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FRIDAY MARCH 14, 2014

6 TO 9 PM

CASTRO VALLEY FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
 18550 REDWOOD ROAD  
 (REDWOOD AND SEVEN HILLS ROADS)  
 BENEFITS TECH TREK SCHOLARSHIPS



**\$10 for meal which includes soup, salad, bread, dessert and beverage**

We will have a few of our tech-trekkers share their experiences and show pictures of their week at camp.

We would appreciate if everyone could bring a food item or donate supplies  
 BRING YOUR FAMILY THANKS AGAIN FROM TECH TREK

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CIRCLE WHAT YOU WILL BRING: SOUP SALAD DESSERT  
 BREAD AND BUTTER PAPER GOODS

**PLEASE COME AND ENJOY A RELAXING EVENING WITH US. THANKS!**

# The PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



On Saturday January 24th Helene Victor and I had the privilege of hearing Lisa Maatz speak at a meeting of the San Carlos Branch of AAUW. Lisa is our chief Lobbyist in Washington. She has a staff of four other women just as committed as she is to the bills in Congress that deal with women's rights. Three dollars of your national dues go to funding this office. Lisa is very respected by our elected officials, their staffs and a number of other women's groups who have our rights as their main reason for existence. She told us a story about how this all works in the capitol.

The Violence Against Women's Act has been brought up for re-ratification every 6 years. This happened in 2012 and ran out of time. In 2013 this was the top priority. She and her staff were working to get a couple of very valuable changes made to the VAWA law. One of them dealt with women on Indian reservations being raped by white men from nearby communities. These men could not be held and put on trial in the reservation so they went free without ever facing prosecution. The Indian communities wanted the law changed so that these men could face juries on the reservation. The bill, with the changes passed the Senate with bi-partisan support. When it came to the House, these changes were dropped and they were going to vote on the bill on a Monday without these provisions. Lisa had been holding off a number of women's groups who wanted to go to the newspapers about the lawmakers who were obstructing this law. When she learned that they would vote on Monday, she told these groups to send their messages. By Monday these Congressmen had received so much flak that they voted no on the changed bill and it was defeated and the bill we supported was voted on and passed.

This is one example of the power of women's groups. AAUW has an Action Network that comes to our email when Lisa deems it necessary for us to write or call our representatives in Washington. She can monitor how many people have emailed or called on an issue. When she goes into a legislator's office and their staff tell her that they have not heard from their constituents, she can pull out the data that shows that they have received X number of calls or emails. Sometimes she has to go to the Chief of Staff of the representative to get these points across, but she is very successful in our behalf.

AAUW is non-partisan. We fight for the issues that are of high priority for women including all issues that deal with Education, Civil Rights, Economic Security and Title IX. It was the Republican Party who sponsored the Equal Right Amendment many years ago, but now it seems that this party is fighting women on every issue. In Washington we have a Lobby Corp which every Thursday goes to the capitol and to many offices talking about our issues to the staffs of all legislators. We are known on Capitol Hill and our ideas are taken seriously because of the dedication of these women, our lobbyists and more important all of us at the grass roots. It would help if all of us were members of the AAUW Action Network. To join this group go to AAUW.ORG and in the search area type in Action Network. At the bottom of that page is a button to click which will take you to the page to sign up. It is called the Two Minute Activist because that is all the time it takes you to contact your representative via email or phone.

*Liz*

# 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](mailto:bb_jones@pacbell.net). Let's let our friends know we care.

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## MEMBERSHIP

Thanks to Sandy Boswell, Mark Salinas has joined our branch. He is a teacher at Chabot College and was interested to find that we intend to send a Chabot student to the National College Conference for Women Student Leaders. This is held in Maryland and draws over 800 women from all across the country for workshops and speeches by women of distinction. One of the main goals of AAUW is to get more women into leadership positions in their communities and in government.

Mark is on the city council of Hayward and is running for Mayor in the next election. We welcome you as a new member.

## OFFICERS NEEDED!

Our branch needs some of you to step up to leadership roles on the board. I have served as your President for the past two years and would be happy to relinquish this position to someone else. We don't have to have a single person serving as President. It can be a shared responsibility with others. In Fremont, they have 6 presidents who each serve two months.

