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### <u>HAYWARD/CASTRO VALLEY-FREMONT BRANCH</u> <u>FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON</u>

Saturday, FEBRUARY 4<sup>TH</sup> 22622 Main Street Hayward (between C & B Streets) 510.888.1568

Our Fellowship Luncheon will feature Connie Wun who is being funded partially by Liz Bathgate's Fellowship. She is doing a Postdoctoral at Mills College on gender and women studies. Her research interests include racial and gender violence, school discipline and critical prison studies. She has worked as a community-driven researcher, high school teacher, sexual assault counselor, and activist on issues of violence against women of color. She now will build on her experiences to begin her research project, "Digital Formations: Social Media, Surveillance and Girls of Color". While living in the bay area she has been delivering speeches all over the country on how girls of color are treated in the schools.





Here is the menu:

First Course: Insalata Mista

Main Course: Choice of one of the three: Ravioli di Spinaci Fettuccine Pesto with Chicken Eggplant Parmigiana

**Dessert:** Tiramisu

#### **RESERVATIONS FOR THE FELLOWS LUNCHEON**

<u>Cost will be \$27.00/person which will include tax and tip</u>

<u>Please make your checks out to H/CV AAUW for \$27.00</u> and <u>on the memo line</u> <u>include your food choice</u>.

The due date for the payment is January 28th. The first 55 who sign up will be included.

Mail your check to Liz Bathgate, 22112 Queen Street, Castro Valley, CA 94546

# The PRESIDENT's MESSAGE

**Hello Board Members** 

The beginning of 2017 will be a busy one! The 58th Presidential Inauguration will take place on Friday, January 20. And on Saturday, January 21, the Women's March on Washington and local Sister Marches will be held nationwide. AAUW members will have a presence at both events. Below, you'll find everything you need to know about participating in Inauguration weekend in Washington, D.C., or from the comfort of your own home.

The Women's March a national movement to unify and empower everyone who stands for human rights, civil liberties, and social justice for all takes place on Saturday, January 21, 2017. There will be marches across the nation to show support in numbers and bring attention to these important issues.

Many from our branch are already attending. The march is free, open to the public, (men, women and children), and is not a protest, but a gathering of community. The Oakland march will begin at 11 am. Gather at Madison Park, at 10 am, near the Lake Merritt BART station and march to Frank Ogawa Plaza in downtown Oakland.

The march coordinators would like all marchers to register their attendance on Eventbrite. Please link to the website below for more information about the march, the organizers, ways to donate to the cause, and how to register to join the march.

https://womensmarchbayarea.org/oakland-march/

In addition, AAUW National has posted links to the schedule of events for the 58th Presidential Inauguration that may be of interest to you. Open the link below to access additional information.

http://www.aauw.org/2017/01/04/tips-for-inauguration-weekend/

As we move into 2017 many of us are unsure about the upcoming political changes in our nation and our communities. Regardless of political persuasion it's important that each of us work for peaceful and responsible change.

Linda Slater Administrative Officer



#### Panama: A Continent Divided, Oceans United

With its spectacular rain forests, legendary canal, and lively urban centers, Panama offers a unique blend of treasures both natural and cosmopolitan. We will view its fascinating contrasts, vibrant cultures, and historic significance. We will visit local villages, where Panama's indigenous people will introduce us to their enchanting traditions. From the bustling activity of the Canal Zone and the abundance of wildlife in the rainforest to the quiet beauty of the coasts, Panama beckons. As we cruise the Panama Canal aboard a 24-passenger catamaran, the epic tale of its construction will unfold before us—and we'll see how this massive, modern project has impacted everyday life and the surrounding landscape. We will see up close and personal one of the man-made wonders of the modern world.

Join Judy Harrison on January 23, 7:00 PM at Baywood Court, 21966 Dolores Street, Castro Valley for an easy armchair trip to Panama's steamy jungles and glorious canal.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR !

January 23 Travel Adventures @ Baywood Court

February 4 HWRD/CV/FMT Branch Lunch

February 6 Board Meeting

February 20 Book Group

April 21 Rosie the Riveter Museum

May 9 CV Library Local elected Officials

May 12 Souped Supper Fundraiser for scholarships

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#### **BOARD MEETING**

The meeting will take place at 6:30 on February 6<sup>th</sup> at Liz Bathgate's home

> DRAMA READING Wednesday, February 1<sup>st</sup> At 7 pm

At Liz Bathgate's home Refreshments will be served and all are welcome.

The play this month is Broadway Bound by Neil Simon. It is about Eugene and his older brother, Stanley, dealing with their parents' relationship falling apart as the brothers work together toward being comedy writers for the radio, and, eventually, television. They discover that their father, Jack, has been cheating on their mother, Kate. When Eugene and Stanley find a job where they can write short comedic skits for the radio, they obscurely make fun of their own family.

# MEMBER NEWS

Her many AAUW friends wish Berna Neumiller a very happy 90th birthday on February 6th. May she continue her active life of international travel, walks exploring the Bay Area with friends, and enjoying many good books for many years to come!

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 <u>bb\_jones@pacbell.net</u>. Let's let our friends know we care.

#### <u>BOOK GROUP MEETING</u> <u>Monday,February 20th</u> <u>2pm to 4 pm</u>

We will meet at the home of Genie Lester, 22516 Charlene Way, Castro Valley. We will discuss our second group read of the year, Melanie Benjamin's fascinating novel of life in High Society New York City in the 50s and 60s, *The Swans of Fifth Avenue*. Barbara Jones will facilitate the discussion. Refreshments will be served.

All members of the Hayward/Castro Valley branch are welcome to join the special afternoon of books and friends. If you are new to the group, please let Genie know you are coming by calling her at 581-8172. If you are a regular member and cannot attend or you will bring a guest, also let Genie know. Please show our hostess this courtesy so she knows how to plan her refreshments and seating.

Our March meeting will be on Monday, March 20, at the home of Helene Victor. Our group read will be *Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson. Liz Bathgate will be our facilitator.

Mark your calendars now for these two wonderful afternoons with the book group. We're looking forward to seeing you there!



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