leaf program, and, of course, supporting LWVEA on National Voter Registration Day. Community awareness is a key to meeting the AAUW mission.

It's also my hope that YOU! will wish to join our Board. The Board meets monthly to ensure that AAUW's mission, fundraising and programming, like Tech Trek, local scholarship, community programs, etc. are successfully enacted. It's important that your Board has new perspectives and the ability to expand our support of the AAUW mission, particularly in the areas of college partnership.

As you can see there will be a lot going on this program year. Your Board cannot do it all without YOU! We want your energy, your talents, and your commitment. Send an email to slaterl@sbcglobal.net if you can help. I look forward to working with you to reach our goals, have fun, and expand awareness of AAUW's powerful mission.

Linda Slater, Administrative Officer
AAUW Hayward-Castro Valley Branch



CRITICAL UPCOMING “EVERY MEMBER” VOTE

AAUW CA has a critical governance issue that must be addressed through an “every member” vote. It is important that every member of AAUW CA cast a vote in favor of changing the non-profit status from Mutual Benefit to Public Benefit.

On September 10, 2017, the polls will open for AAUW CA members to vote on a change to AAUW CA’s status. The vote will be taken online through Survey Monkey and all members with e-mail will receive an electronic notice of the vote and voting directions. Those member for whom we do not have an e-mail address will receive a postcard, prior to the opening of the polls, with instructions on how to vote by phone or online. Members will have until October 1, 2017 to cast their votes electronically or by phone.

This change in status is essential to keep us in line with AAUW National. BE SURE TO VOTE!!

A MESSAGE FROM OUR NEW CEO for AAUW NATIONAL

There are four urgent areas that Kim Churches CEO believes require our immediate attention and action:

CLOSING THE PAY GAP: Women’s overall wages remain stalled behind men’s year after year - but the lost wages don’t just affect working women. The gender pay gap is also linked to the number of families living in poverty. The Start Smart Program is one way of combatting this problem by empowering graduating senior women at the college level to ask for a fair wage.

CONDUCTION of CRITICAL RESEARCH: A lot of research has focused on the rising costs of higher education and the increase in student debt. But AAUW’s groundbreaking report DEEPER IN DEBT: WOMEN AND STUDENT LOANS was the first to investigate gender as a factor in student debt. We uncovered some unsettling truths: student loans are burdening women disproportionately. Two-thirds of all U.S. student debt is help by women.

PROMOTING CAMPUS LEADERSHIP: Currently, just 5 percent of Fortune 500 CEOs are women-and that’s a record high number. A vital aspect of cultivating women’s leadership in the workplace is developing their confidence and skills as college students. NCCWSL is a start toward that achievement.

ENGAGING GIRLS IN STEM: The low number of women and girls pursuing science, technology, engineering, and math fields is not a status quo we can live with. Here in CA we really work on this problem with our Tech Trek Camps. Over 900 girls attended 10 camps this past summer with our branch sending 7 to Sonoma State.



Our annual outdoor, potluck Membership Gathering is at a new location. There's plenty of parking and easy access to picnic area. Bring a dish to share. Meet the Tech Trek girls, back from camp, and socialize with fellow branch members. See you there!

Membership Gathering

Sunday Sept. 10th

from 12 – 2 PM

San Felipe Park

2058 D St. Hayward, CA

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AAUW Hayward-Castro Valley Branch,

This is **Angelina Parra** your **2017 NCCWSL scholarship recipient**. Thank you, first off! It has been just two weeks since the conference now and I would like for all of you to know that the experience was incredible. Not only did I gain some valuable skills and knowledge through the workshops and talks but I was very impressed with the Women of Distinction and amazed with all the women that I had the pleasure of meeting in my time in College Park, MD. The trip there was no trouble I enjoyed travelling on my own across the country! Upon arriving, the first day was very 'axed and positive I had already

met several girls on the metro on the way to the campus who became my niche for the next few days. Thursday June 1 and Friday June 2, 2017 were the days heavy with NCCWSL activities I chose the Add-on **Start Smart** which taught me some tips on being confident in asking what you're worth when entering the career force and I left feeling very knowledgeable on the

subject. Over the three days I attended a total of three workshops, one add-on, the women of distinction ceremony, and two speakers that were very interesting: Jessamyn Stanley and Melissa Harris-Perry. On Saturday, there was a morning yoga session which... was necessary after three 18 hour-long days, along with a short



closing ceremony. I absolutely loved the conference it was very empowering as promised and just a good time and I am so grateful for the opportunity! Now, on the fun side I got to D.C. twice and it was quite an experience the first night I went to the various monuments and National Mall and the weather treated me well believe it or not, there was not a day over 80! On my second trip to D.C. I rode a rented bike through the district and that truly was the highlight of my trip. Overall, the experience I gained on my journey was nothing short of life-changing I very much plan on continuing with AAUW and all it offers, while offering as much of me as possible.

PROGRAMS FOR THE FUTURE, from Liz Bathgate

We are looking at a number of different possibilities. At a recent Chamber gathering I met a lady from Joinonelove.org. They have programs about relationship violence that we could get for Chabot College and perhaps Cal State. We plan to work with both colleges on programs relevant to their student populations. I also met a young man who conducts workshops on disaster resilience. Being able to prepare for the unexpected and participate in personal preparedness training is something I am looking into right now.