It is not a huge commitment of time. We have a board meeting once a month to decide on programs that we think would be of interest to our members and are in line with the goals of AAUW National.

Board positions include Membership, Treasurer and Program. In addition we have a number of members who serve on the board for Tech Trek, Public Policy, AAUW Funds, Scholarships etc. We need new, young blood who can come up with some innovative ideas for events. If you are interested, please email me at [lbbathgate@att.net](mailto:lbbathgate@att.net).

## REMINDER! Chanticleers-Dinner group for the season.

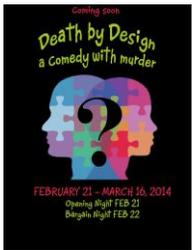
The dinner theater outings were so much fun last year that this year we have four scheduled events so people can plan ahead.

After doing the math, someone pointed out that by buying Chanticleers Flex Pass, we could pay even less than the discounted group rates, and by sending checks directly to the theater P.O. Box we can avoid the extra \$2 charge Vendini adds. This makes the cost for four shows (including the musical) \$58 for those over 60 and \$70 for others. What a bargain!

In addition, the Flex Pass is good for any one performance of each show, just in case you can't join the group on the second Saturday dates below.

## Our group will attend the following shows:

### Death by Design, March 1<sup>st</sup>



*Death by Design* is a wildly funny new comedy that's exquisitely crafted in the style of Noel Coward with brilliant comic repartee plus the Agatha Christie touch: a country estate full of mysterious guests all with a motive for murder.

### Proof, May 24<sup>th</sup>



A beautiful play with adult themes about the bereaved saughter of a brilliant mathematician and his mysterious legacy. Winner of the 2001 Pulitzer Prize for Drama and Tony Award for Best Play. Please note: Not appropriate for children.

### Over the River, August 9<sup>th</sup>



#### 2014 Comedy

Aug 1 - Aug 24  
**Over the River and  
Through the Woods**  
by Joe DiPietro

This is an utterly charming and funny play about Family, Faith and Food! A grandson's loyalty to both sets of grandparents is tested when a new job offer comes along. This is one of the most amusing and touching of all modern American comedies.

### A Day in Hollywood, October 25<sup>th</sup>



#### 2014 Musical

Oct 17 - Nov 16  
**A Day in Hollywood,  
A Night in the Ukraine**  
Book & Lyrics by Dick Vosburgh  
Music by Frank Lazarus & Others  
Tony Award Winning Musical

A Tony Award winning double feature! First, a song and tap dance salute to the Golden Age of film musicals by ushers in Hollywood's famed Graumans' Chinese Theater; then, a hilarious Marx Borthers farce. "A night of magic." - *The New York Post*

# AAUW NEWS....

## **U.S. Supreme Court Halts Same-Sex Marriages in Utah, but Federal Government Will Recognize Marriages Already Performed**

In late December 2013, a federal district court judge in Utah ruled that a state law banning same-sex marriage was unconstitutional. Following the ruling, hundreds of same-sex couples were married in Utah.

However, the state appealed the district court's ruling to the 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals and asked the U.S. Supreme Court to keep the ban in place while the 10th Circuit considered the appeal. Early in January 2014, the Supreme Court reinstated the ban until the 10th Circuit rules.

With the ban back in place, Utah has stopped issuing marriage licenses to same-sex couples, and the governor and attorney general declared that the state would not recognize the same-sex marriages performed while the ban was briefly lifted. The Obama administration subsequently announced that the U.S. government would recognize those marriages for federal purposes.

Nevertheless, the Utah government's position strands those couples in legal limbo. Unfortunately, their legal status is unlikely to be resolved anytime soon. The 10th Circuit will not hear Utah's appeal for several months, which means that the Supreme Court will probably not be asked to consider the merits of the case this term. Moreover, if the courts ultimately allow Utah to continue enforcing the ban, the couples who were married while the ban was lifted will likely need to file an entirely separate set of lawsuits to determine whether Utah is required to legally recognize their marriages.

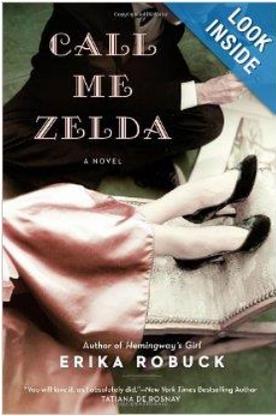
AAUW supports efforts to ensure the legal equality of gay and lesbian Americans. Stay tuned in the coming months for updates on this case.

### **D.C. Circuit Hears Arguments in *Klay v. Panetta***

On February 14, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit heard arguments in *Klay v. Panetta*, a Legal Advocacy Fund-supported lawsuit brought by survivors of military sexual assault and litigated by attorney Susan Burke. The case was originally filed March 6, 2012, and AAUW Executive Director Linda D. Hallman spoke at the accompanying National Press Club event. In the suit, the *Klay* plaintiffs allege that U.S. military officials tolerated sexual predators in their ranks and antagonized service members who reported rape, sexual assault, and harassment. The plaintiffs argue that this culture of sexual assault violates their constitutional rights. In early 2013, the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia granted the defendants' motion to dismiss the case. The court held that the plaintiffs' injuries were "incident to their military service" and that the court was prevented by legal precedent from ruling on a military matter. Burke then appealed to the D.C. Circuit. Stay tuned for the appeals court's ruling.

### **Supreme Court Hears Arguments in *McCullen v. Coakley***

On January 15, the U.S. Supreme Court heard arguments in *McCullen v. Coakley*, a case testing the constitutionality of buffer zones around reproductive health care clinics. Anti-choice activists filed suit against Massachusetts to challenge a state law designed to protect clinic patients from intimidation and harassment. The law creates a 35-foot buffer zone around reproductive health care clinics that only patients, employees, and their agents may enter, preventing anti-choice protesters from approaching patients as they enter the clinic. The plaintiffs argue that the law violates their free speech rights, claiming that they are constitutionally entitled to approach patients to offer anti-choice literature and anti-choice counseling. The U.S. Court of Appeals for the 1st Circuit upheld the law, and the plaintiffs appealed to the Supreme Court. AAUW signed on to an amicus brief urging the Supreme Court to uphold the law. We discussed *McCullen* and its potential impact on the rights of women and girls during our [Supreme Court call](#) last October. As mentioned then, *McCullen* tests the strength of a case from 2000 in which the Supreme Court upheld a different buffer-zone law. However, since that decision, the makeup of the court has changed significantly — there are four new justices — and the buffer zone mandated by the Massachusetts law is significantly larger than the buffer zone upheld in the 2000 decision. Look for LAF's analysis of the court's ruling later this year.



## Happy Reading....

The March Book Group meeting will be on Monday afternoon, March 17, from 2-4 at the San Leandro home of Margaret Hankle, 2244 Heathrow Place.

This is our third group read of the year, Erika Robuck's historical novel *Call Me Zelda*. A best-selling novel in 2013, Ms. Robuck recounts the Maryland/North Carolina years in the lives of F. Scott and Zelda Fitzgerald as he worked hard to support them and she fought a lengthy battle with mental illness. Barbara Jones will facilitate the discussion. Come, bring a friend, and join in the discussion about this fascinating couple. Refreshments will be served.

If you have questions or need directions, contact Margaret at 667-9556.

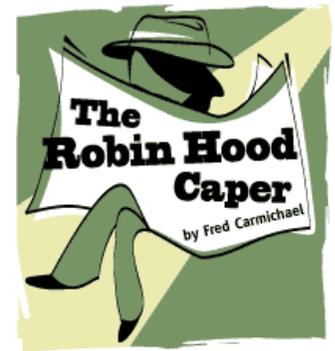
Hope to see you there!

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## DRAMA READING:

March 5<sup>th</sup> at Liz Bathgate's home at 7pm. All are welcome!

This play, the "Robin Hood Caper", has taken an old plot, rob from the rich and give to the poor, with a hilarious modern slant given to it. Four old people meet to report on their good works in the Charities Anonymous Club. Thru the plot there is woven an unusual love story, moments of satire, and show stopping situations of hilarity.