Kathleen Cha, a member of the Oakland/Piedmont branch and a past President of AAUW CA, has a program called HERstory Salon: a Kaleidoscope of the Marches, Movements and Protests that changed our World.

We are also looking into another program on Human Trafficking. We might ask Congressman Eric Swalwell or Sue Miller, our AAUW State Public Policy chair to speak.

On April 10th, 2018, EQUAL PAY DAY, we plan to bake cookies and hand them out at the colleges with a piece cut out of them to represent the amount of money women have lost due to unequal pay.

Connie Chun, my Fellow who was doing a post doc at Mills, has written a book on women of color and how they are treated in school. We may ask her to review her book if it is published by May. Another possibility is a local authors event where they can describe their careers and talk about their books.

We are open to your suggestions on programs. Please contact Liz Bathgate 581-0461 with your ideas.

The Power of Leaving a Legacy

Making a planned gift to AAUW is a simple way to support our mission and leave a lasting impact.

Benefits of Estate Giving

- Estate gifts allow you flexibility to provide for your family and support AAUW.
- Bequests do not affect your cash flow during your lifetime.
- Certain planned gifts may reduce estate or capital gains taxes.
- There is no minimum gift requirement, and every gift can be tailored to suit your specific wishes.

For more information and giving options, please call AAUW's planned giving office at 877-357-5587.





Welcome Back Buncy Players!

Date: Friday, September 8th

Time: 6:30 to 9PM

Address: 4789 Rollinghills Way

Castro Valley, CA

Phone: [510-537-8541](tel:510-537-8541)

RSVP to Dee Butner

Call Early! Room for 8 players

Bring five \$1 bills

Light Meal before game, bring a dish, call Dee for suggestions

Easy Directions: from Castro Valley Blvd. and turn North on Center St. Drive 4 blocks and turn right on Edwards one block, then turn left on Gliddon 2 blocks, then turn right on Rollinghills Way one block. My house is yellow at the end of the block.

Marilyn Gise is taking the big move from her longtime lovely Hayward home to Acacia Creek just a few miles south in Union City.

Her new address there is Acacia Creek, 34400 Mission Blvd., Apt. 1105, Union City, CA 95687.

We wish Marilyn many good years in her new apartment with a view of the nearby hills. Glad she's still close by and will continue her 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 atbb_jones@pacbell.net. Let's let our friends know we care.



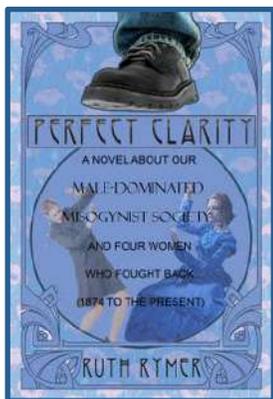
Mark your calendar now!

Saturday morning, October 21st, from 8-10 we will enjoy a delicious pancake breakfast and raise money for Tech Trek at Knudsen's Ice Creamery, 3323 Castro Valley Blvd. Breakfast includes all you can eat pancakes, bacon and beverages (orange juice, milk, coffee or tea) The

cost is \$12 per person. You can buy your tickets in advance from any board member, or you can purchase yours at the door that morning. Invite your family, your friends, neighbors, all are welcome to join us for a wonderful morning of good fun, food and visiting with friends while you raise money for the branch's favorite program!

If you have any questions, call Barbara Jones at 538-0516 or email her at bb_jones@pacbell.net.

See you there!



The front page of Ruth Rymer's second book is shown to the left. Though it is a historical novel, the subject matter is something that impacts all of us.

If you are interested in reading this book, contact Ruthrymer@sbcglobal.net

DRAMA READING: Mark your calendar for October 6th!

We will start our play reading in October on the 6th. I have not received the information on which play we will read. 7pm at Liz Bathgate's home.

Book Club is Back!

Hopefully all Book Group members are enjoying a pleasant summer with family, friends, and good books, and will soon return to our afternoons sharing those special reading adventures.

Our first meeting of the new year will be on Monday afternoon, September 18, 2-4pm, at the home of Olive Riley-Steward, 32174 Bernice Way, Hayward. This will be our annual Summer Summary. Each member will share a recent book she has enjoyed and thinks others would also like. As you decide what to review, think of a book you think would make a good group read/discussion at a future meeting. Each of us will give a short, 3-5 minute review of the book. We'll then select our four group reads for the year ahead. Sign up will be available for those who wish to give a full review at one of our meetings, and those who are willing to act as hostess.

All members of the Hayward/Castro branch are invited to join us for our wonderful afternoons of friends, conversations, and books. Refreshments will be served.

If you are new to the group or are a regular member who is bringing a friend, or are a returning member who cannot come, please call Olive at 471-3332 so she can plan refreshments and seating. There is no need to call if you are a returning member – the call is for regrets and new members/visitors only. Showing our courtesy is very helpful for our hostess. Thank you.

If you have any questions about this branch interest group, please call Barbara Jones at 538-0516.

Looking forward to seeing you there!