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**BUNCO** time is rolling around again--the next game is March 7 at the home of Olive Riley-Steward at 32174 Bernice Way in Hayward, 94544. Everyone in our branch we would love to see at our BUNCO games sometime.



Bonco is coming along every two months to keep the fun going.

As usual, please contact:

Dee Donaldson at 538-3415 so we can discuss what to bring along with your five \$1.00 bills. We like a nice selection of appetizers and desserts.

**DIRECTIONS:** Take Mission Blvd. toward Fremont about 1/2 mile, turn LEFT on Blanche, Right on Trevor and turn RIGHT at the end.

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# Keeping AAUW California Strong and Vibrant

## **AAUW California provides:**

**Insurance:** AAUW-CA provides the umbrella under which branches are able to obtain liability coverage for their events

**SPF:** SPF is a 501(c)3 pass thru entity thru which a member may make tax deductible donations

**Oversight:** AAUW-CA provides structure and compliance with state and federal regulations related to the operation of non-profit organizations.

AAUW California has undertaken programs and services that facilitate the fulfillment of the AAUW mission by its members and branches. Included are:

- Tech Trek which since 1998 has encouraged, motivated and inspired more than 9,000 middle school girls to pursue their interest in science and math.
- Speech Trek which has enabled over 106 branches to initiate high school speaking competitions on AAUW mission topics.
- Financial Literacy which brought to California the StartSmart program as well as developing the Money Trek program that provides instructional modules in basic financial literacy.
- Leadership training that includes instructional materials, assistance with Leadership Development workshops, and a Leader-On-Loan program.
- Public Policy advocacy with ongoing updates of legislative activity, a two-minute activist program and a part-time lobbyist in Sacramento.
- Advance Title IX compliance to ensure gender equity, including policies and practices related to sexual harassment and bullying.
- Assistance in recruiting and retaining College/University Partners.

## **We need your help to keep AAUW CA strong and vibrant.**

AAUW CA Board of Directors has conducted a line-item review of expenditures and undertaken every possible cost-cutting measure. The bottom line is that a dues increase of \$4 needs to be implemented. It has been ten years since the last increase and during that decade the cost of doing business has grown significantly.

Action needs to be taken now to ensure that, starting in 2015, AAUW CA will receive sufficient proceeds to operate without continuing to draw down on reserves. The Dues Analysis Task Force Report with Recommendations offers further details and clarification. This document can be found at [www.aauw-ca.org](http://www.aauw-ca.org) under the AAUW CA Business tab as the first item listed under Finance.



## Tech Trek News, by Judy Harrison

The Tech Trek Committee is hard at work getting the information out to science and math teachers in the 9 middle schools in the 4 districts (Castro Valley, Hayward, San Leandro and San Lorenzo) covered by the branch. We will select our 5 campers in early April.

Sonoma State still needs dorm moms-see below: (Sandy Boswell, Liz and I are going and would love to have company.)

## A Week at Camp? From Rory Keller, Sonoma Camp Co-Director

Is it time for you to go back to camp? Maybe you've never gone, or maybe it has been 50 years since the last time, but in any case we'd like you to consider coming to Tech Trek camp at Sonoma State University.

Four additional volunteers are needed as dorm moms, June 22 - 28, 2014. The camp covers room, board, and mileage. Consider it a vacation that is free! Will you have fun? Guaranteed. Will you meet other like-minded women who are interested in furthering STEM education for young women? You betcha! Will you learn new things? Absolutely!



Read more about what is required of a dorm mom here: <http://www.aauwca.org/Assets/resources/DormMomPositionDescription.pdf> If you would like more information or want to talk about whether this is a good fit for you, or if you just want to apply for one of the openings, contact Rory Keller, camp co-director, [TechTrek@rorymail.com](mailto:TechTrek@rorymail.com), or 707 763-2072, and she'll be happy to answer your questions.

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Do you have an article you would like included in Shareline? Perhaps information about an event, FAQs about an AAUW sponsored program or have ideas for the newsletter? Please submit your articles the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month by sending to Rebecca Bell at [Rebecca\\_AAUW@yahoo.com](mailto:Rebecca_AAUW@yahoo.com).

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